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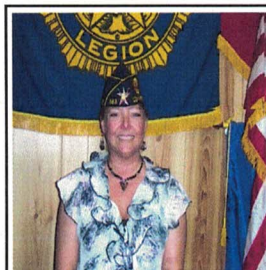
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*Commander's Corner*



Well the Rodeo has come and gone so that's our sign that Spring is around the corner! March is going to be so busy, there is not enough room in this newsletter to tell you all the things that are happening and all the help we need!

Please take a few minutes to look over the calendar and see what all is going on and how you can help.

San Antonio will be hosting the 99th Department of Texas Convention in July, this is a great honor for our city and an opportunity for our Post to shine, come out and see what you can do to help make this a successful event.

Also during the convention we will be dedicating an American Legion monument and a time capsule near the Courthouse downtown. For this to happen we need companies to assist in the funding. If you own, work for or know a company that would like to assist in sponsoring this task please let me know.

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*Auxiliary News*



Spring is in finally in the air....

Just a friendly reminder to please remember to pay your 2018 Auxiliary dues. We still have time to make 100% and we need your help in achieving our goals!

If you know anyone who is eligible and would like to join please get them signed up.

Can you believe Elections are right around the corner? We will be forming the nominating committee at the April meeting and will be taking nominations from the floor and voting in June.

If you are interested in any position, please see myself or any one of the ladies on the Executive Board or nominating committee. Mark your calendars; installation of Officers will be in June.

The Kid's Easter Party will be held at the end of this month along with several other fun events; please watch for the flyer with the dates and all of the information.

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Sandy Vinson  
ALA President Unit 593

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And lastly, your mission for the month is to ask one person a week if they are a Veteran and if so, do they belong to the American Legion. If not, then recruit them!

How great would it be to finish this year off and go into our 100 year anniversary at 100%. Keep in mind, our membership is what gives us voice to continue our fight for our Veterans Benefits. We can't always be heard individually, but when we come in mass force with a million members nation wide, they tend to listen!!

Please look over Page 3 of this month's newsletter and see if you can help out. Every little bit helps!

For God and Country,

Veterans serving Veterans,

Chrissy

### SAL Corner



Folks,

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our chicken fried steak dinner in February. We served 77 dinners. It's always nice to see folks out and especially nice to

serve our VA guests.

I need to mention membership once again. We are very close to 100%. I know it's mentioned every month, but folks, we need your help. If you are eligible to join or renew, please consider doing so as soon as you can. A SAL membership is only \$15 a year.

Lastly, we're holding a Casino Night on March 3rd. Social hour is from 7 to 8pm, games will be from 8 to 11, and prizes will be drawn at 11pm. Every \$500 of Casino money will earn one ticket for the drawing of the 1st, 2nd or 3rd place prize. Tickets are only \$25 each. We're not doing this as a fund raiser, but rather just to have fun and to raise community awareness of our Post. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme  
Squadron 593 Commander

### Riders Report



The Rolling Run is our biggest fund raiser of the year, so we will need everyone's help on Mar 17th.

The route is set and the stops are ready for us. This year the ride will be an actual "Poker Run", so each rider must collect an item at each stop.

The first bike out is at 10:30 am, but we need to be at the Post by 8 am for set up and registration. If you have items for the Silent or Live Auctions, please let Bill or Tammy Cox know. Thanks to Calvin and Ellen Peterson for providing breakfast tacos at the Rolling Run. State Rally registration is open and plans are underway to make this the best rally yet.

The next meet and greet is scheduled for Mar 31 at Post 533 in Bastrop. Our Rockport trip is set for Apr 27-29, so keep an eye on our FB page for details.

Looks like old man winter has loosened his grip on our area, so let's hit the road!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze!

Brown

### Service Officer



Depression and the VA

Depression is known to be one of the most common disabilities veterans are facing today. It is more than just a feeling of sadness. It can alter a person's mood, cause disturbances in concentration, sleep, activity level, interests, appetite and social behavior.

Depression is a disability that can be treated; however, it is more often a life-long condition making it hard for veterans to live daily life.

Veterans suffering from depression may be eligible for service-connected disability benefits. The VA lists depression under the category of "Mood Disorders". There are two types of depression that the VA recognizes under this category: major depressive disorder and dysthymic disorder.

It is important for a veteran looking to obtain VA compensation for depression to know the eligibility requirements. The veteran would first need to show that their depression is connected to their time in service. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

A current diagnosis of depression

Evidence of an incident in service that caused depression

Medical evidence of a link or nexus between the current diagnosis of depression and the incident in service.

