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Commander's Corner



The end of 2017 already.....I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and didn't push yourselves into the next pant size! We have so much going on over the next 6 weeks that we need your support.

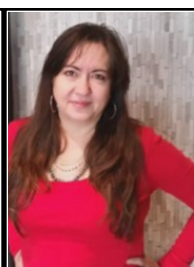
We have multiple Christmas parties that we are hosting, we are helping the Converse Blue Santa, we are collecting for the food baskets and we are helping with other gifts and toys for those affected by the hurricanes. Please look over the calendar and see when the Christmas parties are, join us for food and festivities, remember we are YOUR post.

In January we have our annual CASI cookoff, that takes lots of man hours to put on so if you have the time and would like to assist please contact the post, or if you just want to try some really great chili come on out January 20-21.

Finally, we are coming to the end of the calendar year and we still have some members that have not paid their renewals. Please stop by the post or mail your renewals in as soon as possible. Just like any other veter-

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Auxiliary News



.Happy Holidays!! I pray that you and yours had a blessed Thanksgiving. Can't believe the New Year is going to be here so soon. Please remember to renew your membership (\$25.00) before the end of the year. We are getting closer every month to our goal!

As always, we have some great events coming up so be sure to check out the monthly calendar and note the following:

Kid's Christmas Party – Sunday, December

10th at 1 pm - Please sign your children/grandchildren up on the sign-up sheet at the post. Santa wants to make sure he has gifts for all of the children!

Senior's Dinner – Sunday, December 17th at 1

pm - Come on out for a great meal and entertainment.

Also, we are collecting used or new items for the Silent Auction for the CASI Chili Cook Off which is in January. If you have something you would like to donate, please see Michelle Muth or Sue Buckley and we will make arrangements to pick it up or you can drop it off at the Post. Please put it in the non-smoking room and mark it CASI.

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ans organization, we can't meet the needs of our members throughout the world if we don't pay our dues at the post level. Please send your \$36 check or sign up for automatic renewals on the www.legion.org/renew.

I am wishing each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and we hope to see you during the holidays.

Veterans serving Veterans

For God and Country,

Chrissy

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Wishing you all a very blessed and Merry Christmas!!

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593



SAL Corner

Merry Christmas Legion family!

Thank you to all for supporting the SAL this past year. We accomplished our goals and have our sights set on an even more successful 2018.

We also want to thank the 26 folks who showed up to stand tall on exit 593 of highway I-10 for Operation Overpass on Veterans Day.

The SAL will visit the Audie Murphy VA hospital this month. We will bring goodie bags to the patients who visit us on chicken fried steak night (and to other patients who are in the same ward.)

Also remember that as of January 1st you must have your 2018 dues renewal in. Please try to get your dues paid to avoid an interruption in years served.

From everyone in the SAL, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme
Squadron 593 Commander



Merry Christmas! As we close out 2017, I'd like to say Thank You to the Riders and all our Post 593 family.

It's been a busy year and the Riders have once again made this year a total success.

As we enter 2018 our focus will be hosting the ALR State Rally in June. It's up to us to make it the best rally ever. Happy New Year and stay safe!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze!

Brown

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Message from the Department of Texas Commander



We often hear fellow Legionnaires state that “we must build programs to get membership.” Others say, “we have to increase membership to build strong programs.” The simple fact remains that membership and programs must operate in concert. Let’s do the programs, publicize our efforts in our communities, and actively recruit new members among those fellow veterans who recognize what we are doing.

You recently received a letter, put out on the hub, about transferring 345 members. National maintains that we will keep more 345 Legionnaires in the fold if we transfer them to a local Post. The statistics indicate differently. The latest statistics available reveals that 345 members who do not transfer renew with National at an 80% rate. The renewal rate for those who transfer to a local Post is 18%. It would indicate that we are ineffective in how we welcome and integrate new members into our local Posts. Now everyone will tell you what you need to do, but really, you know what must be done.

Our efforts during Hurricane Harvey relief revealed an organization of men and women who made every effort to show Texas Pride and be Legion Strong. Perhaps we can work to ensure our organization is around for another 100 years to meet the needs of our comrades and our communities.

As you likely know, we can meet our National Membership Goal this year by simply retaining the members we have, and replacing those who transfer to Post Everlasting. Surely, we can do that.

For God and Country,

John Hince
Department Commander
2017-2018

Holiday Food Baskets - The Time is Getting Close



Our Service Officer, Sebastian Rodriguez, has placed a box in the canteen outside the office. It is time to start thinking about bringing non-perishable items down for the Holiday Food Baskets.

Post 593, annually, provides food baskets to those in the community who need a hand up. We will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. All will have a tukey...the rest will depend on our generous donations of “fixins”.

When you go to get your groceries, put an extra can of beans, corn, fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing, etc. in your basket and bring it to the Post. It goes to help those that need it most. Each of us can put a smile on somebody’s face during the holidays.

Also, if you know an individual or family who needs assistance of food, let Sebastian know. We want to help and Sebastian Rodriguez is the best at making that happen!



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Monthly Shuffleboard Tournament
December 16th

SHUFFLEBOARD SIGN UP STARTS AT 3:30

PLAY STARTS AT 4PM - \$5 blind draw
Everyone is awarded points for playing, top two teams
paid monthly, top player for three months gets prize (all
levels can play any month) 50/50 Drawing every month!

Kitchen normally open from 5-7pm
If not snacks are provided

6 TV's, internet Juke Box, great drink prices and lots of fun.

Come out and try to win some money while giving your
support to your Veterans.

*The American Legion is one of the largest veteran's service
organizations that fight WORLD wide for Veterans benefits
and benefits for their families. Please come and support
your local post!*



Come enjoy a fun night of games!

Casino Night



\$25 Donation Includes:

- Gambling Money
- Finger Foods

Casino Games Include:

- Blackjack Tables
- Texas Hold 'Em Tables
- Craps

Schedule of Events:

- 7:00: Social Hour
- 8:00 to 11:00pm: Tables Open
- 11:00: Prize Drawings, 50/50 and Raffle Winners Drawn

Get your tickets from:

Dennis Ducharme, Chris Reed or Dave Paris



**Saturday, March 3rd, 2018
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.**



Events All Evening Long:

- Raffle for Great Prizes!
- 50/50 Drawing
- Live DJ
- Fun All Night Long!

Everyone has a chance to win!

At the end of the night, every \$500 in play money earns a ticket. You put your ticket in for a drawing for the item you want to win.

Check us out on Facebook!



**Sons of The American Legion
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