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**The American Legion  
Of The United States of America**

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**



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*Commander's Corner*



**FREE DINNER!!!** Yes that is correct, if you pay your 2019 dues on or before October 12

you get a free Chicken Fried Steak Dinner this month! Dinner includes a homemade Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggie and dessert. It is only good for October 12th, serving starts at 6:00pm. You can pay your dues at the post, via mail or online, I recommend getting it done before the 12th so you don't have to wait in line! On that Friday we will also host the patients from the VA hospital, we will have a 50/50 drawing and Karaoke, it is going to be a great night!

Thank you all that helped with the Chili Cook-off and congratulations to the winners!! What a great weekend. If you all haven't heard yet, we are completely booked up for the next 6 weeks! There is something for everyone to enjoy! We have NIOC this coming weekend, we are manning the Turkey Legs booth plus we

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*Auxiliary News*



**"October had the tremendous possibility. The summer's oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden leaves promised the world full of beautiful adventures. They made me believe in miracles."**

*Sarah Guillory*

It's time for FALL! Our monthly meetings are short, concise and filled with information. We have a lot of events coming up that we will need help with. Please come join us at the next meeting on Wednesday October 3, 2018.

20<sup>th</sup> District Fall Convention will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 hosted by Unit 667. It will be an informative meeting as 20<sup>th</sup> District President Michelle Muth and honored guest 3<sup>rd</sup> Division President Candy Zavala update and teach us new things.

Don't forget to get your dues paid if you have not already. The early bird dinner will be Chicken Fried Steak night October 18, 2018, get there early! Breakfast will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. We will need volunteers for the booth at Night in Ole Converse, a great way to greet people and grow membership. If you see an event happening around town that the Auxiliary can setup a table or booth at, feel free to reach out to me at [aux593info@gmail.com](mailto:aux593info@gmail.com).

Paula Johnson  
ALA President Unit 593

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have other legion members with booths and our Riders are taking care of the parking.

The early bird dinner, the final breakfast of this year, the donation ceremony for the Warrior support center, the SAL Golf tournament, the Halloween party and last steak night of the year, the Veterans day parade in UC, the Texas Honor Ride and Operation overpass..... so as you can tell we need you!!!!

And finally, I just want to thank those that continue to help and to give. Not only do we fight for our military veterans benefits and needs, we also support our community, we work with our Fire Department and Police Department, the area schools and churches whenever they need us. We host multiple meals a month and open pot lucks on special occasions. This can't be done without the membership and leadership of our post. Not only are we blessed with an outstanding Executive committee, we also have an awesome Auxiliary, SAL and Riders membership and we have a staff that works hard to keep our post welcoming and to ensure everyone is happy and informed. Thank each and everyone of you for always being there to help! I hope we continue to grow in membership and in volunteers! You can be as active as you want, just let us know your strengths and we will find something for you to do!! Please read the calendar for complete schedule of events!!

Looking forward to the cooler weather and the upcoming holiday season!

For God and Country,  
Veterans serving Veterans,  
Chrissy

## 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 preformed 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.**

**Marcelo M. Buckley**

**9918 Meadow Lark  
Converse, Texas 78109  
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### SAL Corner

The Sons of The American Legion was founded in 1932. The SAL is made up of male descendants of people who served in the United States Armed Forces during times specified by the American Legion. The SAL exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Squadron 593 has approximately 115 members. That is a pretty impressive number for a post our size. I understand that some members live in faraway places with strange sounding names and a few others are at opposite ends of the age scale. So, this message is for those of you that live nearby and are between the ages of 4 and 99. Your squadron needs you! There are various SAL programs that need membership participation to make them successful. Step up and take a leadership role. Show us what you can do! The same 12 people cannot do everything all the time. I cordially extend an invitation to you to attend our membership meetings. We meet at the Post on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, and I keep the meetings brief-ish. Beverages are allowed in the meeting and your input will be greatly appreciated. So please join us. Come to Post 593 in October for Chicken Fried Steak Night. Your taste buds will love you forever. If you renew your Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL membership (or sign up as a new member) on or before that night, the dinner is free! But even at \$8, it's an incredible bargain. Chicken Fried Steak Night in November will be special too. We will be joined by Converse's finest. We've extended an invitation to all law enforcement personnel to join us that night. Please come by and visit with them and let them know we appreciate what they do for our community. In September, we were joined by Converse fire fighters and EMTs. By all accounts, it was a very successful night. Thank you to everyone that pitched in and worked so hard to make it so.

Oh, one more thing. Sign up for the SAL golf tournament to be played at Olympia Hills on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Fore!

For God and Country,  
George Alva  
Squadron 593 Commander



## Riders Report

The Riders have been very busy and will continue to move our organization forward through the holidays. We had our second Bike Night and Grill. We resurrected the Philly Cheese Steak and look to serve them several times during the year. We attended the Fisher House BBQ and presented the Warrior Family Assistance Center with a \$1000 in gift cards. We had a Meet and Greet in New Braunfels where we met up with the National Commander before attending the DEC Riders meeting that evening.

We will help kick off NIOC, and run the parking lot Fri and Sat. We are in need of volunteers Sept 5 and 6, please see the sign up sheet at the Post. There are several events we will be attending in Oct to include a Skeet Shoot and the SAL Golf Tournament.

Please pass the word to our riders; continue to check our FB page for updates to events, times and location. If you see something we should be involved with, post it, get some involvement and execute. This organization is ours and not dependent on your executive committee to lead the herd.

God Bless the United States of America

Brad Pierce  
Director, ALR 593



## Service Officer

### **Soft Tissue Sarcomas and Agent Orange**

VA presumes some soft tissue sarcomas in Veterans are related to their exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service.

