



William M. Randolph, Post 593

# The American Legion



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## Commander's Corner

October is upon us. I am thankful for that. Maybe I am the only one, but I have had enough of the 95-100 degree days to hold me for awhile.

I hope that all those that attended enjoyed the festivities for Labor Day. Once again, our members came through with side dishes and activities. We had a change in our usual meal this year. For those of you that could not attend, we had Pulled Pork Sandwiches instead of the usual hamburgers. I wish to Thank Darrell and Hanna for preparing the meal and supervising the set up. I also want to thank Brown for the donation of the Hog.

If you have been in the Post recently you will have noticed a few changes that have occurred. For one, we no longer have to worry about tripping on old carpet (that was holding who-knows-what odors) because it doesn't exist any longer. There have been other improvements such as the ceilings have been repaired, primed and painted. The walls have been cleaned. We have good lighting in the hallway. The walls in the Club Room have been cleaned. Even the Service Plaques have been cleaned. I am fully aware that there are more im-

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## Auxiliary News

Thanks go out to our Vice President, Pat McLeod for chairing the meeting in September, and for helping out wherever she was needed during my absence. Special thanks to Joanne for taking the lead in recruiting volunteers to work the breakfast in September, and thanks also to all the volunteers.

Plan to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary meeting at our post on Saturday, 04 October at 9:00 AM, it promises to be a very informative meeting. Robbie Rupert will cover everything you ever wanted to know about the American Legion Auxiliary. Bring all your questions and come meet other Auxiliary members.

By now everyone has probably received a statement from Department regarding dues for 2009. Our membership goal this year is 327. In order to meet our goal we need Auxiliary members to actively recruit new members. Invite potential new members to attend a meeting or an activity like breakfast or steak night as your guest. They can see first hand what a wonderful post we have. Also, remember to pay your dues early so your card can be stamped "Early Bird", for a free dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

—Sarah Toten

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provements that need to be done. After all, until we get a new building, we have to live in this one. All of these improvements have been at the hands of the Building Maintenance, Repair, and Renovation Committee. Wow, that is a lot to say. John Orff is the Chairman. If you have suggestions or would like to assist in anyway, contact John. Good Job, Folks.

There are plenty more events to report on and I am sure that there are more people that I truly need to Thank for their contributions. However, there is a topic that I feel needs to be addressed more than any other. That subject is what it means to be a Legionnaire. I would like all members to reflect on what they think being a member of Post 593 means to them. Do you simply think it is a Bar at the end of Legion Drive? Do you think that it is a means to gain personal praise? If you answer Yes to either of these questions, you are sorely misinformed.

Without going into a detailed history of the American Legion, let me remind you that our organization was started at the end of WW I with a relatively small group of men that wanted to do whatever they could to take care of Veterans and their Families. As time went on that extended to the Community. Please, remember a line in our Preamble that states, "To Inculcate a sense of Individual Obligation to the Community, State, and Nation." And, also recall the first lines of my closing paragraph from our meetings, "Till we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our Country can fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service the Community, State, and Nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members."

Please, keep these thoughts in mind. We have too many members to possibly think that we are all going to think alike and always agree. However, how we show our disagreement reflects upon ourselves as individuals and as members of the American Legion. I am not so naïve to think that we could possibly always agree with each other. But, we CAN....no, WE MUST.....always keep the principles of the American Legion close to our heart.

God Bless America

—Jack Leanhart

### Chaplain's Corner



It is my sad duty to report one of our members has passed away. John "Pops" Buckley, Marcelo Buckley's father, passed away last month. Before his health declined, Pops would come out to our dart games, have a drink or two, smoke a cigar and laugh it up with us. He was always a fun guy to be around. Please keep Marcelo and his family in your prayers.

Orlando Perez was recently hospitalized but is now home and doing well. And Dave Rudd is back home from the hospital, but is still under the weather. Dave would appreciate some visitors, but please call and make arrangements before you go over. Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 2nd when daylight savings time ends.

—Dennis Ducharme



### Legion Riders News

After taking "somewhat" of a rest in September, the Riders will be back at it October. We will be participating in the Night in Ole Converse parade and parking for the event. On October 3rd CMSgt Page will be retiring and he has invited the Riders to be a part of his celebration. October 8 -10 we again we will be host to riders from New Mexico and Arizona participating in Operation Wounded Warrior. This will include a tour of the Intrepid Center at Ft. Sam. Our riders will be constructing and running the haunted house at the Lonesome Dove Ranch. This is an event that supports our Warriors and their families. And, lastly, The Riders will be hosting breakfast on October 11th and "Stake Night" on Halloween night. I would like to thank our Rider Family for all they continue to do in support of our programs and of each other.

Sincerely submitted,

—Brown Zavala,  
ALR Director



### 1st Vice News

Thanks to all the volunteers who have donated labor and monies for the start of the renovation of your post home. We are planning to start laying new floor tile the 1st weekend in November. If you would like to donate a box of tile (cost is \$15.90) or a bag of thin set mortar (cost is \$10.99), please leave your donation at the bar.

We will serve a chicken dinner Friday, 10 Nov to raise building maintenance funds. Cost per plate is \$5.00 and will be served from 5PM to 8PM.

Thanks for your support

—John Orff



### 2nd Vice News

Let me start by thanking the executive board members who worked the august breakfast and for making the breakfast a success. Next I would like to thank Brown Zavala for donating the wild hog for the Labor Day picnic. I would also like to thank Hanna, John Orff, Brad Smith, and Tracy G for the outstanding job of preparing the pulled pork, darts, shuffleboard tournaments and the kids games for our picnic. Thanks guys and girls for a great job. Need to thank the steak night crew also (Paul C, Joe G, Gary B, Rick and Candy, Orlando, Joy, and Rose. For the month of October we have a booth at Night in Ole Converse. The post will be selling turkey legs. we will be needing volunteers to work the booth. Sign up sheets are up in the post so please sign up for one of the shifts. Also every Sunday there will be snacks provided for the football games. Come out and cheer on your favorite team. Please don't forget the Legion Breakfast on 11 October, steak night and the Halloween costume party on 31 October. Prizes will be given for the best costume. See you at the post.

