



**The American Legion**  
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June 2024

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**Commander's Comments**

Greetings Legion Family,  
 Another month has passed us by and we are heading into the 2nd season in Texas. Those seasons are Cool, **HOT**, and Christmas. Please, remember to stay hydrated if you are working outside in your yard. We don't need any of you affected by heat exhaustion or worse.

May was definitely a busy month at Post 593. We sponsored eight boys to Boys State and attended their orientation at Post 2 on May 8<sup>th</sup>. It is always a pleasure to help our youth have the opportunity to learn about governmental processes and how it works. I have a bit of experience with this having attended Boys State in Montana in 1979. Ok, all of you can now crunch the numbers and figure out my age! The memorable event of that particular Boys State was when it was announced that John Wayne had passed away while we were in legislation. A motion was immediately made and seconded to make June 11<sup>th</sup> a State Holiday. Of course, the motion passed.

We held our annual Memorial Day picnic on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that attended and especially to all that either prepared food at Post 593 or brought dishes for all to enjoy. The camaraderie was outstanding as usual, and the food was simply divine.

May 27<sup>th</sup> was Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember all those that made the ultimate sacrifice so we could enjoy our freedoms. Unfortunately, some people still get Memorial Day and Veterans Day confused. I corrected two people at work about this fact.

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**Auxiliary News**

Howdy!

What an absolutely wonderful year this has been! I don't have the words to tell you all just how grateful I am for you and your help. You are ALL amazing. With your help and support, we were able to continue our mission.

From the CASI Silent Auction, the various monthly meals, and fundraising events for Cancer Research and the Poppy program which supports our vets, our Unit was able to maintain all our missions and programs.

The Kid's and Senior's Christmas parties were a great success due to the volunteers that chaired and donated their time and treasurers to make these events a success. The Tuesday morning crew came through once again, donating and stuffing eggs for the Kid's Easter party. The volunteers that served on that day helped to keep the chaos to a minimum with such a large turnout.

Of course, our Unit continues to sponsor girls to go to Girls State. Our Unit believes in empowering the youth of today to become strong leaders of tomorrow. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you.

Robin E. Alva  
 President, ALA Unit 593



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Our 20<sup>th</sup> District begins our Memorial Day events with the annual Reading of the Names at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. This is our opportunity to remember all those that were interred in the previous year since the last time we read names. It was nice to see folks from Post 593 at this event on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

There were a couple of observances on Memorial Day for people to pay their respects, unfortunately they were at the same time. Chapel Hill Funeral Home and Memorial Park held an observance at 10:00 with the opportunity to place an American Flag at each grave of fallen heroes. Post 593 was represented by George Alva. The City of Converse held their observation at 10:00 in front of the Purple Heart Monument. Henry Creech represented us there. Thank you to George and Henry for showing the colors of The American Legion and especially Post 593.

A note of an upcoming (and recurring) event in our Post. Beginning on June 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be bringing back the monthly Shuffleboard Tournament. This is a great time to join other members for some fun and partake in an adult beverage or more. Sign up will begin at 2:30 with games starting at 3:00. We are limiting it to 12 players at the beginning because of the length of each game. We may consider increasing that number. It will be single elimination as in prior years. I hope to see many of you there.

June is the last month of our fiscal year. I will be saying adios as your Commander soon. Just not yet! Keep this in mind as you see new faces in the various officer positions and support them as you did my staff this year.

Stay Safe Always,

Jack Leanhart  
Commander  
The American Legion Post 593

***SALute From the Squadron Commander***



On May 21st we had our Elections for 2024-2025 Officers, They are

- Commander ..... Rick Moe
- 1st Vice ..... Bill Cox
- 2nd Vice ..... Mike Wilson
- Adjutant ..... Jo Falco
- Judge Advocate ..... Mike Potter
- Chaplain ..... Clayton Wallers
- Historian ..... Adam Bales
- Sgt AT Arms ..... Brad Martin
- Members At Large ..... Jimmy May / Henry Creech

Congratulations to the new officers of 24-25.

