



The American Legion

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May 2025

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm

Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm

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

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Commander's Comments



Reminder that Wednesday, May 7 General Membership meeting is election of officers. If you are seeking a position and have not accepted nominee in the books, you will need to be there in person to accept a nomination then.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help with the Kids Easter party As usual, it was a huge success.

Please keep an eye out on the calendar for upcoming events as we are getting into our busy time of the year, as always consider volunteering extra help is always needed.

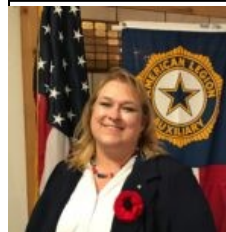
As Memorial Day approaches, please keep an eye out for our Memorial Day celebration of life for all who went before us.

We are so close to our goal for membership if you have not renewed, please do so , this is the life blood of the American Legion.

For God and Country
Commander Creech



Auxiliary News



Howdy!

Wow! It's hard to believe it's May already. A special thank you to all who contributed to the success of the Kid's Easter Party. This is an extremely well-attended event for our Unit and all help is truly appreciated. It takes a village.

NOMINATIONS – The nomination book has been picked up, but it's not too late to fill a position. We will be taking nominations from the floor at the May meeting prior to the elections in June.

April was a busy month for our Bake Sales. Thank you to everyone that continues to donate desserts. It may not seem like much, but each time we have these Bake Sales, that is money for the programs we support, and it all adds up. YOU are making a difference.

Reminder that our monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. We would love to see you there and hear your ideas.

No one person can do everything. We all need YOU! Even if it is the smallest of tasks, it all adds up to support our veterans, community, and youth.

Robin E. Alva
President, ALA Unit 593





1st Vice Commander Report

Yes, we are still short of our goal this year for membership. I will simply ask each of you to continually be on the lookout for potential members and to check on members you haven't seen or heard from in a while.

We are currently in the middle of our election season for the post. If you wish to be on the executive board, but did not get your name in the nomination book, please show up for the General Membership Meeting on May 7th. We will take nominations from the floor at that time.

****SCAM ALERT**** From The American Legion National Headquarters: Scammers are currently targeting veterans by sending postcards stating the veteran is entitled to extra VA benefits or a Social Security check credit is awaiting them, with an urgency to respond.

You can learn more about this at www.legion.org/information-center. The Department of Veterans Affairs also has a fraud protection/prevention kit available at www.benefits.va.gov.

Clayton Wallers
1st Vice Commander



Riders Report

Greetings fellow Riders and members of the American Legion. April has flown by us at lightning speed, and we are looking forward to great weather in May. In April, we supported events in Schulenburg (Black Bean Run), Round Rock (ALR Fundraiser), Seguin (Legacy Ride) as well as hosting the South Central Texas Barbeque Cook-off. All of these events took up our entire month of April and were very enjoyable. Note, ALR 593 took second place in the barbeque cook-off but we always have next year in Bastrop to look forward to. Special thanks to all those who supported this event and also competed. Our anchor again was Josh Blevins with cooking support from Matt Scott, Ruth Blevins, and me.

A few changes to the State Rally date have made April and May the two busiest times of the year for our ALR outside of December. From 2-4 May, we have the State Rally which will have approximately 20 Riders who will be attending this year. The Rally usually takes place in June but not this year. Expect this to be the new battle rhythm for our ALR events. The 2025 Rally will be in Kerrville so that's actually in our own backyard. They already have 280 riders registered so we expect a big turn-out and a lot of fun in the backcountry. Soon after that, we will be supporting Post 245 who have ALR and SAL events, to include supporting other ALRs in South Central Texas. To top off all those events, we are also conducting our election for the next membership year. Therefore, we too will be busy in May. Books are already closed but if you still want to compete for a position, you can come off the floor at our 13 May General Membership meeting and compete for a position. See Ed Richards if still interested or need questions answered concerning the ALR elections.

Finally, in between all of the events we supported, we continue to support numerous Veterans Helping Veterans projects. Special thanks to all of the Riders and friends of the Riders who helped make this program flourish in 2024 – 2025. Thank you again for your continued support and we hope to see you on the road or in our Post during the May timeframe. God bless our Riders, Veterans, family, and friends.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,
Director, ALR Chapter. 593



SALute

Hello SAL

SAL Squadron elections will be held at our next meeting, May 20, 2025. It's a great group to be involved with. Please plan to attend the meeting to vote for next years officers.

