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Commander: Chris Reed 1st Vice: Paul Goymerac 2nd Vice: Daniel Riggs Adjutant: Velma Smith Finance: Mike Potter Chaplain: Dennis Ducharme Judge Advocate: Danny Muth Historian: Ken Echerd

Service Officer: Sebastion Rodriguez Sergeant At Arms: Marcelo Buckley Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme

Members at Large:

Shad Defenbach, David Elrod, Joe Falco, Peter Paul Johnson, Mike Schumann

#### **Auxiliary Officers:**

President: Sandy Vinson Vice President: Candy Zavala Secretary: Michelle Muth Treasurer: Sue Buckley Historian: Brenda Weeks Chaplain: Paula Johnson Sgt At Arms: Vacant Members at Large: Rosie Cherry, Amy Kosler, Gail Zoll

#### **ALR Officers:**

Director: Brown Zavala
Asst Director: Mike Schumann
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Treasurer: Sandy Vinson
Road Captain: Ron Pompa
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Peter Paul Johnson, Sue Pearce,

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Sons of the American Legion:

Commander: Dennis Ducharme 1st Vice: Henry Creech 2nd Vice: Joe Falco Adjutant: Bill Cox Finance: David Paris Chaplain: Tim Vinson Historian: Ken Echerd Sgt At Arms: Joe Falco

## Commander's Corner



As we come to the end of our service year, I want to thank everyone for the support they've shown our post. We are working on getting the junior shooting program together, working on Boy Scouts

and various other scholarship programs. Thank you Paul for putting together our boys state program this year, thank you Ken for assisting and raising funds for the NEF, and a special thank you to all of those that helped with hurricane Harvey relief. We started our year off with a lot of expectations, and met most of them, but we have a long way to go. I am blessed to be surrounded by an awesome executive board and members that have the same heart and soul that our legion expects. I want to put out a special thank you to Danny, Peter Paul, Mike, Joe, Henry, Daniel and all the others that have assisted in our renovations that has made our post much more inviting. We are excited to host the 2018 ALR rally starting June 22nd, and to be

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### **Auxiliary** News



I would like to thank everyone for a really great year! What an honor to work with such an awesome group of ladies. You are what keeps the Auxiliary going and what makes it such a great success. Thank you all so much! There are no words to express how much the mentorship this

past year has meant to me. I am humbled by your support and selflessness. I would also like to thank our commander, Chrissy Reed; SAL commander, Dennis Ducharme and ALR Director, Brown Zavala for an outstanding year! I am very honored to have worked with all of you this year as well – Together Our Post Rocks!!

Auxiliary elections will take place on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> during our monthly meeting. We will be taking nominations from the floor, so if you would like to hold a position on the Auxiliary executive board please be sure to attend the meeting. If you don't, still come on out to support and see what great things we have instore for Auxiliary in the upcoming year.

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a part of San Antonio hosting the 2018 Department of Texas convention. I personally am looking forward to seeing more members being active as we go forth and fight for the rights of our veterans. Thank you to all of our district, division and Department officers that continue to lobby for our benefits. Looking forward to seeing you at our future events.

For God and Country, Veterans serving Veterans, Chrissy (Continued from page 1)

Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, we will be installing the 2018-2019 officers. This is open to everyone so come on out and congratulate all the new executive board members.

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Sandy Vinson ALA President Unit 593



#### **Riders Report**

The ALR State Rally is just a few days away. Thanks to everyone for helping us make this the best rally Texas will ever see. Just a reminder that the front parking lot will be closed to cars during the rally and the back lot will be used for travel trailers

and tent camping. The Hispanic Baptist Church has allowed us to use their parking lot on Saturday for overflow parking. Truck parking will be in the field across the street. The opening ceremony will take place on 22 Jun 2018, 1700 hrs (or as soon as the Legacy Ride arrives) under the pavilion, and we invite everyone from the Post to come out and meet our visitors from around the state. Let me take this opportunity to say Thank You to Post 593 ALR for making this past year a great success. See yawl at the Rally!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze! Brown



Installation of Officers is on June 30th. The ceremony will include the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders.

