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Commander's Corner

Hard to believe that March is upon us already. Didn't even seem like we had much of a winter. However, that is not such a bad thing. I hope that all that came out for our first Mardi Gras Party enjoyed the great food and the festivities. I want to personally thank Dawn Stigall and Kat Johnson. Ladies, you volunteered to put this event together and you did an outstanding job. I hope that this will become an annual event.

Let me chat with all of our members about volunteering and helping out. I have seen many people step up to the plate this year and help with events. A great deal of these functions have been new "items" at our post. I continue to see more and more participation from members which fulfills my biggest goal for this year. However, it bothers when it so difficult to get volunteers for our mainstay events like Breakfast, Steak Night, and the Flag Program. Breakfast and Steak Night have been a part of Post 593 for much longer than I have been a member. They are a way to give to the Community as well as our Members. Both of these events are well thought of. Now, I have to ask this: Why is it so difficult for more members to step up and help out? Our Flag Program is another area that is badly

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Auxiliary News

March is here, and time for the annual "Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner", mark your calendars for 6:00 PM Saturday, March 21st. The dinner consists of salad, lasagna and garlic bread. Advance sale of tickets are now available from the bartender for \$6.00. This helps the Auxiliary know how many to prepare for. If you wait to buy your tickets after the window is open on the 21st the cost for the dinner will be \$7.00.

We are so close to reaching our goal for membership. We are presently at 97%. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009 please do so as soon as possible.

The Children's Easter party is Sunday April 05th at 1:00 PM. The sign up sheet will be at the post starting on 15 March. It's always a fun day for the kids, with a visit from the Easter Bunny, hunting for eggs, and other surprises. There will also be a box available in the post for contributions of wrapped candy for the Easter party.

See you at our next meeting on 04 March at 7:30 PM. Please come to our meeting and bring a member with you, or a friend that might be interested in joining.

—Sarah Toten

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in need of volunteers. This program brings money to our post and it only requires some effort on 6 Holidays each year. If we got enough volunteers, we could split those days among us and do less than 6 Holidays.

Please, give these programs some thought. I am aware that our post has many programs and events going on throughout the year. However, we also have a very large number of members. I think that we can do better at helping out.

Now, I have some great news! One of our community programs has been our Scholarship Program. It has not been funded lately, but I am happy to announce that it IS FUNDED THIS YEAR! Many of you helped make that happen. There were "Tip Baskets" at Breakfast, Friday Night Bites, and Raffles to help raise the money. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT MADE THIS HAPPEN! Also, the American Legion Oratorical Program was not funded in time for this year, but donations have been made to ensure that we will participate next year. Once again, Thank You!

I leave you with this thought: If more members volunteered to help out with ANY of our programs once in awhile, each of us would not have to help out so often.

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart



2nd Vice News

March is the month of Ides Beware of the Ides of March--whatever the hell that is!), Leprechauns, the Sweet Sixteen and baseball Spring Training--which is where I'll be!!

First I need to thank Hanna T. and Crissy R. for the Super Bowl drawings; Brown Z. and Brad P. for "grill duty" and Shannon for providing the grill; and everyone who brought their favorite Super Bowl dishes! It was a fabulous party and everyone had a good time.

We made a \$120.00 on the Valentine baskets. The money goes into the Friesenhahn Scholarship Fund. We now have enough for 2 scholarships!

Don't forget "Leprechaun Day" on March 17th! We'll have some kind of Irish dish and possibly "Leprechaun" beer! I'll have to see if the Luck of the Irish is with me in pulling that off! I would like to thank Dawnita and Kat for the Mardi Gras party. It as a huge success!!

Don't forget to get with Rick Stigall for information on the Golf Tournament and to sign up . Also on April 11-following the breakfast-we will be having a good old fashion GI party in the sheds! We will need volunteers to help and the more who help the faster it will go!

One last thing--don't forget to buy you raffle tickets for the grill on display in the canteen. The money will goes towards buying a big screen TV for the canteen. The grill will be raffled off the day of the Golf Tournament!

Need volunteers for the April breakfast. If you can volunteer please give me a call at 872-0502.

