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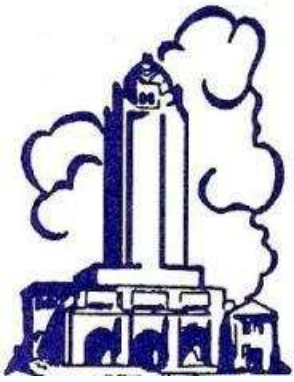
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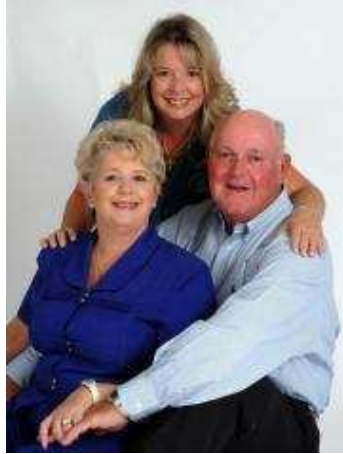
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# Why An American Legion Jubilee?



Veterans helping one another as well as the local community, state and nation. That's the mission of The American Legion and the mission of our local Legion Post located in Converse, Texas. William M. Randolph Post 593 takes this mission seriously. After more than 40 years of service to others, we're asking for help from the community. "Post 593 needs a new Post Home to better serve not only our retired and disabled veterans, but our active duty troops and local community as well. The community needs a modern hall that can hold 300-400 people that's available to use for weddings, retirements, or any other occasion. Quite frankly, we've outgrown our current facility. To make matters worse, our current facility is in need of some major repairs and it wouldn't make economic sense to repair it. The only problem is we don't have the funds to build one." Post Commander Nick Mills reports. "This is what has inspired our Legion Jubilee. We thought we'd hold a huge community out-reach program and have fun doing it."

To help raise funds for a new Post Home and increase awareness among the local community, Post 593 is holding the first-ever Legion Jubilee June 6-8 at Converse City Park. There will be a carnival over the three day period, bands on two stages, a Health Fair, Arts and Crafts booths, a community wide yard sale, food booths, face painting, martial arts and dancing demonstrations, car and motorcycle show, a motorcycle run, plus a whole lot more. Even the mayor of Converse, Al Suarez, is participating. In addition to formally opening the Jubilee, he'll pull a stint in the dunking booth on Sunday afternoon.

Post Chaplain and Jubilee organizer Dennis Ducharme said he encourages the community to come out in force to support The American Legion in its mission of service. "We have a history of service to our community. We do a lot of good things on a regular basis, but unfortunately, we don't do a very good job of promoting ourselves." Chaplain Ducharme said. "For years our Post has sponsored scholarships for high school students, sent high school juniors to Boys and Girls State where they spend a full week learning about our state government, helped veterans at the VA hospital and wounded soldiers at Brook Army Medical Center, participated in community events, sponsored holiday food and gift baskets, provided manpower to community service projects, sponsored a Boy Scout troop, sponsored high school oratorical contests, provided over thirty-thousand dollars in the last two years for scholarships to children who have lost a parent to the war on terrorism, and a whole lot more. We're active and we make a difference in folk's lives."

Anyone wishing to participate, volunteer or who has questions on membership eligibility should contact Chaplain Ducharme at (210) 630-0655 or visit the Post's website at <http://www.Post593.org>.



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## **The American Legion William M. Randolph, Post 593 A Brief History**

The idea for Post 593 began in 1968 after the 11 fledgling members met at Otts Barbeque in Universal City and culminated in a temporary charter being granted on January 22nd, 1969. The first acting Commander was Earl Grover. The first meeting was held at the Universal City Aero Realty office.

In March, 1969, Mrs. Randolph, the widow of the late William M. Randolph, was asked if the post could be named in his memory. Mrs. Randolph agreed.

The first members of the American Legion Post #593 were always aware of the growth restrictions placed on them by the size of the first Post Home, their original meeting place. During the Executive Meeting on April 7, 1971, the executive board agreed that a real-property committee be formed to search for a suitable location.

