



**HISTORY**  
**OF**  
**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**  
**H.U. Wood Post 245**  
**Seguin, Texas 78155**  
**2017 – 2018**  
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# History of The American Legion

On March 15-17, 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion Caucus.

On May 8-10, 1919, the St. Louis Caucus “The American Legion” is adopted as the organization’s official name. The Legion’s draft preamble and constitution are approved.

On June 9, 1919, the National Executive Committee adopts the Legion Emblem.



The March 1919 Paris Caucus set in motion The American

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans’ organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.

## History of The American Legion, Department of Texas

On April 21-22, 1919, 572 World War I veterans assembled at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio for the purpose of local caucus and organizing a branch of the new American Legion in Texas. Claude Birkhead of San Antonio was elected chairman of a temporary organizational committee. Vice Chairmen were elected to represent each of the congressional districts in the state. The last order of business of the San Antonio Caucus was to select delegates to attend the American Legion Caucus on May 8-10, 1919 in St. Louis.

The first annual convention of The American Legion, Department of Texas, was held on October 10, 1919, in the Adolphus Hotel, in Dallas, Texas, with 18 districts reporting. Claude Birkhead was confirmed as Department Commander. The convention was opened with a roll call of 78 Posts of Texas present. A Constitution was adopted, which closely followed the national organization. The name “The American Legion, Texas Branch” was adopted.

## **History of The American Legion, H. U. Wood Post No. 245 Seguin, Texas**

The American Legion Post 245 was organized on July 14, 1920 at a meeting called in the law office of F. B. Vaughan. A temporary organization of the local post was formed at this meeting. It was decided to name the post after H. Urban Wood who was one of the Seguin men who gave their lives in the services of their county. A temporary organization for the purpose of securing a charter was formed with the following officers: John Vivroux, Commander; Ben Williams, Vice Commander; H. K. Chamberlien, Adjutant; Charles Bruns, Finance Officers; and Charles Bauer, Historian.

After securing the temporary charter on July 27, 1920, A. H. Neighbors was elected as the first Commander of the post. The post was officially called H. U. Wood Post No. 245. E. E. Tips finished the term as commander after the resignation of A. H. Neighbors.

The permanent charter was issued on September 10, 1930



Private Horace U. Wood  
1894 - 1918

H. U. Wood Post 245, Seguin, Texas, was organized in 1920. The Post was named in honor of Army Private Horace Urban Wood, a highly patriotic young man, who was killed in action in France.

Horace Urban 'Urb' Wood was born in Round Rock, Texas, on December 4, 1894. His family moved to Cuero, Texas where his father published the Cuero Record. The Wood family moved to Seguin, Texas in 1904, where his father, Horace Greely Wood purchased the Guadalupe Gazette newspaper. Urb was possessed of a bright mind and acquired a knowledge of the printing business while his father was publisher of The Gazette. In 1912, he left his brother, T. Vincent Wood to operate The Gazette, while he went to San Diego, California, where his parents had retired. After a couple of years, Urb returned to Seguin and became editor of The Gazette in 1914 and held that position until 1917, when he entered the armed forces. Urb was accepted by the National Guard and was subsequently attached to Company M of the 141 Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division. Following training in July 1918, Urb's Company M, along with the rest of the 36th sailed for France.

Horace Urban Wood was killed on October 8, 1918 near St. Etienne, France. Urb and a fellow soldier ventured over the top of their trench to try to rescue a fallen comrade when heavy artillery fire intensified, causing them to seek refuge in a shell hole in "No Man's Land" between the two armies. Three heavy artillery shells scored direct hits within that shell hole at almost the same time.

A letter sent to a newspaper offered this description, "Not of a belligerent disposition but with an intensive love of country, Urban Wood's patriotic zeal could not be calculated. He entered military life determined to do his bit in making the world a decent place in which to live. He did nobly -- bravely; and now he has paid the supreme sacrifice."

Horace Urban Wood was awarded posthumously the French Croix de Guerre.

Horace Urban Wood is listed in the American Battle Monuments Commission records as 'Missing in Action'.



618 E. Kingsbury St., Seguin, Texas 78156

# History of the American Legion Riders

In Garden City, Mich., in 1993, Chuck "Tramp" Dare and Bill "Polka" Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post 396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the organization. The two longtime riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles.

Dare and Kaledas wrote a letter to Michigan Department Adjutant Hubert Hess, sharing their idea. Hess replied that he liked the concept and wanted to pursue it. Later, he gave Kaledas and Dare instructions for managing the program at the post level. He also explained how they could be approved to use the American Legion emblem, and how to gain Membership's support and recognition. At a regular meeting, Post 396 members passed a resolution for a new program to be known as the "American Legion Riders."

Joined by 19 other founding members from their post, Dare and Kaledas were flooded with requests for information about their organization. They agreed to establish a central source for the Riders to ensure that chapters formed not as motorcycle clubs or gangs, but as Legionnaires and Auxiliary and SAL members joining to ride as Legion family.

## **“American Legion Riders as a National Program”**

FROM RESOLUTION 35 AS VOTED ON BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ON OCTOBER 17-18, 2007 AND AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 32 BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ON MAY 4-5, 2011

All American Legion Rider groups must be a program supported by a Post or Department of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Department, Post or other duly constituted Department governing body.

