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Judge Advocate: Jim Bennett  
Historian: Ken Echerd  
Service Officer: Sebastian Rodriguez  
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Chaplain: Tim Vinson  
Historian: Ken Echerd  
Sgt At Arms: Rick Moe  
Judge Advocate: Ed Johnson  
Member At Large: Dan McGinnis, Todd Mabey  
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*Commander's Corner*



The summer heat has returned to South Texas, yet it is not stopping our post from supporting our Community, State and Nation. July was an eventful month capped off with the Department Convention and the Legacy Scholarship Dinner. Ken Echerd's submission of our history book took 2nd place this year, he keeps moving up, so next year should find him as the winner. Our post was recognized for our membership, thank you Dennis Ducharme, Karen Paris, and all of the members for their hard work in this endeavor.

As we start this new Legion Year it is important that we focus on building our Active Membership. All of us are Ambassadors of Post 593 and the American Legion. As you meet people in your lives ask if they are a member, and tell them all the wonderful things we do in supporting our local community. Invite them to the post and show them how to get involved. For those already belonging to our post, identify your passion or interest and get involved. We have members that mow our yard, clean our post, work the kitchens, maintain the shuffleboard table,

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*Auxiliary News*



Hard to believe school is back in session this month! Where has the time gone? I am looking forward to a great year and working with a great group of people!

Please start renewing your membership – only \$25.00. Early Bird dinner will be in October and my goal is to be at 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please help us make our goal! WE CAN DO IT!!

We have lots of fun activities coming up: Senior's Dinner, Kid's Christmas Party, Casi Chili Cook Off, Poppies – to name just a few! And don't forget the Auxiliary has Breakfast and Steak Night in September. Watch your calendar each month for all the fun activities at the post.

Also, if you would like to help with any of these fun activities please let me know!! We always have a great time!!

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Muth  
Unit 593 President

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donate blood, maintain our facility, and work on the various committees that we have at our post. Whatever your interest, or available time, we have an opportunity for you to be an integral part of Post 593.

It appears that National will be raising the dues later this year. This will make it very difficult to get new members to join and to keep our current membership. Let's use this as a positive by getting everyone to renew or join before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to get the current rate. Once new members see what all our post does, they want to get involved. Bring them down and find out what their passion is and we will benefit from there endeavors.

Last month we had our monthly shuffleboard tournament. The Ladies Auxiliary donated their proceeds to a member that had her house hit by lightning. Next the winners of the tournament donated their winnings, and the 50/50 winner did the same. Over \$350 was raised in just another day at the Legion. The next time someone asks you why they should join the American Legion, or our Post just relate this story. This is why I Love the American Legion and especially Post 593.

This is OUR House!

Do what you can when you can!

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

### **SAL Corner**

Hello Legion Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know I'm officially the leading candidate for Detachment Commander. I thank each of you for your past support and thank you in advance for your continued support as I take on the challenges of that position.

We are still in early bird period so it's a great time to renew your membership. We're off to a good start but it's never too early to get the goals met.

The 3rd Annual SAL golf tournament is coming up in October. Watch for flyers and sign up sheets soon. Always a great time, our largest fund raiser for our children and youth program. Hope to see all you golfers out there.

Henry Creech  
Squadron 593 Commander

### **American Legion Riders**

I am humbled to have been selected as your ALR Director for 2015/2016. I will do my absolute best to move this Chapter down the road and to uphold your expectations. With the help of the newly elected board members, and all of you, the ALR riders, we will have an exciting and fun filled year. Keeping in mind, I understand we cannot support every function/event, but I do ask that you help when you can. We have an awesome group of riders, and together, there is nothing we can't accomplish.

Reminder of who we are as American Legion Riders. We are well known for our charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospital, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded service member's and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since 9/11.

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country while on active duty. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund. As many of you know, Post 593 had held many Legacy Fundraising Events this year. I cannot thank you enough for stepping up and doing your part. However, I want to personally thank "Brad Pierce and Velma Smith" for leading the charge this year. You both did a fantastic job and we couldn't be more proud of you.

In closing, once again, thank you very much for what you have done and for what you continue to do for our Legion, Community, State, and Country. Please remember, whatever it is that you do, do it 1<sup>st</sup> Class!

