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Commander's Comments

.Greetings Legionnaires,
 Another month has come and gone making it seem like this year will be behind us soon. And, although time is passing us quickly, Post 593 continues to stay active throughout the month. Some of the events in March include: the Dart League and Shuffleboard League ended their current season and will take a brief break before starting again, our ALR hosted their annual Rolling Run, our Auxiliary hosted their annual Kid's Easter Party complete with the Easter Bunny, and the Auxiliary hosted a Fish Fry. It is evident that we stay active at Post 593. I extend my heartfelt Thanks to all that helped or participated in each of these events.

Please, check the calendar if you wish to help with upcoming events. Better yet, try to attend our General Membership Meeting to hear about those same events. This will, also, give you the opportunity to be an integral part of operations at Post 593. As a reminder, our GMM is held at 7 PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on April 3rd and our Auxiliary will be serving King Ranch Chicken beforehand. Come out an enjoy a delicious meal before attending the meeting.

The next Legion event will happen on Saturday, April 6th when Post 593 will be hosting the 20th District Spring Convention.

Elections of officers for the 2024-2025 year are coming soon. The Nomination Book is already out in the Canteen for you to make selections of whom you would like to see in a leadership position.

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Auxiliary News

Howdy!
 Happy Spring. The Kid's Easter Party was another huge success, but none of it would be possible without you! Special thanks to the Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts crew for their donations and for stuffing all the Easter eggs. Thank you again to the S.A.L. for donating the food. Thanks to all of you not previously mentioned that donated eggs, candy, and helped stuff the eggs. Thank you to the Easter Bunny for paying the kids a visit. And thank you to all the volunteers that showed up for the event itself. Truly appreciate you ALL!!!

I also thank all our unit members that work diligently to provide the various meals for donations that are held each month, as well as all the members who help support our Auxiliary. The funds raised from those efforts go to the various Auxiliary programs that we support each year. So, thank you, thank you. Check your calendar for future events. We are also continuing to offer Deserts for Donations during Steak Nights. We look forward to seeing you there! Your donations and support are greatly appreciated.

NOMINATIONS – Nomination books will be placed at the bar on April 1st. This is your chance to contribute where you can to the success of our Auxiliary. Please consider stepping up to fill one of the many positions available. If you are not currently attending meetings, we ask that you come join us and see what we are all about. We welcome your thoughts and ideas for fundraisers and other activities. Reminder that our monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

If you have not experienced the ceremony to drape our charter for a member that (Continued on Page 2, Auxiliary President)

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This may be yourself. We are always looking for people to become involved in the operations of our Post.

Unfortunately, (or not??), I do not have more to relay to you at this time. Know this; I am always proud to be a member of The American Legion, particularly William M. Randolph Post 593. I am proud to be your Commander. I am proud at our meetings when all of us recite the Pledge of Allegiance in perfect rhythm although we are from all corners of our country and did not learn it together. I am proud when any of our pillars do something extraordinary for the Community, State, or Nation. Simply put, I am proud of our organization. I hope you are, also.

Keep all veterans in your thoughts.

Thank you,

Jack Leanhart
Commander
The American Legion Post 593

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has passed, I strongly encourage you to come and see the reverence and respect we have for our beloved members who have passed.

No one person can do everything. We all need YOU! Even if it is the smallest of tasks, it all adds up to support our veterans, community, and youth.

Robin E. Alva
President, ALA Unit 593



SALute From the Squadron Commander

On April 6th. the Sons of the American Legion will have our District Convention here at Post 593. It will run from 10am to about 12pm, we will be holding elections within that time. I am running for District Commander, if you can come out , I would appreciate your vote.

The S A L membership is going good as of March 2024 we are at 104 of 129 for 88.4 %, anyone who has not renewed, now would be a good time. If you are S A L only dues are \$15.00 until October, after that it's \$25.00. If you are a dual member it's \$15,00.

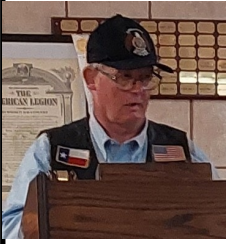
We will still have Chicken Fried Steak in April, August, and October. The cost will be \$13.00. A S.A.L. sponsored dinner will occur in June, July, and September, the menu and pricing will be advertised at a later date. October will be our Early Bird Dinner for those renewing memberships before the dinner.

If anyone needs, or knows of, someone in need of prayers please notify George Alva.

Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on April 16th @ 7pm or 19:00.

Bill Cox
Squadron Commander



Riders Report

American Legion Riders, welcome to spring!