Now off to the Church of Baseball to watch the GREATEST GAME PLAYED ON DIRT!!!!

—Darrell Goemmer



Chaplain's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who either participated in or attended the Four Chaplains ceremony on February 22nd. Thanks to you it was a great success. The number of participants is too long to list here, but we had folks who helped set up and tear down the chairs and display, who read the Chaplains' individual stories, and who draped crosses, placed roses and lit candles, who took pictures, and who made coffee. To each of you, I offer my sincere thanks.

—Dennis Ducharme

Legion Jubilee '09 Committee Heads

Advertising: Dennis Ducharme

Beer Booths: John Orff

Bike Run and Bike Show: Paula Johnson

Car Show: Sharon Rector

Carnival: Dennis Ducharme

Chilli Cook-Off: Shannon Lynde

Demonstrations: Irma Ducharme & Leslie Devore

Face Painting/Dunking Booth: Tracy Guastella

Flag Disposal Ceremony: Jack Leanhart

Food Committee: John Hernandez

Health Fair: Darrell Goemmer

Horse Shoe Tournament: Dave Paris

Ice: Jack Leanhart

Legion Booths: Henry Creech

Live Entertainment: Rob Bryant and Dan McGillis

Mother's Day Essay Contest: Dennis Kiselyk & Ken Echerd

Program: Tim Engler

Raffle/Auction: Kim Pridemore and Dianne Echerd

Security: Ken Echerd

T-Shirts, Coins, Hats: Hanna Taylor

Vendor Booths: Gina Leonard



Post Historian

As has been the tradition of the American Legion Post 593 membership throughout the Legion's history, we have come together to help for yet another worthwhile cause. As you, I am sure know, one of our biggest money makers at the Jubilee last year was the

snow cone machine. This year the folks that loaned the snow cone machine to us had a situation in which they were forced to sell it and offered us the machine for \$300.00. The Legion could not afford the purchase price within the allotted time required. Members of the Post were asked to donate any amount they could afford at the time and with in 48 hours we had the \$300.00. I would like to thank those who were approached and gave with out hesitation. Members of the SAL, the Riders, the Auxiliary and the Legionaries all pitched in and made the purchase happen. We did it without having to receive a donation form any organization, though there were offers if needed. The Membership took charge and we again have one of the tools we used heavily to make our 1st Jubilee a success.

This snow cone machine belongs to the Legion and is available (free) for any of our organizations that may need it for an event here at the Post. It, I am sure, will be used at the 4th of July picnic and for many other events. Thank you AL Post 593 membership.

—Ken Echerd

Legion Jubilee

May 7 – 10, 2009
Converse City Park, Converse, TX

The Legion Jubilee will be held in the Converse City Park from May 7 – 10. There will be carnival rides and games, Arts and Crafts vendors, a Health Fair, Car & Motorcycle Show, Motorcycle Run, Live Entertainment, Food Booths, Horseshoe Tournament, Martial Arts Demonstrations as well as Dancing, Police and Fire Department Demonstrations, a Dunking Booth, Flag Retirement ceremony and much, much more!

We need a lot of things to come together for the Jubilee to be a complete success. Many have laid the path.....now we must follow and provide support. Soon, we'll have sign-up sheets at the Post to work shifts during the Jubilee. Please sign-up to work a shift or two (or three!). I want to thank everyone who has already worked hard on this year's event. Take a look at the Committee Heads and thank them. They're working hard for our Post.

Just like last year we will print an 8 1/2" by 11" program which will include the schedule of events for the four days of the Jubilee. We'll also have a few articles which talk about what The American Legion is all about, a brief history of our Post, what our Post is currently doing, what we have planned for the future, and articles about some of our members who have been/are deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. If you have been or are currently deployed, please send a picture and short story about yourself to post593tx@yahoo.com. To help raise funds, we're selling advertising space. If you have a business and would like to take out an ad please contact me at (210) 630-0655. Full page ads cost \$500, 1/2 page ads \$275, 1/4 page ads \$140, 1/8th \$75, and Business Card size ads are only \$60.