JOHN A. BOCK  
Director, American Legion Riders

The VA is issuing ID cards to prior service personnel who did not retire as long as they had an Honorable Discharge and possess a proper DD214. This card will allow you to take advantage of discounts at local businesses offering them to active and former military members. Check it out.

### **Saving Cans**

Many thanks to those who have been helping us save cans for the past few years. This has brought into the Legion coffers almost \$10,000 in the last 11 years. Aluminum cans, brass, copper wire, and batteries are all salvageable.

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to [post593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:post593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

## Membership FAQ:

**Why did I get a renewal notice?** National HQ sends out renewal notices NOT by the Post nor Adjutant. They send these out several times a year. The first goes out early July.

**If I paid my dues in March, why did I get a renewal notice in July?** The membership year starts on 1 JULY. Your 2015 card is good until December 31 but the "dues year" is 1 Jul to 30 Jun.

**I get multiple renewal notices, why?** It takes 2-3 weeks to process your dues payment through Post, State and National. If your dues were not processed before the next renewal you will get another renewal notice.

**How can I make sure NOT to get a renewal notice?** The BEST way...Go and pay your dues on-line. Go to Legion.org and click on the box for "Renew Your Legion Membership Today!". You will get a receipt, the Adjutant gets notified you have paid and will send your 2016 card out to you.

**Why do I have to pay Legion, SAL, ALA and ALR dues separately?** Each organization has their own checking account. They each have different people doing membership. It is difficult and not easy to track money when it is comingled.

**Why is the American Legion always talking about membership numbers?** The American Legion is the LARGEST Veterans organization in the nation. This adds a lot of clout to the National Commander when he talks to Congress and the President about veteran issues (VA, Tricare, benefits, PTSD, education, etc.). This, also, holds true for the community (Converse, Bexar County, etc.) and state (Texas)!!

**Renew Your Legion Membership Today!**

Submitted by Karen Paris, Post Adjutant

## 2nd Vice Notes

Howdy Legion Family. I hope you're enjoying the warm days.

I'd like to ask everyone's help with our post home kitchen maintenance. I'd like to ask everyone who leaves food in the fridge after an event to please label it with a name and date. That way we can remove older items before they get spoiled. I'll try to set up label and marker area to assist everyone.

I appreciate the way the kitchen has looked recently. Folks have been doing a good job cleaning up behind themselves. It's been looking nice and I hope we can keep it that way. If everyone does their part it'll be a simple task.

We're getting down to the ending months of the year and that means a lot of events coming. Stay tuned to our various information outlets.

Joe Falco  
2nd Vice Commander

## Supreme Court Rules on Health Care

In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme court ruled that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) can continue to provide subsidies for health insurance to qualifying individuals. The decision upheld a centerpiece of the ACA and national healthcare reform.

TRICARE beneficiaries are unaffected by the decision. At the urging of MOAA and other military and veterans organizations, Congress passed the TRICARE Affirmation Act in 2010, providing a statutory regulation saying that TRICARE satisfies the minimum essential coverage requirements of the ACA. Congress passed subsequent legislation a month later to exempt VA and CHAMPVA beneficiaries from the coverage requirements. These plans are also excluded from so-called "Cadillac taxes" on high-value plans.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

## SAL Golf Tournament

The Post 593 SAL has scheduled a golf tournament to be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015. This event is a fund raiser for the SAL children and youth programs. Get your team together and sign up any time. You may sign up even if you don't have a team. You will be placed on a team. Come join the fun and support worthy causes.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Legacy Golf Tournament 8:00AM
2 <b>Jam Session 2pm</b>	3 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	4 <b>FREE GRILL</b> ALR Exec. Mtg 7:30	5 <b>GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm</b>	6 Dart League Pool League	7	8 <b>BREAKFAST OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8-11 AM</b>
9	10 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	11 <u>Rider Grill 6-8 pm</u> ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	12	13 Dart League Pool League	14 <b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6-730 pm</b>	15 <b>Shuffleboard – 330 Darts – 715 Grill 6 – 8 pm</b>
16	17 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	18 No Rider Grill	19 <b>Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm</b>	20 Dart League Pool League	21	22
23/30	24/31 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	25 No Rider Grill <b>SAL Meeting 730 pm</b>	26	27 Dart League Pool League	28 <b>Steak Night \$13 6-8 pm Karaoke</b>	29



**ZUMBA**  
 Every Tuesday  
 At 6:15 pm - \$3