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Commander's Corner

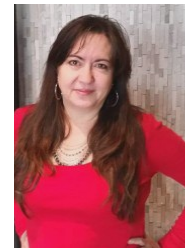


May is a very sacred time of year for our Veterans, this is the month that we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. It is a time of remembrance for us but also an opportunity to teach our youth the importance of Memorial day and what our world would be like if our brave men and women wouldn't have fought for the liberties we now enjoy. There are many options for you to come and join us in remembering our fallen heroes. There is a separate article on Page two with details.

Also I would like to take a moment and thank all of you that have been so active in helping us around the post. We have been doing yard and tree line trimming and clean up, office remodeling and a few other touch-ups while still running all the meals on a regular basis, so if it weren't for you all here to help, we couldn't have this success. I would like to extend a special invitation to those of you

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Auxiliary News



April Showers bring
May Flowers!!

In our case though they will be Poppy flowers and you will see them everywhere at our Post! Please come out and visit during the month of May to support our Poppy fundraising for our Veteran's programs. Only \$1 gets you a chance to win some great prizes at our annual Memorial Day party at the Post and you don't even have to be present to win. Let's cover all the available wall space at the Legion in Poppy donation prize entries. We will also have Dimes for Poppies collection containers sitting out and about to donate that extra change in your pocket to as well.

Again, another friendly reminder that if you have not paid your 2018 dues yet there is still time so please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$25.00 and can be mailed to our Post or dropped off in the canteen. We can still get to our 100% goal this year with your support.

It is almost ELECTION time!! We have put an election book behind the bar so feel free to glance at it and see what position fits you the best or

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that haven't made it out for any of our dinners, please come and try them out, great meals and great prices.

Please remember your post elections are coming up and just like everything else, it only works with your support. The book for nominations is closed but you can still nominate from the floor at the May meeting.

If there is anyone interested in assisting with the Department of Texas American Legion Convention being held in San Antonio July 11-15th, please contact me at

no1clreed@gmail.com and I will direct you to the appropriate person.

And finally, we are looking for kids 17 and under to join our youth shooting program. This is an opportunity for our youth to learn about gun safety, the reason for guns, the proper way to shoot and the joys and pains of competition. We currently are working with Post 300 to put it together. We have the air rifles, targets and other items, we just need kids! See if your kids or grand kids would be interested.

Thank you for your service and your membership.

For God and Country,
Veterans serving Veterans,
Chrissy



SAL Corner

Greetings,

We had Karaoke last month for Chicken Fried Steak night. Everyone had a great time. We're planning on having Karaoke for the next 3 months to see how it goes. For a great night,

come out and have a delicious, fresh, hand-breaded chicken fried steak for dinner, visit with our VA patients and stick around to enjoy some talented singers. Who knows, you might even try singing yourself.

We're holding elections this month for our slate of officers for the next year. If you've ever thought about getting involved in your squadron we'd love to see you come out and run for an office. It's wonderful to see new folks get involved and bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We need you!

Our general membership meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. This month it falls on Tuesday, May 15th. Nominations for new officers will be from the floor and you must be there to accept or submit a letter accepting your nomination beforehand.

The installation ceremony to install the new officers is scheduled for June 30th.

For God and Country,
Dennis Ducharme
Squadron 593 Commander

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check to see if you have already been nominated.

Keep in mind that it is ONLY one meeting a month. Holding a position on the Auxiliary board is a great experience and you learn so much. If you have any questions about any position, please see myself or any member of the board and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Installation this year will be held on June 30th so mark your calendars for that, as well as all the great events you will find on this month's calendar attached.

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593



Riders Report

The ALR State Rally is right around the corner. The weather did not allow us to work on the yard last month, so we're behind in that area. Our next cleanup is scheduled for May 12, 2018, following breakfast. We are still in need of auction items for the live and silent auctions, so please keep your eyes open for donations (remember that items for the auctions should be in line with the Rally). If you have a question about the auction, please ask Michelle Muth. Our meetings will focus on the Rally and we will need max participation from our Membership. Elections will be held at the June General Membership Meeting and we will take nominations from the floor during the May General Membership meeting.

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze!
Brown

On May 26th we will be hosting Roll Call at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery starting at 8 am. This is where a group of legionnaires from around the San Antonio area come together and read the names of all the veterans that have passed in the last year. Any family member that would like to read their loved ones name is welcome to join us (even if they passed years prior). The first year we did this it took 12 hrs a day for 4 days, as we read every single name of the veterans interred at Ft. Sam, since then we read the ones from the past year. It is a heartfelt event that I recommend you attend for a short period. On May 27th we will be hosting our Memorial Day gathering at Post 593, we will supply the meat and condiments, you bring a side dish if you would like. You can bring guests along as we thank our men and women for their service while celebrating the freedoms we have because of their sacrifice. On Monday May 28th the main ceremony will be held at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery. This will be held at the ceremonial grounds in the back of the second cemetery. It is a very big event and a lot of people are expected so please arrive early.



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



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May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm	02 General Membership Mtg, 7:30 pm	03 Pool & Dart League 7 pm	04	05
06	07	08 ALR General Mbrship Mtg 7:00pm	09	10 Tri-City Flyers Pool & Dart League 7 pm	11 Chicken Fried Steak Night, \$8 6-7:30pm Karaoke 7:30	12 Monthly Breakfast, \$6.00 8—11am
13 Jam Session 12—5pm Grill 1—3:30	14 Shuffleboard League	15 SAL Meeting 7:00pm	16 Post Exec Mtg 7:00pm	17 Dart League 7 pm	18 Shuffleboard Tourney 3:30 Dart Tourney 7:30pm	19
20	21 Shuffleboard League	22	23	24 Pool & Dart League 7 pm	25 Steak Night, \$13 6-8PM Karaoke 8PM	26 Roll Call Ft Sam Houston 8AM
27 Memorial Day Picnic, 2PM Shuffleboard 3PM	28 Ft Sam Houston Memorial 8AM Shuffleboard League	29	30	31 Dart League 7 pm		

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Date: May 11, 2018



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

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**

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: May 12, 2018

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM



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**Sorry,
no To-Go orders**



Jam Session

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 be passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

May 13, 2018
2:00-5:00PM

Grill opens at 3:30PM

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Monthly Tournament Night Shuffleboard and Darts

Saturday, May 19, 2018



Shuffleboard Tournament sign-ups 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



Steak Night



Date: May 25, 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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Date: May 27, 2018

Time: 2:00PM



Memorial Day Picnic



The Legion will provide the grilled food and buns, condiments, etc. Please bring your favorite side dish, finger foods, or sweets and baked goods.



Shuffleboard Tournament starts at 3:00PM

Come on out for fun and fellowship!



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