All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.

## **History of American Legion Riders Chapter 245 Seguin, Texas**

The organization meeting of the American Legion Riders Chapter 245 was held on May 14, 2013, at the American Legion, H.U. Wood Post 245. The meeting was attended by Reno W. Reiley, Norma Szekely, Erineo Espinoza, Bob Crabb, Bill Aguirre, Louis Szekely, Jerry Wray, and Harold Fairchild.

A proposed set of By-Laws for the ALR were discussed, reviewed and adopted by the members attending the organizational meeting.

The following were elected as Temporary Officers:

Reno W. Reiley	Director	Bill Aguirre	Assistant Director
Norma Szekely	Secretary	Harold Fairchild	Sgt-at-Arms
Erineo Espinoza	Co-Road Captain	Jerry Wray	Co-Road Captain

The American Legion Post 245 Executive Board approved the ALR Chapter 245 By-Laws on June 3, 2013, which was also approved at the General Meeting on June 6, 2013.

The second meeting of the American Legion Riders Chapter 245 was held on June 25, 2013, after being chartered by the American Legion Post 245. Election of officer for the 2013-2014 Membership year was held.

ALR Chapter 245 had 16 members by July 1, 2013, the start of the 2014 Membership year. There were 29 charter members by September 1, 2013.

### **CHARTER MEMBERS**

Angela Aguirre	Erineo Espinoza	Bill Owen
Guillermo Aguirre	Rosemary Espinoza	Felisa Ramirez
Glynda Barnett	Amy Fairchild	Jerry Ramirez
James Barnett	Harold Fairchild	Reno W. Reiley
Johnnie Blakeney	Harvey Ford	Daryl Styblo
Miguel Bustamante	Susan Ford	Louis A. Szekely, Sr.
Augustine Camacho	Ronald Graham	Norma J. Szekely
Issac Camacho	Kenneth Grimm	John Warus, Jr.
Jeremiah Camacho	Jerry Kluth	Jerry Wray
Robert Crabb	Todd Marek	

# The American Legion, H.U. Wood Post 245 618 E. Kingsbury St. Seguin, Texas



Jerry Ramirez Director 2017 – 2018



Jerry Ramirez is the Director of the American Legion Riders Chapter 245. He is a Charter Member of ALR 245, and has served as the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Director, before being elected in 2016 as the Director, and was re-elected in 2017. He was also selected to be the Advisor for the American Legion Riders South-Central Texas Region.

Jerry is an El Paso, Texas native and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1979. He enlisted in the Air Force in November 1980 where he served 24 years as an aircraft avionics systems specialist. He achieved the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant in 2004.

After retiring from the Air Force, he was an elementary school teacher for 2 years before taking his current job as a Test Management Psychologist for the Airman Advancement Division, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He is responsible for the development of Air Force-level Airman promotion exams.

He is member of the Knights of Columbus Council 16748 and is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight with Assembly 2055 in Seguin, TX. He has been involved with Special Olympics for 32 years and has been on the Special Olympics Texas Area 20 Awards Committee for 21 years.

# **Preamble to The Constitution of The American Legion**

For God and Country  
we associate ourselves together for the  
following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



# JUNE



## American Legion Riders 2017 -2018 Officers

Director	Jerry Ramirez
Assistant Director	Rolando Charles
Secretary	Felisa Ramirez
Treasurer	Reno Reiley
Road Captains	Kevin Baker / Harold Fairchild
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jeff Messinger
Chaplain	Mary Styblo
Historian	Daryl Styblo
Service Officer	Jim Barnett
Membership	Amy Fairchild
Member-at-Large	Augie Camacho
Safety Officer	Manual Rosas, Jr.



Jerry Ramirez, Rolando Charles, Felisa Ramirez, Reno Reiley, Harold Fairchild, Mary Styblo, Daryl Styblo, Amy Fairchild, Jim Barnett, and Augie Camacho



## **ALR 245 Supporting Post 593 Benefit for Audie Murphy Veterans in Converse, Texas**



ALR Post 245 riders getting ready to leave for Post 593.



Elias Acevedo, Henry Acevedo, Lavar Mathena, Cheryl and Tom Grove, and Jerry Ramirez.



Harold Fairchild, Glynda and Jim Barnett, Bud Baker, and Kevin Baker

### **Dinner at Reynas with fellow Legion Riders**



Jerry Ramirez, Rolando Charles, Nati Johnson, David Medina  
Angel Medina, Charlie Johnson, and Augie Camacho.



## Flag Day – Flag Retirement Ceremony at Post 245 Seguin, Texas



Members of ALR 245 and the Guadalupe Valley Young Marines on Flag Day 2017.



Flag Retirement Ceremony



Young Marines passing the flags.



Flag Retirement Ceremony



## ALR 245 participating in the ALR State Rally – Crosby, Texas



Reno Reiley leading the group at the ALR State Rally.



Home of the 8<sup>th</sup> ALR State Rally, Post 658 Crosby, Texas.



Jerry Ramirez, Mary McDonald, Mary Styblo and Reno Reiley visiting with other ALR members.



