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Commander's Corner



Merry Christmas!



This is the time of year we are thankful for what we have and we are blessed with those around us. I am grateful for all of you that have made post 593 such a success. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please do so now, in case you don't know, every member we have gives us an extra voice fighting for our benefits and rights. We are grateful for you all and looking forward to many years of success.

Our New Years Eve Casino Night promises to be much fun, and our Annual Casi Chili Cook-Off is coming up January.

Please look at the calendar and see what else we have coming up and join us. post 593 rocks, and only because of all of you.

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Auxiliary News



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Your beauty green will teach me
That hope and love will ever be
The way to joy and peace for me.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Your beauty green will teach me.

The 3rd verse of the song 'O Christmas Tree' is a great reminder of the Christmas Season. May hope and love exist through the season and the New Year. Let's give Hope Love this season.

There are many opportunities to be festive with the Auxiliary in December. We ask for a lot from our members, but it is because of YOU that so many get to have a Christmas. Thank you in advance for giving during this season. We have quite a few kids signed up for our kids Christmas party. If you have a new toy, let Candy Zavala know. Are you a great gift wrapper? We can always use the help wrapping the presents for the kiddos. Please let your friends and neighbors know that our Legion loves our seniors and we will be providing a Christmas luncheon with fun and music for any senior. Just ask them to email me at aux593info@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet in the hall.

Auxiliary will be hosting the Kids Christmas party on Dec 9th and the Senior Christmas party will follow on Dec 16th. Sign up sheet are out. Our ladies are also gearing up for the chili cook-off, which is our biggest fund raiser! Michelle Muth (auction extraordinaire) will be accepting great donations for the auction, so please reach out to her or any of us with your donations. This event and your donations allows us to send our girls to Girls State.

Paula Johnson
ALA President Unit 593

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One last note; the Bartenders will be checking Membership cards beginning January 1st. Please make sure you have your current card and ID with you at all times.

For God and Country,
Veterans serving Veterans,
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**New Year's Eve
Black Tie Casino Night
December 31, 7:00PM**

Come out New Year's Eve for an evening of fun and games. Black Tie dress is optional, but if you wanna make an "entrance" then don your fanciest duds and come try your hand at the gaming tables.

Food, music, games, and prizes are included in your ticket price.

**Tickets are
\$30 per person in advance
\$35 per person at the door**

**Tickets can be obtained from
Dennis Ducharme, Dave Paris, Peter Muth, and
Paul Goymerac**



SAL Corner

My fellow SAL members, the holiday season is upon us again. Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and giving thanks for the blessings of life we enjoy. Christmas is the time we celebrate a very special birth, sing carols, and exchange gifts. On January 1st we make resolutions and look forward to a better and brighter year than the one that just passed. It is a time to share with family and friends and to help those who need our help. The American Legion exists to help military veterans and the SAL exists to help the Legion carry out its mission.

Post 593 has plenty of activities planned for December and I urge you to participate in as many as possible. In lieu of an SAL meeting, we will have a party for SAL members on the third Tuesday in December beginning at 7:00 pm. Join us and then join us for the monthly meetings. We certainly need your help and participation. New Year's Eve is really special. SAL Casino Night! Dress to the nines and have a fantastically fun night with your fellow legionnaires. Tickets are available from Dennis Ducharme, David Paris, Paul Goymerac, or Danny Muth.

The SAL golf tournament at Olympia Hills and the special November Chicken Fried Steak Night for the Converse Police Department were, as always, a success thanks to the hard working members who made good things happen. We welcome your participation and ideas for improvements to our SAL programs, but we need you here so that we can hear them.

Our membership drive is on track to meet our goals for the Centennial Year of the American Legion. If you know of any male descendent of someone who served our country during a qualifying period please encourage them to join the SAL.

We hope to see all of you at Post 593 and at our events.

For God and Country,
George Alva
Squadron 593 Commander



Riders Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to our Leigionaires, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders.

With Thanksgiving behind us we move closer toward the Holidays, please keep those sick, less fortunate, our service men/women and their families in your prayers. T

he riders Christmas party is scheduled for 15 Dec at 1800hrs. Also on the 15th we will be delivering gift cards to the Converse PD in support of their Blue Santa Program. You may donate to this program with Walmart Gift Cards in the amount of \$25. Cards can be dropped off at the Post marked to the Attention Robert Comas.