Social Hour 6:00 PM, Ceremony 7:00 PM





#### **SAL Corner**

Greetings,

Congratulations to the following SAL members who have won their office:

Commander George Alva
First Vice Commander Henry Creech
Second Vice Commander Joe Falco
Adjutant Bill Cox
Finance Officer David Paris
Judge Advocate Danny Muth
Chaplin Tim Vinson
Historian Ken Eckerd
Sergeant at Arms Tim Alva
Member at Large Dennis Ducharme
Member at Large vacant

During our General membership meeting in May we discussed having a casino night in September. Stay tuned for more information. We also discussed chicken fried steak night. Last month we once again sold out of 80 chicken fried steaks within 35 minutes.

We had to turn away people who wanted to buy one.

Some of those who did get one had to wait over an hour. We're going to order more meat, we'll now be setting up three pots to fry the chicken fried steak (instead of two) and we'll start cooking a little earlier so when we start at six we will have some already prepared and ready to serve. We're aware of these problems and are actively taking steps to resolve them. Thank you for your patience and continued support. We promise to make every effort to serve you the best CFS in San Antonio in a timely manner.

Also during the GMM we voted to donate \$150 to the UC veterans Park towards placing a brick with the SAL's identification on it.

This will be my last article as Commander of Squadron 593. It's been a fun and interesting two years. Thank you for all of your support, hard work and encouragement. I'm very honored to have been your commander and wish the new executive committee all the best.

For God and Country, Dennis Ducharme Squadron 593 Commander

#### Service Officer



**Emergency Care of Service Connected Conditions** 

In some situations, VA can pay for emergency care for a Veteran's service connected (SC) condition. VA is authorized to pay emergency care claims for a:

VA-adjudicated, SC condition

Non-service connected (NSC) disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service connected condition

Condition of a Veteran who is considered permanently and totally (P&T) disabled from a service connected disability

Condition of a Veteran participating in a Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation program

After emergency care has been provided, the Veteran, his or her family members, friends or medical facility staff should notify the nearest VA medical facility immediately (preferably within 72 hours). VA staff will be able to assist to ensure Veterans receive immediate medical attention without interruption. After the emergency condition has been treated and the Veteran is stable, a Veteran can be transferred to VA if the care and treatment is available.

Although highly recommended, contacting VA is not required for VA to adjudicate and pay emergency care claims. Claims should be submitted to VA as soon as possible after emergency care has been provided. This ensures that all information is readily available and payments are made in a timely fashion (in most cases, providers of emergency care file the claim directly with VA and Veterans will not have to take further action). Emergency care claims for SC conditions must be filed with VA within two years of the date treatment was received.

Note: Legal authorities and payment methods for VA payment for emergency care for SC conditions are contained in Title 38 U.S.C. §1728, 38 CFR §17.120 and 38 CFR §17.132.

**Emergency Care of Non-Service Connected Conditions** 

Beginning January 9, 2018, in accordance with an amended regulation, VA will begin processing claims for reimbursement for reasonable costs that were only partially paid by the Veteran's other health insurance (OHI). Those costs may include hospital charges, professional fees and emergency transportation such as ambulances.

The amended regulation, published in a Federal Register notice, establishes the methodology VA will use to process and pay these claims. VA will apply the updated regulations to claims pending with the VA on or after April 8, 2016, and to new claims.

Claims for emergency treatment, or travel, related to a non-service connected condition provided on or after January 9, 2018, must be submitted within 90 days of the latest: date of discharge; the date of death (if death occurred during treatment or transportation); or the date that all efforts to obtain payment or reimbursement from a third party have been exhausted. The results do not fully eliminate the Veteran's liability for the emergency treatment or transportation.

VA payment is the lesser of the amount for which the Veteran is personally liable or 70 percent of the applicable Medicare fee schedule amount, excluding copayment, cost share or deductible associated with the Veteran's OHI. By law, VA cannot reimburse remaining costs such as copayments, cost shares or deductibles associated with a Veteran's OHI. An example is when a claim is made against a Veteran's OHI as a primary payer. If the OHI payment does not eliminate the Veteran's liability to the provider, a claim may be submitted to VA for potential payment.

