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*Commander's Corner*



Welcome to the end of the summer. Time sure does seem to go fast and I am looking forward to a cooling period this fall. It will be a time for the

children to go back to school, and football to recharge rivalries. It will also be an excellent time to continue to turn Our Post into Our Home. There have been many people step up to begin the transformation of Our Post Home. The dart/pool area has been renovated, the kitchen is moving forward, and little maintenance projects have been completed.

As we continue to improve upon our Post Home, I would request that the membership bring forth both ideas, energy, and time to further the improvements. Most everyone does a little extra in the fall and in the spring at their homes, and I think we should on Ours as well. Come down during Breakfast on the 13<sup>th</sup>, enjoy the meal, then stay to help with a cleanup of our outside area. The lawn is mowed often, but there are trees to be trimmed, bushes to be

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*Auxiliary News*



Can you believe it is September already! Where has the year gone? School is back in session and Football is getting ready to take over all of our lives!!

First of all, I would like to give out a great big shout out to all that have been involved in the upgrade of Our Post! What an amazing job you all have done! Thank You!!!!

Please remember we are accepting dues for the 2015 year! If you pay your dues before or on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, you will be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner which is being held on Chicken Fried Steak Night – that means you get your meal for ONLY \$4.00. So let's get those dues paid and get to 100%!!!

The Auxiliary will be in charge of breakfast, Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and steak night, Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help out in the kitchen in any way, please get in contact with me! We always have fun in the kitchen!

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Muth

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shaped, and areas that need to be cleaned.

While enjoying our facilities if you see something out of place please take care of it. If you walked up your driveway at home and saw a can, I assume you would pick it up. Please do the same when at Our House. If the tables are left with glasses on them, please clean it off. We do have people that clean up the outside and inside of Our House, but they are our members volunteering their time to do so. Find some time to help them and ourselves out. If you have a morning available, coordinate your time and come down to help with the cleaning or mowing. The combination of our entire membership utilizing what time and talents they have is what will make this Post Our Home.

This is OUR House

Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

## RIDER'S REPORT

### Operation Wounded Warriors:

American Legion Riders from New Mexico riding in support of "Operation Wounded Warrior" (OWW) will arrive at Post 593 on 24 September 2014 on their way to Ft. Sam Houston. Operation Wounded Warrior provides health and comfort items to the service men and women recovering from injuries sustained through their participation in the Armed Forces of the United States. Operation Wounded Warrior is a part of the national effort and is a "Project" of the New Mexico Legion Riders. Post 593 Riders will be performing 2 functions for the New Mexico Riders. Welcoming and dinner when they arrive on Sept 24th and breakfast on the 27th as they prepare to leave.

Thank you very 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

## President Signs New VA Health Care Law

President Barack Obama signed the bill to improve access to health care for veterans and reform the Department of Veterans Affairs. The \$16.3 billion bill will enable VA to recruit more doctors, nurses and other medical providers to care for the surging number of veterans returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Veterans on long VA waiting lists and those who live far from VA facilities may see private doctors or go to community health centers, Department of Defense facilities and Indian Health Centers. The new law will also pay for leasing 27 new clinics in 18 states and Puerto Rico. A summary of the bill is available on the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs website.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

## NIOC—Turkey Legs

Looking just ahead, the Night in Old Converse celebration will be happening on the 3rd and 4th of October. As in the past couple of years Post 593 will be operating a turkey leg concession. This is a nice fundraiser and help from the membership is appreciated. We expect to be operating several shifts each day so more than a couple of volunteers will be needed. In late September start looking for sign up rosters on the Post bulletin boards. Sign ups will be by the shift you are able or willing to work. Thanks to all who are willing to help. It's not much work and a lot of fun too.

## 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\$\$\$.

## SAL Corner

What a busy month but boy did we all have fun! A super congrats to Dennis Ducharme for being selected dual member of the year for the detachment State of Texas for 2013! Well deserved!

Chicken Fried Steak night was awesome socializing with our Disabled Veterans! We really had a good turnout for Breakfast and also Steak Night. Boy those Penhorn steaks melted in your mouth! Great job cooking them Joe Falco!

August started our big push to support and solicit for our Annual Golf Tournament Fall Classic on 19 October at NorthCliffe Golf Club, Cibolo, Texas. Please contact one of the Chairpersons for additional information, or me at [mbuckley1@satx.rr.com](mailto:mbuckley1@satx.rr.com). Four person team, Florida scramble (best ball), \$60 per person. Please sponsor a hole for only \$50.

Please come join us at our General Membership Meeting the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm and get to know our members and see what's being planned and maybe even help out! We need your support!

Marcelo M. Buckley  
American Legion PUFL  
S.A.L. PUFL

## NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

### **Korean War Veterans (1950-1953)**

The Embassy of the Republic of South Korea would like to express their appreciation for your service in the Korean conflict. They are presenting each eligible veteran with the Ambassador Peace Medal.

To be eligible, the veterans must have service during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

There is a form that must be sent to the Consulate General Republic of Korea Foreign Affairs, along with a copy of you DD 214. There is no cost and it can be awarded posthumously. All must be to the consulate by **September 23, 2014**.

Please contact the Adjutant if interested.

### **On Line Renewal of 2015 Dues**

National Headquarters has announced that they would like to drastically reduce the amount of mail that goes out to members. They propose that by 2019 ALL renewals will be done on-line.