ALR members from Post 460 and Post 300 with Jerry Ramirez.



## ALR 245 visiting at Frank Tejeda State Veterans Home pizza night in Floresville, Texas



Augie Camacho and Jerry Ramirez prepare to unload a veteran.



Felisa Ramirez talks with a veteran.



Jerry Ramirez and Augie Camacho help with another veteran.



American Legion Riders meet with veterans.



## The Lulling Watermelon Thump Parade



Reno Reiley, Jerry Ramirez, Kevin Baker, Augie Camacho, Harold Fairchild, Ron Robinson



Jerry Ramirez, Ron Robinson and the ALR Post 245 riders staging for the parade.



Reno Reiley and Mary McDonald leading the parade.





Kevin Baker and the rest of ALR Post 245 riders.



Jerry Ramirez, Jim Manford Jr., Jim Manford Sr (a WWII POW), Rolando Charles, Post 177 officers, Augie Camacho, and Dale Bennett.

## Steak Night at VFW Post 8456



Jay Graddy, Augie Camacho, Manuel Rosas, Jerry Ramirez and Jeff Messinger at VFW Post 8456 Steak Night.



Harold Fairchild checking the steaks.



ALR 245 fellowship with VFW Post 8456.



## Wreaths Across America Blanco BBQ Fundraiser



Augie Camacho, Felisa Ramirez, Judy Carlile, Jerry Ramirez, and Jeff Messinger



## The American Legion Scholarship Recipients



Felisa Ramirez, Kanishak Joshi, and Reno Reiley



Felisa Ramirez, Richard Kortz, and Reno Reiley



Felisa Ramirez, Crystal Solis, and Reno Reiley

## ALR 245 member, Johnnie Blakeney's Funeral



Johnnie Blakeney



Jerry Ramirez with Johnnie Blakeney's ALR vest.



Johnnies funeral procession about ready to leave.





ALR 245 Escorting Funeral Procession



The American Legion Post 41, Lockhart, Texas, Color Guard  
Rendering Honors with a 21 gun Salute

# JULY

## Freedom Fiesta – Membership Drive in Seguin, Texas



Standing: Reno Reiley, Jim Barnett, Jerry Ramirez, and Rolando Charles. Seated: Mary McDonald, Cheryl Grove, and Mary Styblo.



Back: Rolando Charles, Jim Barnett, Kevin Baker, Reno Reiley, Mary Styblo  
Front: Jerry Ramirez, local child, and Mindy Messinger.



Jerry and Felisa Ramirez, Reno Reiley, Adrian Rancir, Jim Barnett, and Dale and Sue Bennett.



## Independence Day Party



Independence Day party at ALR Members Jeff and Mindy Messinger's house to watch the City fireworks





## Independence Day Parade



ALR riders getting the float ready for the parade.



Amy and Harold Fairchild decorating their bike.



Putting the finishing touches on the float.







Jim Barnett, Ron Robinson, and Rolando Charles.





Reno Reiley and Mary Mc Donald.



Jerry and Felisa Ramirez.



Chris Sepeda.



Manuel and Dolores Rosas.



Dale Bennett.



Harold and Amy Fairchild.





Marshall McDonald and Tom Grove.



Leigh Harrelson.



ALR 245 members with Mayor Don Keil



ALR 245 Riders and active duty servicemen and women pose with the Most Patriotic Award trophy.



## Supporting the Geronimo Lions Club at the Seguin Agricultural Center



Felisa Ramirez, Reno Reiley, Mary McDonald, Lynn and Leigh Harrelson, and other Riders enjoy a steak dinner to support the local Geronimo Lions Club.

## Frank Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home



Lavar Mathena, Amos Trevino, Felisa Ramirez, Lynn and Leigh Harrelson, Rolando Charles, Andrea Jackson, and Brian Moore visited the Veterans at the Frank Tejeda State Veterans Home.





ALR 245 Riders playing games with the Veterans.



Scott and Michelle Morrison, Felisa Ramirez, Amos Trevino, Rolando Charles and other Riders engage in conversation with the Veterans.



## Supporting ALR 592 Bike Night



Augie Camacho and other Riders at Post 592's Bike Night.



ALR Directors of four chapters at Bike Night: Bill Merrill, Jerry Ramirez, Todd Mabey, and Elias Acevedo.



Reno Reiley, Ron Robinson, Jerry Ramirez, and Amy and Harold Fairchild share some laughs.



Elias Acevedo, Jerry and Felisa Ramirez, and Juan Tarango.



## ALR South Central Texas Regional Meet and Greet at Post 208



State ALR Advisor, Reno Reiley, addresses Riders at Meet and Greet.



South Central Texas Directors: Mike White, Elias Acevedo, Amos Trevino, Brown Zavala, Mike McDaniel, Bill Merrill, Mark Meyesbourg, Mike Weber, and Jerry Ramirez.



ALR 245 Riders pose for group picture after the Meet and Greet.



## Ride to Luckenbach, Texas



Riders from ALR 245 and ALR 460 enjoyed fellowship on a group ride to Luckenbach, Texas.



Kevin and Missy Baker.



Bud Baker.





Stan Williams and Billie Goudy.



