



The American Legion
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February 2025

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Commander's Comments

Happy February to everyone. I hope this finds everyone well and warm.

On February 5th, it will be our general membership meeting. This month we will be electing two members at large positions. Nominations will be taken from the floor,

Notice *** In accordance with our constitution and bylaws we will be taking nominations from the floor for 2nd Vice Commander during March 5th general membership meeting.**

Our January CASI chili cook off went exceptionally well with fun and great chilli had by all. Thank you to all who participated and helped during this event to make it another great success.

If you know of any 11th grade high school students we will be accepting applications for Boys & Girls State

As always, keep a eye out for our calendar for all our upcoming events Thank you, Joe Falco for stepping up for this valuable position that keeps everyone informed of the posts information and activities If there's anything for the newsletter that you want to submit, please email it to jfalco@twc.com

Our appointed 2ed vice is Michael Wilson this very important position is all about our events coordination And thank you Mike for filling this valuable position

Our two appointed member at large positions are Nick Mills and Marcello Buckley Thank you for being our eyes and ears for the post We look forward to seeing everyone around the post.

For God and Country
 Commander Creech



Auxiliary News

Howdy!

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to all members that have renewed their 2025 membership dues. While we did not reach our goal of 100% 2025 renewals, we decided to still draw for the two free 2026 memberships. The winners were Ruth Blevins and Rita Thornworth. Congratulations! However, it is not too late to renew your 2025 dues.

Thank you to all who donated items for our silent auction or volunteered to help during the CASI Chili Cookoff. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We had such a great response with our Bake Sales during Chicken Fried Steak Night and Steak Night, that we are continuing these in 2025. Please consider providing desserts for these events, as the funds go towards Easter Parties, Christmas Parties, and sponsoring young ladies to attend Girl's State.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:00 PM. You are all welcome to come, listen and participate in the decision-making process.

With the new year upon us, I would like you to consider coming to the meetings and possibly running for office this year. Many of your officers have been volunteering for years and would love to take a break. If you are interested, please reach out to any of us and we will be glad to explain more and show our support.

EVERY member matters! EVERY dollar matters! EVERYONE can make a difference!

Robin E. Alva
 President, ALA Unit 593





1st Vice Commander Report

Why is membership important?
This is how The American Legion pays for the many programs that take care of our veterans and families. Without our membership dues, many of those programs would not receive the funding that is so desperately needed for them to continue.

But it's not just about the money. Without you, the members, we would not have the manpower to continue doing what we do. Every member is important and contributes in their own way.

We are well on our way to reaching the one hundred percent membership goal, but are not there yet. If you have not paid your 2025 dues yet, I urge you to do so immediately so we can continue to be viable resource for our veterans, families and the community.

Clayton Wallers
1st Vice Commander



Riders Report

Welcome to the new year, already a month in and we are becoming very busy. In January, we attended a Meet and Greet at Chapter 592, one of the new Rider groups in District 20. Great time and we were able to provide some support for their first formal meeting in South Central Texas.

During January, we also are escorting Billy (Hawkeye) Pearce to his final resting place at FT Sam Houston Cemetery. This mission will be 31 January 2025 at 1400. We will have KSU and a police escort at 1300. His celebration of Life will be the following day at Post 593 Hall at 1300. All are welcomed to attend.

In the next two months, many of our Riders will be finalizing items for our 20th Annual Rolling Run. This will be 15 March 2025 at Post 593 in Converse. We already have our raffle tickets for 5 guns in the hands of many Executive Committee members as well as the Canteen bartenders. Additionally, we are looking for sponsors who would like advertisement on a banner. All proceeds go to Veterans Helping Veterans as well as Veterans and Children's Foundation. If you are interested in volunteering for Rolling Run so that more riders can ride instead of being engaged with setting things up, please contact Josh Blevins or myself.

Have a great new year and God Bless the Veterans, their families, and their friends.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,
Director, ALR Chptr. 593



SALute

Hello SAL
Renewals and new members are important. We're doing a good job so far, but please get your renewals and new members in before March 15 to help us meet our goal of 100%. Dues are still a bargain

at \$25/year.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Converse Animal Shelter program. This program will run thru February 14, 2025. That deadline is fast approaching. Please do what you can to help us provide for the shelter.

January's Chicken Fried Steak dinner was a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen. The next CFS is scheduled for April 11, 2025.

Stay tuned for future meal plans during the months without Chicken Fried Steak dinner.

Until next month.....

For God and Country,

Rick Moe
Commander
Sq 593



Please join us for the annual Four Chaplains Ceremony on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 6:00PM, in the Post Hall.



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**March 5 , 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Post Hall
326 Legion Drive, Converse, TX 78109**



FLAGS

It is always wonderful to see our US flag flying on a clear day. You may remember (see the August 2024 Post 593 Newsletter) we presented a US and Texas flag to the new Honor Elementary School in Converse, TX. When the school opened in August, I went to the school, talked to the new flag patrol team about handling and folding the flag and then we raised the flags (see photos). It was an exciting and eventful day for the students.


