The American Legion

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President: Robin Alva Vice President: Rosie Cherry Secretary: Sandra Vinson Treasurer: Sue Buckley Historian: Donna Linares Chaplain: Michelle Muth Sgt At Arms: Tami Cox **Members at Large:** Debbie Potter, Patty Keys, Audrey Woodruff

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Commander: Rick Moe Ist Vice: Bill Cox 2nd Vice: Mikey Wilson Adjutati: Joe Falco Finance: Dave Paris Chaplain: Clayton Wallers Historian: Adam Bales Sgt At Arms: Brad Martin Judge Advocate: Michael Potter **Members At Large**: Jimmy May, Henry Creech Legion Advisor: Danny Muth

ALR Officers:

Director: Paul Goymerac Asst Director: Ed Richards Secretary: Sara Mazac Finance: Rob Henkel Road Captain: Sean Lowder Safety Officer: Josh Blevins Membership: Amy Reed Sgt At Arms: Buzz Hendricks Chaplain: Robin Alva Service Officer: Daniel Riggs Historian: Julie Evans

Members at Large: Matt Scott, Allen Lowe, Matt Evans, Greg Spatz, and Mark Luther



Commander's Comments

I thank everyone for their confidence that they have in me to fulfill the valuable position as Commander of our Post. I take this job with reverence and

with the fortitude that my predecessors have set forth.

We are a post of history. We carry respect in the state of Texas. I will ensure to every member that I will do my best to make our post continue its reputation in its fulfilment of the duties of the American Legion.

As you read this, we are making preparations to not only make our post beautiful as the people, the talent, and the beauty inside as well as making the exterior inviting and the post to be "Not just a stop, but the destination".

We are almost ready to set forth the sale of memorial bricks to move our flag poles and the monument (watch for further information).

We will be adding some flowerpots for beautification items. We will be adding some more railroad ties in the back parking lot. We will be painting the building and restriping the front parking lot, just to name a few projects.

I plan on attending the city council meeting to ensure transparency and communication. I will also be encouraging other legionnaires and officers to do the same.

I will be working with Tracy, our canteen manager, to ensure she has all of the tools in order to maintain the standard which we have risen to.

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<u>Auxiliary News</u>

Howdy!

School's out, families are vacationing, and the summer heat has arrived. If you're on vacation, take

lots of pictures and create lots of memories. Protect yourself from the heat by wearing protective clothing and hats, stay indoors as much as possible, and stay well-hydrated with non-sugary drinks. Stay healthy, happy, and safe my friends.

Our awesome Auxiliary Unit has elected the officers for 2024-2025. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as Unit President for another year. Congratulations to the following ladies and thank you for stepping up to help with the success of our unit: Rosie Cherry; Vice-President, Sandra Vinson; Secretary, Suzanna Buckley; Treasurer, Michelle Muth; Chaplain, Donna Linares; Historian, Tami Cox; Sergeant-at-Arms, Debbie Potter; Member at Large, Patty Keys; Member at Large, and Audrey Woodruff; Member at Large. I've said it before, but it bears repeating; all of you are amazing! With your help and support, we are able to continue our mission of helping those who need help.

We will not have a Unit meeting in July, but I urge you to attend the Post Everlasting Ceremony on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Let us pay our respects to the members who have recently passed. Please join us for the events we support and join us at our regularly scheduled monthly meetings to see what your Auxiliary is all about. We welcome your ideas for fundraisers and other activities. Become involved, you'll be glad you did.

Here's to another great year!!!

Robin E. Alva President, ALA Unit 593

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These are just a few of the items that we, as a family, will be working towards. It is the job of every single post member to ensure the legacy of Post 593 by your continued membership, patronage, and involvement.

Again, I thank everyone for their faith in me.

Henry Creech

Commander The American Legion Post 593



SALute From the Squadron Commander

Hello to all the S A L and other Legion family members.

Here's hoping all had a great time this past year, and yes it's time to welcome all of our new officers.

I thank all of the members at Post 593 for their help, guidance and support with my term as Squad-ron Commander.

Thank you to our members for renewing and to all of our new members, our membership pasted our 100 %.

Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members.

Our next S A L meeting will be on July 16th, at 19:00.

Have a great month, see all of you later.

Bill Cox Past Squadron Commander



Thank you for your confidence in me and the opportunity to serve you as the Squadron 593 Sons of the American Legion Commander.

Thank you to outgoing Commander Bill Cox for his leadership the past two years. We wish him all the best in his future SAL endeavors.

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Squadron Officers:

Commander Rick Moe

1st Vice Commander Bill Cox
2nd Vice Commander Mikey Wilson
Adjutant Joe Falco
Finance Officer Dave Paris
Judge Advocate Mike Potter
Chaplain Clayton Wallers
Historian Adam Bales
Sgt At Arms Brad Martin
Members at Large Henry Creech, Jimmy May
Just a couple of quick reminders about upcoming meals:
August 9, Chicken Fried Steak September 13, pre Oktoberfest German meal
October 11, Early Bird dinner (CFS)

Also watch for forthcoming information about our annual golf tournament which takes place in October. Until next month.....

