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Commander's Corner

Hello to all. As I sit and write this article, it is difficult to comprehend that this is my final article as Your Commander. It honestly does not seem like it has been two years. I believe that is a testament to you, the Members. Post 593 has a way to always have something to do or take care of and these activities make the time fly by.

I would like to thank two "groups" of people; the members of the Executive Committees for the past two years. Without the assistance and guidance of these dedicated individuals, I would not be sitting here with the sense of accomplishment that I feel right now. I decided to run for the position of Commander because of my Love for the American Legion. I did it without a great deal of experience in many of the various officer positions. However, with the knowledge that these people possessed, we have had two successful years.

Having said that, there are four people that I would like to thank personally. First, Nick Mills; Nick provided the thought to pursue this position in the first place. He showed me that there is so much to the Legion that we don't even know about. Secondly, David Paris and Gary Bartel provided me

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Auxiliary News

Time has flown by. It is already July. I love the 4th of July holiday. I love the Red, White & Blue hung everywhere, the parades and fireworks. It also brings back great memories of spending time at the river with my family, fishing, cooking hotdogs and camping. I am thankful for our Forefathers that fought for and wrote the Declaration of Independence. It is because of them that we can enjoy and celebrate this holiday the way WE choose.

I know everyone would rather be sitting in the shade sipping on a glass of lemonade so I hope to be brief, not too much yackety-yack. Yes, that's a "technical" term.

As you all know, election of officers was held in June. I want to thank those that stepped outside their comfort zone and ran for office. Congratulations to all of the new executive board. And to those that served this past year, I wish to thank you as well. You all made my job easier and you made Unit 593 shine.

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with more knowledge about how the American Legion operates than I could ever have imagined. They were the ones that I approached when I had a question. And, last but not least, Brown Zavala. Everybody needs a Sounding Board in their lives and Brown was mine. All of you know that he and I are close friends, but nobody knows of the times that we disagreed on a topic. I believe that those discussions made me a better Commander. A special thanks to all of you.

Post 593 has had many memorable times over the past two years....too many to mention. Now, we have to give our support to the incoming officers. Some are returning for another year and some are new. However you want to look at it, they will be the people leading and guiding the future of Post 593. I am confident that they will do an outstanding job. Please, give them the same support that you gave to me. Let us continue to be the Best Post in the 20th District.

In closing, Thank You for allowing me to be your Commander. I feel that I am a better person because of your confidence and support.

—Jack Leanhart
Commander

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The Installation Ceremonies have been rescheduled for Friday, 16 July. The social, with hors d'oeuvres, will begin at 6:00. The Installation ceremonies will begin at 7:00. After the Installation of Officers has concluded, there will be music and dancing in the canteen area. You are ALL are welcome to attend. As they say, the more, the merrier.

Girls State also took place in June. I would like to thank our Unit 593 members who contributed so much to making it a memorable experience for these young ladies. At Unit level, Michelle Smith. She worked with the high schools in recruiting and interviewing young ladies from our area. At the District level, hats off to Hilda Bray. She, as usual, was putting out fires and lining these gals and their parents out the week prior to the convention. At the Department level, Ms. Robbi Rupert served as the Treasurer and Bank for the Girls State Convention.

In July the Legion Riders and its Legion family will be holding the Taste of Freedom Dinner which supports the American Legion Legacy Fund. The Auxiliary will soon begin selling tickets for a quilt raffle, the ticket to be drawn the night of the dinner, and the proceeds donated to the Legacy Fund. A big thanks to Sylvia for supplying the quilt cover and Denise for putting it together. This is another example of our Unit members. They are some of the most giving and talented ladies I have had the privilege to know.

I will end this newsletter by thanking all of the Legion Family for their support over the last year. I have learned and grown a lot. In the coming year, the Unit hopes to implement some new projects, just one or two, that we feel will bring us closer to our local community. We will keep you updated as plans develop.

