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*Commander's Corner*



October is here, the trees will be turning, the temperatures cooling and goblins will soon be out. We will be having our Early Bird Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have renewed your membership you will get your dinner for \$4, and I challenge you to find a better chicken fried steak, let alone at that price. If ever there was a year to renew early this would be the year.

The American Legion has voted to raise their dues for the 2016 year. It will take effect in January. If you renew now you will pay the same rate of \$31 for the year. So as we determine what we will do with the rate increase, let's look at the situation as it being discounted now if you renew early.

In the next couple of months we will be discussing what we will set our dues at to cover the increase from department, and evaluate whether we need an increase at the Post level also. This is never an easy decision but one we must discuss and decide on. If you have an opinion on these matters please attend the General Membership meeting and express your thoughts.

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*Auxiliary News*



Fall is in the air!!

I want to first thank everyone that came out and helped or supported breakfast and steak night in September. We had a great turnout and fun was had by all! Thank you!!!

Please start renewing your membership – only \$25.00. Early Bird dinner will be Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – anyone who has paid their dues or pay that night will get a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner for only \$4.00. My goal is to be at 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please help us make our goal! WE CAN DO IT!!

We have some great events coming up the rest of the year: Kid's Christmas Party, Senior's Dinner and we are trying find a date for Fajitas and Margaritas!! We will also start collecting used or new items for the Silent Auction at the Casi Chili Cook Off which is in January! If you have anything to donate, please let me know!

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Muth  
Unit 593 President

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As the Holidays quickly come upon us, it is time to begin preparing to support those local families in need. We need your support in providing donations of food stuffs, and also in locating those in need that we can assist. Please drop off your items in the box in the canteen as we start to prepare for the Holiday Baskets. If you know of a family that is in need this year, please pass on their information to our Service Officer, Sebastian.

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

### SAL Corner

Hello Legion Family,

Thanks to everyone for your support of last month's raffle. There is another raffle kicking off for an AR - 151st with all the accessories. The tickets are \$ 15 each or three for \$ 40.

Early bird half price Chicken Fried Steak dinner will be on October 9. Renew now or on that night to get a great meal for only \$ 4.

The 3rd Annual SAL golf tournament is coming up on October 25th. Sign up sheets are in the canteen. Always a great time, and it is our largest fund raiser for our children and youth programs. Hope to see all you golfers out there.

The box for Thanksgiving and Christmas basket donations is out. Please support however you can.

Henry Creech

### **District 20 Convention**

The 20th District will be holding their fall convention at Post 593 on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 AM until 1: 00 PM. There is no charge to attend. Topics of discussion will include the National Emergency Fund (NEF), Voter Registration program, and Budget, is it a road map or a road block.

### **Saving Cans**

Many thanks to those who have been helping us save cans for the past few years. This has brought into the Legion coffers almost \$10,000 in the last 11 years. Aluminum cans, brass, copper wire, and batteries are all salvageable.

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to [post593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:post593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

### **American Legion Riders**

We had stepped it up another notch this month. First of all, "thank you" to all of those who took time out of their busy schedule and volunteered to work/support the ALR fundraising event during Night-In-Old-Converse. The money raised will be used to support our annual events. I would also like to say "thank you" to those that volunteered to cook breakfast and steaks this month. Once again, without you stepping up to volunteer, these events would not be such a huge success.

Ready for this! The Riders attended more than 20 events and volunteered 135 community hours this month, which included PGR missions and local events in/and around the San Antonio area. Some of the events we supported were the Night in Old Converse, BBQ's, VA Visit, Wounded Warrior Escort, Ride for the Troops, and the Fisher House Fundraiser. Without a doubt, everything you do, is greatly appreciated!.

In closing, once again, thank you so much for what you have done and for what you continue to do for our Legion, Community, State, and Country. Please remember, whatever it is that you do, do it 1<sup>st</sup> Class!

JOHN A. BOCK  
Director, American Legion Riders

### **2nd Vice Comments**

Howdy folks,

Welcome to the autumn season. This time of year can be very busy for our Legion.

Besides the regular scheduled meals, we also have the SAL golf tournament, early bird dinner, and the phone book distribution folks will be here. Accordingly, the Legion hall will be unavailable from October 23 to November 23.

Donation boxes are out for the holiday baskets. Please help us fill them to the top. Times are tough for many families and we've always done a wonderful job to help brighten their holidays

Football season is in full swing and we've had a few fun filled Sundays so far. If you'd like to join in feel free to come on down.

Joe Falco  
2nd Vice

### Blood Drive Month...

This month, during breakfast, is our Blood Drive. Come out and get a reduced price breakfast with the donation of a unit of blood.

