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*Commander's Corner*



Congratulations American Legion Riders for another successful Legacy Dinner. The crowd and food were awesome. For those who were not aware, our Post has raised more monies for Legacy Scholarships than any other post in the United States.

Kudos to Chris Reed and Karen Paris. Thus far we have posted over 40% membership renewals. Earliest ever. Wow!

Don't forget school is about to start. Watch your speed in school zones. Avoid those costly traffic tickets and keep our school children from harm.

Post 593 will celebrate Labor Day on Sunday, September 2nd. Come out and join the fun. There will be a blind draw shuffle board tournament among other things.

For God and Country,  
John Orff

*Auxiliary News*



.Can you believe that Summer is over already? Where did the time go?? Now it is time for school, football and cooler weather!! August is kind of a slow month for the Auxiliary so we have been really pushing people to renew their membership early! Early Bird is October 12<sup>th</sup> – that means if you pay your dues before or on October 12<sup>th</sup> you get Chicken Fried Steak for \$4.00. You cannot beat that!! So lets help Tina get to 100% early and get your 2013 dues paid now!

I want to thank everyone that came out and supported the Taste of Freedom Dinner. What a GREAT success! We raised over \$25,000 this year! Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time, donated something or helped in any way!!

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### Rider's Report

I would like to say Congratulations to Terry Smith (Founding Member) of the ALR Post 593 for completing the Hoka Hey Challenge for the third time (Army Strong). Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to address the issue of supporting your ALR. We are responsible for the Riders Grill on each Tuesday and are

always looking for volunteers to step up and create their own creation. If you can volunteer please contact Anna Judge (House and Entertainment) chairperson. Also, I would like to say a big Thank You to those who participated/chaired a committee for the Legacy Scholarship Fund "Taste of Freedom" dinner. The event was a big success because of your hard work, efforts, and your general concern for veterans and their children. Especially, in these tough economic times we are experiencing. I want to thank our state ALR Liaison, Brown Zavala for volunteering to lead the ride to meet the ALR members from New Mexico and Arizona on September 19, in support of Operation Wounded Warrior. Also, I would like to remind everyone that the Homeless Veteran's Burial Program happens each Wednesday. Please, check the Facebook page for the details for each week. I would like to remind everyone that ALR members John/Stephanie Bock will be holding a benefit event at our post on Sept 15, 2012. Events will kick off in the early afternoon, with live performances from two newly signed Nashville country performers. Lastly, I would like to thank ALR member Mike Judge as accepted the appointed position of the Safety Officer for the group. Do what you can, when you can.

—Brad Martin

Director, Post 593 Riders

### *No Smoking In the Hall?*

Now that a renovation of the Post Home Hall is nearly completed and a fine job it is by Henry Creech, Joe Falco, and Dale Turner, some members of the Executive Committee have thought that it would be good if we declared the hall a non smoking area at all times. A motion was made and passed to do so. It will now come before the general membership meeting on Sept. 5th for approval. If you have an interest in this matter then be at the General Membership meeting at 7:30 on that evening to exercise your rights as a member by discussing and voting on this issue. Come early for a tasty meal before the meeting.

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List is building nicely, and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. During FY 2010-2011 we spent over \$6000. Think about it. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to [alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

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Some up and coming events are Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is the VA Ice Cream Social – they are looking for store bought/packaged cookies. You can drop them off at Post 592 and if you would like to volunteer to help please be at the Rec Center at 1 pm that day! Also on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> John and Stephanie Bock will be having a benefit for their son and his fiancé that were in a motorcycle accident. There will be live bands, Poker Run, Live and Silent Auction. Come out and support a great family!

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Smith

### *Sons of the American Legion*



S.A.L Corner – September is going to be a very exciting and busy month for the S.A.L. We are hosting our very first ever S.A.L. Golf Tournament to be held on 9 September 2012 at the Windcrest Golf Course in Windcrest, Texas. The closing ceremony will be held at the Converse

American legion Post 593. Come one, come all to this great event. Please come out and support this awesome cause and have fun seeing all your friends and maybe making new ones. Contact Marcelo Buckley ([suzcelo@satx.rr.com](mailto:suzcelo@satx.rr.com)) for additional information.

### *A \$51 Billion Health Care Hike*

The White House released its latest budget proposal in February, and the details are alarming. All told, TRICARE fee proposals will involve shifting \$51 billion in health care costs from the Pentagon to retirees over the next 10 years.