Felisa Ramirez. Missy and Kevin Baker, Rolando Charles, Charlie Johnson, Marlin Howze, and Jerry Ramirez.



Harold Fairchild, Jerry and Felisa Ramirez, Charlie Johnson, Pepe Calderon, James Baca, Rolando Charles, Angel and David Medina.

## Boys State



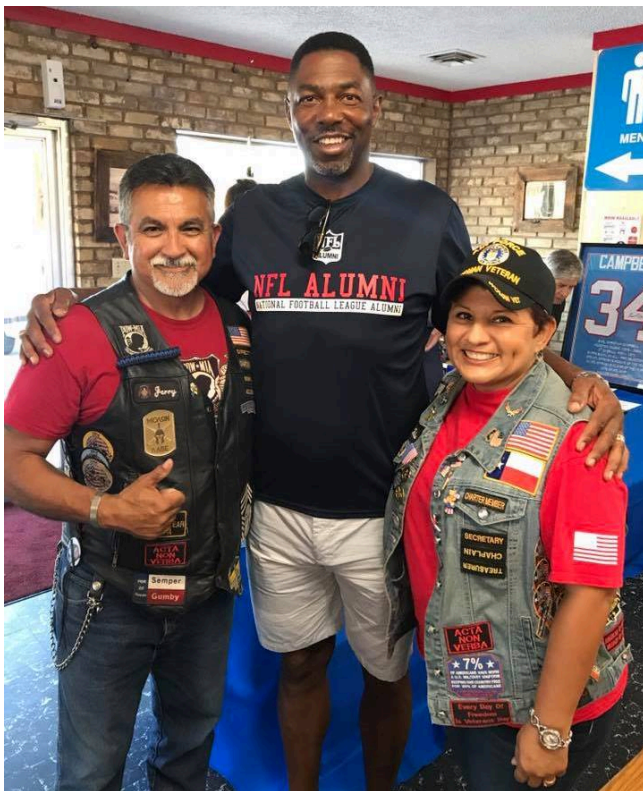
ALR 245 Riders with our Boys State sponsored student, Connor Phillips.



## Fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club



ALR 245 Riders with Boys and Girls Club Coordinator, Adrian Rancir and former NFL player, Lawrence Sampleton at a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club.



Jerry and Felisa Ramirez, and Lawrence Sampleton.



Manuel Rosas, Harold Fairchild, Lawrence Sampleton, and Augie Camacho.



## Supporting ALR 828 Bike Night



Directors from five local ALRs: Todd Mabey, Jerry Ramirez, Bill Merrill, Mike White, and Ace Acevedo.



Riders from five ALRs and several local motorcycle clubs at ALR 828's Bike Night.



Attendees at ALR 828's Bike Night.



## Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home Pizza Night At CB Cowboy



Augie Camacho, Rolando Charles, Felisa Ramirez, and Erric Brown.



Rolando Charles, Jerry Ramirez, and Augie Camacho unload a visiting Veteran.



Rolando Charles and Jerry Ramirez.



Felisa Ramirez, Roland Charles, and Erric Brown chat with Veterans from State Home.



Felisa Ramirez, Roland Charles, and Erric Brown share stories with Veterans from State Home.



## Supporting the Sons of The American Legion at Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department



Stan Williams and Reno Reiley present plaque to Kingsbury VFD.



Jerry and Felisa Ramirez, Stan Williams, Reno Reiley, Kevin Baker, Rolando Charles, and Tom Grove pose with members of the Kingsbury VFD.



## State Convention Meeting At Post 573, Harker Heights



ALR Riders from all over Texas gather for ALR meeting.



Large gathering of Riders at State ALR Meeting.

## New ALR Members



Erric Brown, Thomas Day, and Angela and Gary Johnson.



# AUGUST

## Thomas Whitehurst Memorial – Post 533 ALR Bastrop, Texas



Thomas Whitehurst "Bear" ALR533



ALR's represented at Memorial.

## Bike Night at ALR 592 – San Antonio, Texas



Jeff & Mindy Messinger, Cynthia & Victor Solis, Dennis Penley, and Felisa and Jerry Ramirez



Jerry Ramirez, Victor Solis, Todd Mayby, Dennis Penley

## San Marcos High School AF JROTC Rattler Run Opening Ceremony



L to R Leigh Harrelson, Cheryl Grove, Ron Robinson, Felisa Ramirez, Rolando Charles, Kevin Baker, Thomas Grove, Harold Fairchild and front Jeff Messinger.



Welcoming to Rattler Run by Lt. Col. Williams



San Marcos Cheerleaders



Rob Robinson is the Lead Bike for the Rattler Run



Students following the Lead Bike





Group Shot of Area 245 with JROTC Cadets



Cheryl Grove



Jerry Ramirez and Rolando Charles



## ALR 245 Skeet Team Bexar County Shooting Range



Skeet Team Jerry Ramirez, Rolando Charles, Kevin Baker and Harold Fairchild.



Jerry Ramirez



Rolando Charles



Kevin Baker



Harold Fairchild

**Supporting Boy's and Girl's Club Loose Change Drive benefiting reopening  
the Seguin Center location.**



ALR with the young Marines supporting the loose change drive.