Remember - - - you can request your unit of blood to go to River, the young boy with cancer. This has helped his family tremendously. Post 593 has donated lots of blood and this helps the medical expenses incurred with a major illness.

Come out on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 11 AM to donate and have the Best Breakfast in Converse!!!!

### 2016 Membership Dues Increase

The National Convention, in Baltimore, in August, voted in a **\$5.00** dues increase for the 2016 year. There was plenty of discussion but in order to keep the programs at the present levels, an increase was necessary.

So...as of January 1, 2016, your dues to Post 593 will probably increase to **\$36.00**. Renew now and beat the increase. There are discussions of raising Post 593's dues so come and let your voice be heard at the General Membership Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of **October** at 7:30 PM.

Remember you can renew on-line at [Legion.org/Renew](http://Legion.org/Renew) now.

### Holiday Food Baskets – Time is getting close

Our Service Officer, Sebastian Rodriguez, has placed a box in the canteen outside the office. It is time to start thinking about bringing non-perishable items down for the Holiday Food Baskets.

Post 593, annually, provides food baskets to those in the community who need a hand up. We will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. All will have a turkey...the rest will depend on our generous donations of "fixins".

When you go to get your groceries, put an extra can of beans, corn, fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing, etc. in your basket and bring it to the Post. It goes to help those that need it most. Each of us can put a smile on somebody's face during the holidays.

Also, if you know an individual or family who needs assistance of food, let Sebastian know. We want to help and Sebastian Rodriguez is the best at making that happen.

### Changes Coming to TRICARE Rx

Starting October 1 2015, a new law requires all TRICARE beneficiaries, except active duty servicemembers, to get select brand name maintenance drugs through either TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery ([www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/)) or from a military pharmacy. Beneficiaries who keep using a retail pharmacy for these drugs will have to pay the full cost. Maintenance drugs are those you take regularly for a long time. The law does not apply to drugs you take for a short time, like antibiotics. Beneficiaries living overseas, or with other prescription drug coverage, are not affected. You can check with your local military pharmacy to see if they carry your prescription. For more information about this change to TRICARE's pharmacy benefit, visit the TRICARE New Rules for Filling Prescriptions webpage at [www.tricare.mil/RXNewRules](http://www.tricare.mil/RXNewRules).

### Veteran Widow Benefits: Aid & Attendance Benefit

Wartime veterans and their surviving spouses, 65 years and older, may be entitled to a tax- free benefit called **Aid and Attendance** provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

The Veterans Spousal Benefits Program is designed to provide financial aid to help offset the cost of long term care for those who need assistance with the daily activities of living such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, and transferring.

American Veterans Aid, a private company, is dedicated to helping war era veterans and their surviving spouses receive

### **JOIN THE NATIONAL COMMANDER FOR THE WALK FOR VETERANS**

If you are in or near the San Antonio area on October 31st, please join National Commander Dale Barnett and Department of Texas Commander John McKinny in the Walk for Veterans at the Raymond Rimkus Park, 6440 Evers Road in the City of Leon Valley (suburb of San Antonio) beginning at 9:00 a.m. The length of the walk is 1 mile and there is a \$10 registration fee (cash or check only please) which includes a commemorative t-shirt.

Some of the proceeds will benefit The American Legion National Emergency Fund. Please go to <http://www.txamlgndist20.com/> or call 210-497-2103 for more information.

This is the only scheduled walk within Texas

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**October 2015**  
**\*\* Breakfast and Steak Night prepared by the Riders \*\***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dart League Pool League	2 <b>NIOCI</b>	3 <b>NIOCI</b>
4 Jam Session 2pm Houston @ Alt-Noon Dallas @ NO 1930	5	6 <b>FREE GRILL</b> ALR Exec. Mtg 7:30	7 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm	8 Dart League Pool League Ind @ Houston 1925	9 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6-730 pm	10 BREAKFAST OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8-11 AM BLOOD DRIVE 8AM
11 NE @ Dallas 1525	12	13 <u>Rider Grill 6-8 pm</u> ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	14	15 Dart League Pool League	16	17 Dart Tourney - 715
18 Houston @ J-ville Noon	19	20	21 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	22 Dart League Pool League Bike Night. Grill open 6-8PM	23	24
25 Houston @ Miami Noon Dallas @ NYG 1500	26 Shuffleboard League	27 SAL Meeting 730 pm	28	29 Dart League Pool League	30 Steak Night \$13 6-8 pm Karaoke 7:30	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b>



**ZUMBA**  
 Every Tuesday  
 At 6:15 pm - \$3

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

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