In March, 1972, the executive board announced to the general membership meeting that the American Legion Post was on the move. Negotiations were under way to purchase a new Post Home in Converse, TX. The property was a 4 year old brick structure with 2400 square foot on 1.43 acres of land. The land was located on Legion Drive in Converse. The structure was formerly the Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee. With the move, there was plenty of room to grow and expand. The building chairman, Mr. Loren Elbel, supervised the structure's remodeling. The legion post was occupied in July 1972.

Several renovations have occurred throughout the years. Our lounge/dining area was completed in October, 1999. We are now at over 800 members strong.

We still do the barbecues and participate in parades as in years past. Today, we are engaged in many veteran activities including visits to the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, Soldiers Family Assistance Center (SFAC), Lonesome Dove, Nursing Home Visitation, Legacy Scholarship Program, Fisher House, Operation Wounded Warrior and Patriot Guard Missions. And we participate in the local community by sending high school students to Boys and Girls State, sponsoring Oratorical Contests, Junior ROTC, Boy Scouts, Flag Program, Food Baskets for Needy, Scholarships, Adopt-a-Highway program, Clothing Donations, re-cycling program, providing parks and recreation assistance and meeting space for the local community. Among other services, the American Legion Riders of Post 593 are actively involved in raising funds for the American Legion Legacy Fund, a program designed to provide scholarships for the children of veterans who are killed in action. In fact, for two years in a row our post raised the most of any other post in the nation, donating \$10,000 in 2006 and \$20,000 in 2007.

Our hope for the future is to reach the milestone of a new post home so we may increase the service we provide to veterans and their families, as well as to our community, state and nation. We invite you to join us on our journey — become a member today!



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# The American Legion



The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, and community-service organization.

The American Legion is the largest service organization in the world. The American Legion family totals over 5 million members consisting of nearly 3 million Legionnaires and 2 million members in The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion (SAL).

Worldwide there are nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts. These posts are organized into 55 Departments - one each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines. The primary goal of The American Legion is to maintain an ongoing concern, support and commitment to all veterans and their families. Maintaining a strong national defense will always remain a major concern of The American Legion and includes the authorized number of military troops, adequate pay with periodic pay raises, the best equipment available, medical care for active and retired soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. The American Legion will continue to lobby for a mandatory budget for the Veterans Affairs, with emphasis on improving local Veteran Affairs Medical Centers and clinics.

The American Legion in 1920 was instrumental in creating the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The American Legion continues to be a watchdog as well as an advocate of veterans programs and benefits. The mission of The American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission is to ensure veterans, survivors and eligible dependents receive appropriate health care, education, training, and delivery of benefits. A strong national defense, functioning as a deterrent to foreign aggression, will always remain a major objective of the Legion. Actions of the Congress and the Executive Branch of the government will be closely watched and their actions reported to the voting public.

Near the end of WWII, The American Legion stepped forward with a piece of legislation that helped America for generations to come. It was called: The Servicemen's Readjustment ACT of 1944 commonly known as the GI Bill. Drafted entirely by The American Legion, the GI Bill expanded VA treatment and provided other hard-earned benefits for veterans. Through the years, it has educated more than 20 million Americans and has helped them buy 14 million homes under its VA home loan program. Thanks to the GI Bill generations of Americans became tax-paying, productive citizens. In 1943 Past National Commander of The American Legion Harry W. Colmery drafted the GI Bill in Room 507 of Washington's Mayflower Hotel on hotel stationary, later his draft was compiled into resolutions and used to propose the GI Bill. The GI Bill that Harry Colmery drafted on behalf of The American Legion helped millions of veterans immediately after they returned home from war. They went to school, purchased homes, and created new suburban communities. In 2002 President George Bush awarded "Posthumously" the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the nation's highest civilian honor) to Legionnaire Harry W. Colmery. In one decade following WWII, more than 2 million eligible men and women went to college using these educational benefits. The result was an American workforce enriched by 450,000 engineers, 238,000 teachers, 91,000 scientists, 67,000 doctors, 22,000 dentists and another million received college degrees, plus another 5 million men and women received other schooling or job training using the GI Bill. It is a fair question to ask, do you know a veteran that has ever purchased a home through the GI Bill (VA), or attended a school (vocational, high school or college) as the result of the GI Bill (VA)? The American Legion's national headquarters is in Indianapolis, Indiana, with additional offices in Washington, DC. In addition to thousands of volunteers serving in leadership and program implementation capacities in local communities to the Legion's standing national commissions and committees, the national organization has a regular full-time staff of about 300 employees.

