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*Commander's Corner*

March—time for spring and revitalizing activities. This month, besides our normal food activities, we will be having a Fish Fry Fundraiser for Boys State. It will be held Saturday, March 24, from 2-7 p.m. (just before the monthly dart tournament begins). If you know of an outstanding junior in high school, get their name to Paul Crafton for Boys State or Michelle Smith-Drake for Girls State ASAP.

We only had one non-Executive Board Member at the February General Membership Meeting. We had five at the March meeting. So, everything the board does must be right and no one has suggestions or complaints. Folks, without your input, we may be missing the boat completely and not even know it. If you just can't make a meeting, chat with one of the members-at-large so your concerns

*Auxiliary News*

Well hello ladies. Hope you all have been well. We have had a great few months. The month of February was crazy with all the happenings and the strange too warm/too cold weather.

Must say Thank You to the SAL for a great Chicken Fried Steak, Breakfast and Steak Night. What an awesome job they do. A BIG thanks to them and all the folks that were able to make it to Chicken Fried Steak where once again we hosted several patients from the VA hospital. They really enjoy the visit and food and best of all...WE get to enjoy THEIR company.

The Four Chaplains Ceremony was held on the 12th and once again, Dennis did a great job. A big thanks to Dennis, John, Joe, Terry, Shannon, Denise, Irma and Sandy. I have been very honored to have been able to be a part of that ceremony for the last 4 years.

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and thoughts can be presented. On a side note, don't forget the Post Nomination Book will be available on Sunday, April 1st for the remainder of the month. Please give some thought on those you'd like to see on the leadership team. Also, please discuss this with your nominee before you jot their name down—let's not shock folks.

Want to get involved? New committees are looking at the restrooms, the kitchen, marketing our facilities, the hall's exterior wall, and not a new one—membership. If you would like to help on any of the committees, we'd love to have you. Just contact the chairperson (listing on the front bulletin board) or an exec member.

Until next month, see you at the Post! For God and Country — David Paris, Post Commander

### *Rider's Report—Danny "Big Peter" Muth*

I hope March finds everyone in good health and spirits. The warmer weather should bring some wonderful riding opportunities. Saturday, March 17th we will host our 8th Annual Rolling Run. This is our cornerstone fund raising event that allows us to support so many of our worthwhile causes. We will have vendors, a ride, BBQ plates, silent & live auctions, and another overall wonderful event. Please see Candy if you would like to assist this year.

For the past two months we have sponsored guests from the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital during Chicken Fried Steak Night. The SAL has been a wonderful partner in this worthwhile endeavor. The smile on the faces of our guests and hosts should warm everyone's hearts. We are looking to expand this monthly event to everyone in our Legion Family. We are pleased to gain the assistance of the Legionnaires and the Auxiliary in hosting those who have given so much. Come on out April 13th and visit with our guests as they enjoy our camaraderie, food, and little time away from their facility. We are accepting donations from anyone who would like to sponsor a guest. It is a wonderful way to spend an evening, giving your time visiting our Veterans, and enjoying our fine Post Home with a meal provided by our SAL.

The warmer weather will provide us with many opportunities to ride, support our causes and enjoy our Post Home and fabulous group of Riders. Some key upcoming events to put on your calendars are the Ride 2 Recovery on April 16th and 17th, as we escort the Wounded Warriors riding their bicycles from San Antonio to Austin. The State Rally will be in Abilene this year from May 18th through the 20th.

The American Legion Riders has suspended use of the Riders Forum due to lack of use and financial restraints. You can find out all of the most up-to-date information on our Facebook page, American Legion Riders Post 593.

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We had our group (DIVAS AGAINST MS) participate in the MS walk March 3rd. Our name is now DIVAS and a DUDE—thanks for walking Jack! Donations will be accepted through March—just see a bartender! Also, March is the Auxiliary's turn to host Breakfast and Steak Night so please remember if you have some time, we would love the help and support. We have so much fun (even though it's work).

The Riders are having their Annual Rolling Run on the 17th which is also St. Patrick's Day so come on out and see what the happenings are. Remember, you don't have to BE a rider to participate (and don't forget to wear green!) That same weekend the 20th District will be here at 8 a.m. to kick off the Membership tour.

Here's hoping your March is wonder and Spring will spring up soon. Thank you all for your participation. Take care and may the Lord watch over each and every one of you.

Pati Bennett—Unit President

### *Communications Corner*

We have heard you! You want the Newsletter back. Guess what? We want you to have a newsletter—and that's why this edition looks somewhat different. It's an interim fix. The editor's computer took a serious crash in late Nov. He has struggled to get files back and systems working, and has had some success. Unfortunately, while he was working on the March edition of the newsletter, he discovered where the virus was attached—to one of the pages of the November edition of our paper. And yes, it attacked again!

While he sorts that out, we're using this issue to get info out to the members. Other ways to obtain news is by stopping at the Post and checking the white board near the kitchen. We also have our own Facebook page. If you haven't "friended" the page, just search for "Post 593 TX" and you'll find it. The ALR also has a Facebook page "American Legion Riders Post 593". Lastly, our webmaster (Dennis Ducharme) gets stuff posted for us when he receives it. Our website address is [www.post593.org](http://www.post593.org) and was recently revamped into a fresh new design. Thank you Dennis!

Want to get fit? Want a work-out? **ZUMBA** with Candy! Every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the hall (or outside on the Pavilion) for the low price of \$5.00 (or as the commercial says, "Just five bucks!") Guaranteed to get your blood flowing and a great way to get some pounds off!



## American Legion Post 593 Easter Egg Hunt

- Date: March 31, 2012
- Place: Legion Hall
- Games & activities for Ages 1-11yrs
- Special Guest: The Easter Bunny!
- Place: Legion Hall
- Sign up sheet in canteen
- Hotdogs and refreshments
- POC: Felisa Ramirez



## American Legion Riders Chapter 593 Eighth Annual Rolling Run



**COSTS:**  
\$15.00 for Riders / \$5.00 Passenger  
Patch Included  
BIKES OUT @ 11:00 - 11:30 AM  
BIKES IN @ 3:00 PM

MUSIC DOOR PRIZES BEER BIKES  
FUN FOOD RIDE FUN  
SILENT AUCTION WIN VENDORS

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**THE RUN: (5 STOPS)**  
\$100 Cash Prize at each Stop  
Prizes will be awarded during  
Live Auction

*ROLL OUT* and help us continue our support of various  
Active Duty and Veteran programs, to include, the Ride 2 Recovery,  
The Warrior and Family Support Center and The Legacy Scholarship Fund.

**KICKSTART** with purchase of  
Breakfast Tacos, Coffee, and Bloody  
Mary's

**TOP OFF** with Lunch - BBQ Plates  
Available (Two Brothers BBQ)



**WHEN:** 17 MARCH 2012

**WHERE:** American Legion Post  
326 W. Legion Drive  
Converse, Texas 78109

### Ride in Bike Show

Judging @ 3:30 PM  
1st and 2nd Place Trophy's  
Awarded in each Class!  
\*Special Trophy for Best in Show\*  
**LIVE AUCTION @ 4:00PM**  
w/ 50/50 Drawing