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Commander's Corner



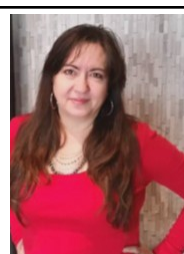
Spring is upon us, wild flowers are blooming and allergies are rampant, God bless Texas!!!

March was such a busy month and so many things were accomplished. Thank you all for the help to make all our events successful. Casino Night was fantastic, our 14th annual rolling run had an amazing turnout, our post brought home the district skeet shoot trophy, we had the kids Easter party and our regular monthly dinners.

We aren't slowing down, April, May and June are full so please come by and see how you can help. We are just short of making membership goal so please ask your co-workers, neigh-

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Auxiliary News



Wow! This year is going so fast already! Where has the time gone?

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Casino Night, Breakfast, ALR Rolling Run, District Skeet Shoot, Steak Night and the Kid's Easter Party in March. Each event was a huge success and we could not have done it without all the volunteers!! Thank you all so much!!

Another friendly reminder to please pay your 2018 Auxiliary dues. We are trying to make it as close as we can to 100%. If you know anyone who is eligible and would like to join please get them signed up.

It is almost election time. We will be forming a nominating committee at the April meeting then we will be taking nomi-

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bors and friends to see if they are eligible. \$36 a year is an inexpensive way to support those fighting for our Veterans benefits. Remember to look at the calendar and come support YOUR post.

For God and Country,

Veterans serving Veterans,

Chrissy



SAL Corner

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and worked the Casino Night! And thanks to those who came out and supported it. It was a tremendous success. We had a great time and we're looking at holding Casino Night twice a year.

Our Chicken Fried Steak night was another success and we couldn't do it without all the help. Thank you to those who continually roll their sleeves up and make it happen.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme
Squadron 593 Commander



Service Officer

Why you should NEVER file a request for Reconsideration

The VA is an expert at complicating things to the point that the average person has difficulty understanding the processes without the help of a VSO or, after a decision, an attorney. VSOs can assist during the filing of a claim, but it takes an attorney who is accredited in VA law to understand the intricacies of the VA legal system. Requests for Reconsideration are a perfect example of how the VA has created a legal system that is unique.

This is where the claimant requests for the VA to reconsider a decision that has not yet become final. However, these requests can be quite tricky and more often than not, can result in an unhappy veteran and lost time and money.

Sebastian Rodriguez
Service Officer

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nations from the floor and voting in June. We will also be placing a nominating book behind the bar at the Post. Please look through it and read about all the different positions to see what position works best for you. We always like to see new faces on the Executive Board. Remember it is only one meeting a month. We really do have a great time and the women are amazing that you get to work with!! Installation of officers will be held on Saturday, June 30th.

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593



Riders Report

Thank You to everyone for making the Rolling Run a total success. A special Thanks goes out to Bill and Tammy Cox for chairing this years event.

Once again, Two Brothers BBQ provided our lunch, so we need to stop by and say Hello!

Our focus now turns to the ALR State Rally. We need items for the live and silent auctions, so please keep your eyes open for donations. Post clean-up will follow after each monthly breakfast (Apr 14, May 12 and Jun 16). Our meetings will also focus on the Rally and we will need max participation from our Membership.

Election books will be out 1 Apr (in the Canteen), remember that you must accept or deny in writing.

Have you booked your room for the Rockport trip Apr 27-29...last year was a great time.

We'll be busy until the Rally is done, but we need to find time to ride. Thanks again for all your help with the Rolling Run!!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze!

Brown

Upcoming Events—We Need You!

Here's some information on a variety of events that are coming up at the post, district & department level. We have a very busy next 4 months and we need help in various ways: from financial aid to working events.

We are one of the largest Veterans service organizations in the world, and we serve hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families, and the only way to continue our mission is to spread the word and increase membership. If you are eligible please pay your \$36 a year, if you are not but are willing to support with any amount - you can help us make it happen. Every little bit helps!! *Here are the areas we can use the help:*

Converse Post 593:

We have our monthly Chicken Fried Steak night, monthly breakfast, and monthly steak night. Always looking for folks to help out and clean up.

We're going to have a Post Clean up after our monthly breakfast and need folks to help weed whack and do some yard work around the Post.

District Level:

HUGE EVENT: The 20th district is fortunate enough to have worked with Bexar County and the city of San Antonio to secure an area located by the downtown Court House to put an American Legion Memorial (and a 50 year time capsule). We are seeking donations from members and various companies to ensure we can complete this project. We are looking at dedication during the Department Convention in January. Please ask the companies you work for to support this great effort! Contact Al Alford for details.

4/14-15—District Convention Held at Post 2 - This is a great way for you to get training and meet fellow Legionnaires in your district. Cost is \$25, we normally have coffee and donuts on Saturday morning, lunch is offered (for a small fee) during the break, training in the afternoon and then a great service and finish of the meeting on Sunday morning.

Department Level:

6/22-6/24—American Legion Rider State Rally hosted by Post 593. Riders from all over the State of Texas are coming to Converse to have a wonderful weekend of fellowship, riding, and fun. We will need volunteers over the next couple months to help with minor maintenance and Spring cleanup. We need to ensure we have our grounds in tip top order. (There is a Legacy Run out of Crosby prior to the rally, if you are interested contact Legion Riders Executive member)

7/12-7/15—San Antonio is hosting the 99th Annual Department Convention in San Antonio July 12-15th. This is going to be a very large convention as it is the Kick Off to the 100 Year anniversary. We are looking for a great showing from the 20th District. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with events, registration, Sgt at Arms duties, and assistance with various other events going on throughout the weekend. There is a lot of training that you can attend along with hospitality rooms and other things.

On a side note: We are still raising money for Lloyd Buckmaster's campaign. We will have a few more items to raffle, and planning on a dinner in the near future. This is our candidate from 20th District for Department Commander - Let our voices be heard! All donations are appreciated!

If you can assist by donating cash, a product, a service or your time, please contact me via email. Donations may be tax deductible and 100% of funds raised are used towards the specific program or event.

Thank you in advance for what you do to support our military, veterans and their families.

Christine Reed
Commander Post 593



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Easter Sunday	Shuffleboard League	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm	General Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm	Dart League 7 pm		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Jam Session 12—5pm Grill 1—3:30	Shuffleboard League	ALR General Mbrship Mtg 7:00pm		Tri-City Flyers Pool & Dart League 7 pm	Chicken Fried Steak Night, \$8 6-7:30pm Karaoke 8—11	District Convention Monthly Breakfast, \$6.00 8—11am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
District Convention	Shuffleboard League	SAL Meeting 7:00pm	Post Exec Mtg 7:00pm	Pool & Dart League 7 pm		Shuffleboard Tourney 3:30 Dart Tourney 7:30pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Shuffleboard League			Pool & Dart League 7 pm	Steak Night 6—8 pm	
29	30					
	Shuffleboard League					

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” - Marcel Proust