VA may only act as a secondary payer to any other health insurance (OHI) or other liable third party after that entity has adjudicated and paid (or denied) the claim. If a claim has not first been submitted to OHI or other liable third party, VA cannot adjudicate or pay the claim.

Claims should be submitted to VA as soon as possible after emergency care has been provided and subsequently after any OHI or other liable third party has adjudicated and paid (or denied) the claim.

Sebastian Rodriguez Service Officer



# June 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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03	04	98	06 General	0.2	08 Chicken Fried Steak Night, \$8	09 Monthly
	Shuffleboard League	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm	Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm	Pool & Dart League 7 pm	6-7:30pm Karaoke 7:30	Breakfast, \$6.00 8—11am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Shuffleboard
Jam Session 12—5pm Grill 1—3:30	Shuffleboard League	ALR General Mbrship Mtg 7:00pm		Tri-City Flyers Pool & Dart League 7 pm		Tourney 3:30 Dart Tourney 7:30pm
17	18	19	20	21	22 ALR State Rally	23 ALR State Rally
	Shuffleboard League	SAL Meeting 7:00pm	Post Exec Mtg 7:00pm	Pool & Dart League 7 pm	12:00 PM	All Day
24	24	26	27	28	29 Steak Night, \$13	30 Installation of
ALR State Rally 8:00 AM				Pool &	6-8PM Karaoke 8PM	Officers 6:00 PM
	Shuffleboard League			Dart League 7 pm		

## Chicken Fried Steak Dinner



We will be hosting VA Patients from Audie Murphy VA Hospital. Please be sure to stop in the hall to visit with them.

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Eat in or take out

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM Date: June 8, 2018

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

Karaoke and music to follow for your singing and dancing pleasure.
All for the bargain price of \$8.00 per plate.

## 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

\$6.00 per plate

Date: June 9, 2018

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Sorry, no To-Go orders

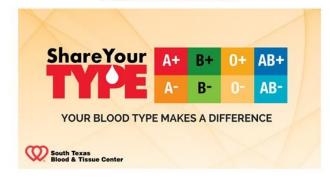
## Blood Drive



The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center mobile donation crew will be at the Legion during the June Breakfast, Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Please come out for a great breakfast, and then give the gift of life right after.

Your donations matter!



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Phone 210-658-1111 For more information



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.

June 10, 2018 2:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1-3:30PM

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# Monthly Tournament Night Shuffleboard and Darts

Saturday, June 16, 2018



Shuffleboard Tournament signups are at 3:30PM, matches begin at 4:00PM.

\$5 buy-in, 1st and 2nd place payouts immediately and earn monthly points towards the quarterly prize payout.

Dart Tournament signups are at 7:00PM, matches begin at 7:30PM.

\$5 buy-in, 1st and 2nd place payout nightly.



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Grill opens at 4:30PM





Register early so we will have a good head count for Friday and Saturday's meals. Along with you registration, you will receive a T-shirt, patch, swag bag and Saturday's evening meal.

The post will open at noon on the 22nd to welcome the Texas Legacy Run riders. The Meet & Greet will be Friday night, along with a DJ.

Saturday morning will bring your choice of rides, a 50/50, games, silent auction, food and music. The "official" meeting will begin at 7 p.m., following the live auction. Afterwards, there will be music, the ALR Karaoke contest, and ALR camaraderie.

Sunday morning pastries and coffee will be provided before a Blessing of the bikes.

There will be on-site self-contained RV and tent camping available.

Local Hotels are: Super 8 Motel 210-659-5851 La Quinta Inn 210-657-5500 Best Western Plus 210-661-8669

You can register online by going to <u>post593.org</u> and clicking on the link. Or you can follow the tab to print the registration form and send in by snail mail.....

IF REGISTERING ON-LINE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE COMPLETE ONLINE FORM BEFORE YOU HIT SUBMIT - SUBMIT WILL TAKE YOU TO PAYPAL https://form.jotform.com/80215228692153

# Steak Night



Date: June 29, 2018 Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Eat in or take out

13 oz Ribeye, cooked to order, Baked Potato, choice of Vegetable, Salad, and Dinner rolls.

Karaoke and Music to follow for your singing and dancing pleasure.

All for the incredibly low price of \$13.00 per plate.

Come on out for a great meal, music, and fellowship.

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