



The American Legion
 William M. Randolph, Post 593
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January 2025

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 Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm
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Commander's Comments

I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year with my hopes and prayers this year will be prosperous with health and happiness.

New Years is like a new day. If there's something you don't like you can change it, Maybe not the situation, but the direction in which you handle it. A new year, a new day, a new you.

With the New Years at hand, post members please remember your membership has expired and needs to be renewed if you have not renewed yet.

Everyone, instead of a New Years Resolution, set New Year Goals for your personal life. Be it physical or mental health, it is the most important thing that you can do. Appreciating each other for who they are and not the ideal person is a good start. Remembering that no one is perfect. Each day is a gift and life is not always the way you want. Neither are the people that are around you, but that's what makes us all individuals. The love for our family, our friends, and our country are things that should be the most.

My dad said so many years ago, "God makes people who they are, what YOU do with is makes YOU who you are."

For the next 365 days, make a promise to love yourself, to love you family, and to love your friends unconditionally.

All this I pray,
 Commander Creech



Auxiliary News

Howdy!

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to all members that have renewed their 2025 membership dues. Reminder: In January, the bartenders check for current membership cards. So, if you have not renewed, please do so today. Every member counts and we appreciate each and every one of you.

I would be remiss, if I did not give my heartfelt appreciation to all of those that contributed to the annual Kid's Christmas Party and Senior's Christmas Dinner. The community really looks forward to these events and without you, none of them would be possible. GREAT JOB!!!

We are still accepting NEW or GENTLY used items for our silent auction, which takes place during the CASI Chili Cookoff in January. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please consider supporting this endeavor.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 1st, at 7:00 PM. You are all welcome to come listen and participate in the decision-making process and learn of volunteer opportunities for the upcoming parties I mentioned earlier.

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. Finally, our Post has met with a lot of loss and sadness in 2024. Please keep your fellow members in mind and reach out to those you have not heard from in a while. Sometimes a simple, hey, I have not heard from you in a while, are you ok?" goes a long way.

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

Robin E. Alva
 President, ALA Unit 593



1st Vice Commander Report

Here's hoping everyone had a great holiday season. We look forward to even greater things for The American Legion and Post 593 this year.

As we enter 2025, we are ahead of our established goals for membership. But we still have some work to do.

If you have not paid your 2025 dues, you need to do so immediately so you may continue to enjoy the benefits of being a member of The American Legion. You can renew in two ways. Go online at legion.org/renew to pay with a credit card or come to the Post during operating hours and pay the bartender. This will ensure your benefits to America's greatest veteran organization don't lapse.

If you know a veteran that is not a member of our family, bring them in so we can meet them. The Legion family here at Post 593 may be just what they are looking for or need in their life right now.

Clayton Wallers

1st Vice Commander



Riders Report

Welcome to the new year Riders! I hope that 2024 treated you well. 2025 will kick off with a bang as we get closer to our big event....2025 Rolling Run. A lot of great planning has gone into this year's Rolling Run. Prior to that, we have two other significant events that we would like maximum participation. For those who do not know, the Riders lost a great person this past week. Billy "Hawkeye" Pierce passed away and will be missed. He will be escorted to FT Sam Houston Cemetery on 31 January 2025 with Rob riding Hawkeye's trike. More details to come but based off conversations with other Riders, many will be attending. The second event is the Winter Scavenger Hunt. It should be Chapter 179th turn to host. The last Scavenger hunt resulted in the trophy being moved to another Post so we want to earn it back. More to come on date, time, and location. It should be in February.

Once we get closer to the Rolling Run, we will be soliciting for auction items. The gun raffle has already kicked off and many Riders have tickets to sell. We have 5 different types of guns this year so there's something for everyone's taste. If you would like to buy some tickets, contact Daniel, Josh, Sean or Gomer.

Finally, unlike last year, ALR Chapter 593 will not be serving spaghetti during the CASI Chili Cookoff. The Post is starting the Chicken Fried Steak that same night so they will have the meal covered for the CASI competition. Thank you for all those who offered to volunteer but the venue changed and no Riders will be needed that weekend.

For 2025, I am hopeful that our Riders have a great year filled with fun and enjoyment, but I would be remised if I did not thank everyone for the support of Blue Santa and the Spiritual Ride. Two great events that were well received. Thanks again for showing how much you care for those in our community as well as our members alike. God Bless and Happy New Year.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,

Director, ALR Chptr. 593



SALute

Hello SAL. Happy New Year!

Renewals and new members are important. We're doing a good job so far, but as the New Year approaches, we need to stay ahead of goals. Dues are still a bargain at \$25/year.

The Converse Animal Shelter donations program is underway. There is an info flyer in this newsletter as well as at the Post. 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.

The annual SAL VA Visit was a success. The patients and staff were very appreciative. Thank you to the Auxiliary for the gift bags, and special thank to Tina and Laurie for the cards and hot chocolate reindeer.

Chicken Fried Steak dinners are back on a quarterly schedule, starting on January 10th. Stay tuned for future meal plans during the months without Chicken Fried Steak dinner.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and happy 2025!

Until next month.....

For God and Country,

Rick Moe
Commander
Sq 593

Position Open:

Member at Large, American Legion Post 593

Nominations to fill the vacancy will be taken from the floor during the January General Membership Meeting, election will follow the nomination process. Should there not be a quorum in January, it will be held in February.