Sebastian Rodriguez

Service Officer

## Upcoming Events—We Need You!

Here's some information on a variety of events that are coming up at the post, district & department level. We have a very busy next 5 months and we need help in various ways: from financial aid to working events.

We are one of the largest Veterans service organizations in the world, and we serve hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families, and the only way to continue our mission is to spread the word and increase membership. If you are eligible please pay your \$36 a year, if you are not but are willing to support with any amount - you can help us make it happen. Every little bit helps!! ***Here are the areas we can use the help:***

### **Converse Post 593:**

3/3—Our SAL is having sponsoring a Casino Night. We still need of cash donations, ticket sales and/or prizes. If you give a \$100 donation or more, we will advertise for you for 90 days on the video board.

3/17—This is our Annual Rolling Run (14th anniversary of our Converse Riders) - We are still looking for a few more Vendors to set up outside, we can always use additional auction items/ raffles.

All money raised will support multiple programs from Boys State, Children and Youth, Scholarships, Operation Comfort Warrior, Audie Murphy VA, just to name a few.

### **District Level:**

3/24 - District Skeet shoot, this is done every other month to raise money for the Youth Shooting teams. We have money donated for targets, some food and probably the port-a-pot (if we can get a reasonable price). This will be held at Denny and Hanna's property in Floresville. Get a team, or sponsor a team, or just donate to the Youth Shooting Program.

***HUGE EVENT:*** The 20th district is fortunate enough to have worked with Bexar County and the city of San Antonio to secure an area located by the downtown Court House to put an American Legion Memorial (and a 50 year time capsule). We are seeking donations from members and various companies to ensure we can complete this project. We are looking at dedication during the Department Convention in January. Please ask the companies you work for to support this great effort! Contact Al Alford for details.

4/14-15—District Convention Held at Post 2 - This is a great way for you to get training and meet fellow Legionnaires in your district. Cost is \$25, we normally have coffee and donuts on Saturday morning, lunch is offered (for a small fee) during the break, training in the afternoon and then a great service and finish of the meeting on Sunday morning.

### **Department Level:**

6/22-6/24—American Legion Rider State Rally hosted by Post 593. Riders from all over the State of Texas are coming to Converse to have a wonderful weekend of fellowship, riding, and fun. We will need volunteers over the next couple months to help with minor maintenance and Spring cleanup. We need to ensure we have our grounds in tip top order. (There is a Legacy Run out of Crosby prior to the rally, if you are interested contact Legion Riders Executive member)

7/12-7/15—San Antonio is hosting the 99th Annual Department Convention in San Antonio July 12-15th. This is going to be a very large convention as it is the Kick Off to the 100 Year anniversary. We are looking for a great showing from the 20th District. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with events, registration, Sgt at Arms duties, and assistance with various other events going on throughout the weekend. There is a lot of training that you can attend along with hospitality rooms and other things.

On a side note: We are still raising money for Lloyd Buckmaster's campaign. We will have a few more items to raffle, and planning on a dinner in the near future. This is our candidate from 20th District for Department Commander - Let our voices be heard! All donations are appreciated!

If you can assist by donating cash, a product, a service or your time, please contact me via email. Donations may be tax deductible and 100% of funds raised are used towards the specific program or event.





Thank you in advance for what you do to support our military, veterans and their families.

Christine Reed  
Commander Post 593



# March 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Dart League 7 pm		SAL Casino Night \$25 7—11pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Shuffleboard League 7	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30	Post General Membership Meeting 7:30PM	Dart League 7 pm Pool League	Chicken Fried Steak Night \$8, 6-7:30pm	Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am \$6.00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Jam Session 2pm- 5pm Grill 1pm - 3:30pm	Shuffleboard League 7	ALR General Membership Meeting 7PM		Dart League 7 pm Pool League		Rolling Run 9:30AM (see Flyer) Shuffleboard Tourney 4PM Grill 4:30PM Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Shuffleboard League 7	SAL General Membership Meeting 7PM	Post Exec Mtg, 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Pool League		District Skeet Shoot
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Kid's Easter Party Sign up at Post	Shuffleboard League 7			Dart League Pool League	Steak Nite, 6-8 pm Karaoke 7:30pm	



