

The American Legion

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March 2025

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm Sun: 12 pm — 6 pm

(May remain open after posted closing times to serve customers)

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Service Officer: Daniel Riggs
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Lowe, Matt Evans, and Mark Luther



Commander's Comments

My fellow Legionnaires,

As we approach spring, I know we are all looking forward to warmer weather and bright sunshine again. Please be careful while

working out in the yard or cleaning out the garage; pace yourself & stay hydrated.

We will be having a lot of exciting events coming up for adults and the kiddos, so keep an eye on the calendar.

Its not too early to book your spring or summer events in our hall. Please contact Tracy, our canteen manager, to book our hall.

If you haven't renewed, please do so ASAP. Membership is our lifeblood.

Reminder: We will be taking nominations from the floor at the General Membership Meeting on March 5, 2025 @ 1900 for 2nd Vice. All are invited to attend.

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers who continue to help. We are always looking for more helpers!

Please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

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For God and Country Commander Creech





Auxiliary News

Howdy!

Membership is the life blood of any organization, and your membership counts towards helping our Veterans. If you

have not done so, please renew your 2025 dues today.

Our annual Kid's Easter Party will be held on Sunday, April 6th at 1:00pm. We are now taking donations for candy and plastic eggs. Your donations and participation mean so much to the kid's in the community. We will also need help the day of the event, especially helping the Easter Bunny place all the eggs out. Many hands make light work.

Thank you to all who donate desserts and purchase them for our Steak Night bake sales. This continues to be a great fundraiser for the Auxilia-ry

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM. You are all welcome to come, listen and participate in the decision-making process.

With the new year upon us, I would like you to consider coming to the meetings and possibly running for office this year. Many of your officers have been volunteering for years and would love to take a break. If you are interested, please reach out to any of us and we will be glad to explain more and show our support.

EVERY member matters! EVERY dollar matters! EVERYONE can make a difference!

Robin E. Alva President, ALA Unit 593



1st Vice Commander Report

Let me commend those of you who have recruited new members this year. But I also want to take this time to recognize those who have renewed their membership, called past members to invite them back, and been involved in the membership efforts of our post.

Not everyone has the ability to recruit new members. This takes a degree of salesmanship. But everyone has the ability to invite a veteran to visit the post. There are always people on hand that can "close the deal".

All of our efforts benefit The American Legion in many different ways. Veterans and families are taken care of. Programs continue to be funded at the local, state, and national levels. Our national security continues to be strong through our efforts. And our great organization continues to grow.

If you have not renewed for 2025, please get that taken care of so we can continue all of these efforts and remain the premiere Veteran Organization in our great nation.

Clayton Wallers

1st Vice Commander

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Hello SAL

Renewals and new members are important. We're doing a good job so far, but please get your renewals and new members in before March 15 to help us meet our goal of 100%. If we hit the goal of

100% we'll receive a gift of \$1 per member from National to assist us with our various programs. Dues are still a bargain at \$25/year.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Converse Animal Shelter program. The program was very successful.

Our meal for March 14th will be a Pulled Turkey dinner See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

The next CFS is scheduled for April 11, 2025.

Until next month.....

For God and Country,

Rick Moe Commander Sq 593



Riders Report



Greetings American Legion Riders. February is a short month especially if you have not secured a 2025 ALR membership prior to the end of the month. I received a list of those who have not renewed and we want to clear that nonrenewal list prior to 7 March. What does

March bring us.....the best damn event of the year....20th Annual Rolling Run on 15 March. This year will be a great time and we are all looking forward to this event. If Joe posted all the fliers from our ALR sponsors of the Rolling Run, you will see several local companies that are donating money, goods, or services to support us. Please patronize them if and when you can. If the flyers of those sponsors is not kicked out with the newsletter, please draw your attention to the ALR e-Board located above the 2 V-sweep stations in the corner of the canteen. Also, we still have raffle tickets for the 5-gun raffle so see an ALR Rider if interested. Tickets may sell out prior to the Rolling Run.

