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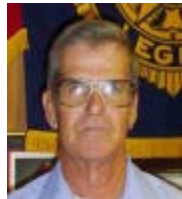
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Commander's Corner



Fellow Legionnaires: I devote this column to one word—volunteers. All of you whom have given so many unselfless hours and energy make our Post such a success.

From meetings, kitchen, Leg-acy, donations, building and grounds, helping others, installations, ALR rides, hospital visits, children events, community events, helping each other and other events I may have inadvertently omitted. This past year what you have accomplished is AWESOME. There is not enough superlatives to describe how proud I feel. So, I hope a simple, sincere heart-felt thank you for a job well done will be enough.

P.S. Let's do it again this coming year! Also, our next fundraiser will end on steak night this month to start raising funds to replace our antiquated storage buildings. See details in this newsletter.

For God and Country,
John Orff

Auxiliary News



Can you believe it is August already??

I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to be the Auxiliary President for 2012-2013! I have a great group of gals on my side and a great Legion family, so we are going to have a FABULOUS year!!

Please remember it is that time of the year again – so start renewing your memberships!! Also, please note the Auxiliary dues have gone up to \$25.00 this year! If you have renewed or are a new member and have only paid \$21.00 please send in another \$4.00 or drop it off at the post!

I would like to CONGRATULATE Candy Zavala for being elected the 20th District President and Pati Bennett for being elected the 20th District Secretary. Congratulations Gals!

Some of our fine gals attended the Department Convention in Houston. On Saturday, July 28th we honored the outgoing 20th District President,

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Rider's Report—Brad "Weedwacker" Martin



I would like to begin my first official report as the new Director by thanking all of those executive board members and members that supported our causes with untiring devotion this past year. I would also like to thank the new executive board members for stepping up to offer their time, services, and energy for 2012/2013. The Taste of Freedom dinner on

Aug 3, 2012 was another demonstration of the selfless service provided by the Riders of our great Post. This would not be possible without the full support of our Riders and our Post home. A big congratulation goes out to all that planned, collected, sold tickets, organized, and executed another outstanding event to raise donations for those that count the most in our hearts—the children of our fallen comrades.

As we ride in the heat of the South Texas summer, let us all remember those that give us the freedom to ride. A special Thank You to those brave members of our Armed Forces past and present, who allow us to do what we do. When we have our disagreements, as groups always will, let us remember why we are here. There is no bad cause, nor any cause unworthy of our support. Let us all join together and support the core causes that the Riders of Post 593 were formed. Let us have a wonderful year of fellowship, camaraderie, riding, and serving those that are and have served us. The cause will give us guidance, patience, and the fortitude to become an active member of our illustrious organization.

This month please keep one of our charter member; Terry Smith, in your prayers. He is riding in the Hoka Hey, again for the 3rd year, which is a test of fortitude for sure. Ride safe brother!!!!!! Also, I would like to thank all who continues to support our veterans who visit us on the 2nd Friday of each month. I can honestly say I feel I get more from them than I give to them. Continue to show your gratitude for veterans past and present.

One last thing, upcoming in September, our brothers from the Operation Wounded Warriors (OWW) will be coming to visit on September 19. Brown Zavala has stepped up to the plate and will head this great adventure to meet them in Junction, Texas. Do what you can, when you can!

For God and Country—Brad Martin

Did you know we can make some extra money recycling common household items? Well we can, and we do. Save up your used aluminum cans, batteries, copper, brass and newspapers. Contact John Orff for more information.

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List is building nicely, and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. During FY 2010-2011 we spent over \$6000. Think about it. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

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Kay Morgan, and outgoing 20th District Vice President and incoming 20th District President, Candy Zavala. This was held at Post 592 – I want to thank everyone for taking time out of their Saturday and honoring these wonderful women!! Thank you for supporting The Taste of Freedom on Friday, August 3rd – this was a great night! The first District Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 8th at 7:30 pm at Post 593. Chicken Fried Steak Night is always the 2nd Friday of the month along with a visit from the VA Hospital! The Post Executive Board will be cooking us breakfast on the 11th and Steak Night on the 31st. The Post will be hosting a Labor Day party on Sunday, September 2nd at 2 pm. They will provide the meat – please bring a side dish.

