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*Commander's Corner*



What a wonderful time of the year this is. As we end the time of Thanksgiving, we turn to a time of Giving. You will enjoy this Christmas season even more if you give of yourself. This does not need to be a demonstrative event, or an extravagant affair. A simple gesture extended with humility, discretion and anonymity are usually the most impactful. Our post is filled with people that live this way all year long. These wonderful people quietly give of their time, monies, and energies to fulfill our American Legion mission, ideals, and goals. I challenge us all to emulate these attributes this month by quietly giving of yourself in some way to the many Veterans, Veterans Causes, and friends that find themselves in need this year.

Please be patient with us this month as we will be renovating the hallway and the dance floor area. Access to the Pavilion parking lot will be available through the hall entrance from December 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 14<sup>th</sup>. The paneling will be removed and new sheetrock will be put up. We are sorry for this

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*Auxiliary News*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I am sure you are all busy shopping for all those holiday gifts and getting ready to cook those turkeys! But don't forget to pay your dues – they are due by the end of the year! We want to make 100% this year, so put it in the mail or drop it off at the Post. ! Remember, we are offering any Lady Legionnaire that joins the Auxiliary and becomes a dual member that you will get 2015 AND 2016 Auxiliary membership for only \$21.00. That's right, two years for only \$21.00 – you can't beat that! Please see myself or Pati Bennett with any questions!

Don't forget to sign your children or grandchildren up for the **Kid's Christmas Party** that will be held on Saturday, December 21st from 1 to 4 pm. Each child that attends must have been signed up so Santa knows they will be there and he will be sure to have a present for them. If you have any questions, please see Stephanie Bock.

The **Senior's Christmas Dinner** is being held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm. If you have any questions, please get with Sue Buckley.

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inconvenience, but the result should make our Post Home a warmer nicer place.

This is OUR House,

Do what you can when you can!

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

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We are also collecting **slightly used** or **new** items for the silent auction for the CASI Chili Cook Off – the auction will be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the largest fundraisers that we do! If you have anything that you would like to donate please see myself or Sue.

One last thing – Steak Night, Breakfast and Chicken Fried Steak will start back up in January – mark your calendars!!!

See you in 2015!!!

Michelle Muth

**SAL Corner**

Merry Christmas Legion family. Thank you to all the groups who supported the SAL this past year. We accomplished our goals and have our sights set on an even more successful 2015.

The Thanksgiving baskets were supplied and delivered successfully. Once again, thanks to all who donated turkeys, dry goods and money. We can't do it without your help. If anyone knows of a needy family for Christmas please get their information to the Post Service Officer, Sebastian Rodriguez.

Please take note: beginning in January 2015, the serving time for chicken fried steak night is changing to 6:00-7:30 PM (1800-1930 for you military minded folks). We look forward to serving you and our VA friends another year of wonderful meals.

Henry Creech  
SAL Commander

**RIDER'S REPORT**

I would like to begin by thanking all of those who participated in this year's, "Texas Honor Ride" and "Operation Overpass". We refueled more than 600 motorcycles and had over 100 individuals standing on five overpasses proudly waving the American Flag as the motorcycles rode down I-10 on their way to Ft. Sam. What a wonderful sight that was. I would like to also thank those who took the time out of their day to participate in the Hartman Elementary School Veterans Day ceremony and the Our Lady of the Lakes University Veterans Day celebration. We represented well and left everlasting memories at both events.

After a busy few weeks, it was time to kick back and relax to some 50's music during our ALR "Theme Party". The costumes were great, along with the music, food, and fellowship. I can think of no better way than getting together, kicking back, and showing our appreciation for everything you do as riders.

In closing, "Thanksgiving" is a time to sit back and reflect on what we are thankful for. I am thankful for my family, my health, my friends, and my freedom. Most importantly, I am thankful to be surrounded by those whose lives have touched me and the lives that I may have touched. I pray each and every one of you had a wonderful "Thanksgiving". Thank you very much for all that you have done and continue to do.

JOHN A. BOCK  
Director, American Legion Riders

**Become a Sponsor!**

Sponsor a Table at the Upcoming Valentines Casino Night  
Saturday, February 14, 2015

**for only \$50!**

In addition to having your message displayed above the gaming table on the day of the event, you will also get an ad on the Video Board that will run from the time you submit it until the end of March 2015! That could be for 3 months!

See any SAL member for a sponsorship form!!

**2015 Military Retirement COLA Set**

Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients will see a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment in January.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to post593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

## New Building Interest Survey.....Please return by January 18, 2015

The New Building Committee would appreciate you answering the below questions in regards to whether you would support the efforts of obtaining a new Post Hall and Canteen.