Kevin Baker, Jerry Ramirez and Jeff Messinger



Felisa Ramirez...you go girl!



Money, Money...thanks Dale Bennett



Rolando Charles





L to R Cheryl Grove, Sue Bennet, Dale Bennet, and Thomas Grove at Seguin Chevrolet collecting loose change



L to R James Barnett, Reno Reiley, Harold Fairchild, Mary McDonald.



Counting the change.

# September

## Supporting the Geronimo Lions Club at the Seguin Agricultural Center



Dale Bennett, Jerry Ramirez, and Augie Camacho, Amy and Harold Fairchild, Mary and Daryl Styblo.



Rolando and Cindy Charles



Harold and Amy Fairchild



Olgie & Rhino Cabral



Mary and Daryl Styblo



## ALR 245 supporting the New Berlin VFD Sausage Festival



ALR getting ready to leave the Post.



ALR Riders heading for the food line



ALR Riders Dale Bennett, Jerry Ramirez with other riders.



Dale Bennett, Marshall, Harold Fairchild & Amy Fairchild, Felisa & Jerry Ramirez, Ron Robinson, Gary and Angela Johnson, and Augie Comacho



## ALR 245 visiting with Audie Murphy Veterans at Converse, Texas Post 593



Kevin Baker visiting with the Veterans at Post 593..

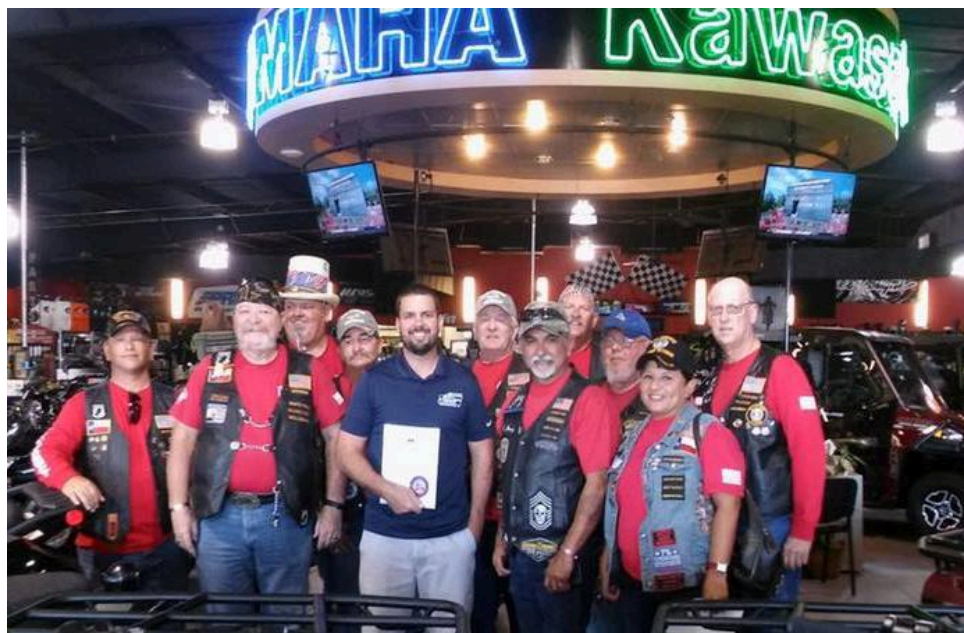
## Delivering thank you letters to the sponsors of the May 2017 Nut Run Event







ALR 245 delivering thank you letters to Northcliffe Golf Club, Schertz, Texas



ALR 245 Delivering thank you letters to Woods Cycle in New Braunfels, Texas



Delivering thank you letters to D & D  
Texas Outfitters Seguin, Texas



Delivering thank you letters to Rudy's in Selma  
Texas



Delivering thank you letters to Body Expressions  
Seguin, Texas



## Patriot Day: First Responder Breakfast at Post 245 Seguin, Texas



ALR nrenaires breakfast.



Serving: Missy and Kevin Baker, Ron Robinson, and Mrs. Owen..



ALR greeting the first responders..



More to greet



Augie doing the welcoming



Dale Bennett also out there welcoming



Missy & Kevin Baker along with Ron Robinson in the serving line



Enjoying each other's company





Commander Reno Reiley in charge of things



Augie with some of our Sheriff Deputies watching after our safety



Seguin and Guadalupe County Emergency Vehicles



## POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony at Geronimo, Texas VFW



Commanders Reno Reiley, Pete Temperilli, Darrell Phelps, Bill Owen, Mickey Calvin, Mary Styblo and Lea Phelps in joint ceremony including American Legion. Geronimo VFW. McQueenev VFW. Disabled American Veterans



Guadalupe Valley Young Marines



ALR 245 participating in recognizing the POW / MIA.



ALR 245 and Young Marines.



## ALR 245 supporting the ALR 300 Spartan Ride in San Antonio, Texas



ALR getting ready to leave the Post.



ALR 245 and ALR 300 riders.



Briefing before the ride.