The Texas Department of the American Legion is a nonpolitical and nonpartisan organization. Its principal aim is to secure legislation for the benefit of veterans in Texas, including adequate hospitalization, physical and vocational rehabilitation, and preference in public jobs. The organization also supports legislation for assistance to underprivileged children. For more information on The American Legion, visit [www.Legion.org](http://www.Legion.org). For more information on William M. Randolph, Post 593 in Converse, visit [www.Post593.org](http://www.Post593.org).

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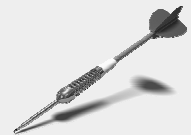
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# Legion Jubilee **Schedule of Events**

## Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm to 12 am

Carnival, 4 pm to Midnight  
Live entertainment: 3 bands!!  
Arts & Crafts Booths, 4 pm to 11 pm  
Bloodmobile, 4 pm to 10 pm  
Food Booths, 4 pm to 11 pm

## Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8 am to 1 am

Carnival, 10 am to Midnight  
Community Yard Sale, 8am to 1pm  
(Gates open at 6am for set-up)  
Opening Ceremony at 1:00pm  
Arts & Crafts Booths, 10 am – Midnight  
Bloodmobile, 3pm to 8pm  
Health Fair, 10 am – 8 pm  
Motorcycle Run, 1<sup>st</sup> Bike out at 10 am  
Last Bike in at 3:30 pm  
Motorcycle Show, Judging at 4:30 pm  
Bike Run and Show Awards at 5:30 pm  
Live entertainment: 7 bands!!!  
Sanctioned BBQ Cook Off  
Converse Pet Shelter, 10 am to 6 pm  
Food Booths, 11 am to 11 pm

## Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 6 pm

Carnival, Noon to 6 pm  
Car Show, Registration from 9 am to 12 pm  
Face Painting, 12 pm to 4 pm  
Health Fair, Noon to 6 pm  
Bloodmobile, Noon to 6 pm  
Arts & Crafts Booths, Noon to 6 pm  
Martial Arts Demonstration, 1 pm to 1:45 pm  
Dance Demonstration, 2 pm to 2:45  
Fire Department Demonstration, 3 pm  
Dunking Booth, Noon to 4 pm  
Raffle Drawing, 5 pm  
Flag Retirement Ceremony, 5:15 pm  
Closing Ceremony, 5:30 pm  
Food Booths, Noon to 5 pm

## Band Schedule



### Friday

6—8pm

Tina Y Grupo Tormenta (Tejano)

8:30-10:30pm

Ashlee Rose (Country Rock)

10:45—11:45pm

Jet City Rotation (Rock)

### Saturday

Noon-1:30pm

Chad Johnson & Fiddler (Country)

2-3:30pm

Emmerson Biggins (Country)

3:45-5pm

Three Kisses (Pop)

5:15-7pm

Tina Y Grupo Tormenta (Tejano)

7:15-9:15pm

Playin' Sixx (Country)

9:30-10:45

Dick Wiggler & The Cattle Guard (Country)

11-12:45

Jet City Rotation (Rock)



## **Carnival**



Schedule Subject to Change Visit: [www.Post593.org](http://www.Post593.org) for the Latest Information.



# Eligibility Requirements

If you are on active duty today, anywhere in the world, or have served during any eligible war eras, become a member of the American Legion!

We're veterans just like you, nearly 3 million strong, who care about America, veterans and their families and our nation's youth. The Legion is a powerful voice in Washington dedicated to preserving the rights we've all earned - and were promised - by service to our nation in uniform.

We invite you to join us now. Membership brings an impressive array of benefits. The American Legion is always there for you and your family - in Washington and nearly 15,000 local posts throughout America and abroad. Just like you, we're "Still Serving America!"