Shortly after the Rolling Run, we begin a few exciting events like the SCTX Barbeque Cookoff at Post 593 followed by the State Rally in Kerrville, TX the weekend prior to Mothers Day. Please see any of the elected ALR officials if you plan on attending the State Rally and need a place to stay. We have secured a huge VRBO that can sleep over 20 people. Enjoy the warm weather that is forthcoming and please be safe as you get out and ride more often. God Bless our

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,

Director, ALR Chapter. 593

Riders, Veterans, Friends, and Family.

Trivia Contest fund raiser March 1st to the 15th. Great prizes. See the flyer in this Newsletter.

Stay up to date with the events happening at YOUR post. Subscribe to the Newsletter email list. Send your email address to

alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com

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March 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Post Hall 326 Legion Drive, Converse, TX 78109





It is always wonderful to see our US flag flying on a clear day. You may remember (see the August 2024 Post 593 Newsletter) we presented a US and Texas flag to the new Honor Elementary School in Converse, TX. When the school opened in August, I went to the school, talked to the new flag patrol team about handling and folding the flag and then we raised the flags (see photos). It was an exciting and eventful day for the students.

Another flag event occurred on Veterans Day, November 11th. Our Post 593 has continued the decades-long ceremony, previously conducted by the Windcrest Post 612, of placing a US flag on the graves of veterans buried in the Bueche Cemetery located on Crestway Drive in Windcrest, TX.

Some background information: the Bueche Cemetery is a Bexar County Historical Cemetery and dates back to the late 1800s as a family cemetery of early settlers in the northeast San Antonio area. It is an actively operated cemetery. Currently there are twenty veteran graves including several Civil War veterans and graves of veterans from all services. The picture below shows me placing a flag on the grave of Eugene Leonhardt, a WW II veteran; we believe the Leonhardts are related back in Germany many years ago.

Lastly, as a small Post 593 fund-raising project, I have US and Texas flags, nylon, 3'x5', from the American Legion Store for sale at \$27 US flag and \$28 Texas flag. Just give me a call 210-654-8088 or email jackhleonhardt@aol.com and I will bring the flag to a meeting.







March 2025



210-658-1111					AFBERTS .	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1 Trivia Contest
						Begins Retiree Apprecia-
						tion Day, 8AM- 12PM. Wilford Hall, JBSA Lackland
2	3	Coffee & Doughnuts	5 Pork Chop Meal 4:00PM-6:45PM	6	7 BBQ Pork Meal 6:00-7:30PM	8 Breakfast 8-11am
		9-11am	Post GMM 7pm	Dart League 7 pm		
		ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	Pool League 8 pm		
9 Daylight Savings	=	Coffee &	12	13 Burger Burn	14	15 Trivia Contest
Time 2AM	pm	Doughnuts 9-11 am		530-730PM Dart League 7 pm	Turkey Dinner 6:30-7:30PM	Ends
Jam Session and grill 1pm		ALR GM Mtg 7pm		Pool League 8 pm		Rolling Run All Day Event
16 Pack Meeting 2 pm	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Coffee & Doughnuts	19 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	20	21	22
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	Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm		Pool League 8 pm		
23	24	25 Coffee &	26	27	28	29
	Shuffleboard League 7:00 p.m.	Doughnuts 9-11 am			Steak Night 6-8PM	
30	31	Upcoming Events				
			APRIL Chicken Fried Steak Dinner April 11 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa			
			• Tax Day April 15th			
		•	• Easter Sunday April 20th 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			

Trivia Contest



Do you want to win two steak dinners in March or April and four drink chips? Enter The American Legion Post 593 Trivia Contest.

Enter as often as you wish—\$2.00 entry fee each time—between March 1st and 15th (The American Legion Birthday).

Come in during business hours and ask the bartender for a "Trivia Questionnaire". Answer the questions within two hours (they'll put the time on your quiz) and the winner with the most number of correct answers will win two steak dinners (available to redeem in March or April) and four drink chips. Second place will receive two drink chips (Prizes paid by four Past Post Commanders.)

Answers must be legible (printed or written).

Entry fees to help sponsor Legion and Auxiliary programs of Boys State, Girls State and HS JROTC medal award winners.

This should be enlightening, and Q&A will be in the April newsletter and posted around the Post.