The soft tissue sarcomas **not presumed** by VA to be caused by Agent Orange exposure are osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma.

#### About soft tissue sarcoma

**Soft tissue sarcomas are a group of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels and connective tissues (that is, distinct from hard tissue such as bone or cartilage). These tumors are relatively rare.**

**There are often no symptoms in early stages.** The first noticeable symptom is usually a painless lump or swelling. As the tumor grows, it may cause other symptoms, such as pain or soreness.

#### VA benefits for soft tissue sarcoma

Veterans with soft tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma) who were exposed to herbicides during service may be eligible for disability compensation and health care.

Veterans who served in Vietnam, the Korean demilitarized zone or another area where Agent Orange was sprayed may be eligible for a free Agent Orange registry health exam.

Surviving spouses, dependent children and dependent parents of Veterans who were exposed to herbicides during military service and died as the result of soft tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma) may be eligible for survivors' benefits.

#### Research on soft tissue sarcoma and herbicides

The Health and Medicine Division (formally known as the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine concluded in its 1994 report "Veterans and Agent Orange: Health Effects of Herbicides Used in Vietnam" and other updates that there is evidence of a positive association between exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam and soft tissue sarcomas.

Sebastian Rodriguez  
Service Officer

# American Legion Post 593

October 2018 Phone: 210-658-1111



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	2 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30 National Night Out Judson High School	3 Post General Membership Mtg 7:30PM	4 Dart League 7 pm	5 Night in Ole Converse	6 Night in Ole Converse
7 Night in Ole Converse Canteen open 11:30AM	8 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	9 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 pm	10 20th District Meeting Post 593 7:30PM	11 Dart League 7 pm	12 Early Bird Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-7:30PM \$8.00 Karaoke 7:30PM	13 Breakfast 8-11 am \$6.00
14 Canteen open 11:30AM Jam Session 1-5PM Grill 1-3:30PM	15 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	16 Post Exec Mtg. 7:00 pm	17 Tri-City Flyers Dart League 7 pm	18 Dart League 7 pm	19 Shuffleboard Tournament 3:30PM Grill 4:30PM Dart Tournament 7:30 PM	20 Texas Honor Ride Operation Overpass Nov 10
21 SAL Golf Tournament Canteen open 11:30AM	22 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	23 SAL General Membership Mtg 7:00PM	24 A:R Bike Night and Grill 6:00PM Dart League 7 pm	25 Steak Night 6-8:00PM \$13.00 Karaoke 8PM STAKE NIGHT Halloween Party	26 Steak Night 6-8:00PM \$13.00 Karaoke 8PM STAKE NIGHT Halloween Party	27 Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 22 Book your Christmas Party today!
28 Canteen open 11:30AM	29 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	30 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	31 Happy Halloween			Do you have any ideas to boost canteen participation on slow days? Tell any Exec member



# NIGHT IN OLE CONVERSE

## PARADE

**Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**

## CARNIVAL

**★ Friday 5 PM- Midnight, ★ Saturday Noon-Midnight ★**

**★ Sunday 11 AM-6PM Carnival only ★**

(Wrist Bands if Available for Sale ONLY During Carnival)

★ Food Booths, ★

★ Arts & Crafts, ★

★ IBCA BBQ Cookoff, ★

★ Live Music and Much More! ★

## LIVE BANDS

(Times and Bands Subject to Change)

★ Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> ★

**Los Tovaes 7-9 PM**

**Los Desperadoz 9:30 PM to Midnight**



★ Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> ★

**Hoghshedd 7PM- Midnight**

**J Abram Band 9:30 to Midnight**

Sponsored by Converse Lions Club





# Early Bird Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

**Your meal is FREE with your  
paid-up 2019 Dues**

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

**Date: October 12, 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 Mur-  
phy 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**

# 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: October 13, 2018**

**Time: 8:00-11:00 AM**

**William M. Randolph**

**Post 593**

**326 Legion Dr W**

**Converse TX 78109**

Information: 210-658-1111



**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.

October 14, 2018  
2:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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# Salt & Pepper DINER

## ALR 593 Bike Night and Grill



October 18, 2018  
1800hrs – Until  
Grill open at 1800hrs

Reconnecting with ALR 593  
Spread the Word - Bring a Friend!



A casual get together. An opportunity for fellowship and food.  
We will also discuss the weekend ride.



# Sons of The American Legion Squadron 593 Annual Golf Tournament

Olympia Hills Golf and Event Center,  
Universal City, TX

Sunday, October 21st, 2018  
8 am Shotgun Start (7:30 am Show Time)

Followed by Meals and Refreshments at the Post

Door Prizes, Great Food & Fun!!

\$65 per person or  
1 payment of \$260 per 4 person team.

Contact David Paris at: (210) 325-3874  
or Joe Falco at: (210) 722-4316

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**Ask about sponsoring a hole!**

Proceeds go towards Boy's State,  
Child Welfare and Veterans' Programs

**Sign Up Sheet on Reverse Side  
Open to the Public!**

*(You do not have to be a Legion member to play.)*



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\$65 per person or 1 payment of \$260 per 4 person team.

Includes Golf, Cart, Meal Afterward, Drinks & Door Prizes

Contact David Paris at: (210) 325-3874 or Joe Falco at: (210) 722-4316

Name	Handicap/ Name of Course or GHIN #	Phone # (required)	Pd (rec'd by)
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**Open to the Public!**

*(You do not have to be a Legion member to play.)*

# STAKE NIGHT



**DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2018**

**TIME: 6:00-8:00PM**

**INFORMATION: 210-658-1111**

**COSTUME CONTEST,  
GAMES, PRIZES!!!**

**COME ON OUT  
TO EAT AND PARTY!!!!!!**



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**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**