Please keep an eye out for additional information on the Riders fb page.

God Bless the United States of America

Brad Pierce
Director, ALR 593



Service Officer

Did the Anthrax Vaccine Make Troops Ill?

Anthrax is a bacterial disease that has been around for a long time, as far back as ancient Egypt. In fact, it was thought to have caused the fifth plague during the time of Moses, killing horses, cattle, sheep, and oxen. Scholars even think that Homer described anthrax in his telling of the Iliad around 700 BC and that the deadly pathogen may have contributed to the fall of Rome.

Anthrax was researched as a biological weapon by Iraq in the early 80s, and it was assumed that Saddam Hussein had created bombs and missiles loaded with the Anthrax bacteria by 1991 in preparation for war. The United States Department of Defense, in preparation, utilized a vaccine that had been created, but not yet tested for inhaled anthrax, to protect military forces deploying to the middle east. Vaccinations were required by all forces, not just US troops. BioPort, now Emergent Biosolutions, was the exclusive manufacturer of BioThrax at the time, and it had proven to be an effective vaccine against the bacterium when acquired through the skin, but not when inhaled, so there was no FDA licensing for use against inhaled Anthrax. Therefore, all vaccines given to military personnel were considered an "off-label" or experimental use of the vaccine.

There is currently an Army memo being circulated, also being claimed as authentic although the validity of the contents is unclear, stating that the soldiers at Ft. Campbell and Ft. Drum were given "bad" batches of the vaccine between 2001 and 2007 when deploying to OIF and OIE.

Claiming a condition is service related due to anthrax, or any in-service vaccine, one must be able to rule out all other possibilities. One former military member was able to get genetic testing to show her brain disorder was not genetic and therefore more likely than not due to the anthrax vaccine. However, the proof is difficult and expensive. Being able to show reactivity within a short period of time after vaccination and having a strong timeline is helpful. Legal and medical experts can assist in working your claim if you feel that a vaccine has caused a disabling condition.

Sebastian Rodriguez
Service Officer

American Legion Post 593

December 2018

Phone: 210-658-1111



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Canteen open 11:30AM	3 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	4 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30	5 Post General Membership Mtg 7:30PM	6 Dart League 7 pm	7	7 District Christmas Party Post 667 6:00PM
9 Kids Christmas Party 2:00PM Canteen open 11:30AM	10 S Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	11 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 pm	12	13 Tri-City Flyers Dart League 7 pm	14	15 Shuffleboard Tournament 3:30PM Grill 4:30PM Riders Christmas Party 6:00PM
16 Seniors Christmas Party Canteen open 11:30AM	17 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	18 SAL Christmas Party 7:00PM	19 Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	20 Dart League 7 pm	21	22
23	24 Legion Christmas Party New Years Party See Flyers	25 POST CLOSED Merry Christmas	26	27 Dart League 7 pm	28	29
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Looking Ahead
(events subject
to change)

The Legion
Canteen will
be opening
At 11:30AM
On Sundays thru
Football season.

Free food,
watch the calendar
for other
Specials and
events

Remember:

The Bartenders will
be checking
Membership cards
beginning January
1st.

Make sure you're up
to date and have your
current card with
you.

CASI Chili
Cook-Off
January 19-20



*20th District
Christmas Party
Saturday,
December 15th
6:00 p.m. – ???*

Hosted by Missing Man American Legion Post 667,

504 Bowie Dr, Universal City TX 78148

Social Hour starts at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.

Music, Games and Raffles after Dinner

Post Commanders: Please remember to bring a wrapped bottle of wine or alcohol for the liquor basket drawing.

Past Commanders Club Members: Please bring a wrapped gift for the PCC raffle.

50/50 Drawing will also be held

Open to all members of any Post, Unit or Squadron in the 20th District.
Meal and music are free but you might want to purchase some Raffle Tickets.

Post 667 has a full bar available for your beverage desires.

See you on the 15th!!!!



Date: 12/31/2018

Time: 7:00--11:00PM

New Year's Eve Black Tie Casino



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Highlights

- ◆ Craps, Blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ FUN!!



JOHN ORFF MEMORIAL CHILI COOKOFF

JANUARY 19, 2019

&

GEORGIA HORNER MEMORIAL CHILI COOKOFF

JANUARY 20, 2019

COME ON OUT AND JUDGE SOME GREAT CHILI
ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY EVENING