—Darrell Goemmer



## New Building Committee Report

We held our first meeting back on September 15th to talk about the 2009 Legion Jubilee. A request has been sent to the city to try to get an approved date and we're waiting on that response. In the meantime, we're planning like we have a date! Because of several conflicts, our meeting dates have been changed. From now on, beginning in October, we'll be meeting at the Post in the hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Please make sure to update your calendars! Also, we've been discussing the possibility of having a few functions before the Jubilee to increase participation and awareness. We've talked about having a karaoke contest with three or four competitions a couple of months before the Jubilee and then have the final contest with winners from the previous ones. We could do that with a few other events as well. If you have ideas, suggestions or comments please bring them with you on October 8th, our next meeting

—Dennis

## New Year's Eve (NYE) Party 2008



On sale now - 2008 New Year's Eve party tickets - just \$50 each for - dinner (your choice Rib Eye steak or roasted Cornish Hen), decorations and party favors, door prizes, hall bar (wrist bands for wine, sodas, beer, call & well drinks), band (Broken Heartsville band), breakfast and black eye peas after midnight. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Please e-mail [post593chairperson@yahoo.com](mailto:post593chairperson@yahoo.com) to reserve seats and get ticket information. You can also charge your tickets to the Bar -just make sure I see a copy of the transaction to get your tickets.

—Marcelo M. Buckley, NYE chairman.

# Marty Frank

Memorial Hall Dedication

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**Saturday**  
**18 October 2008**

- Social Hour: 5—6 pm
- Ceremony: 6 pm
- Refreshments & Entertainment: 7 pm

Come One, Come All!!

The hall at The American Legion, William M. Randolph, Post 593 in Converse, Texas will be dedicated in memory of former POW Marty Frank on 18 October 2008 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited! Refreshments and entertainment will follow the ceremony.



## Legionnaires helping out

Although this article may be short in length, it serves to publicly send a large THANK YOU to a small group of people. Let me



set the stage for all of you. Unless our members have been involved in cooking steaks on the Last Friday of each month...or have been out on the back deck when the Riders are cooking burgers for Thursday night...you would never know

the condition that our grill is in. Recently (ok, 4-5 weeks ago) the husband of one of our members came to us with an idea of welding a new grill for our Post. The member's name is Marti Saville and her husband is Mike. Mike is Quality Control at Meadow Burke here in Converse. Mike met with myself, Denny Taylor, and Joe Falco

one evening and together, Mike and Joe "designed" a new grill, complete with drop down doors to make cleanup easier. Ok, now you are beginning to get the picture. It gets better: Mike was able to get the materials donated by David



Bingheim, another member, who is the Asst. Manager with Westbrook Metals. They delivered the new grill a few days before our last Steak Night. It was given its first test that evening. The guys cooking that night, Paul Crafton and Orlando Perez, told me that it is a dramatic improvement and complimented the craftsmen. Now, having read the "story" of our new grill, let me throw something else out to you. All of these exceptional members are related. Mike and Marti are married and David is the brother of Marti. Marti and David's father, Freddie Bingheim, was a longtime member of Post 593. Their only request was that



the new grill be donated in the name of their father, Freddie Bingheim. To these giving individuals I extend a warm and hearty Thank You.

Your efforts and contribution have not gone unnoticed and I hope that they inspire others to give time and efforts to our Post. I URGE ALL MEMBERS TO THANK THESE INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY SEE THEM. With Warmest Regards,

—Jack Leanhart



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October 2008



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Night In Ole Converse is Oct 2-5. Post 593 will have a booth selling turkey legs. Sign up sheets for a shift are at the Post.

Oct 18th:  
20th District Coffee 4PM  
Marty Frank Hall  
Dedication 6PM  
New Building Committee  
Sausage Sale 7 pm  
Dart Tournament 7:30PM

Kitchen Open from  
5 to 7 pm On  
General Membership  
Meeting Night

Riders Grill will be open on  
Tuesday & Thursday nights  
6-8 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Night in Ole Converse NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	Important October Dates: Oct 2-5-Night In Ole Converse Oct 18-Marty Frank Hall Dedication 6PM Oct 31-Halloween Party-Music, Dancing, and a Costume Contest	1 General Mbrship Meeting 7:30 pm Kitchen open 5-7 pm	2 Night in Ole Converse Riders Grill 6-8pm	3 Night in Ole Converse Friday at the Legion	4 Night in Ole Converse 20 <sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary meeting 9:00AM	
5 Night in Ole Converse NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	6 Monday Night Football Columbus Day	7 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	8 Wounded Warriors Visit New Bldg Commit.	9 Wounded Warriors Visit Riders Grill 6-8pm	10 Wounded Warriors Visit Friday at the Legion	11 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am
12 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	13 Monday Night Football Columbus Day	14 ALR Gen Mbrship Mtg 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	15 Post Exec Mtg. 7 pm	16 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	17 Friday at the Legion	18 SEE LEFT SIDEBAR
19 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	20 Monday Night Football Dart League 7 pm	21 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	22 H&E Mtg. 7 pm	23 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	24 Friday at the Legion	25 Early Bird Dinner 6:00 PM
26 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	27 Monday Night Football Dart League 7 pm	28 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	29 Wednesday at the Legion	30 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	31  Steak Night, 6-8 pm Halloween Party Music and costume contest!	