James Decker, Jerry Ramirez,  
Augie Camacho and Reno Reiley



## ALR 245 paying our respects at Jesse Pendley's Funeral in Leakey, Texas



Paying final respects to a fallen brother



Roland, Dale and Felisa



## ALR 245 sponsoring Wreaths Across America Benefit at El Ranchito Seguin, Texas



## SEGUIN SCENE

10 - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 · SEGUIN GAZETTE

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



El Ranchito owner Danny De La Garza presents a check to the American Legion Riders (ALR) Post 245 for the Wreaths Across America fundraiser that was held at the restaurant on Sept. 18. The total event raised more than \$1,500 for the program that will lay wreaths on the grave sites of fallen service members at Fort Sam National Cemetery. Pictured are ALR Director Jerry Ramirez, Wreaths Coordinator Judy Carlile, De La Garza and ALR secretary Felisa Ramirez.

Courtesy photo



**ALR 245 paying respects to Legionnaire Teddy McDonald's Funeral at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery San Antonio, Texas**



Mary and Marshall McDonald



Reno Reiley, Mary & Marshall McDonald, Augie Camacho



Roland and Augie



Brothers with Mary and Marshall McDonald





## ALR 245 supporting Guardians Of The Children Fundraiser at Shade Tree Saloon in Spring Branch, Texas



Kevin ,Bud, and Missy Baker



Kevin and Missy Baker.



Kevin and Missy making a donation to the G.O.C.



## ALR 245 supporting Meet And Greet At Post 592 in San Antonio, Texas



ALR Post 245 riders getting ready to leave for Post 592.



Reno Reiley and Todd Mabey



South Central Texas ALR Directors



Jerry and Felisa Ramires along with Reno Reiley having a great dinner



ALR Post 245 outside of Post 592



## Get Together At The Power Plant Seguin, Texas



## Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas receiving thank you letter for Nut Run donation



Felisa Ramirez present Support letter to Sam Lopez



ALR 245 and Sam Lopez



Dale and Sue Bennett, Ron Robinson and Harold Fairchild relax in the TLU veterans lounge.



ALR 245 at TLU Chapel



# OCTOBER

## ALR 245 supporting ALR 2's Annual Run in San Antonio, Texas



ALR 245 Group at the restaurant



Jay MacCleod and Dennis Pendley



**ALR 245 visiting with Frank M. Tejeda State Veterans Home residents during Pizza Night at CB Cowboy in Floresville, Texas**



ALR at the Veterans Home.



ALR. Helping the veterans.



Dale Bennet, Felisa Ramirez and Jerry Ramirez help veterans.



ALR at Cowboys for Pizza Night.





## ALR 245 supporting ALR 533 Farrin's Run III in Bastrop, Texas



ALR Post 245 at Veterans Memorial Park.



Kevin and Missy making a Donation at the Farrin's Run.



ALR 533's director Daniel Pace





ALR Post 245 at Shiners.



Jerry Ramirez



All the ALR's represented at the Farrins Run III.



## ALR 245 participating Seguin Domestic Violence Vigil at the Coliseum



Tom & Cheryl Grove, Sue & Dale Bennett, Augie Camacho, Felisa & Jerry Rameriz and Jeff Messinger



Speaker at the Domestic Violence Vigil.



Domestic Violence Vigil representatives.



## Give Domestic Violence the Boot Fund Raiser at the Warehouse Seguin, Texas



Door prize winners: Kevin Baker, Amy Fairchild, Mary Styblo and Augie Camacho.



Happy people we are, ALR 245



## ALR 245 member, Robert Lee "Bobby" Crabb Celebration Of Life



Bobby Crabb



ALR 245 arrives.



Dottsy sings at Bobby's celebration of life.



ALR Post 245.



Reno Reiley, along with Jerry Rameriz & Kevin Baker makes a donation to the Citizens Police Alumni in remembrance of Bob Crabb



## ALR 245 participating in the ALR 179 Wurst Run New Braunfels, Texas



Standing: Jeff and Mindy Messinger. Seated: Bud Baker and Post 828 Member



## ALR 245 Poker Run Pre-Ride



Getting ready to leave on the pre-ride.



Roland Charles and Kevin Baker assist a fellow rider with a flat tire.



Checking out stops along the way.



Enjoying a meal after the ride.



## ALR 245 supporting Frank M. Tejeda State Veterans Home Pizza Night at CB Cowboy Floresville, Texas



ALR 245 getting ready for the Wednesday night pizza social



Dale Bennet, Jerry Ramirez and Felisa Ramirez assist the veterans.



Enjoying the comradery and pizza.



## ALR 245 Poker Run Seguin, Texas



Tom Grove looks on as Sue Bennet, Cheryl Grove, Mary Styblo and Dale Bennet prepare for the first riders to register.



The riders have arrived.



Road captains meet and brief the riders on the route.



Happy birthday Jerry Ramirez.



Group gets in line ready to depart.



On the road to the wide-open spaces.







Manuel Rosas, Tom Day, Roland Charles grilling



One by one the groups return.



Amy Fairchild, Sue and Bubba Ford prepare to serve the meal.



Everyone enjoyed meeting the Red Bull girls.





Jay MacLeod and Jerry Rameriz with the winner of the 52-card raffle



Jerry Rameriz, Jay McLeod and the winner Diana Delagarza of another 52 card raffle



Jerry Ramirez with Stan Williams 1<sup>st</sup> place winner



Jim Barnett, Jerry Ramirez and Helen Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner.