At this time I thank all for their support, help and guidance in my term as Commander .

The S A L membership is going good as of March 2024 we are at 134 of 129 for 103.9 %, anyone who has not renewed, now would be a good time.

On June 14th we will have Hamburger steak with mushroom brown gravy over bed of mash potatoes with veggies on the side for \$10.00 a plate.

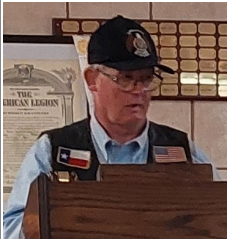
If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers please notify George Alva.

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

Hope to see all at the next meeting on June 18th @ 7pm or 19:00.

Bill Cox

Squadron Commander



### **Riders Report**

This summer has arrived, looking forward to rides in the summer heat to our favorite stops. This past month was exciting with the Reading of the Names at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. Great turn out and a fun ride in the back country.

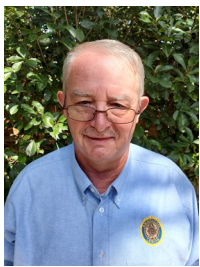
The election season is almost over...we vote at our General Membership Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month...11 June at 7:00 p.m. There several new members who have expressed interest in attending so please come by and welcome them to ALR Chapter 5693.

On 11 June, we will vote and make last minute arrangements for the Texas State rally. That rally will be from Friday, 14 June until Monday, 17 June 2024. There about ten members attending so if you are interested, please contact either myself, Sean Lowder, or Paul Goymerac. It will be a great time again. Have a great summer and I hope to see you around at the different events.

God Bless our Riders, Veterans, and family members.

Ed "Mr. Gadget" Richards

ALR Director



### **1st Vice Commander Report**

We are at 103.3% of our 819 membership goal. We currently have 846 members, including 54 new members. As one of the largest Posts in Texas, we have to work extra hard to meet 100% goal—we made it happen! Starting in July please renew your membership as quick as possible and bring in new members as well. There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and print your membership card;
- Send in your reminder renewal form that is mailed by Headquarters;
- Leave a check with the bartender for the membership bag (make sure your Legion ID number is on the check).

If you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to join! Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!).

Ed Richards,

1st Vice Commander/Membership

## The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth

### ROTC and School Awards Programs



The last week in May is a busy week when most elementary and middle schools hold their graduation ceremonies. This year Post 593 is presenting the **SCHOOL AWARDS** in six elementary schools (Royal Ridge, Montgomery, Windcrest, Camelot, Walzem and Converse) and two middle schools (Ed White and Judson). Legionnaire presenters this year were Mike Hoffman, Larry Ellis and Jack Leonhardt. Particularly rewarding was the first-year presentation of the School Award to students at the Converse Elementary School and the Judson Middle School. The School Award is the highest honor awarded by the American Legion to an American youth. The Award proclaims to the world that these student winners are the kind of boy and girl that are believed worthy of such an honor and that they will develop into leaders with high ideals for America, God, and Country. In addition to the students receiving a medal and/or certificate, the school is presented with a School Award Plaque with the students' names inscribed for display and in recognition of the contributions by the school's teachers and staff (see plaque picture).

The **ROTC AWARDS** Program was concluded with presentations of medals and certificates at Roosevelt High School on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> by Jack Leonhardt. Gold, silver and bronze awards were presented for Military Excellence, Scholastic Excellence and Marksmanship. The awards were presented at Judson, Karen Wagner, TMI Episcopal, Roosevelt, Alamo Heights and Madison High Schools along with AFROTC Det 842 at UTSA. (see pictures at Judson and Wagner HS).

