



The American Legion
 William M. Randolph, Post 593
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November 2024

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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 Historian: Julie Evans
Members at Large: Matt Scott, Allen Lowe, Matt Evans, and Mark Luther



Commander's Comments

Hello Legion Family!
 Make your vote count on November 5th!

The end of the year is growing quickly upon us. We are in need of a Newsletter Editor by the end of the year in order to keep this newsletter going! Please consider volunteering for this once a month chance to make a difference to our post!

District 20 Christmas Party will be held at our post on Friday, December 6th. Everyone is invited.

We are taking donations for the start of our holiday baskets. A list of needed donations will be posted at the post soon, but monetary donations are always welcome. Let's make this a true THANKSGIVING year. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these baskets, please reach out to our Post Service Officer, Brad Martin, or to the post. Your confidentiality is guaranteed.

Don't forget to buy a Memorial Brick in memory of a loved one or for your own service. The ground breaking ceremony will be Nov 11 at 1700. This will help us raise the money to move our flag and monument to a more prominent location and make our Post more welcoming.

As always, God Bless our Troops and our Family,

Commander Creech



Auxiliary News

Howdy!

Your Unit officers and members continue to work hard for the American Legion Auxiliary, at both the Department level and the Unit level. A few of us attended the Fall 20th District Convention at Post 667, where we honored our very own, past 20th District President, Sandy Vinson. Her gifts will be presented at our November general membership meeting.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to all members that renewed their 2025 membership before the Early Bird dinner and enjoyed a free Chicken Fried Steak on us. We truly appreciate your continued support. Haven't renewed yet? Don't worry! There is still time. Every member counts and we appreciate each and every one of you. If you get a chance, please attend a meeting. In December, we host the annual Kid's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th and Senior's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th. We would love to see you donate your time or treasures to these two great events. The community really looks forward to these.

Also, we are beginning to take NEW or GENTLY used items for our silent auction, which takes place during the CASI Chili Cookoff in January. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please consider supporting this endeavor as well.

Our next meetings will be on Wednesday, November 6th and December 4th, at 7:00 PM. You are all welcome to come listen and participate in the decision-making process and learn of volunteer opportunities for the upcoming parties I mentioned earlier.

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

Robin Alva
 President, ALA Unit 593

SALute From the Squadron Commander



SALute

Hello SAL. The Holiday Season is upon us. This year has really flown by.

Thanks to everyone who renewed membership during the early bird period. Renewals are still important, but now we're back to the regular cost of \$25.

Thank you to all the volunteers and customers who made the Early Bird meal a great success. And a further thank you to everyone who worked, and played, in our annual golf tournament. It was a great success. If you'd like to volunteer for future events, get with our 2nd Vice Mikey Wilson, or any SAL member for information.

The Converse Animal Shelter donations program is underway. There is an info flyer in this newsletter as well as at the Post.

The annual "Quarters for VA Patients" drive is also underway. We are collecting rolls of quarters to hand out to patients at Audie Murphy during our annual Christmas Visit. These quarters are much appreciated by the patients as they can use them for snacks and sweets and other little necessities from the vending machines.

One final note; on November 15th, the trailing candidate for SAL National Commander, Thom Skelly, will be visiting us at 6 pm. Would love to get as many squadron members as we can to meet him.

Don't forget to vote! Happy Thanksgiving.

Until next month.....

For God and Country,

Rick Moe
Commander
Sq 593

Riders Report



Greetings ALR Riders and other members of Post/Chapter 593. Fall is quickly passing us by and soon it will be winter. The temperatures are great for riding and we will be taking advantage of that. During October, we accomplished a few things. First, we had a great Scavenger Hunt and would like to congratulate Chapter 245 for winning this time around. An engraved traveling trophy was already dropped off. Thanks for all who supported this event. Secondly, we purchased 5 guns for the Rolling Run Raffle. Purchase of a ticket is good for all 5 guns. More information and availability of raffle tickets is forthcoming.