We are looking at a new hall with stage, kitchen and bathroom facilities that would hold approximately 360 people and be about 8,000 sq ft. This requires 120 parking spaces total so the existing building would have to be torn down. A new canteen, kitchen, offices and bathrooms (about 5,000 sq ft) would need to be built at the same time as a new hall. The existing land we own will need to be raised approximately 3 to 6 feet in order to alleviate all existing drainage problems.

The new Hall and Canteen would be built behind the existing building removing the pavilion and the existing asphalt parking lot. All current structures would need to be demolished in order to raise the land and accommodate the necessary number of parking spots.

A new hall that can hold about 350 – 360 people could be rented for \$750 to \$900 a night. Smaller configurations would be available.

As you can see, this will require a lot of effort....approximately \$1.4 million, but it's possible. We need a total focused team effort to accomplish this project. That's why we need you to turn in this survey. You can complete one as a family, or each family member may turn in one. You can be anonymous, or add your name.

1. Do you believe we need a new Post Hall for rental/income purposes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you believe we need a new Post Canteen? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Should we remain at our current location or look to purchase land elsewhere in Converse?

Remain \_\_\_\_\_ Look Elsewhere \_\_\_\_\_

4. Should the Post take out a traditional mortgage or raise money by selling bonds?

Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_ Bonds \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If we take out a mortgage, we would have to pay a commercial rate of approximately 6 to 7% for 15 to 18 years. If we sell bonds, we could stagger the payment periods for 5, 10, 15 or 20 years, or more and have different rates based on investment amount and length of bonds. (i.e. 5 years, 3%, 10 years 4%, etc.)**

5. Would you be willing to purchase bonds if we sell them? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. If yes, roughly how much would you be willing to invest in bonds?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (This will not commit you in any way.)

7. Would you be willing to join the New Building Committee if the membership decides to go forward? Yes, I would get involved: \_\_\_\_\_ No thank you: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **return** by January 18, 2015 and place in the **Election Box by the Popcorn Machine**,

**Or** download from the Post's website ([www.Post593.org](http://www.Post593.org)) and email to [post593tx@yahoo.com](mailto:post593tx@yahoo.com)

**Or** postal mail to: American Legion Post 593, Bldg Cmtee  
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## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Where: American Legion Post 593

When: Wednesday, December 31st

Time: 7:00 pm

Shuffleboard Tournament at 7:30 pm

Party Favors and Music will be provided!

Please bring your favorite finger food to share!

Come on out and ring in the New Year with great friends!!!



## Make plans to attend the Valentines Casino Night

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Donation: \$30 per person

Finger food will be provided.

Roulette, Craps, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'em, and 50/50 Raffle

### **Schedule of Events:**

- Social Hour: 7 - 8pm
- Valentines Renewal of Wedding Vows: 7:30pm
- Game Play: 8 - 11pm
- Drawings for Prizes: 11pm

***Presented by:***  
***Sons of The American Legion***  
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### **Everyone has a Chance to Win!**

At the end of the night, every \$500 in play money earns a ticket. You put your ticket in for a drawing for the item you want to win.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ALR Spaghetti Dinner Donation Only – 6 pm ALR EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	3 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	4 Tri City Flyers Party Dart League	5	6 Blue Santa Toy Drive – 10 am ALR Christmas Party 6 pm <b>NO BREAKFAST</b>
7	8 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	9 Rider Grill – 5 – 8 pm ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	10	11 <del>Grills – 8 pm</del> Tri City Flyers Meeting Dart League	12 <b>NO CFS</b>	13 Wreaths Across America – 9 am 20 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Christmas Party – Post 592 6:30- 8pm
14 Ferret Club Meeting 2 pm	15 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	16 No Rider Grill	17 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	18 Dart League	19	20 Kid's Christmas Party 1-4 pm Dart Tourney 7:15 pm Tourney – 4 pm Shuffleboard Grill 5 pm – 8 pm
21 Senior's Christmas Dinner 2 pm	22 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	23 No Rider Grill	24 Post Christmas Party 2 -5 pm – finger foods. **Post Closing Early**	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY!!</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	26 <b>NO STEAK NIGHT</b>	27
28	29 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	30 No Rider Grill <b>SAL Mtg. – 7:30 pm</b>	31 NYE Party – Come join the fun 7 pm!!			



**ZUMBA**  
 Every Tuesday  
 At 6:15 pm - \$3

**\*\* Breakfast, Steak Night and CFS will resume in January!! \*\***

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**New Year's Eve Party – 7 pm** Will have a DJ and shuffleboard  
 tournament – bring your favorite finger food to share with everyone!!!

*We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion  
 Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!*

**Casi Chili Cook Off – January 16-17-18**