Jack Leonhardt, Programs Coordinator



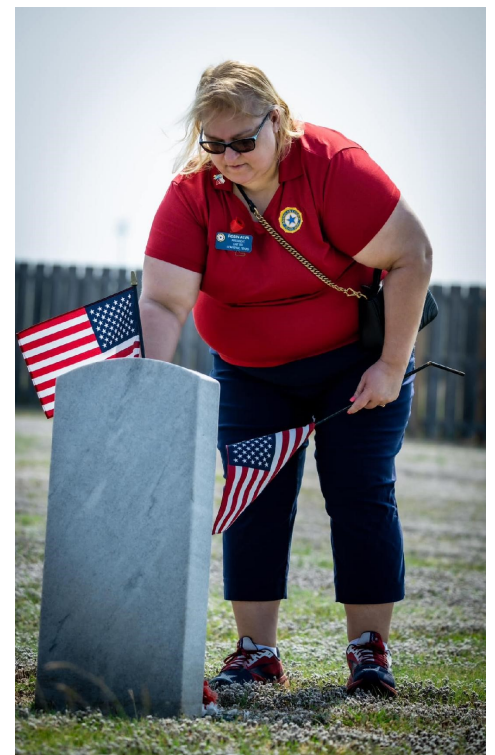
Memorial Day Weekend—Post 593 packed it full of activities!



Names of those who past last year were read and our Troop placed Flags on Fallen Heroes graves at Fort Sam National Cemetery.



Post 593 Chaplin, George Alva, gave a Memorial Day speech at Chapel Hill Cemetery. Members of the Auxiliary, Riders, Sons, and Post placed Flags on the graves of our fallen.





Troop 593 set up the chairs, tentage, manned the fire pits, Presented the Colors, passed out memorabilia, and then tore everything down for the Converse Memorial Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Above: Post 593 Incoming Commander, Henry Creech, gives an emotional speech, “Be the One, Stop Veteran Suicides”, to a pack crowd.



Left: Converse City Mayor and member of Post 593, Al Suarez, receives the first flag of the day to retire from Troop 593 Scoutmaster, Jessica Baker.

Right: Mayor Suarez retiring the flag into the Converse Purple Heart Memorial fire pit.



Flags were flown this day...

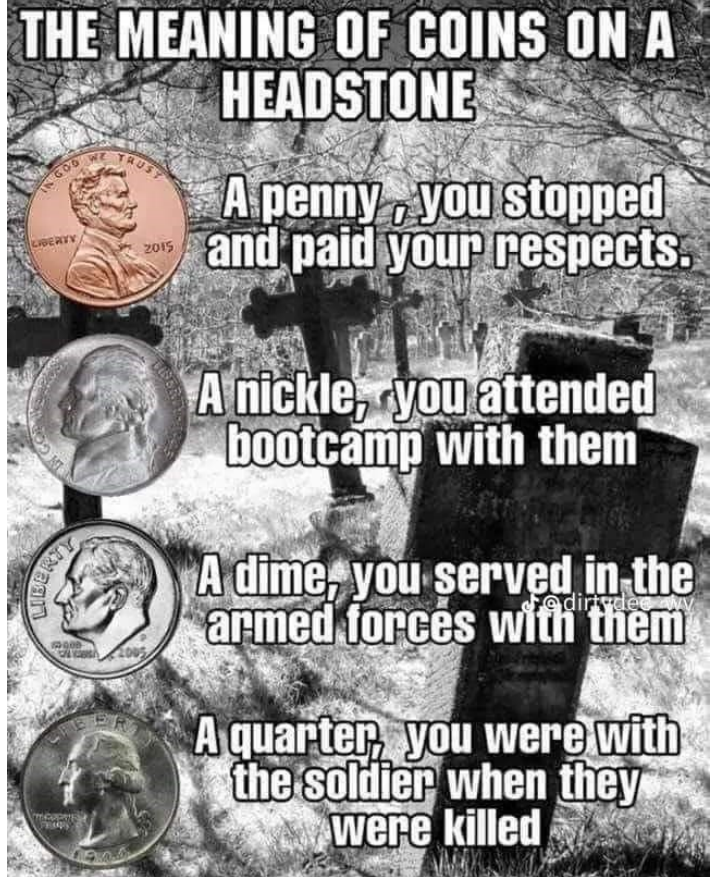


...and nearly 200 were Retired by the end of the day.





