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*Commander's Corner*



Greetings Legion Family!

We need your help:

Renewals, new members, upcoming nominations, district convention participation, help with our programs, etc. Where do you fit in? Not sure? Ask any member of the Executive Committee—especially your Members At Large. We appreciate what they do. Consider them your first contact. They are the Senators and Representatives of the Post.

The 20th District convention will be at Post 2 this year on April 12th & 13th. We have at least 3 nominees for District offices. If you have never attended, consider doing so. It's just \$20 for excellent training and business. The Law and Order Banquet (included with your \$20) will be held on the night of the 12th to recognize winners in the Bexar County area for Firefighters, Police, and EMT of the year. All of these people will be forwarded for State recognition.

For God and Country,

John Orff

*Auxiliary News*



Spring is almost here!!!

Thank you so much to everyone for a great start to 2014! I am so thankful to work with such a great group of women and, the men that help us out as well!!!

THANK YOU!!

Just a few reminders! Saturday, April 5th is the Kid's Easter Party at 2 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet at the post – so please make sure you sign your children or grandchildren up so we have enough goodies for everyone! The 20th District Convention is April 12th and 13th at Post 2. The Lasagna Dinner is coming up in the next few months – just need to find a weekend that is free – so keep that in the back of your mind!

If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible! We are very close to 100%. If you know of anyone that wants to join, let's get them signed up!

Until next month..... Michelle Muth

## RIDER'S REPORT

This month we celebrate our 10 year anniversary as Post 593 American Legion Riders. From the first 9 members to our 120+ today, this group has found many ways to support not only our Post, but many Veterans Programs in our community. We have put Post 593 on the map with our donations to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, supporting the Warrior Family Support Center, Converse Police Department Blue Santa, Operation Wounded Warrior and too many others to list. Let me say Thanks to not only the Riders, but all the members of Post 593 for making our first 10 years so very successful...we're looking forward to the next 10! On March 22, we will be hosting our annual Rolling Run, and we invite everyone to come out and help us celebrate. Remember, you don't have to ride to participate in this event. It's been a great ride so far...can't wait to see the next 10 years brings. Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

For God and Country,

Brown

## From the Adjutant—Dues Notices

Several members have contacted me concerned about getting "renewal notices" when they have paid their 2014 dues. These notices come from National. It reflects that your dues records have not yet gotten updated at National. It has nothing to do with the Post. If you have your 2014 membership card, you can throw the notice away. If you do not want this to happen in the future, there are a couple of choices:

1. Pay your dues at the beginning of the membership year. The membership year goes from 1 July to 30 June.
2. Become a PUFL (Paid up for life). This can be done at Legion.org OR see the Adjutant.
3. You can pay your dues on-line. Go to Legion.org and pay dues. You can, also, sign up for the service that will charge, to your credit card, your dues every year at the beginning of the membership year.

National sends more frequent reminders at this time of year because as of 1 January, if not paid, your membership is delinquent.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The G.I. Bill, Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, was written in 1943 by Past National Commander Harry Colmery of Kansas in his room at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. It contained 10 basis points: 1) Education opportunity; 2) Vocational and on-the-job training; 3) Readjustment allowances (unemployment compensation); 4) Loans to aid the veteran in purchasing a home, farm or small business; 5) Review of discharge; 6) Adequate hospitalization; 7) Prompt settlement of disability claims; 8) Mustering-out pay; 9) An effective veterans' employment, or placement, service and 10) Concentration of all veterans' functions in the Veterans Administration.

Initially the VFW, DAV, Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Regular Veterans Association were opposed to the G.I. Bill. This caused a delay in the bill passing.

It was voted out of the House Committee and passed the House in May, 1944. It went to the Senate. By 8 June 1944 members agreed to everything except No 3. Congressman John Gibson of Georgia, after an amazing trip to Washington, D.C, broke a committee deadlock.

The G.I. Bill of Rights was passed by the Senate on 12 June 1944 and the House on 13 June 1944. President Roosevelt signed it into law on 22 June 1944.

## LET'S RECYCLE

Did you know we can make some extra money recycling common household items? Well we can, and we do. Save up your used aluminum cans, batteries, copper, and brass. Contact John Orff for more information.

## COLA Cap Repeal: Something we all can agree on.

The repeal of the so called COLA cap on military pay passed both the US Senate and the House of Representatives. Both had pledged to find a way to eliminate the Bipartisan Budget Act mandated cap on the annual cost-of-living-adjustment on working age military retiree pay.

The House tied their version of the COLA cap repeal to a federal land use bill (S.25), with the hope that tying it to the existing Senate bill would get it passed more quickly. The House version does not completely repeal the cap, it essentially grandfathers the law to protect current retirees and anyone who joined prior to January 2014. The House version found in S.25 offsets the \$6 billion cost by extending Medicare mandatory spending cuts through 2024 instead of 2023

## 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

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List continues to grow and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. During FY 2010-2011 we spent over \$6000. Think about it. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to [post593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:post593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

American Legion Riders  
Chapter 593



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# Rolling Run

2 Rides! Choose your Route!  
All Proceeds benefit Veterans Programs

# March 22<sup>nd</sup>

American Legion Post | 326 W. Legion Dr. | Converse, TX 78109

\$500 in Cash Prizes + Grand Door Prize  
5 chances to win \$100 A \$500+ Value

Vendors 50/50 Live Auction

\$15 for Riders \$5 for Passengers

Registration Begins 9AM  
Safety Briefing @ 9:30am

Breakfast Tacos 8:30AM

Registration Ends NOON

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## March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Dart League & Shuffleboard League					1
2 Jam Session 2 pm Grill Open 2 pm	3 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	4 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm	5 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	6 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	7 Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	8 BREAKFAST 8 – 11 AM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \$6.00
9	10 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	11 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR GMM. Mtg. 7:30pm	12	13 Grill 6-8 pm Dart League Pool League Tri-City Flyers	14 CFS DINNER 6-8 PM - \$8 OPEN TO PUBLIC Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	15 Dart Tourney 7:15 pm Shuffleboard Tourney – 4 pm
16 Ferret Club Mtg. 2 pm	17 Corn Beef & Cabbage 6 pm-? Dart League & Shuffleboard League	18 NO GRILL	19 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	20 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	21 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	22 ROLLING RUN
23	24 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	25 NO GRILL SAL MTG 7:30 pm	26	27 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League Pool League	28 STEAK NIGHT!! 6-8 PM \$13 OPEN TO PUBLIC! Shuffleboard Tourney\$5	29



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

### \*\* Legion has breakfast and steak night!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

“Sites, Bites and Bikes” Boys State fundraiser – May 3rd

Kids Easter Party – Saturday, April 5th

Lasagna Dinner - TBD

We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion

Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!

20th District Convention at Post 2 – April 12th and 13th