For God and Country

Rick Moe

Squadron Commander

Greetings American Legion Riders,

I have been humbled for the past year as the ALR Director. This was one of the most fulfilling positions I ever had inside and outside the Legion. The Riders, friends, and family have always had each other's back as well as mine. I learned a lot and was grateful to lead the ALR for that period of time. Due to health issues, I am stepping down as the ALR Director. Fortunately for Chapter 593, we have an outstanding rider and person taking over...Paul Goymerac. I hope that

Riders Report

all of you give him the support that you gave me. I am looking forward to helping out on his Executive Staff and remaining actively involved. During the past year, we accomplished a lot of what we set out to do. Those areas that we never got around to will be on "Paul's List" to consider moving forward. I know we will be very successful under Paul's leadership. We have Post Installation on 29 June. Our new leadership will be sworn in that night with the other Legion Divisions.

Thank you again for everything and have a great summer. God Bless our Veterans

Ed "Mr. Gadget" Richards.



Another year has come to a completion and after looking back, we accomplished almost everything we sought out to do. Our new Executive Committee members and appointed officials in the ALR for 2024 – 2025 are: Paul Goymerac Director, Ed Richards (Assistant Director) Robin Alva (Chaplain), Rob Henkel (Finance Officer), Secretary: Sarah Mazac, Allen Lowe (Member at Large), Matt Evans (Member at Large), Mark Luther (Member at Large), and Julie Evans (Historian). June was a busy month for the ALR, we completed a Veterans Helping Veterans project, four of our riders rode to Weimer for the ALR South Central Texas Meet & Greet and had 12 of our riders ride to and from Mt. Vernon to support the Texas State ALR Rally. They were hot rides, and everyone made it back safely. Starting of the new ALR year we will be plan-

ning and finishing a least several Veterans Helping Veterans Projects, conducting our annual Rolling Run fund raiser, participating in the South Central Texas ALR Legacy Run and supporting other local ALR Chapters in their fund raising

Paul Goymerac

ALR Director



1st Vice Commander Report

2024 is in the books! Thank you to all of our members for their recruitment efforts. As of June 20th, we are at 103.66% of our goal of 819 members, we ended our Legion year with 849 members! A big welcome to our 54 new members! Glad you joined us! If you still haven't renewed for 2024, don't fret. You can still renew, and we can still send in the transmittal. If you pay 2025 membership at the same time, you won't forget later! Two birds, one stone! There are multiple ways to renew:

"Online at mylegion.org and print your membership card

"Send in your reminder renewal form mailed by Headquarters

Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!). If you recruit a new member, make sure you let the Adjutant know so you can get credit for your recruitment

Ed Richards

Past 1st Vice Commander/Membership

From the Chaplain



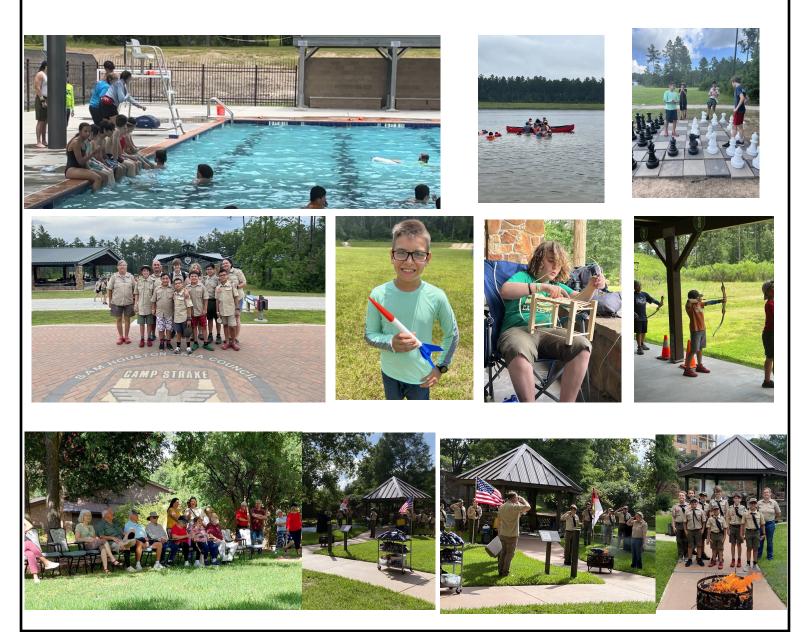
Post Everlasting is a solemn ceremony in which members of The American Legion, who have recently passed, have their memberships transferred to the Great Commander of all. Each member is a military veteran whose contributions, great or small, guaranteed the freedom and liberty we enjoy in this country. Each of these veterans contributed to the advancement of The American Legion. Each of these people were our friends and/or relatives.

You are cordially invited to join us at The American Legion Post 593 at 7:00 pm on July 3, 2024. Please arrive on time so that we may have everyone seated and we can start promptly at 7:30 pm.