In November and December, the following events will take place. 2 Nov, U.C. Veterans Day Parade. Motorcycles and float representation. 9 Nov, Converse Veterans Day parade. Same support as U.C.'s support. 11 Nov, Converse Veterans Day Observance. Look for flyers for details on these events. 11 NOV, OLLU Veterans Day observance which we attend every year. We are always invited and we are showcased as the Veteran Group each year. 15 Nov, funeral support. 7 Dec, ALR SCTX Meet and Greet in Round Rock, TX. 14 DEC is Blue Santa in the morning and our annual Xmas party in the evening. Finally, 18 DEC at 4 pm is our Spiritual Ride. We will ride to 4 homes and recognize 6 people who need some prayers and well wishes sent their way. Busy two months so if you are going to support, look on our facebook site for events or flyers with additional details.

God Bless our Veterans, Riders, Friends, and Families.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, Director, ALR Chapter 593





1st Vice Commander Report

Why is membership so important?

The short answer is: if we are not growing, we are dying. We need to recruit new members to bring new ideas and perspectives, but we need to retain current members to maintain stability.

We now have a new form for recruiting. The Legion app for your phone is now fully operational. This allows a prospective member to capture a QR code from your phone. They can then input their information and pay with a credit card. This will assign them directly to Post 593.

Renewals can still be paid in the three traditional ways:

Online at mylegion.org.

Send your renewal notice to the post.

Leave a check with the bartender (make sure your membership number is on the check).

As of this writing, we are over 67% of our membership goal for 2025. If you haven't done so yet, renew your membership soon.

Let's show Texas how it's done!

Clayton Wallers

1st Vice Commander

Post 593

Position Open: **Historian, American Legion Post 593**

Nominations to fill the vacancy will be taken from the floor during the November General Membership Meeting, election will follow the nomination process.

Nominee needs to be present to accept the nomination.

Meeting date, time, and place:

November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Post Hall

326 Legion Drive, Converse, TX 78109



Member-at-Large

Hello To All

I just wanted to let you know that the Veterans Day Parade in Universal City will be held on the 2nd of November – that way there is no conflict with our parade on November 9th. It is a great feeling knowing that – as sister Posts – we can work together and make BOTH parades a rousing success! I know that 4676 is registering for our parade, and I am hoping that Kirby, Schertz, 667 and other localities will participate as well. The Commander has told me that we will participate in the UC parade as well. As a member of the board on the GRAVC, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

RD

**The Fourth Pillar-
Children and Youth**

Troop 593 continues to be active in serving our community. They recently planted four flowering plants at Anton Schumann Nature Center to beautify the parking lot fence line. They previously planted twelve trees in the spring and four trees last year. The Troop will also participate in the Converse Veterans Parade November 9th, participate in Converse Heroes Memorial Ceremony, and will retire approximately 250 flags the evening of November 11th behind the Pavilion.

Last month the Troop camped out on the U.S.S. Lexington. They so impressed the Lexington staff that the Troop was selected to help wash the Museum’s historic aircraft. This is a service very few groups are offered to not only touch, but help preserve these vintage, historic aircraft.



A Howwwling Great Stake Night!!



Twos a night of fiendishly ghoulish friends (pictured to the left)
Served Spirits by the Skelton Crew (below left)
While the Goblins planned their attack (below)



Bubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble Mac Beth's three Witches have nothing on our Four Warlocks above (Adam is invisible)
Bootiful Desserts (to the right) lined the Auxiliary's Coffin...err Coffers with needed Gold
A Fair Maiden (to the left) won one of the Nightly Prizes



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



Cheers and Jeers

Are you a fan of the Cowboys but not the Eagles? Love the Longhorns but not the Sooners?

Here's a chance to cheer your team on or poke fun at a rival. Cheers and Jeers lets you show your team spirit or taunt the opposition while supporting Post 593.

Post your team's logo or a positive meme.



Razz the opposition with a discouraging meme.



Keep it clean, no profanity.

Your Cheer or Jeer will play on the Canteen's information screens in rotation with news and other advertisements, all for the bargain price of \$25 per season.

Proceeds go to our post's general fund.



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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!