## Legion Membership Eligibility Requirements:

- April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 (World War I)
- December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (World War II)
- June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955 (Korean War)
- February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
- August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)
- December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 (Operation Just Cause - Panama)
- August 2, 1990 to today (Operation Desert Shield/Storm)

## Auxiliary Membership Eligibility Requirements:

- A woman who is eligible for membership in The American Legion is also eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary.
- The mother, wife, daughter, sister, grand-daughter, great-grand-daughter, or grandmother of members of The American Legion, and deceased veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the listed war eras.
- Step relatives are also eligible.
- Junior Membership: Junior membership is offered to anyone under the age of 18 years and younger who is an immediate family member of an American Legion member or a deceased veteran.

## Sons of The American Legion Eligibility Requirements:

- To be eligible, you must be a male descendant (includes stepsons and adopted sons) of a member of The American Legion.
- You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died in service during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War.
- You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War (*the same eligibility periods apply as above*).

## American Legion Riders Eligibility Requirements:

- Regular ALR must be a current member of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.
- Must own and be legally licensed to ride a motorcycle of at least 500cc in size or be an eligible spouse of an owner. The motorcycle must be operational and registered and insured with the minimum amount of liability insurance upon membership and renewal.
- A person may become a provisional member without voting privileges if they hold a "learner's permit" for up to six months.

## **Three Message Points from The American Legion**

### **1. The American Legion opposes policy of prohibiting the placement of American Flags on individual veteran's graves in national cemeteries**

- The American Legion, an organization of wartime veterans, has an ongoing position to oppose attempts that would prohibit the placement of flags on individual graves. This was made clear in 1978 at the National Convention in New Orleans when delegates passed Resolution 498 titled "Oppose Any Plan to Stop the Decoration of Individual Graves in any National Cemetery" and by Resolution 214, passed in 1997 at the National Convention in Orlando entitled "Oppose Policy of Prohibiting the Placement of American Flags on Individual Graves in National Cemeteries."
- President Abraham Lincoln, in 1862, signed legislation creating the national cemeteries and through the years it has been traditional and customary to decorate the individual graves with the U.S. Flag. The flag represents the country for which they served and by displaying the National Symbol, the country expresses a degree of appreciation to that veteran; that it remembers his or her service.
- The American Legion believes it is wrong that some national cemeteries have adopted policies prohibiting the placement of the flags while, at the same time, allowing floral and other items to be placed on the gravesites.
- National Cemeteries are symbolically "American Cathedrals" where the living respect the memories and service of the veterans and family members interred therein. There is no more fitting remembrance of veterans and their service to this country than the U.S. Flag.

### **2. Supports the placement of United States Flags in school classrooms**

- The American Legion, an organization of wartime veterans, has an ongoing position to encourage the placement of United States Flags in school classrooms. Resolution 23 (October 2003) titled "Display Of The Flag Of The United States In School Classrooms" encourages The American Legion, at all levels, to support efforts to display the Flag of the United States in the nation's school classrooms.
- The American Legion believes that at an early age, children should begin to develop an appreciation for the Nation and for what the Flag of the United States represents. Respect for the Flag of the United States is a foundation upon which to build an understanding of the sacrifices made by the Nation's forefathers and veterans.
- Many classrooms in the United States do not display the Flag of the United States and do not participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Many state governments have legislation mandating the display of the Flag of the United States in school classrooms.

### **3. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship**

- The American Legion established the American Legion Legacy Scholarship in honor of those service men and women who died in the September 11 terrorist attacks on America. The scholarship will benefit the children of military personnel who die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.
- The American Legion has established a Trust to fund scholarship. Legion family members, corporations and individuals are encouraged to donate to the fund. Annual interest from the trust will determine the number and dollar amount of the scholarships. The larger the trust fund the greater the scholarship aid.
- America's "total force" military is comprised of active duty military, Guard and Reserve Units from across the Nation. Over fifty percent of the service men and women are married and many have children.
- Department of Defense figures reveal that, on average, 2,000 dependent children lose a parent each year in military training accidents. Just as sure as military service is a high-risk profession, there will be families who can benefit from our efforts to provide educational opportunities for these children.

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