Another flag event occurred on Veterans Day, November 11th. Our Post 593 has continued the decades-long ceremony, previously conducted by the Windcrest Post 612, of placing a US flag on the graves of veterans buried in the Bueche Cemetery located on Crestway Drive in Windcrest, TX.

Some background information: the Bueche Cemetery is a Bexar County Historical Cemetery and dates back to the late 1800s as a family cemetery of early settlers in the northeast San Antonio area. It is an actively operated cemetery. Currently there are twenty veteran graves including several Civil War veterans and graves of veterans from all services. The picture below shows me placing a flag on the grave of Eugene Leonhardt, a WW II veteran; we believe the Leonhardts are related back in Germany many years ago.

Lastly, as a small Post 593 fund-raising project, I have US and Texas flags, nylon, 3'x5', from the American Legion Store for sale at \$27 US flag and \$28 Texas flag. Just give me a call 210-654-8088 or email jackhleonhardt@aol.com and I will bring the flag to a meeting.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Groundhog Day 	3 Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	4 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	5 Four Chaplains 6pm Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm Chop Suey Meal 5:30-7PM	6 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	7	8 Breakfast 8-11am
9 Superbowl Sunday  Jam Session and grill 1pm	10 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	11 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	12	13 Burger Burn 530-730PM Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	14 Valentine's Day  Valentines Dinner 5:30-7:30PM	15
16 Pack Meeting 2 pm	17 President's Day Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	18 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	19 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	20 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	21	22
23	24 Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	25 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	26	27	28 Steak Night 6-8PM	

Upcoming Events

MARCH

- Daylight Savings time begins March 9th
- St. Partick's Day March 17th

- Tax Day April 15th
- Easter Sunday April 20th

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Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

Open to the public.

**Come join for complimentary coffee,
doughnuts, plus other goodies.
Good fellowship and good conversation.
Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM**

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ALA UNT 593

General Membership Nights

5:30 PM – 7 PM or until we run out
(FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

**FEBRUARY 5TH – AMERICAN CHOP SUEY, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD,
DESSERT \$10**



American chop suey is an American pasta casserole made with ground beef, macaroni, a seasoned tomato sauce and melted cheese.

**MARCH 5TH – HAM AND CHEESE SLIDERS (2), CHIPS OR POTATO SALAD
AND DESSERT \$10**



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERAN PROGRAMS!!



JOIN US FOR

The Four Chaplains Memorial Service
Wednesday, February 5, 2025.
6:00 pm.

The American Legion Post 593.
326 Legion Dr. W.
Converse, Texas 78109

Breakfast

Eggs cooked to order, Omelets, Pancakes, French
Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Fresh
Fruit, Pastries, Coffee, Juice

All you can eat for the bargain price of

\$10.00 per plate

Date: February 8, 2025

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM



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Information: 210-658-1111

**Open to the
public**



Jam Session

Monthly Jams of the San Antonio Steel Guitar Association are held the second Sunday of the month from 2 PM to 5 PM at American Legion Post 593. The musical jams are free and open to the public. Food and drink are available for sale, and a donation can is passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

February 9, 2025
1:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information
210-658-1111



Auxiliary Burger Grill

**Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, FF and
dessert for
\$10.00 per plate**

Date: February 13, 2025

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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Info: 210-658-1111



AMERICAN LEGION

POST 593

Valentine's Day Dinner

Presale Tickets - \$15

Door Tickets - \$20

**Homemade Lasagna, Salad, Bread, and
Dessert**

02/14/2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**326 Legion Dr. W,
Converse, TX 78109**

Steak Night



Date: February 28, 2025

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

**Eat in or
take out**

Ribeye steak cooked to order, sautéed mushrooms and onions available upon request, baked potato, choice of Vegetable (corn or green beans), salad, and dinner rolls. All for the incredibly low price of \$16.00 per plate. Come on out for a great meal and fellowship.

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In Memoriam

Jesus Manuel Torres



The Newsletter will dedicate the space above to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria is as follows: The deceased must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, or an immediate family member of such. Specifically, the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor directly or through one of the chaplains.

Converse Animal Care Wish-List

Keeping our animals happy and healthy

This is the SAL 2024-2025 project. Below is a wish list from the care facility. We'll be collecting and delivering items from Oct 11 to Feb 14 2025.



- Cat Litter
- Treats for dogs and cats
- Toys for dogs and cats
- Canned food for dogs and cats
- Puppy and Kitten feeding bottles
- Collars and leashes
- Dawn dish soap
- Hand soap
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- New or gently used towels and blankets
- Cash donations also accepted and appreciated

This program ends
on February 14.

Please deliver your
donations today!!

Thank you.

Contact Info:

Rick Moe (or an SAL Member) — 210-658-1111

Converse Animal Care -210-658-5369



BRICK FUNDRAISER



We're raising funds to beautify the entrance to our Post by building a flag and memorial monument. We're moving & upgrading our flagpoles and lighting for each flag. The existing Post 593 monument will move to this new location near the church, creating a lasting impression for our visitors and demonstrating our commitment to honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation. We invite you to be a part of this exciting project!

