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Commander's Corner



Greetings Legionnaires.
The Valentine's Day party was a great success. Our hats are off to Rick and Candi White plus a host of others for making this a special event.

Post 592 will be holding their chili cookoff at our post on March 23rd and 24th. We will be needing some chili judges so please come out and enjoy yourself and help them out.

Work is progressing on installing 2 new exhaust fans in the ceiling. Hopefully this will help with our smoke problems in the canteen. This project should be finished in the next two weeks. Thanks to Henry Creech, Denny Taylor, and Joe Falco for their work on this.

For God and Country

John Orff, Post Commander

Auxiliary News



Where did February go????

First, I want to thank everyone that was involved with The Valentine's Day Dinner – this was a huge success! Also, thank you to Jim Evans for getting everything ready for the Super Bowl party!

Please check your membership card and make sure your year is correct. It will say "Member Since:" – if this year is incorrect please let me know and we will get it corrected with Department. Your membership card does NOT have how many years just the year you joined.

Please give me any volunteer hours you have done in the last year! Please write it up in a narrative form and either email it to me or give it to me at the next meeting!

We have some great events coming up so please mark your calendar and come on out and support YOUR Post:

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Rider's Report

Riders, while I travel to and from work each day I think of all of the great things that you all do for the American Legion Riders. Everyone understands our motto "Do what you can when you can". I have asked for support on short notice requests, although I cannot make it most of the time someone will take the lead and represent the Riders. From the bottom of my heart I want to say Thank You. Congratulations to Danny Muth and Michelle Smith-Drake's engagement, may you be blessed.

It looks as if Candy Zavala has the Riders annual Rolling Run under control. We have had an outstanding show of support from the other military based motorcycle groups who will be representing during this event. This event is one of the largest events for the riders, which brings in donations for the riders to continue to support our charities. Please come on out and join in on the fun. Please contact Candy Zavala if you have any items for the silent/live auction. Also, if you would like to volunteer for any task that she may need assistance please do so.

We are in need of volunteers to cook, prep, and assist in the kitchen for Rider's Grill for the month of March. This continues to be our money maker throughout the year. If you cannot cook a meal, I ask that you volunteer by doing something else within the kitchen.

Safety Tip: Riders continue to conduct your pre-ride inspections prior to hitting the road.

Upcoming Events:

March 16 – ALR Annual Rolling Run

Do what you can, when you can!!!!!!!

Brad Martin
Director, Post 593 Riders

Folks, please thank Office Max next time you stop in on FM78. They help keep our printing costs down as much as they can!

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.

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

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- March 9th – Auxiliary has Breakfast
- March 23rd – Zumbathon – \$10 a person and monies raised goes to Breast Cancer Awareness – look for more information coming out soon!
- March 29th – Auxiliary has Steak Night
- April 20th – Lasagna and Spaghetti Dinner – monies raised go to Girls State

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Smith

SAL CORNER



Greetings Legion Family

What a wonderful post we have. The love and fellowship that transpires here is second to none.

We lost one of our own SAL members last month, Danny Cude. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

With all of our busy lives we should stop and give thanks for those who we treasure, and let them know.

My peace and love to everyone
Henry Creech
S.A.L. Detachment Commander

VA SWITCHING TO ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

If you are receiving your Federal payments from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) by paper check, you will need to switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013. You can receive your benefits electronically in one of two ways:(1) by direct deposit or (2) by prepaid debit card where the U.S. Treasury deposits your benefits directly to a debit card. This is an option if you do not have a bank account and do not want to open one. You can request a debit card by calling (800) 333-1795 (Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm ET). If you have questions, call the Go Direct Helpline at (800) 333-1795

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 alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

Boy's State

The American Legion has many programs that are designed to link our great organization with the Community as well as help the youth of America grow into stronger citizens. These include American Legion Baseball, Boy Scouts of America, the Junior Shooting Program, and Boy's State to name a few. Each individual Post is encouraged to support as many programs as possible given their level of membership. Post 593 has supported two of these programs for many years: Scouting and Boy's State.