This may seem impossible but Post 593 had 127 renewals on-line in 2014. That is out of 698 members. Not bad. State Headquarters would like this to go up. So far this year we have had 58. That is out of 195 who have renewed. Congratulations to Post 593 for, again, leading the way.

To renew on line (and not receive any more notices), go to Legion.org and click the "Members" section at the top and "Renew Membership". State will notify the Adjutant and you will get your 2015 card within 7-10 days. It's real easy and the Post still gets its \$5.00 per member

### **Membership**

Our membership goal for 2015 is 698 Legionnaires. As of this writing we have reached 35% of that goal. Legion dues are still only \$31.00 per year. It's a great bargain! You can walk into any Legion post in the world, show your card and be welcomed with open arms.

Be sure to tell your friends that you are a Legion member.....tell them why you are.....the best story is your story! And invite them to become a member. Always carry a Legion application with you...you never know when you'll have a chance to recruit a new member.

If you renew your membership by October 10th you'll be qualified for the Early Bird dinner. The Early Bird Dinner will be held on Chicken Fried Steak night, October 10th from 6 to 8pm. Early Birds get a dinner for a reduced price....only \$4. So plan on renewing your membership early and enjoy some great fun on Friday night, October 10th!

Dennis Ducharme, 1st Vice Commander  
Membership Chairman

### **New Building Committee Meetings**

The New Building Committee will be holding their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Put this on your calendar now!

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. It's going to take a "huge lift" effort to get this program in motion. We need you!

### **Members-At-Large get Their Own Email Address**

Have a suggestion, concern or complaint? Want to make sure it's addressed? Send an email to [Post593TXMAL@yahoo.com](mailto:Post593TXMAL@yahoo.com).

This email address has been created for all Legion members to have your voice heard by your Members-At-Large. The MALs will then present the issue to the Post's Executive Committee. We want to hear from you!!

### **Maintenance Book**

Have you found something at the Post that needs fixing? There is a new Maintenance Book in the Canteen. If you see something that needs repair, be sure to add it to the book. Give us your name too so if we have any questions we'll know who to ask. Everything can't be fixed immediately, but it will be acknowledged and prioritized.

### POW/MIA Table

Have you ever wondered what the POW/ MIA table really means? Too many of us walk by it without giving it a thought. Below is a description of what it is, what it represents, and the meaning of the items that are on it. There are slight variations in descriptions and presentations, so we would like to ensure that everyone is aware of "the table as you walk into the canteen". The following description has been presented in the form of a script as used for a ceremony to honor our missing comrades.



### Table Ceremony Script

The table before you is a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs, we call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

**This Table set for one** is small and round — Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.

Remember! (ring bell)

**The Tablecloth** is white — Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

Remember! (ring bell)

**The single Red Rose** displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return. Remember! (ring bell)

**The Red Ribbon** tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.

Remember! (ring bell)

**The Candle**, the candle is lit — Symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. Remember! (ring bell)

**A Slice of Lemon** is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate. Remember! (ring bell)

There is **Salt upon the bread plate** — Symbolic of the families tears as they wait. Remember! (ring bell)

**The Glass** is inverted — They cannot toast with us this night. Remember! (ring bell)

**The Chair** — The chair is empty. They are not here. Remember! (ring bell)

Remember! — All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Remember! (ring bell)

Remember! — Until the day they come home, Remember! (ring bell)

Provided by Marcelo Buckley, 2nd Vice Commander, SAL



**Proceeds for  
Boys State !**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Al Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament**  
sponsored by American Legion District 20  
**Sunday, September 21, 2014**  
**Northcliffe Golf Course**

**Four Man Florida Scramble**  
**8:00 Shotgun Start**

**7:45 Showtime at Course**

**Positively NO Personal Coolers on the Course**

- **\$65 per person**
- **Includes Skins & 2 Mulligans**
- **Flighted**
- **Limited to 120 Players**
- **Sign up and Pay at Post 667 Canteen**
- **Make checks payable to American Legion Post 667**  
**[Please pay at sign-up or not later than 14 September]**
- **Cut-off 14 September 2014**
- **Lunch and Awards follow at Post 667**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm	3 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 6:30 to 7 pm	4 Grill 6 - 8 pm Dart League Pool League	5	6
7	8 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	9 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30pm	10	11 Grill 6 - 8 pm Dart League Pool League	12 CFS DINNER 6-8 PM - \$8 OPEN TO PUBLIC Shuffleboard Tourney\$5	13 BREAKFAST 8 - 11 AM - \$6 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
14	15 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	16 No Rider Grill New Building Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	18 Grill 6-8 pm Tri-City Flyers Dart League Happy Birthday Air Force!!	19	20 Dart Tourney 7:15 pm Shuffleboard Tourney - 4 pm Grill 5 pm - 8 pm
21 Dist. 20 <sup>th</sup> Golf Tourney Ferret Board Mtg. - 2 pm	22 Dart League	23 No Rider Grill	24 OWW will arrive at Post 593	25 Grill 6 - 8 pm OWW Dinner Dart League	26 STEAK NIGHT!! 6-8 PM \$13 OPEN TO PUBLIC! Shuffleboard Tourney\$5	27 Rider's Cook Breakfast for OWW Riders
28	29 Dart League	30 No Rider Grill SAL Mtg. - 7:30 pm				



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

**\*\* Auxiliary has breakfast and steak night!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Thunder in the Dam - September 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> - SAL Golf Tournament  
 Night In Ole Converse - October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
 DEC - September 26-27-28 in Austin

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

Adult Halloween Party - Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Costume contest/music