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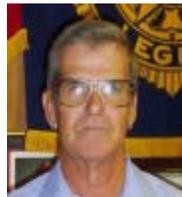
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*Commander's Corner*



Greetings Legionnaires.

.I'm always saying thank you. I can't help it. You members are just so wonderful in all the things you do and are willing to do.

This year's chili cookoff was a terrific success. This is the first time we have had all Post 593 judges and didn't use any chili cooks. Thanks to all.

Don't forget that we will be electing a Member At Large and Judge Advocate at February's General Membership Meeting. Also at 7:00 PM prior to the meeting we will be having the Four Chaplains Ceremony. Please come for this solemn and moving ceremony and stay for the meeting.

.For God and Country  
John Orff, Post Commander

*Auxiliary News*



Happy New Year!!

Hope the New Year is starting off good for everyone! Hard to believe it is already February!! I want to say Thank You to Hanna and Sue for putting on a great Senior's Christmas Party!! Thanks to everyone that came out and supported them and helped out! Fun was had by all!! The New Year's Eve Party was a huge success – thank you Jim Evans! In all, I just want to thank everyone for a GREAT 2012 and I am looking forward to a GREAT 2013!

In January, we had the CASI Chili Cook Off! Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the Silent Auction, participated in the judging, or just came out to see what the CASI is all about. The entire weekend was full of fun, laughter and great friends!!

As we start this New Year off with a bang, some upcoming events are: Girls State, the

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## Rider's Report

Riders, the new year is still young as are many of us. (smile) As we prepare to continue our fresh start for the year let us not forget our extended families that have had surgery, flu, or any other hardships in the past. Let us continue to bless them with our friendship and generosity.

Well, the Riders annual Rolling Run is going to be here before we know it in the month of March. Please contact Candy Zavala if you have any items for the silent/live auction. Also, if you would like to volunteer for any task that she may need assistance please do so.

We are in need of volunteers to cook, prep, and assist in the kitchen for Rider's Grill for the month of March. This continues to be our money maker throughout the year. If you cannot cook a meal, I ask that you volunteer by doing something else within the kitchen.

Riders, if you are not receiving emails from the communications officer please send him an email with your information. This will allow all to be kept up to date. The address is as follows: [alr593info@gmail.com](mailto:alr593info@gmail.com). If you are still having problems receiving the emails please contact Tim Vinson (ALR Chaplain).

Safety Tip: Riders continue to conduct your pre-ride inspections prior to hitting the road.

### Upcoming Events:

February – Post 593 Valentine Dance/Dinner  
March 16 – ALR Annual Rolling Run

This is just a few events that we will be participating and supporting for "OUR AMERICAN LEGION AND RIDERS"

Do what you can, when you can!!!!!!!

Brad Martin

Director, Post 593 Riders

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

### LET'S RECYCLE

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.

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Lasagna Dinner, and of course, the Auxiliary will host Breakfast and Steak night in March! Watch for all these dates on the Legion calendar!

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Smith



## SAL CORNER

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

I bring you greetings from the Mid Winter Conference in Austin. The Detachment stands at 76% of membership goal for 2013, Wahoo! We had a guest speaker from the Children's Miracle Network, with 30 years in service and over 17 million kids helped here in Texas. It opened my eyes to the amazing, thankless and awesome things they do. I recommend everyone go on line and look them up.

We also heard how the S.A.L. and the whole Legion Family has been helping with "Pets for Vets". We also discussed Boys State, the progress of the National Veterans Highway and the upcoming conventions amongst other S.A.L. Business.

Our Post 593 S.A.L. General Membership Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, hope to see you there!

S.A.L. Squadron Commander

Henry Creech

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List continues to grow 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](mailto:alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

# SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday February 3rd

2:00 PM

The Post will provide the meat. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish, a snack type dish, or dessert.

Come and join us to watch the biggest game of the football year. Enjoy some great food, your favorite beverages, and your friends as you cheer for your favorite team.

## HELP BRAND YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

Part of every company's identity is its tagline. What company do you think of when you read: "Semper Fidelis"; "Where's The Beef?"; "Don't Leave Home Without It"; "No One Does More For Veterans"; "We've Got Your Back"; or "The UnCola"?

During the next few years, and thereafter, as part of The American Legion's strategy for continuous growth we will have to concentrate much more on marketing our name and what we do than we've ever had to in the past. Yet, we have no consistent tagline that readily tells people who we are, what we do or who we do it for. Each national commander has a slogan, and they are well-thought out and well-themed, but they don't lend a permanent identity to the Legion.

Through the years we have had many slogans, including "Marching Together Again"; "Veterans Serving Veterans"; "Every Day is Veterans Day"; "Still Serving America"; and "For God and Country," which will never go away but doesn't serve as an effective tagline.

The goal is to adopt a tagline which is so significant that all of the public will recognize it, associate it with The American Legion, and know what is our "reason for being." Even though it must be short and pithy, it must be filled with content and phrased in a memorable and catchy way.

You can help us craft an American Legion tagline by submitting your ideas by **email**. Submissions may be submitted by individuals (membership is not required), posts, districts, counties or departments; there is no limit to the number that may be submitted, but each submission must be contained in a single email. All submissions must be received no later than April 19, 2013, in order to be considered.

If your tagline is the one recommended to the NEC, and adopted exactly as submitted, you will receive a \$500 check, and a certificate of appreciation plaque signed by the national commander in recognition of your winning entry. The winning entry will be posted on the [Legion website](#) after the NEC meets in mid-May 2013. In the event of duplicate winning entries, the earliest received will be declared the winner.

Remember: April 19, 2013, is the deadline, and the email address is [tagline@legion.org](mailto:tagline@legion.org). Please include your name and phone number on each entry. Only one entry per email submission. All entries will be acknowledged by a return email. Save that return receipt as proof of your submission.

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# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15 pm)	2
3 <b>SUPER BOWL PARTY</b> - please bring an appetizer. Post will supply meat. 2 pm	4 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	5 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Catherine McDonald	6 GMM Mtg. - 7:30 pm Meal served 5:30 to 7:00 <b>Four Chaplains' Ceremony</b> 7:00 pm	7 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	8 CFS 6-8 pm \$8 VA Visit 6 pm <b>Open to the Public</b> Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	9 <b>Breakfast All You Can Eat \$6.00</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>
10 <b>Jam Session</b> 2 pm	11 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	12 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Stephanie Book ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30 pm	13	14 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!</b>	15 Valentine's Day Dinner \$25 per couple (Limited Seats) Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15 pm)	16 Monthly Dart Tournament \$5 (Draw your numbers @ 7:15)
17 <b>Ferret GMM</b> 2 pm	18 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	19 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Coasite ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30pm	20 Exec Mtg. - 7 pm	21 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	22 <b>steak Night</b> 6 - 8 pm \$13 <b>Open to the Public</b> Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15 pm)	23
24	25 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	26 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Jim Evans SAL Mtg. 7:30 pm	27	28 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League		



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



**ALR Bike Night**  
**EVERY Tuesday!**  
 Beer, Food & Friends!

## \*\* Legion has breakfast and steak night \*\*

### UP COMING EVENTS:

- \*\*March 16th - Rolling Run
- \*\*March 30<sup>th</sup> - Kid's Easter Party
- \*\*Lasagna/Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- \*\*ALR State Rally - May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> @ Harker Heights!

We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion  
 Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!

**\*\*JOHN ORFF IS COOKING FOR GMM IN APRIL - FYI!!!\*\***