Do enjoy your 4th of July. Please be safe. I hope to see you all at our meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall. Come out, get to know your fellow members and learn about our programs.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

Chaplains Corner



Legion Family,

A Post Everlasting Ceremony to remember three of our members who passed away this past year will be held during the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, 7 July 2010, 7:30 pm in the Post Hall. The ceremony will be held to induct the following members into the Post Everlasting:

- Thomas L. Boren, Jr.
- Edward Gambal
- Larry D. McKinney

A Post Everlasting is a short, dignified ceremony (20 – 30 minutes) held by the American Legion to honor our fallen comrades. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Invitations have been sent to the families. Please come out as we remember our own.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme

Spring Jubilee 2011

Friday thru Sunday, 20-22 May 2011



The Jubilee committee has decided to hold the next Jubilee a week before Memorial Day 2011. The committee will begin holding meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning in August. We're actively looking for people to become committee chairs, co-chairs and committee members. This is an opportunity to get involved and help make this event bigger and better. The possibilities for this event are only limited by the number of volunteers. Get involved. Make a difference!

--Dennis



Rider's Report

We ran the river on tubes last Sunday and the similarities between riding motorcycles and sitting in a tube are amazing. When you but bounces on the seat going over a set of RR tracks it gives you a pretty good jolt, but not like when your butt bounces off a rock in a tube going over the rapids. The front tire of the bike gets caught in a seam or rut in the pavement which may start to take you off the road and the tube gets caught in the current and heads you straight into a wall, drunk drivers in a tube are a problem, a flat tire on either can really cause some excitement, and if you miss your turn you can end up in uncharted territory, in a tube you can go over the damn into uncharted territory.

Having a passenger on a bike that leans the wrong way is the same as having one in a tube that panics and paddles the wrong way. Learned not to take a dog on either, those nails are a problem when they try to climb over your back whether they are on the bike or in the tube. Least when I fell over on the tube all I had to do was spit out some water and make sure Minnie wasn't taking pictures to post on the web site I didn't have road rash and have to pick gravel out of my knees and elbows.

Let's all be careful no matter what we are doing, watch the kids around the pool, keep your eye on the other drivers that are on the cell or weaving in and out of lanes, and if you are on the bike watch your alcohol consumption. Over the last two years I've grown to like you and would miss your company so let's be safe out there this summer.

—Garry Bean
Director, Post 593 Riders



Post 593 Flag Program

For \$30 a year our Post will put a 3 x 5 foot American flag mounted on a 10 foot aluminum pole in your front yard on the following six holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July,

Veterans Day and Presidents Day. The flags are put up around sunrise and taken down around sunset. Like every other program the Post conducts, we need volunteers. It takes about an hour or so in the morning to drive around and put the flags up and another hour or so in the evening to take the flags down. The same volunteers have provided the majority of the work over the past several years. We're asking for members to volunteer to work one or two holidays a year on one of six flag routes. For more information please speak to Jan Lineback (committee chair), Jack Leanhart, Dave Paris or Dennis Ducharme.

American Legion Legacy Scholarship Benefit

The American Legion Riders (ALR) Post 593 would like to invite you to our Fifth Annual Benefit in support of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship program. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund was created by The American Legion National Organization after 9/11. Its purpose is to guarantee the children of military servicemen and women, who die in the line of duty during the war on terror, have access to a college education. Of the 700+ ALR groups across the nation, our local group is the leading donor to this fund, having given \$92,000 over the last four years.

This year the ALR will once again be hosting a "Taste of Freedom", to be held 7 p.m. on July 23, 2010; at the Holy Trinity Banquet Hall located at 20523 Huebner Road. Several local restaurants will have the opportunity to meet and greet all of our Freedom supporters as they serve samples of food throughout the evening. In addition, we will have wine tasting, music, door prizes and be conducting a silent and live auction. Check out our website for further information on the Taste of Freedom and the Legacy Scholarship Program at ALR593.net.

Company recognition and special seating for 10 attendees is available for a \$500.00 donation. This is a great opportunity to recognize employees, friends and family with a night of music and great food. Open seating is available for \$35.00 per ticket and all attendees must be over the age of twenty one. Being a 501 (C) (19) tax exempt organization your contributions will be tax deductible.

In the event you are not able to attend and would still like to participate, the ALR is looking for donations of any kind that can be used in the auctions. Again your donations are tax deductible and documentation can be provided at the time of the donation. Just call, ALR will come to you or donations can be mailed or dropped off at William M. Randolph Post 593, Attn: Velma Smith, 326 W. Legion Dr., Converse TX 78109.

ALR593 looks forward to seeing you on this special occasion. The children of the Nations Fallen Heroes and I thank you for your contributions and consideration.

—Velma Smith