Memorial Day is coming so if you visit a cemetery don't remove the coins as they have meaning.



Sometimes pictures say a thousand words and sometimes words are the picture.





# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Boy Scouts 6:30  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	4 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am  TX Roadhouse 3-9pm	5 Frito Pie Dinner Post Election 2 - 7 pm Post GMM 7pm  Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	6 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	7	8 Breakfast 8-11:00am
9	10 Zumba 6 pm Boy Scouts 6:30  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	11 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am (Taco Tuesday)  ALR GM Mtg 7pm	12	13 Burger Burn 5:30pm  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm	14 SAL Dinner  State Run ALR  <b>Flag Day</b>	15 State Run ALR
16	17 Zumba 6 pm Boy Scouts 6:30  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	18 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am  S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	19 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm  <b>Juneteenth Day</b>	20 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	21	22 Shuffle Board Tournament 2:30 pm
<b>Father's Day</b>	23 Boy Scouts 6:30 Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	24 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	25 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	26	27 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	28 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm
30						29 Installation of Officers



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## Flags on Town Square Registration Form

### How to Sponsor a Flag

- \$100 per year payable to American Legion Post 593
- Businesses can "Sponsored By"
- Individuals can "In Memory of"
- Proceeds support flag replacements, signs, and Veterans Programs.
- Displayed 6 times a year:
  - Presidents' Day - 20 Feb
  - Memorial Day - 29 May
  - Flag day - 14 June
  - Independence Day - 4 July
  - Labor Day - 4 Sep
  - Veterans Day - 11 Nov
- Displayed in front of Converse City Hall on Sequin St.
- Displayed with a personalized placard

Contact Dennis  
Ducharme @  
210.630.0655 to  
become a sponsor!



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Name Phone #

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Address

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Paid by Cash/Check Date

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Email To Be Placed on Sign

#### Receipt

Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_



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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!**



*In Memoriam*

Josephine Friesenhahn



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  
Jun 11th**

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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# FUNDRAISING

**DINE-IN OR TO-GO**

»» *Support* ««

**American Legion Post 593**

Tuesday, June 4th

3pm – 9pm



# 10%

**DONATION NIGHT**

Support “Veterans Helping Veterans in Need” by presenting this flyer to the Live Oak Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to American Legion Post

**MEALS BEFORE THE MONTHLY GENERAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**June – Frito Pie/Walking Taco, Beans and Dessert -  
\$8.00**

**July – Beef and Noodles, Salad and Dessert - \$10.00**

**August – Tator Tot Casserole, Salad and Dessert -  
\$10.00**

**All meals are provided by the Auxiliary and all proceeds go to our Veteran Programs**

# Breakfast

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: Jun 8, 2024**

**Time: 8:00-11:00 AM**

**William M. Randolph**

**Post 593**

**326 Legion Dr W**

**Converse TX 78109**



**Information: 210-658-1111**

**Open to the public.**



# Auxiliary Burger Grill

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers,  
FF and dessert for  
\$10.00 per plate!

**June 13**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Open to the public.



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June 28, 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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# **TROOP 593**

is cooking up a

## ***Taco Dinner Fundraiser!***

**All taco plates include:**

**2 Beef Tacos**

**(your choice Crispy or Soft)**

**Spanish Rice, Beans,  
Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa  
Iced Tea**

**\$10**  
per plate

**When: Friday, July 12th**

**Time: 6pm - 8pm**

**Where: American Legion, Post 593**

# SUPPORT THESE BUSINESS'S THAT SUPPORT OUR POST 593 EVENTS & PROGRAMS.



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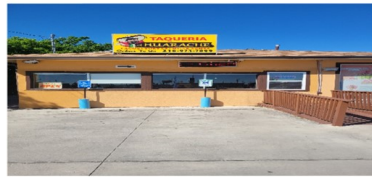
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