These changes would result in significant fee hikes for nearly every segment of the military population, including retirees of all ages, guardmembers and reservists, and currently serving family members.

You can help fight these changes and continue to receive the benefits you were promised. Join any veterans association and add your own voice to the struggle for a fair treatment for you and others who bear the burden of serving our nation.

Sebastian Rodriguez

Service Officer

Early bird season is here. Renew your 2013 membership now. Let's get 100% membership for all four groups!

**American Legion Post 593**  
**Labor Day Celebration**

When: Sunday, Sept 2, 2012

Time: 2:00 pm

The Legion will provide hamburgers and hotdogs.  
 Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Shuffleboard tourney starts at 3:00 pm



BENEFIT FOR  
 "KEITH AND MEGAN"  
 September 15, 2012  
 1 p.m.- 7 p.m  
 American Legion Post 593, Converse, TX



**Poker Run**  
**Registration begins @ 0900**  
**First Bike out at 1000**



Come out and support Keith and Megan who were in a major accident on their motorcycle while traveling on RR 32 in Blanco County. This benefit will provide some financial relief for Keith, Megan and their son during their time of healing. Come have a great time while supporting a fellow rider! For more info or to make a donation call 210-643-2485/210-875-5713

Door Prizes

Live Music!  
 2-6 pm

Drink Specials!

Bikini Bike Wash!

Tattoo Artist On Site!

Silent & Live Auction!

50-50 Raffle!

BBQ Plate!

What goes in the blank? We don't know yet! We are raising monies to replace our storage shed. How? Money talks! A box and envelopes are at the Post for you to write down your favorite NFL team name and put your money in. The fans of the team that raises the most cash will have a banner on each side of the building from Game 1 through the SuperBowl. In addition, when that team plays on cable TV, the game will be shown on the big screen TV by the no-smoking room door. And....wait, there's more!!! The wall around the TV will have the team's logo and banner! And, a special slide will be on the slideshow announcing to all which team our Post supports.

Voting will finish on steak night, August 31st. Similar to the fundraising we had with the "Old Baldy" contest a few years back, we will have a final one-hour countdown where you have the chance to move your team up the leaderboard. In the meantime, interim totals will be posted on a chart (a team must have received \$25 to get on the chart). More details are available at the Post.



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**FANS!!!**

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# September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Labor Day Party Bring a side dish - Post provides the meat 2 pm <b>20<sup>th</sup> Dist. Golf Tourney Jam Session</b>	3 Dart & Shuffleboard League	4 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Wings, FF \$5 ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm	5 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Meal Served 530-700 pm.	6 Dart Grill 6 - 8 pm Dart League	7 Friday Night Bites Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (Draw numbers at 7:15)	8 Breakfast 8-11 am \$6 all you can eat!!
9 SAL Golf Tourney @ Windcrest - see Henry for details	10 Dart & Shuffleboard League	11 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Specialty Burgers and Fries \$5 ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30pm	12	13 Dart Grill 6 - 8 pm Dart League	14 CFSWA Visit 6-8pm \$8.00 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	15 Dart Tourney \$5 - draw for partners at 7:15 **Benefit for Keith & Megan Bock**
16 Ferret Club 1 - 5 pm	17 Dart & Shuffleboard League	18 Rider Grill 6-8 pm TBD	19 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm Operation Wounded Warriors	20 Dart Grill 6 - 8 pm Chicken Strip Bskt \$5 Dart League	21 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15) <b>Fisher House BBQ</b>	22
23	24 Dart & Shuffleboard League	25 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Brats and FF \$5 SAL GMM - 7:30 pm	26	27 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	28 Steak Night \$13 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	29



**ZUMBA**  
 Every Tuesday  
 At 6 pm - \$5



**ALR Bike Night**  
**EVERY Tuesday!**  
 Beer, Food & Friends!!

## \*\* Sons Of The American Legion have breakfast and steak night

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**September 15<sup>th</sup> - Benefit for John and Stephanie Bock's son and fiance - in a motorcycle accident - Poke Runs 2 Live Bands, Silent Auction, Live Auction & BBQ plates - first bike out at 10 am.**

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

**October 27<sup>th</sup> - Kids Halloween Party**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> - Early Bird Dinner and Cat Off**