March was a busy month for the Riders, we hosted a “Meet & Greet” for the South Central Texas American Legion Riders, it was well attended. Our Rolling Run is complete, and it was a great time even though the weather looked wet when we kicked it off. Very little to no rain during the ride, several Posts still attended but caged it, and our auction was a hit. Special thanks to all the Riders involved in this year’s Rolling Run, we could not have done it without you. We had eight Riders go to Austin ALR Chapter 83 on 23 March, to support them.

Next key event is State Rally in Mount Vernon. The deadline to let me know if you are going is 1 May. We have a VRBO in Mt. Vernon area. We will leave early morning on 14 June (Friday) and return on 17 June (Monday). We expect to be back in the afternoon of 17 June. As of last week, we are expecting around ten riders. Between now and June, we will have rides on some weekends with a few events supporting other ALR Chapters in the area. We will keep you updated.

Finally, I wanted to ensure everyone also knew that we have elections forthcoming and nomination books will be on the bar 1 April. They will be picked up at close of business on 30 April. Please help be part of the election process, not just the ALR, but the Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. as well, if you are a member in good standing.

God Bless and have a great Spring!

Ed “Mr. Gadget” Richards

ALR Director



1st Vice Commander Report

WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF 819 MEMBERS!! We currently have 824 members, including 47 new members. This puts us at 100.61%. If you see someone at the Post that does not look familiar, introduce yourself, make them feel at home. As one of the largest Posts in Texas, we have to work extra hard to meet and maintain our 100% goal-but it can happen and it does happen. If you have not renewed for 2024, please renew for this year as quickly as possible and bring in new members as well.

There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at mylegion.org and print your membership card;
- Send in your reminder renewal form that is mailed by Headquarters;
- Leave a check with the bartender for the membership bag (make sure your Legion ID number is on the check).

If you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to join! Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!).

Ed Richards,

1st Vice Commander/Membership



From the Chaplain, George Alva:

The death of a loved one is one of the most painful emotions we experience. Our minds are flooded with memories, and we deal with the sudden change in plans we had. There is no time limit on grieving for our loss.

The primary duty of the Post Chaplain is to be the non-sectarian spiritual advisor to the Commander and the Legion members. Among the Chaplain's other duties are for him or her to be available to you should you need to speak to someone in your time of need.

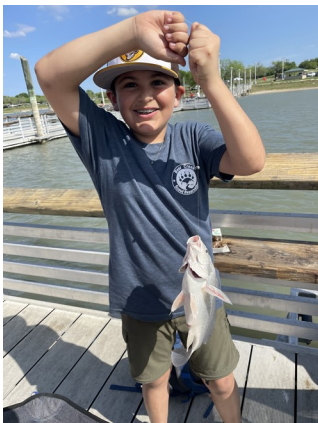
The Chaplain is also responsible for coordinating and presenting the Post Everlasting Ceremony at the Post in July. If you are related to a Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., or Riders member who has passed, please inform the Chaplain and Adjutant. The member's name will be placed on the In Memoriam page and the member will be remembered and honored during one of the next two Post Everlasting ceremonies.

The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth

Troop 593 held their March Campout at Lake Corpus Christi State Park. Three of the scouts attending the campout experienced their first campout as a Boy Scout. It was a great campout with two of our scouts catching fish. One of the first-timers caught one big enough to keep. So the scouts got to see him learn to clean, fillet, and cook his catch.

The two patrols went head-to-head performing an intra patrol competition, The First Annual Troop 593 Chili Cookoff. Each patrol was given a pound of 80/20 ground beef and they used recipes either from their family or an internet research which they obtained before the campout. They brought their secret ingredients and at the appropriate time began their cookoff. They used skills learned from their families and research they received from the CASI Chili Cookoff they attended in January at the Post. It was a hard fought battle as both entries were DEEEElicious, but one was the unanimous winner of the judges. The Silver Bullet Patrol gets the bragging rights for 2024 as having the best chili in the land, well at least in Troop 593.

Their last major job during the campout was to plan out their next year's meetings, campouts, and monthly themes from April 2024 to June 2025. The Senior Patrol Leader (leader of the scouts) will present this plan to the Troop Committee (adults), indicating what all the scouts want to accomplish in the next fifteen months and where they would like to go. This gives the scouts an understanding of long-term planning (anything past the next weekend is typically long-term to most youth). They did a great job of putting together a plan, now to learn how to execute it will be the challenge.