Jim Barnett, Jerry Ramirez and Lydia Butler 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.



## ALR Post 245 New Members



Brian Robbins, Christine Day and Stevan Medina.



## ALR 245 Sponsors Halloween Trunk Or Treat at Post 245 in Seguin, Texas



Although the weather was not very cooperative there was a good turnout.

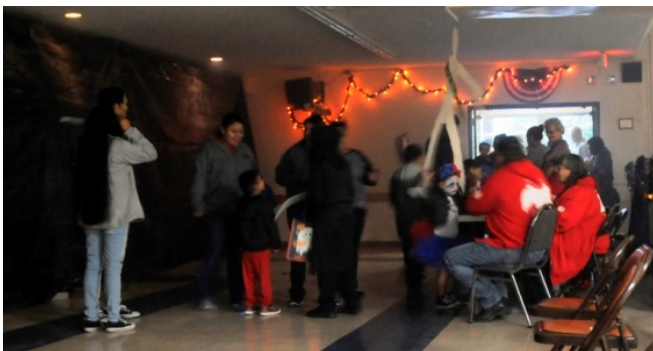




Mary Styblo face painting



Stevan and Rene Medina



Haunted House teardown after all the fun.



# NOVEMBER

## Texas Lutheran University Veterans Appreciation Luncheon



Augie Camacho, Rolando Charles and Jerry Ramirez present colors.



Retired Army...Michael Gonzales



Sue Bennett, Jerry Ramirez and Rolando



Jerry Ramirez, Michael Gonzales, Rolando Charles and Augie Camacho.



Sam, Michael Gonzales and Felisa Ramirez.



Michael Gonzales and Felisa Ramirez

## San Marcos High School Veterans Appreciation Luncheon



Jerry Ramirez and Rolando Charles at San Marcos High School.



San Marcos culinary class cook the Veterans an awesome lunch.



ALR 245 with High School staff.





ALR 245 visiting with students.



A great greeting from staff and students from San Marcos High School.



Getting ready for the San Marcos to perform for the Veterans.



Sam Marcos ROTC



San Marcos Dance





San Marcos High School band.



Daryl & Mary Styblo, Rolando Charles, Harold Fairchild, speaker and Jerry & Felisa Ramirez.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Heroes Thunder Run in Victoria, Texas



Riders get ready to leave Post 245 for Victoria.





Jerry Ramirez leads the way.



Some of the stops on the Run.



Getting the safety brief before the Thunder Run Starts.



Heroes Thunder Run under way



## Veterans Day in Seguin Texas



ALR 245 lining up for the parade.



Final briefing.



ALR 245 leads the Veterans Day parade.



Some motorcyclists we met joined us.



Young Marines.





The parade ended at Veterans Park where Rolando Charles, Jerry Ramirez and Marshall Mc Donald help the disabled American veterans attend.



Post 245 Commander Reno Reiley speaks at the Veterans Day Ceremony.







Mayor Don Keil (L) and Guadalupe County Judge Kyle Kutscher (R) present third place trophy to Rolando Charles and Jerry Ramirez.



Guest speaker Col. Joel L. Carey, commander of the 12<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.



ALR 245 Riders pose with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place float trophy for the Veteran's Day Parade.



# SEGUIN GAZETTE

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## VETERANS DAY



Valerie Bustamante - Seguin Gazette

The Guadalupe County Mounted Sheriff's Posse were among the many participants in the annual Veterans Day Parade on Saturday.

## Patriotism on parade

### Community events honor those who served

**Valerie Bustamante**

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Some community members sat in their cars, while others stood along Court Street as the sounds of the local high school marching bands filled the air and as American flags were raised up high for all servicemen and servicewomen.

The city celebrated and honored local veterans with the annu-

al Veterans Day Parade, which made its way down West Court Street, toward Erkle Street into Veterans Park for the Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday.

The ceremony began with Mayor Don Keil and Guadalupe County Judge Kyle Kutscher proclaiming Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 as Veterans Day for the city and county.

"It truly is an honor to be here today," Kutscher said. "... Everything

that we have in this life, our liberty, our freedom, everything that we're able to experience is because of you. Because of the sacrifices that you made, the time you spent and what you and your family have given up so you were able to serve. We recognize that today, we appreciate it and we stand with you. We just want to say thank you from the bottom of

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The Navarro High School Marching Band played a few tunes while marching in the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday.

Valerie Bustamante  
Seguin Gazette



Mayor Don Keil and Guadalupe County Judge Kyle Kutscher stand with members of the American Legion Post 245 for a photo.

## PARADE

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our heart.”

Keil added that everything the country has is because of the sacrifices veterans have made.

“We all know with great opportunity comes great sacrifice. For each of us, our opportunities and freedoms have been born by the sacrifice of our nation’s veterans,” he said. “They serve with valor to ensure that America, our allies and our liberty remain safe from the grasp of tyrants and oppressors. Veterans Day is dedicated to those that protect

our freedom that we tend to take for granted.”

Additionally, Keil and Kutscher presented the awards for the best floats in the Veterans Day Parade.