Enter as often as you wish, even the same day!



Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings
Time: 9-11AM

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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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - LACKLAND

MILITARY RETIREE

APPRECIATION DAY

2025

★ WHASC HEALTH FAIR ★

PHARMACY DRUG TAKE BACK | TRICARE INFORMATION
ORDER PRESCRIPTION GLASSES FOR RETIREES (SCRIPT LESS
THAN 1 YEAR OLD) | BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
ORAL CANCER SCREENING | BLOOD DONOR MOBILE
CLASSES ON STROKE & HEADACHES/MIGRAINES

TRICARE HUMANA | TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

WALK-IN ID CARD SERVICES @ FSS (VIA SHUTTLE)

RETIREMENT SERVICE OFFICE | EXCHANGE SERVICES / AAFES

JBSA RETIRED MILITARY MEMBER COUNCIL

BEXAR CO. MILITARY & VETERANS CENTER | MOAA | NCOA

2025

8AM - 12PM













WILFORD HALL AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER
1100 WILFORD HALL LOOP BLDG 4554 | JBSA LACKLAND, TX 78236



Google Map

Open to all Military Retirees, those transitioning into retirement, their spouses, and active duty.





Friday, March 7th, 2025
The American Legion Post 593
326 Legion Dr. W
Converse, Tx 78109
6:00PM-7:30PM
\$10 a plate

Choice of open face or sandwich

6 OZ OF PULLED PORK EITHER ON A BUN OR OPEN FACE ON A SLICE OR BREAD!

Sides:

Homemade Mac & Cheese Green Beans

Condiments:

Cole Slaw Dill Pickle Slices Pickled Onions BBQ Sauce

Breakfast

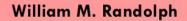
Eggs cooked to order, Omelets, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Coffee, Juice

All you can eat for the bargain price of

\$10.00 per plate

Date: March 8, 2025

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.

March 9, 2025 1:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1-3:30PM

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Auxiliary Burger Grill

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, FF and dessert for

\$10.00 per plate

Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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Info: 210-658-1111



Turkey Dinner



Date: March 14, 2025 Time: 6:00PM-7:30PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Why wait for Thanksgiving to enjoy a tasty Turkey dinner? Come join us on March 14th for pulled turkey, either plated or in a sandwich. Sides include mashed potatoes and gravy, mac & cheese, green beans or corn, and of course, cranberry sauce.

Only \$10 a plate.

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 593



20TH ANNUAL ROLLING RUN AUCTION



- ONE TICKET FOR \$10 OR SIX TICKETS FOR \$50.
- DRAWING ON 15 MARCH DURING OUR ROLLING RUN
- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
- ONLY 1200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.
- FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOSH BLEVINS AT 210-488-7955







Steak Night



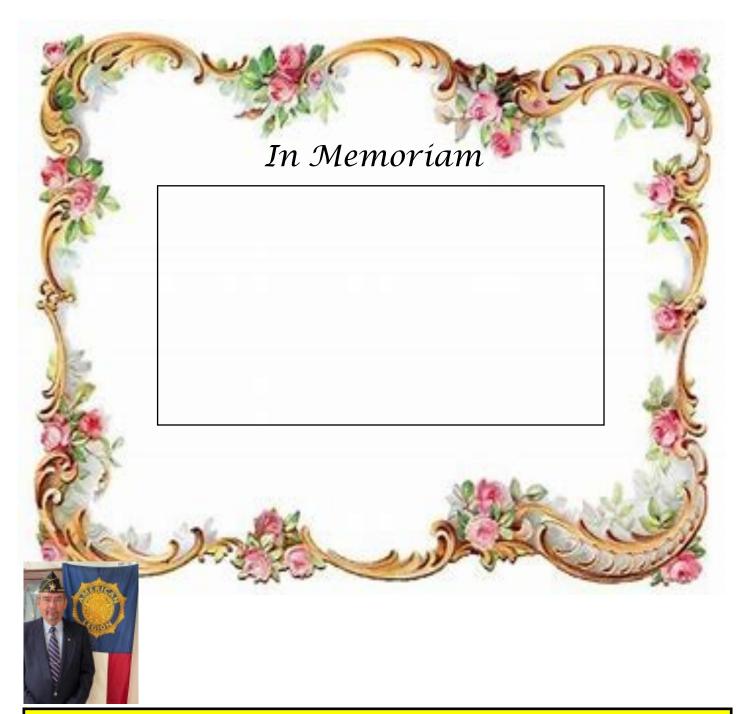
Date: March 28, 2025 Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Eat in or take out