This year we're going to be selling business card size personal ads for our members and friends of the Post for \$50. You can wish your Mom Happy Mother's Day, wish your significant other Happy Birthday, wish the Jubilee success or any other personal message you can think of. Finally, we're going to have a Sponsorship page for members and friends of the Post, where for only \$10 your name will be listed as a Jubilee Supporter. Sign-up sheets for either a Personal Ad or Jubilee Sponsor are on the bulletin boards at the Post.

All ads must be in by April 6th! Time is short. We need help in selling ads, so please talk to all your friends and businesses you know about supporting the Jubilee.

We will hold a silent auction and a raffle at the Jubilee. Kim Pridemore and Dianne Echerd are heading this up. Please contact them if you have a donation you'd like to make. There will be space available for Arts and Crafts booths (or any other type of booth). For only \$40 for three days (Friday thru Sunday) you get a 15' x 15' size space. Vendors must provide their own booth/tables/chairs and power. Lighting at night will be provided. Gina Leonard is the POCs for the Arts and Crafts fair.

We'll also be selling Jubilee T-Shirts, Coins and "Staff" hats. We'll have a table set up during steak night and breakfast, so be sure to get yours early!

We're well on our way to a successful event this year. Its volunteers like you who will make this a spectacular weekend. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm. For March, that'll be the 11th and the 25th. Please plan

on attending, or if you can't make the meetings, please give me or one of the committee chairs a call.

—Dennis Ducharme
Jubilee Chair

STROKE IDENTIFICATION

According to the American Stroke Organization, stroke is the number one cause of disability in adults. There is only a **three** hour window in which a person needs to be recognized, diagnosed, and treated. A person can suffer severe brain damage when a bystander does not recognize the symptoms. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to **SMILE**, (smile should be symmetrical, or is one side drooping)

T *Ask the person to **TALK** and **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today.)

R *Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS** (can both arms be held up or is one arm weaker).

If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call an emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. Make a special note of the time the symptoms were noticed, this helps medical professionals know where the person may be in the three hour timeframe.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

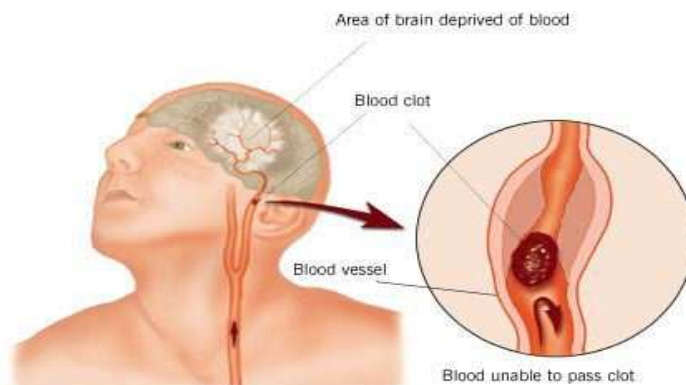
NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

There are other warning signs of stroke.

- Suddenly feeling weak in one arm, hand or leg
- Cannot feel one side of your face or body
- Suddenly cannot see out of one eye
- Suddenly have a hard time walking
- Cannot understand what someone is saying
- Feeling dizzy or losing your balance
- Having the worst headache you have ever had

For validation of this information and expansion of further knowledge concerning Stroke Identification please visit the American Stroke Organization web site at: <http://www.americanstroke.org/content/view/36/56/>

—Velma Smith





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Post Consolidated Report Due Soon!

If you have donated time, money, miles, etc. this is the time we need to know! Please take the time to take credit for what you've done! Submit the hours worked, miles driven, money spent, and number of people impacted to the Post Adjutant, Gary Bartel. We receive money and recognition from Congress for all the volunteering that we, as the entire American Legion, perform. When the National Commander goes in front of Congress and testifies, he says the men and women of The American Legion has donated so much time, money, etc. and it has impacted so many people. This is clout for Congress to pay attention to the largest veteran's organization in the world!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	Kitchen Open 5-7pm General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	Karaoke by Billy	DST Begins—Set Clocks Ahead 1 hr. before going to bed
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Dart League 7 pm	St. Patrick's Day Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	Post Exec Mtg, 7 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	Karaoke by Billy	Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 Lasagna Dinner 6pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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Happy St. Patrick's Day