On May 9, 2025, the SAL will be serving loaded baked potatoes. See the flyer in this newsletter.

The next CFS is scheduled for August 8, 2025. There will be other meals in June and July. Stay tuned to this publication for more information.

Until next month.....

For God and Country,

Rick Moe
Commander
Sq 593



Flags



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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	2	3 VA Outreach 8AM
4	5	6 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	7 Ham & Cheese slid- ers, and sides 5-6:45PM Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	8 Burger Burn 530-730PM Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	9 Loaded Baked Potatoes 6-8PM	10 Breakfast 8-11am
11 Mother's Day Jam Session and grill 1pm	12 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	13 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	14 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	15 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	16	17 CASI Chili Cook-Off
18 CASI Chili Cook-Off	19	20 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am SAL GM Mtg 7pm	21	22 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	23	
25 Memorial Day Picnic 1PM	26 Memorial Day 	27 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	28	28 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	28 Steak Night 6-8PM	31

Upcoming Events

- June 14—Flag Day
- June 15—Father's Day
- July 4th Picnic—Date TBD

JUNE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 593
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEAL**

MAY 7, 2025

**Ham & Cheese Sliders
Potato Salad, Chips & Dessert**



**MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING OUR MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENTS!!
ALL MONIES GO TO OUR VETERAN PROGRAMS.**

Auxiliary Burger Grill

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

Date: May 8, 2025

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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“Barge-B-Que” Loaded Brisket Baked Potato dinner



Date: May 9, 2025

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Come on out for a perfectly baked potato with all the trimmings.

You can build it your way, any way you like.

Toppings offered are butter, cheddar cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, homemade pico de gallo, jalapenos, onions, and of course, the star of the show, brisket!

\$10.00 per plate.

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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: May 10, 2025

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



**Open to the
public**



Jam Session

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 be passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

May 11, 2025
1:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information
210-658-1111



Date: May 25, 2025

Time: 1:00PM

Memorial Day Picnic



*The Legion will provide the
grilled food and buns, condi-
ments, etc.*

*Please bring your favorite side
dish, finger foods, or sweets and
baked goods.*

*Come on out for fun and
fellowship!*



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Steak Night



Date: May 29, 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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In Memoriam

William Manning

Steve Thornhill

Robert Masten



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>

1. What size bricks are you selling:
 - a. 4 x 8 x 2¼: \$125 – Finished Brick
 - b. 4 x 8 x ½: \$150 – Alfagres Wall Tile
 - c. 8 x 8 x 2¼: \$300 – Finished Paving Brick
 - d. 8 x 8 x ½: \$350 – Alfagres Wall Tile
2. 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
 - b. Donor Bricks: These duplicate bricks with a felt backing can be displayed in your home or office.
 - i. 4 x 8 x 2¼: \$40
 - ii. 8 x 8 x 2¼: \$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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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!



Name

Phone #

Address

Paid by Cash/Check

Date

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!**

*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.

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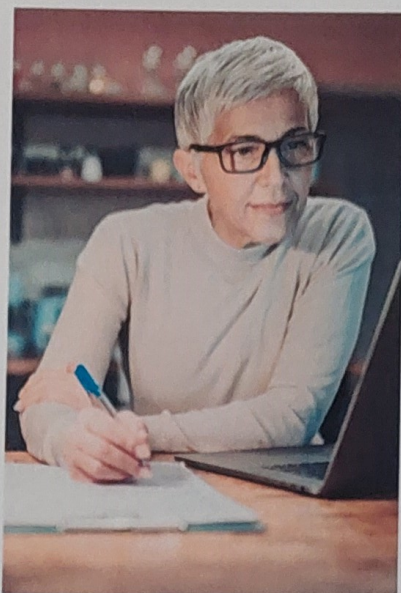
U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



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)



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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South Texas Veterans Health Care System

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.



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
CAREGIVER SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

**Presented Virtually over
Microsoft TEAMS**

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

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

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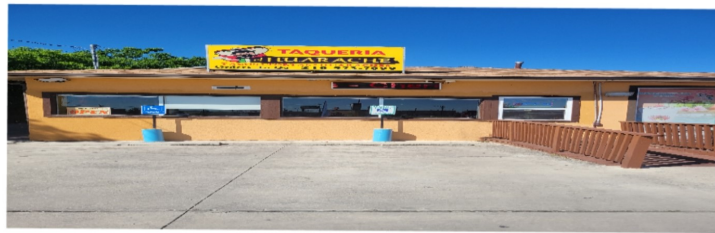
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