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**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**



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**Commander's Corner**



Happy November to all! Can you believe that the holidays are just around the corner? We will have a free Thanksgiving day dinner starting at 2pm on the 22nd. You can bring a side dish or dessert if you would like, but it is not necessary. We will have

Smoked, deep fried and baked turkey, along with Ham and all the condiments. Let us cook and clean up so you don't have to!!

We are so excited about celebrating our 100 year anniversary as the largest Veterans Service Organization, and we would like you all to join in on our 100 year excitement. We are meeting our recruiting challenges, so we are growing and it is wonderful! Remember if you haven't paid your 2019 dues yet please do so as soon as possible, we really want to meet our goal by December!!

Keep in mind we are also collecting cash or nonperishable food items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, we try to help as many families as we can! If you are in need or know someone that is, please contact the post so we can help you too!! Other things coming up are all of the Christmas parties in December, and of

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**Auxiliary News**



November...a time to give thanks for our country, those that serve it, friends, and family. Remember our Post will be offering Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

Thanksgiving dinner at the Post is open to all so spread the word. If you know of someone that may be alone this season, please invite them to join us, we would love to have them at our table.

Reminder the beautiful ladies of the Auxiliary will be hosting the Kids Christmas party on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and the Senior Christmas party will follow on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheet will be out in November. Our ladies are also gearing up for the chili cook-off, which is our biggest fund raiser! Michelle Muth (auction extraordinaire) will be accepting great donations for the auction, so please reach out to her or any of us with your donations. This event and your donations allows us to send our girls to Girls State.

Thanksgiving starts the season of giving. Let's begin by giving THANKS!

Paula Johnson  
ALA President Unit 593

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course our GREAT New Years Eve celebration!! Our SAL will be having their last Chicken Fried Steak dinner for this year on the 9th, we will be having Converse Police Department appreciation at that time, we would love to have you for dinner!! Please make plans to come by the post this month and visit, see what all we have done with our building and see what we have to offer you!

For God and Country,  
Veterans serving Veterans,  
Chrissy

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If interested, or need info, please see:

Chris Reed  
Dave Paris  
Catherine McDonald  
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## FLAG DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**When an American Flag becomes worn, faded, torn, or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. It is illegal to throw away the American Flag. The Flag Code states that it should be destroyed with "with dignity, preferably by burning."**

**The Flag Code states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it, including the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. You are not required to destroy the flag if this happens.**

**The American Legion Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is a dignified tribute to the U.S. flag and to its symbolism. This ceremony is performed normally twice a year on Flag Day (June 14) and Veterans Day (November 11). Our Post has a Flag Disposal Barrel where you may drop off your unserviceable American Flags.**



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### SAL Corner



We are unofficially into the holiday season. Temperatures are dropping, and people are starting to get busy planning costumes, turkeys, and hoping to catch that special someone under the mistletoe. It's a good time of year for most. At this festive time of year please don't forget those veterans and friends that need a handshake or a hug or just someone to talk with. Please consider volunteering to assist those who need help. Don't be afraid to step up and get involved. Even the smallest gesture can go a long way in someone's life.

There are lots of exciting things going on at your Post. Check out the calendar. The American Legion is about to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! This is history we will be part of. Come to Post 593 and meet the members. Bring someone with you that may be qualified to join the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion. If they sign up and they have a motorcycle they can also join the ALR!

Are you a member of the 593 SAL squadron? Would you like the chance to win a \$100 gift card? Let me tell you how easy this is. The SAL meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month. It starts at 7:00 pm. We want at least 20 of the 100+ members to attend and participate. Share your ideas. Get involved. Chair a project. Be part of the team. The same 20+ members that attend three consecutive meetings beginning in January will have their name placed in a drawing for the gift card. One member gets the card, but everybody wins. We need you.

The Early Bird Chicken Fried Steak Dinner and membership drive was an overwhelming success. 131 dinners were served in 90 minutes. The cooks and kitchen staff were incredible! Thank you to everyone that put so much hard work into this effort. We can't thank you enough. We will have a November Chicken Fried Steak Dinner and the Converse Police Department will be our guests of honor.

I look forward to seeing more of you at our monthly SAL meetings.

For God and Country,  
George Alva  
Squadron 593 Commander



## Riders Report

This newsletter marks the beginning of the holiday season. As a whole we are a group blessed with family, friends, health and prosperity. Some of you will travel during these holidays to be with mothers and fathers, children or grandchildren, maybe it will be your mothers and fathers, children or grandchildren that come to spend the holidays with you. Some of us will gather with friends, military buddies, riders, neighbors, or other whom we consider family. However you decide to spend the holidays remember not everyone is as fortunate as we. With Veterans Day right around the corner, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, look around, open your hearts and see what you can do to comfort those less fortunate than us. This may be as simple as calling on someone, taking someone special to lunch, helping the Post with food baskets or Blue Santa. If you want additional information on how you can help please reach out to the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Riders Executive Committee Members.

