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*Commander's Corner*



Greetings Legion Family!

I hope that everyone has recuperated from a happy holiday season. I am looking forward to a successful 2014.

Our annual Casi Chili Cookoff is coming up on Friday Jan 17th thru Sunday Jan 19th. The Super Bowl Party will be on Feb 2nd. Looking forward to these events.

With the involvement of the Legion Riders, the S.A.L., and the Legion Auxiliary it seems like all year is a holiday season. Thank you Legionnaires and the whole Legion family for making 2013 such a great year.

Happy New Year to all.

For God and Country

John Orff

Post Commander

*Auxiliary News*



Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! I want to thank everyone that came out and supported the Kid's Christmas Party and the Seniors Christmas Dinner.

We could not have done it without all of the wonderful "workers"! Again, THANK YOU!

We have some great events coming up in January – so mark your calendars:

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** – General Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm (this is the only month it is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday because of the New Year.)

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** – Auxiliary will be cooking up some eggs at the monthly Breakfast. Kitchen opens up at 8 am! Invite your family and your friends – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Casi Chili Cook Off – the Auxiliary will be having their annual Silent Auction – if you have anything slightly used or new that you would like to donate please see myself or Hanna Taylor. There will also be a dart tournament and a shuffleboard tournament.

## RIDER'S REPORT

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Riders, we would like to wish everyone in our Legion Family a very prosperous new year.

A very special Thank You to Nick Mills and MAXIMUS for their toy donations in support of the Converse PD Blue Santa Toy Drive...your donations made Christmas morning every special for over 60 children in our area!

I would also like to say Thanks to all Legion Riders for all their hard work during the holidays with the Legion programs, Holiday Baskets, Seniors/Children's Party's, Red Rider Hoodlum Toy Drive and Wreaths Across America... you are a great bunch of folks.

We are gearing up for our Annual Rolling Run in March. Everyone is invited for a full day to include poker run, live/silent auction and bike show.

Happy New Year and don't forget the Black Eyed Peas!  
For God and Country  
Brown

**Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** – Steak Night! Your Auxiliary Gals will be in the kitchen – we will serve from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or until we run out! Remember this is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC as well!

Please don't forget to pay your membership! If you don't pay your dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>, you will lose your "years". The bartenders will be asking to see everyone's membership cards starting on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Muth, Auxiliary President

## Four Chaplains Ceremony

The Four Chaplains Ceremony will be held on Sunday February 9th at 2:00 PM.

Details will be announced for this solemn and impressive ceremony.

## SAL CORNER

Happy New Year to all! I hope this year will be a awesome year for all and brings you health and happiness.

Remember, if you haven't renewed your S.A.L. dues, do so now!

Chicken fried steak night is Friday Jan 10th from 7 to 9 PM and is open to the public. Bring a friend.

Come to our S.A.L. general membership meeting on the last Tuesday of each month.

God Bless America  
Henry Creech, S.A.L. Squadron Commander.

## Senate Bill Would Expand VA Eligibility

In it's written testimony submitted Oct. 30th to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, The American Legion expressed support for draft legislation sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, that would "expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs." Sanders bill would take into account the varying income levels among counties in any given state, and also establish new statewide income thresholds in determining veterans' eligibility for VA health care. The bill further stipulates that all required modifications for modification of the new income criteria must be completed within five years of enactment.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

## Legion efforts influenced IRS DD-214 revision

American Legion efforts recently were successful in getting the Internal Revenue Service to revise section 501 (c)19 of the Internal Revenue Code requiring Legion posts to keep records on file of its members' DD-214s - the separation document given by the military to prove honorable service.

The IRS had been fining Legion posts up to \$1,000 per day for not keeping records of veterans' DD-214s or other valid documentation. The Legion felt it was being wrongly targeted, resulting in the passing of three resolutions during its 2013 National Convention in Houston last summer.

Effective immediately, DD-214s are only required if an agent "possesses information that contradicts documentary information provided (by the veterans service organization) or if the organization fails to satisfy a reasonable request..." If an agent requires proof of membership eligibility, he or she will first request four sets of documents before requesting DD-214s or other discharge documents.

See [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org) for more information.

## 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, and brass. Contact John Orff for more information.

## 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.

## 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 [post593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:post593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

# CASI CHILI COOKOFF

Friday January 17 - Sunday January 19

## Chili Judges Needed Saturday and Sunday Afternoon

### Schedule

Friday - Cook's Dinner and Party 6:00 PM

Shuffleboard Tournament 7:00 PM

Saturday - Auxiliary Silent Auction 11:00 AM Start

Nigel DJ 7:00 PM

Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 PM

### Note

There are actually 2 chili cookoffs

Saturday is hosted by the American Legion

Sunday is hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary

This is a very good fundraiser for both the Legion and  
The Auxiliary. Please come out and enjoy one or more

Of the events or help out by being a chili judge.

It's fun and the chili is always good.

SUPER BOWL PARTY—Sunday February 2nd!

It will start mid afternoon. Those attending will be asked  
to bring a football snack or dish. A good time for all.

Details will be announced.

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# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	3 Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	4
5	6 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	7 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm	8 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	9 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League Tri-City Flyers	10 CFS DINNER 6-8 PM - \$8 OPEN TO PUBLIC Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	11 BREAKFAST 8 – 11 AM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \$6.00
12	13 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	14 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR GMM. Mtg. 7:30pm	15 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	16 Grill 6-8 pm Dart League Pool League	17 Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)  CASI – COOKS DINNER	18 CASI CHILI COOK OFF/DJ AUX SILENT AUCTION Dart Tourney 7:15 pm Shuffleboard 7:15 pm
19	20 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	21 NO GRILL	22	23 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	24 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	25
26	27 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	28 NO GRILL SAL MTG 7:30 pm	29	30 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	31 STEAK NIGHT!! 6-8 PM \$13 OPEN TO PUBLIC! Shuffleboard Tourney\$5	



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

## \*\*Auxiliary has breakfast and steak night!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rolling Run – Saturday, March 22nd  
 Kids Easter Party – Saturday, April 5th  
 Lasagna Dinner - TBD

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

February 2nd - Super Bowl Party!!!!