ROTC and School Awards Programs

Toward the end of each school year, Post 593 presents ROTC and School Awards to local elementary, middle and high schools:

ROTC AWARDS: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals with a ribar (ribbon) and certificates are presented for Military Excellence, Scholastic Excellence and Marksmanship. High Schools involved are Judson, Karen Wagner, TMI Episcopal, Roosevelt, Alamo Heights and Madison. Also, ribars/certificates are presented for the three awards at the AFROTC Detachment 842 at UTSA.

SCHOOL AWARDS: two boy/girl Winners are presented a medal with certificate and two boy/girl Honorable Mention are presented a certificate. Additionally, a School Award Plaque with the winners' names inscribed on it will be on display at each school. The school-selected recipients are recognized for traits including courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service – they are viewed as future leaders of our country. Elementary schools involved are Royal Ridge, Montgomery, Windcrest, Camelot Walzem and Converse, along with Middle Schools of Ed White and Judson.

Generally, one or two Post 593 Legionnaires will present the awards at each school. If any Legionnaire is interested in presenting these awards, please email me, jackhleonhardt@aol.com or call, 210260-5054, for details.

Jack Leonhardt, Programs Coordinator





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Flags on Town Square Registration Form

How to Sponsor a Flag

- \$100 per year payable to American Legion Post 593
- Businesses can "Sponsored By"
- Individuals can "In Memory of"
- Proceeds support flag replacements, signs, and Veterans Programs.
- Displayed 6 times a year:
 - Presidents' Day - 20 Feb
 - Memorial Day - 29 May
 - Flag day - 14 June
 - Independence Day - 4 July
 - Labor Day - 4 Sep
 - Veterans Day - 11 Nov
- Displayed in front of Converse City Hall on Sequin St.
- Displayed with a personalized placard

Contact Dennis
Ducharme @
210.630.0655 to
become a sponsor!



Name

Phone #

Address

Paid by Cash/Check

Date

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To Be Placed on Sign

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Received \$ _____ from: _____

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For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: _____



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Post Home Manager's Message

Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!



Surprise a friend with a Drink Chip for our Cantina!

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nomination books open Zumba—6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	2 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	3 Dinner 5:30-7 p.m. Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	4 Pool League 8 pm	5	6 Texas Air Show District Conventions (Legion & Post 143 Black Bean Run
7 Texas Air Show	8 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Solar Eclipse 1:38 pm	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	10 H & E Mt 7 pm	11 Burger Burn 5:30pm Pool League 8 pm	12 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	13 Breakfast 8-11:00am South Central Legacy Run
14	15 Zumba—6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	16 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am (Taco Tuesday) S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	17 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	18 Pool League 8 pm	19	20 Auxiliary District Convention
21 Post 667 Golf Tournament San Jacinto Day	22 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am Passover Begins	24	25 Pool League 8 pm	26 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	27
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 593 UP-
COMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, April 3rd (5:30 PM – 7 PM) – King Ranch Chicken, salad, dessert - \$10.00

Friday, May 3rd (5:30 PM – 7:30 PM)

Tacos & Margaritas

Tacos, rice, beans and dessert - \$10.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

All proceeds will go to Veteran Programs!!

We appreciate your Support!!



In Memoriam

Karly Burchill
Susan Mills



The Newsletter will dedicate the space above to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria is as follows: The deceased must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, or an immediate family member of such. Specifically, the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor directly or through one of the chaplains.



We hope to see everyone Sunday, April 14th, to Celebrate these two wonderful ladies lives.

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**Breakfast Taco Tuesday
April 16th**

Open to the public.

**Come join for complimentary coffee,
doughnuts, plus other goodies.
Good fellowship and good conversation.
Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM**

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Auxiliary Burger Grill

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers,
FF and dessert for
\$10.00 per plate!

April 11

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Open to the public.



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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$13

April 12, 2024

6 - 7:30 P.M.

Hand breaded chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, choice of vegetable, and dinner roll.



Open jukebox music to follow for your entertainment.

Dine in or carry out.

Open to the public.



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Breakfast

Eggs cooked to order, Omelets, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Coffee, Juice

All you can eat for the bargain price of \$10.00 per plate!

Date: April 13, 2024

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111

Open to the public.

April 26, 2024

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Info: (210) 658-1111

Dine-in or take out.

Open to public.

Steak Night



12-oz ribeye cooked to order.

Salad, dinner rolls, and choice of vegetable.

**All this for the incredibly low price of only
\$16 per plate!**

Open jukebox for your musical pleasure.

Join us for a great meal, music, and
fellowship.

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