God Bless the United States of America

Brad Pierce  
Director, ALR 593



## Service Officer

### Eye conditions and the VA

Over 250,000 veterans are receiving disability compensation for eye or vision conditions; over 80,000 alone from the Gulf War. Also, 75% of veterans with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) have vision problems, often without even realizing the problems are related to their TBI or getting compensation for the vision condition as secondary to the TBI. Eye conditions range from injuries, damage from exposures and illnesses or diseases contracted while in service. There are also eye conditions that are secondary to other medical conditions that are eligible for VA disability. The VA Healthcare system also provides eligible veterans with eyeglasses or eye care if they meet certain requirements. In this blog, we will explore some of the eye conditions that are eligible for disability benefits, how they are rated by the VA, and what requirements a veteran must meet to get eye care through the VA Health Care system.

The most common eye conditions rated by the VA include impaired vision, blindness in one or both eyes, conjunctivitis, and unhealed injuries. But, there are several others and some are direct service connection disabilities while others are secondary. Whether the condition was caused by an injury, exposure, or illness, the following eye conditions are ratable by the VA:

- Loss of the eye or both eyes
- Loss of the eyelids, eyelashes, or eyebrows
- Lacrimal gland and lid disorders
- Ptosis of either or both eyes
- Conjunctivitis related conditions
- Corneal conditions
- Inflammatory eye conditions or injuries
- Glaucoma
- Cataracts and lens conditions
- Retinal conditions
- Neurologic conditions
- Tumors and neoplasms
- Other eye conditions

An injury to the eye that occurs in service and causes damage to the eye is compensable provided it causes permanent or chronic damage, even if it is only a scar. Acute injuries that are treated and resolved are usually not compensable unless they return or are considered in remission such as cancer. Any illnesses to the eye that manifest during active duty service are also compensable, even if they are not the result of or caused directly by military service. For example, if a veteran is diagnosed with glaucoma while on active duty, or within one year of discharge, it is service connected.




Sebastian Rodriguez  
Service Officer

# American Legion Post 593

November 2018

Phone: 210-658-1111



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
4 Canteen open 11:30AM	5 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	6 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30	7 Post General Membership Mtg 7:30PM	8 Dart League 7 pm	9 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6:-7:30PM \$8.00 Karaoke 7:30PM	10 <b>Operation Overpass</b>
11 Veterans Day  Canteen open 11:30AM	12 No Shuffleboard	13 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 pm	14	15 Tri-City Flyers Dart League 7 pm	16	17 <b>Shuffleboard Tournament 3:30PM Grill 4:30PM Dart Tournament 7:30 PM</b>
18 Canteen open 11:30AM	19 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	20 SAL General Membership Mtg 7:00PM	21 Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	22 Thanksgiving Dinner 2PM 	23	24
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Looking Ahead  
(events subject  
to change)

The Legion  
Canteen will  
be opening  
At 11:30AM  
On Sundays thru  
Football season.  
Free food,  
watch the calendar  
for other  
Specials and  
events

District Christmas  
Party  
Dec 8, Post 667

Kids Christmas  
Party Dec 9

Riders Christmas  
Party Dec 15

Seniors Christmas  
Party Dec 16

SAL Christmas  
Party Dec 18

Legion Christmas  
Party Dec 24

New Years Eve  
Casino Night  
Dec 31



# Chicken Fried Steak Dinner



We will be hosting the Converse Police Department this month. Come say hello.

**Time: 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Date: November 9, 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.

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

**Information: 210-658-1111**

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**Eat in or  
take out**

**Date: November 10, 2018**

**Time: 10:0AM**

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REMEMBER & HONOR



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Catherine McDonald  
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# Monthly Tournament Night Shuffleboard and Darts

**Saturday, November 17, 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**



# Thanksgiving Dinner



**Date:** November 22, 2018

**Time:** 2PM

**Information:** 210-658-1111

Happy  
Thanksgiving

The Legion will be serving our traditional Thanksgiving meal, complete with baked, smoked, and deep fried turkey as well as ham. There is a sign up sheet in the Legion so we can ensure we have enough meat, and also for you to offer up your favorite sides or desserts. Come on out for great food, fellowship, and fun!

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**No Membership Required.**