In Memoriam



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.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Universal City Veterans Parade VA Outreach 9—12
3	4 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	5 ELECTION DAY Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	6 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	7 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	8	9 Converse Veterans Parade 9 am
10	11 Veterans Day Purple Heart Memorial Ceremony 10 am Pig Roast 4-6 pm Flag Ground Breaking—5 pm Flag Retirement 6 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	12 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am Veterans Resource Fair 9:30-12:30 ALR GM Mtg 7pm	13	14 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	15 Fish Fry for Boys State	16 Shuffle Board Tournament 2:30 pm
17	18 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	19 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	20 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	21 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	22 Newsletter Articles due	23
24 Cub Scout Pack Meeting 2 pm	25 Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	26 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Dinner 2 pm	29	30

**SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS' HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS
VA OUTREACH EVENT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024

9 AM – 12 PM

**LOCATION: 326 LEGION DRIVE W, CONVERSE, TX 78109
WILLIAM M. RANDOLPH AMERICAN LEGION POST 593**

**PATIENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
VETERANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
FT. SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
CAREGIVER PROGRAM
MENTAL HEALTH
WOMEN'S HEALTH
PATIENT ADVOCATE
HOMELESS VETERAN PROGRAM
VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**



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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ALA UNIT 593

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

NOVEMBER 6TH – ENCHILADAS, RICE, BEANS, DESSERT \$10



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERAN PROGRAMS!!

A row of seven black silhouettes of men in military uniforms, each with their right hand raised to their forehead in a salute. They are set against a dark blue background.

VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

November 12 | 9:30am to 12:30pm

A small orange location pin icon with a white dot at the top.

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Senior Veterans: You're invited to a resource fair dedicated to serving YOU. Connect with veteran advocates, organizations, and companies that offer benefits, services, and products you've rightfully earned.

Get access
to the support
you deserve!



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Flagship Health is a primary care medical practice tailored to seniors and veterans.

To learn more, contact us by scanning the QR code, or visit flagshiphealth.org/contact.



Auxiliary Burger Grill

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

November 14

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Open to the public.



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November 28th
Dinner at the Post 2 p.m.

THANKFUL GRATEFUL BLESSED



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

District 20
Dec 6th in our Hall
6:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS



PARTY

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

New Year's Eve Party Dec 31 6 p.m.
Hillbilly Hoedown

Converse Animal Care Wish-List

Keeping our animals happy and healthy

This is the SAL 2024-2025 project. Below is a wish list from the care facility. We'll be collecting and delivering items from Oct 11 to Feb 14 2025.



- Cat Litter
- Treats for dogs and cats
- Toys for dogs and cats
- Canned food for dogs and cats
- Puppy and Kitten feeding bottles
- Collars and leashes
- Dawn dish soap
- Hand soap
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- New or gently used towels and blankets
- Cash donations also accepted and appreciated

Contact Info:

Rick Moe (or an SAL Member) — 210-658-1111

Converse Animal Care -210-658-5369

*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.

VA



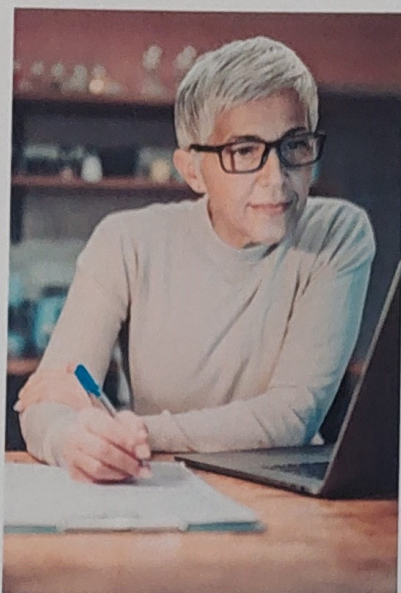
U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



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
Veterans Health Administration
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

**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**

Did You Know?

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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.



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12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

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www.caregiver.va.gov**

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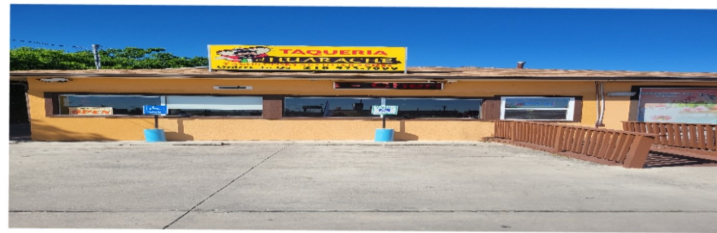
Live Oak



1100 Kity Hwk Rd, UC



3136 Pat Booker, UC



707 S Sequin, Converse



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