*Come enjoy a fun night of games!*

# Casino Night



## **\$25 Donation Includes:**

- Gambling Money
- Finger Foods

## **Casino Games Include:**

- Blackjack Tables
- Texas Hold 'Em Tables
- Craps

## **Schedule of Events:**

- 7:00: Social Hour
- 8:00 to 11:00pm: Tables Open
- 11:00: Prize Drawings, 50/50 and Raffle Winners Drawn

## **Get your tickets from:**

Dennis Ducharme, Chris Reed or Dave Paris

**Saturday, March 3rd, 2018**

**7:00 – 11:00 p.m.**



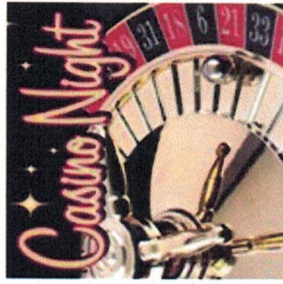
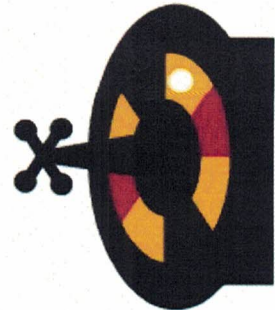
## **Events All Evening Long:**

- Raffle for Great Prizes!
- 50/50 Drawing
- Live DJ
- Fun All Night Long!

## **Everyone has a chance to win!**

At the end of the night, every \$500 in play money earns a ticket. You put your ticket in for a drawing for the item you want to win.

**Check us out on Facebook!**



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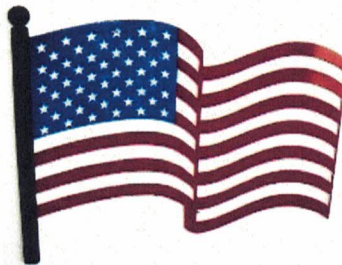
**March 9th, 2018**

**MONTHLY Chicken Fried Steak Night**



**Serving from 6pm – 7:30pm (or we run out)**

**\$8.00 -INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: Hand Breaded Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn or Green beans, roll and dessert.**



**We always have our residents from Audie Murphy Hospital, that are cleared to travel and capable for dinner. There is a nurse present and we enjoy treating them to dinner. Please stop by and say hello!**



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**March 10, 2018**



**MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM JANUARY – OCTOBER.**

**SERVING FROM 8AM-11AM (OR WE RUN OUT)**

**\$6.00 ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**(NO CARRY OUT ORDERS PLEASE)**



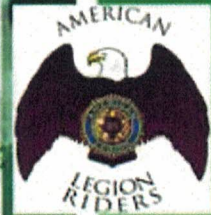
**INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: EGGS TO ORDER,**  
**PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, HASH BROWNS, SAUSAGE,**  
**BACON, BISCUITS, GRAVY, COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE.**  
**OCCASSIONALLY FRUIT AND PASTRIES ARE AVAILABLE.**



**Join the**  
**American Legion Riders**

**Chapter 593**

326 W. Legion Dr., Converse, Tx



**14th Annual**

**ROLLING RUN**

**MARCH 17, 2018**

**Registration @ 9:30**

**First Bike Out 10:30**

**Last Bike Out 12:00**

**\$20 for the Rider \$5 for Passenger**

**Five \$100 prizes to be Awarded**

**Breakfast Tacos Ride-In Bike Show**

**Lunch Live/Silent Auction 50/50**

**Proceeds to Benefit Veteran & Legion Programs**



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## Monthly Shuffleboard and Dart Tournament

**March 17th**



SHUFFLEBOARD SIGN UP STARTS AT 3:30

PLAY STARTS AT 4PM - \$5 blind draw

Everyone is awarded points for playing, top two teams paid monthly, top player for three months gets prize (all levels can play any month) 50/50 Drawing every month!



DARTS SIGN UP STARTS AT 7PM

PLAY STARTS AT 7:30PM

\$5 Blind Draw – additional money added

Normally will play additional games (cricket)

All skill levels welcome

Additional chances at \$\$\$

Kitchen normally open from 5-7pm

If not snacks are provided

6 TV's, internet Juke Box, great drink prices and lots of fun.

Come out and try to win some money while giving your support to your Veterans.



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**March 30, 2018**



**MONTHLY Steak Night and Karaoke**

**Last Friday of the month from January - October.**

**Serving from 6pm – 8pm (or we run out) Singing starts around 7:30pm**

**\$13.00 -INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: 12-14 oz Ribeye,  
Baked Potato (with all the fixings), Vegetable (corn or green beans)  
salad and roll**