Until next month.....

Michelle Smith
ALA President

Sons of the American Legion



S.A.L. Corner – A big thanks to Michelle Smith and Candy Zavala for providing the food for our Annual S.A.L. installation of Officers. Thank you so much Installation Officers; Ernest Barnes, Past S.A.L. 3rd Division Commander; Joe Guastella, Past Post 593 Commander; and Brown Zavala, 20th District Sergeant-at-Arms. Awesome job! National Anthem song by Christine Johnston – you have a great voice! Thanks to all that attended. It's going to be a very busy year for the S.A.L. and Commander Henry Creech and his staff. Do not forget our Chicken Fried steak night this month on the 10th and in September the 14th. Of course, in-between is our Golf Tournament on the 9th of Sept. Hope to see ya'll there!

Adjutant News for You

Hi...I am Karen Paris, the Adjutant for the Post. I am here to help you if I can. Drop me a note at the post if you need any assistance.

One thing that is fairly new to the American Legion is a web site, MyLegion.org. This is a website where you can update your legion information, get information from the Department of Texas and from National. It is still developing but it is something that has been needed for a very long time. Take a look...

The other new aspect of the American Legion is that you can pay your dues on line. You can even charge the dues to your favorite credit card. The information is passed on to me and I will get your new membership card to you within a week or so. This is a convenience to you and saves postage for the Post. Try it!

Some folks have asked about ordering Legion caps. You can do this online through emblem.legion.org but if you would like to look a hard copy of the Emblem Sales catalogue, just ask.

Sons of the American Legion 1st Annual Golf Tournament



Sunday, September 9th
Windcrest Country Club
8:00 AM "Shotgun" Tee Off
\$60 per Person
4 Man ~ Woman Teams limited to first paid 44 people
Max Handicap (80/team)

Followed by meals and prizes at the Post!

Sign up see Henry & Gina Creech (210)391-7391

Marcelo Buckley or Chrissy Reed

**20th District Al Saunders
Memorial Golf Tournament
Northliffe Golf Course
Sunday, September 2, 2012**



This tournament raises monies for the charter bus that takes boys to/from Austin for Boys State.

Breakfast tacos are available at Post 667 starting at 6 a.m. with a "shotgun" tee time of 8 a.m.

Food and drinks available at Post 667 after the golfing.

The traveling trophy is up for grabs — a team must have two members from same Post to qualify for the trophy.

Checks for entrance fees, \$60 per person, should be made payable to the 20th District 2012 Golf Tournament and mailed to Robert Masten, 2 Horseshoe Canyon, San Antonio 78258.

Cut-off date for payment is Sunday, August 26th and must be received by Tuesday, August 28th.

There will be a special fundraiser held at our Post on Saturday, September 15th from 2-6 p.m. Details are being planned and we will have more information on this in next month's newsletter. The Benefit is to help offset medical expenses of the son Keith and daughter-in-law Megan of Stephanie and John Bock due to their motorcycle accident. Two country singers, one who signed with a Nashville recording studio, food and an auction are being planned. Please mark your calendar now and let's show how we take care of our own.



POST 593 — HOME OF THE

FANS!!!



What goes in the blank? We don't know yet! We are raising monies to replace our storage shed. How? Money talks! A box and envelopes are at the Post for you to write down your favorite NFL team name and put your money in. The fans of the team that raises the most cash will have a banner on each side of the building from Game 1 through the SuperBowl. In addition, when that team plays on cable TV, the game will be shown on the big screen TV by the no-smoking room door. And....wait, there's more!!! The wall around the TV will have the team's logo and banner! And, a special slide will be on the slideshow announcing to all which team our Post supports.

Voting will finish on steak night, August 31st. Similar to the fundraising we had with the "Old Baldy" contest a few years back, we will have a final one-hour countdown where you have the chance to move your team up the leaderboard. In the meantime, interim totals will be posted on a chart (a team must have received \$25 to get on the chart). More details are available at the Post.