You Can Order On-Line at:

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/conversetxlegion>

1. What size bricks are you selling:
 - a. 4 x 8 x 2¼: \$125 – Finished Brick
 - b. 4 x 8 x ½: \$150 – Alfagres Wall Tile
 - c. 8 x 8 x 2¼: \$300 – Finished Paving Brick
 - d. 8 x 8 x ½: \$350 – Alfagres Wall Tile
2. Lines and text per brick:
 - a. 4 x 8: 3 lines, 18 characters
 - b. 8 x 8: 6 lines, 18 characters.
3. What else are we selling?
 - a. Souvenir Bricks: These miniature gift bricks feature a felt backing. You will be able to showcase these in your home or office. These smaller souvenir bricks can be made to match a larger brick that was ordered.
 - i. 1½ x 3 x ½: \$25
 - ii. 3 x 3 x ½: \$35
 - b. Donor Bricks: These duplicate bricks with a felt backing can be displayed in your home or office.
 - i. 4 x 8 x 2¼: \$40
 - ii. 8 x 8 x 2¼: \$50

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
HENRY CREECH AT (210) 391-7391 OR
DENNIS DUCHARME AT (210) 630-0655





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Flags on Town Square Registration Form

How to Sponsor a Flag

- \$100 per year payable to American Legion Post 593
- Businesses can "Sponsored By"
- Individuals can "In Memory of"
- Proceeds support flag replacements, signs, and Veterans Programs.
- Displayed 6 times a year:
 - Presidents' Day - 20 Feb
 - Memorial Day - 29 May
 - Flag day - 14 June
 - Independence Day - 4 July
 - Labor Day - 4 Sep
 - Veterans Day - 11 Nov
- Displayed in front of Converse City Hall on Sequin St.
- Displayed with a personalized placard

Contact Dennis
Ducharme @
210.630.0655 to
become a sponsor!



Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Paid by Cash/Check _____ Date _____

Email _____ To Be Placed on Sign _____

Receipt

Received \$ _____ from: _____

Date _____

For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: _____



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Post Home Manager's Message

Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!



Surprise a friend with a Drink Chip for our Cantina!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 593

20TH ANNUAL ROLLING RUN AUCTION



- ONE TICKET FOR \$10 OR SIX TICKETS FOR \$50.
- DRAWING ON 15 MARCH DURING OUR ROLLING RUN
- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
- ONLY 1200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.
- FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOSH BLEVINS AT 210-488-7955



1st - Custom Plated Tisas 1911 45mm



2nd - Anderson Patriot 5.56



3rd - Savage Arms .243 Win



4th - KEL-TEC 9mm



5th - G-Force CF99 12G

*Veteran
care isn't
one size
fits all*



NEW PATIENT ORIENTATION

Every Tuesday

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Learn practical tips for navigating
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

To attend South Texas New Patient Orientation on Tuesday,
please visit www.southtexas.va.gov and look for events to join.

For more information on VA Benefits and VA Healthcare, please visit
<https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/> to view and download your welcome kit.

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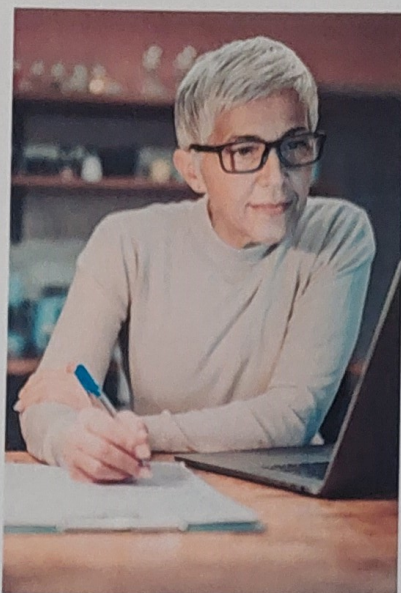
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families, caregivers, and survivors
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VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

**Meeting times
and topics:**

**Parkinson's Disease
August 14, 2024**

**Endeavors Supports
and Services
September 11, 2024**

**Intimate Partner
Violence
October 9, 2024**

**Alzheimer's Disease
November 13, 2024**

**Suicide Prevention
for Caregivers
December 11, 2024**

Did You Know?

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Monthly educational seminars

Each month your caregiver team will bring in an industry expert to educate on different topics. We want to prepare you for the future, work on the present and process the past. Attend one or attend all the offerings.

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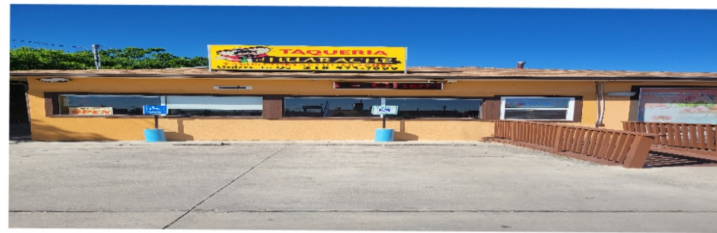
Live Oak



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3136 Pat Booker, UC



707 S Sequin, Converse



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