Nominee needs to be present to accept the nomination.

January 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Post Hall

326 Legion Drive, Converse, TX 78109

Post Judge Advocate



The Executive Committee met on November 20th and approved the changes to the Post Constitution and By-Laws, as presented from the committee of David Paris, Jack Leanhart. And Nick Mills. If approved at the December 4th General Membership Meeting, it will be submitted to The American Legion Department of Texas Judge Advocate. If you would like to review the changes, contact the Post Judge Advocate Karen Paris, or committee members David Paris, Jack Leanhart, or Nick Mills.

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.



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	2 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	3	4
5	6	7 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	8	9 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm Burger Burn 5:30-7:30PM	10 CASI Weekend Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-7:30PM	11 CASI Weekend
12 CASI Weekend oard	13 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	14 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	15 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	16 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	17	18
19 Pack Meeting 2 pm	20 Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	21 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	22	23 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	24	25
26	27 Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	31 Steak Night 6-8PM	



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!



In Memoriam

Jack Freytag
Manuel Guzman
Salvatore F. Pests
Ken Rodd
Harold S, Rimmer
Billy "Hawkeye" Pearce



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.

CASI CHILI COOK OFF

AMERICAN LEGION POST 593, 326 LEGION DRIVE W, CONVERSE, TX 78109

Friday, January 10th – Cook's Dinner

Chicken Fried Steak with all the fixings

6 pm – 7:30 pm

\$13

Prepared by the Sons of the American Legion

Saturday, January 11th

Breakfast Tacos – 8 am – 10 am – 2 for \$5

Silent Auction – 10 am until 15 minutes after awards

Auxiliary Burger Burn – 11 am – 4 pm

Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Chips, Dessert - \$10

Judges need to be at Post by 1 pm

Sunday, January 12th

Biscuits and Gravy – 8 am to 10 am (Donation)

Auxiliary Burger Burn – 11 am – 4 pm

Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Chips, Dessert - \$10

Judges need to be at Post by Noon

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR JUDGES WILL BE POSTED ON
DECEMBER 26, 2024.**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 593

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

JANUARY 2025

There will be NO monthly breakfast.

Chicken Fried Steak – Friday, January 10th

Steak Night – January 31st

FEBRUARY 2025

Breakfast – Saturday, February 8th

Steak Night - Friday, February 28th

MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR
FOR MORE EVENTS!!

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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CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER

\$13 PER PLATE, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

And, lead-in event for CASI Chili Cook-Off Event!

(Saturday and Sunday, Jan 11 -12, plus Auxiliary Silent Auction

and Breakfast Events

and the Kitchen Grill open both afternoons.



Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Date: Fri, Jan 10, 2025

Hand breaded Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, choice of Vegetable with Dinner Roll.

Auxiliary Unit 593 will be selling various Desserts at side table.

Sodas, Water or Adult Beverages Available.

Take Out available as well.

Call 210-658-1111 for info.

No pre-orders or telephone orders available.

Steak Night



Date: January 31, 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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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

Contact Info:

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

Converse Animal Care -210-658-5369



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS Post 593

20TH ANNUAL ROLLING RUN AUCTION



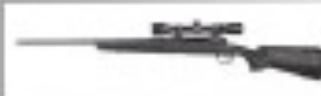
- ONE TICKET FOR \$10 OR SIX TICKETS FOR \$50.
- DRAWING ON 15 MARCH DURING OUR ROLLING RUN
- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
- ONLY 1200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.
- FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOSH BLEVINS AT 210-488-7955



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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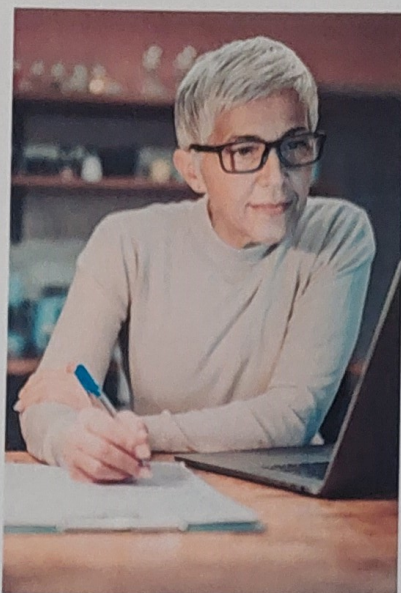
U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



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The one number all Veterans, their
families, caregivers, and survivors
can use to access VA resources
24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.

1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411)



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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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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www.caregiver.va.gov**

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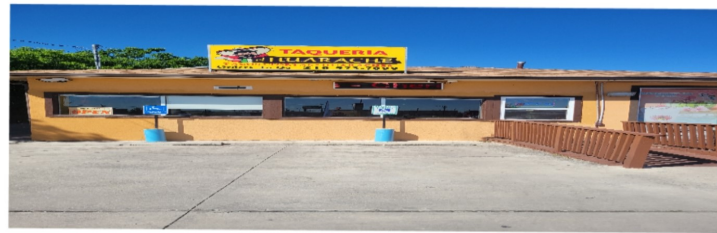
Live Oak



1100 Kity Hwk Rd, UC



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