The Fourth Pillar-

Children and Youth

Troop 593 stays active through the summer months. Below are pictures of the Scouts at Camp Strake Summer Camp near Houston and performing a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Army Residence Community in Converse. Through your continued support they learn how to "Unplug", enjoy the outdoors and how to serve our community. If you are available, we'll love to see you at our Taco Dinner July 12th, see our flyer in the newsletter. **Thank You Post 593!**





Steak Night, another Great Success all thanks to our Tremendous Volunteers!!!





Installation of Officers Night at Post 593















Legionnaire of the Year Kellie Warrell





July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Zumba 6 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	2 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	3 Post Exec Meeting 6:30 Post Everlasting 7pm	4 Independence Day Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	5	6
7	8 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	10	11 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	12 Troop 593 Taco Dinner 6-8 pm	13 Breakfast 8-11:00am
14 Steel Guitar Association and Burger Sales 2-5 pm		16 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am (Taco Tuesday) S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	17 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	18 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	19	20 Pack Pancake Break- fast 8-11 am Shuffle Board Tournament 2:30
21	22 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	24	25 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	26 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	27
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Post Home Manager's Message

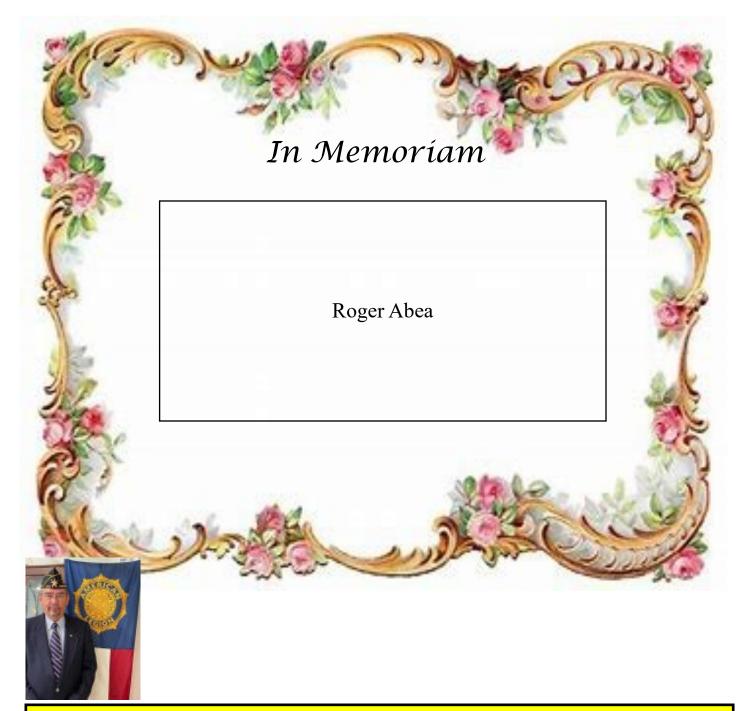
Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!



Surprise a friend with a Drink Chip for our Cantina!



The Newsletter will dedicate the space above to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria is as follows: The deceased must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, or an immediate family member of such. Specifically, the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor directly or through one of the chaplains.

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings Time: 9-11AM

Breakfast Taco Tuesday July 16th

Open to the public.

Come join for complimentary coffee, doughnuts, plus other goodies. Good fellowship and good conversation. Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM

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General Membership Nights 5:30 PM – 7 PM or until we run out (FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

JULY – NO MEAL

AUGUST 7th – BEEF STROGANOFF, SALAD, ROLL, DESSERT \$10



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SEPTEMBER 4th – TATOR TOT CASSEROLE, SALAD, DESSERT \$10



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERAN PROGRAMS!!





Open to the public.



William M. Randolph Post 593 326 Legion Dr. W. Converse, Texas 78109 Info: (210) 658-1111 **TROOP 593** is cooking up a **Dinner Fundraiser!**

All taco plates include:

2 Beef Tacos (your choice Crispy or Soft) Spanish Rice, Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Iced Tea

When: Friday, July 12th Time: 6pm - 8pm Where: American Legion, Post 593

Breaklast

Eggs cooked to order, Omelets, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Coffee, Juice

All you can eat for the bargain price of \$10.00 per plate!

Date: July 13, 2024

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Open to the public.



Monthly Jams of the San Antonio Steel Guitar Association are held the second Sunday of the month from 2 PM to 5 PM at American Legion Post 593. The musical jams are free and open to the public. Food and drink are available for sale, and a donation can is passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.



July 14, 2024

2 to 5 pm

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Open to the public.

Pack 593 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

\$7.00/plate

Pancakes Sausage Fresh Fruit Coffee/Juice

July 20, 2024 8am-11am American Legion 593 July 26, 2024 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Info: (210) 658-1111

Dine-in or take out. Open to public.

Steak Night



12-oz ribeye cooked to order. Salad, dinner rolls, and choice of vegetable. All this for the incredibly low price of only \$16 per plate! Open jukebox for your musical pleasure. Join us for a great meal, music, and

fellowship.

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