Boy's State is a program that originated in 1935 when two Legionnaires from the Department of Illinois, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card came up with the idea. They wanted to counter the fascist-inspired Youth Pioneer Camps that were becoming prevalent. Their idea quickly grew to the level it is today as well as the formation of Boy's Nation. The American Legion Auxiliary also sponsors a similar program, Girl's State.

Each summer boys that have just completed their Junior year in high school are selected to attend Boy's State in all 50 States. They then come together for one week for an educational program of government instruction at the Local, County, and State levels. Our boys attend this event on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. Once there, they will form a mock government structure with two political parties. They will elect officials ranging from City Mayor to County Commissioner to Governor and all the positions that support these roles. They will have the opportunity to author Bills and attempt to get them passed through the Congress they elected. In 1979, I attended Boy's State in the State of Montana. I still remember voting on a bill to banish taxes on Milk. Although it may seem very mundane to us now, the lobbying and voting on the legislative floor was very real at the time.

Boy's State builds character by teaching the Rights, Privileges, Duties, and Responsibilities of Citizenship. It teaches Leadership as well as Government Structure and Procedures. Many notable people have attended Boy's State throughout the United States to include Neil Armstrong and Michael Jordan.

I am happy to announce that Post 593 will be sponsoring 6 boys this summer. We are taking applications from Judson and Wagner High Schools as well as TMI. I expect the interview process to be a tough decision just to select only 6. I am excited to be a part of a program that is helping our youth grow into valuable leaders and citizens. They are the future of our Great Nation. I hope that all of you feel the same way. Step up if you are asked to help with fundraisers for either Boy's or Girl's State.

If you have questions about any of the many programs supported by The American Legion, check out these websites: www.legion.org or www.txlegion.org. (Submitted by Jack Leanhart)

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 593 9TH ANNUAL ROLLING RUN

benefiting:
The Legacy Scholarship Fund
The Warrior & Family Support Center
Audie Murphy VA Extended Care



ROLL OUT & HELP US CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT OF
ACTIVE DUTY & VETERAN PROGRAMS

MARCH 16, 2013*

American Legion Post • 326 W. Legion Drive • Converse, TX 78109
\$15 FOR RIDERS • \$5 FOR PASSENGERS (PATCH INCLUDED)

FIRST BIKE OUT AT 10:30am • LAST AT 11:30am

KICKSTART YOUR DAY!

Breakfast Tacos @ 9am • Registration starts @ 9:30am







THE RUN

5 Stops with \$100 cash prize at each stop
awarded during the Live Auction!

RIDE IN!

Bike Show Judging starts @ 3:30pm
First & Second Trophys awarded in each class + Best in Show
LIVE AUCTION with 50/50 drawing starts @ 4pm

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
3 Jam Session 2 pm Grill open from 2 pm to 4 pm	4 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	5 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Michelle ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30 pm	6 GMM Mtg. -- 7:30pm Meal served 5:30 to 7:00	7 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	8 CFS 6-8 pm \$8 VA Visit 6 pm Open to the Public Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	9 Breakfast All You Can Eat \$6.00 Open to the Public	
10	11 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	12 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Ron Pompa ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30pm	13	14 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	15 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15 pm)	16 Monthly Dart Tournament \$5 (Draw your numbers @ 7:15) 9 th Annual Rolling Run 9 am breakfast tacos	
17 St. Patty's Day  Ferrett GMM - 2 pm	18 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	19 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Coastie	20 Exec Mtg. - 7 pm	21 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	22 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15 pm)	23 Post 592 Carl Chill Cook Off at Post 593 Zumbathon Midnight Rodeo 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm \$10 pp	
24 Post 592 Carl Chill Cook Off at Post 593	25 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	26 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Cooking is Stephanie Book SAL Mtg. 7:30 pm	27	28 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	29 steak night 8 - 8 pm \$13 Open to the Public Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15 pm)	30 Kid's Easter Party 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	
31 	ZUMBA Every Tuesday At 6:15 pm - \$3			ALR Bike Night EVERY Tuesday! Beer, Food & Friends!!			

****Auxiliary has breakfast and steak night****

UP COMING EVENTS:

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

**Lasagna/Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, April 20th
ALR State Rally - May 10th, 11th and 12th @ Harter Heights

JOHN ORFF IS COOKING FOR GMM IN APRIL - FYI!!