Ribeye steak cooked to order, sautéed mushrooms and onions available upon request, baked potato, choice of Vegetable (corn or green beans), salad, and dinner rolls. All for the incredibly low price of \$16.00 per plate. Come on out for a great meal and fellowship.

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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.



BRICK FUNDRAISER



We're raising funds to beautify the entrance to our Post by building a flag and memorial monument. We're moving & upgrading our flagpoles and lighting for each flag. The existing Post 593 monument will move to this new location near the church, creating a lasting impression for our visitors and demonstrating our commitment to honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation. We invite you to be a part of this exciting project!

You Can Order On-Line at:

https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/conversetxlegion

- What size bricks are you selling:
 - a. 4 x 8 x 2½: \$125 Finished Brick
 - b. 4 x 8 x ½: \$150 Alfagres Wall Tile
 - c. 8 x 8 x 2½: \$300 Finished Paving Brick
 - d. 8 x 8 x ½: \$350 Alfagres Wall Tile
- Lines and text per brick:
 - a. 4 x 8: 3 lines, 18 characters
 - b. 8 x 8: 6 lines, 18 characters.
- 3. What else are we selling?
 - a. Souvenir Bricks: These miniature gift bricks feature a felt backing. You will be able to showcase these in your home or office. These smaller souvenir bricks can be made to match a larger brick that was ordered.
 - i. 1½ x 3 x ½: \$25
 - ii. 3 x 3 x ½: \$35
 - Donor Bricks: These duplicate bricks with a felt backing can be displayed in your home or office.
 - i. 4 x 8 x 21/4: \$40
 - ii. 8 x 8 x 21/4: \$50



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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT HENRY CREECH AT (210) 391-7391 OR DENNIS DUCHARME AT (210) 630-0655





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Contact Dennis

Ducharme @

210.630.0655 to

become a sponsor!

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.
- 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





Name	Phone #
Address	
Paid by Cash/Check	Date
Email	To Be Placed on Sign
Received \$from:	Receipt
For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593	Date '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!

South Texas Veterans Health Care System

Veteran
care isn't
one size
fits all



NEW PATIENT ORIENTATION

Every Tuesday

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Learn practical tips for navigating South Texas Veterans Health Care System

To attend South Texas New Patient Orientation on Tuesday, please visit www.southtexas.va.gov and look for events to join.

For more information on VA Benefits and VA Healthcare, please visit https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/ to view and download your welcome kit.





HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!

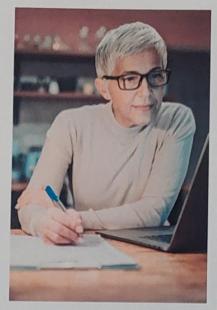
The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.

1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411)









Did You Know?

Presented by Caregiver Support

Monthly educational seminars

Each month your caregiver team will bring in an industry expert to educate on different topics. We want to prepare you for the future, work on the present and process the past. Attend one or attend all the offerings.

Come learn with us!

To RSVP, contact Ms. Stella Cruickshank at (210) 883-5267.







U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
South Texas Veterans Health Care Systems

Meeting times and topics:

Parkinson's Disease August 14, 2024

Endeavors Supports and Services September 11, 2024

Intimate Partner
Violence
October 9, 2024

Alzheimer's Disease November 13, 2024

Suicide Prevention for Caregivers December 11, 2024

HOSTED BY THE
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Presented Virtually over
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12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

210-617-5300 x 19278 www.caregiver.va.gov



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Live Oak



3136 Pat Booker, UC



These businesses support our fundraisers with product or gift card - lets support them when you have a need for their product or service



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1100 Kity Hwk Rd, UC

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