Geronimo Memorial VFW Post 8456 was presented with the first place trophy, while the Navarro High School Marching Band received second and the American Legion Riders Post 245 placed third.

This year’s Veterans Day program featured guest speaker Col. Joel L. Carey, commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

“It’s an honor first of all,” he said. “It’s great anytime I’m able to get together with veterans who have served in

our past. We’re blessed with many (veterans). So it’s great to have some time to come out and spend some time with our neighbors in Seguin and express our gratitude for what they’ve done for us and the freedom that they help ensure.”

Among the many veterans in attendance Saturday for the program was Navy veteran and Seguin resident Rene Ramos.

“Most of the time I get emotional because I served 22 years and my dad served in World War II,” he said. “So when people start acknowledging it and telling me ‘Thanks and thank you for your service,’ I don’t know what ever to say, but I get emotional because I’m proud of what I did and what my dad did and the example

that he set for me. Hopefully we set that for other people.”

Furthermore, several area military organizations addressed the special day.

“Today is Veterans Day,” American Legion Post 245 Commander Reno Reiley said. “It’s the day we put veterans first and putting veterans first also means support and care of their families ... You don’t have to live in a military town to know a veteran, veterans are everywhere. Sometimes they’re proudly wearing a service cap or military t-shirt or they are the ones quietly blending in the background ... It is up to us to ensure every veteran feels that his or her service to this country is appreciated by their fellow Americans.”



## Seguin celebrates Veterans Day 2017 during annual parade



After the ceremony at Veterans Park the riders headed out to veterans home to pass out Armed Forces baseball caps.



The riders visiting with the Veterans and handing out hats.





Reno Reiley, Felisa Ramirez and Harold Fairchild Meeting Veterans.



Marshal, Kevin Baker, Felisa Ramirez and Reno Reiley are all making sure the Veterans hats fit.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blue Santa Toy Drive



Biker Santa and Reno waving at cars passing, for our annual Blue Santa toy drive



Blue Santa and Biker Santa pose with local children



Biker Santa is collecting toys.





Biker Santa and his little Rider helpers.



Tom, Jerry and Augie collecting donations for Blue Santa.



Blue Santa pointing the way.



Leigh collecting donations.



Biker Santa making sure everyone is good.



Blue Santa, Angela, Jeff, Mindy, Jerry, Felisa, Tom, Susan, Dale, Biker Santa, Augie, Rolando,





Reno, Felisa and Augie are collecting donations,



Mindy is on the other corner collecting donations.



Tom, Jerry, Augie are waving at the cars.



Reno Reiley



Leigh and Reno getting ready to start the Donation collection.



Angela is waving at the cars.



A good toy drive, Riders. Rolando, Jerry, Biker Santa, Reno.



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The American Legion Riders post 245 held a Toy Drive held on November 25, 2017 to benefit the Seguin Police Department Blue Santa Program and the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter Children. Published in the Seguin Gazette Newspaper on November 26, 2017.

## TOY DRIVE



## Santa's helpers

Felicia Frazar - Seguin Gazette

**ABOVE:** Santa and Blue Santa pose with community members while collecting donations for the Blue Santa Program and the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter on Saturday. **BELOW:** An American Legion Rider waves to cars as they drive by and collects donations.

## Riders help collect donations for charity

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**S**anta Claus rode into town on his motorcycle to help Blue Santa collect donations on Saturday.

The pair of Santas stood in front of the American Legion Post 245 Hall along Kingsbury Street waving to people as they drove by, posing for photos with kids while collecting toys and

money for the Seguin Police Department's Blue Santa program and the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter.

"The American Legion Riders Post 245 started it last year to collect toys and money," American Legion Rider Post 245 Secretary Felisa Ramirez. "This is our second annual Blue Santa collection drive. We have Biker Santa, who is one of

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Felicia Frazar - Seguin Gazette

Blue Santa, Santa and American Legion Riders Post 245 wave to people as they drive passed the American Legion Hall while collecting donations for the Seguin Police Department's Blue Santa Program and the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter on Saturday.

## TOYS

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our riders, and Blue Santa who is out here helping us."

The group posted volunteers in front of the hall, at the intersection of Kingsbury and San Marcos Street, and in front of Arlan's Grocery Store.

"The community has always been very generous to help us out," Ramirez

said. "Our riders came here this morning to man the streets and help out the community."

Additionally, the group will collect more toys and donations during its annual Christmas party, Ramirez said.

Once all of the collections are in, the riders will make a special delivery to the children at the shelter, Ramirez said.

"Any kids that are there during the holidays, we

will match up their age and gender and set some toys aside for them so they have something for Christmas," she said. "The rest of the toys and any money collected today will go to the Seguin Police Department's Blue Santa program. We'll present the check and toys on KWED's Blue Santa day."

While the community opened its wallets to help fill the group's boxes, so did a couple of groups from

San Antonio, Ramirez said. "We had some MCs (motorcycle clubs) from San Antonio that came in today with toys strapped on to their bikes and came in," she said. "Even though we're a small town, we try to do stuff that is community focused."

The American Legion Riders is a veteran's based-organization that assists current and former servicemen and women, but lends a hand to the com-

munity, Ramirez said. "In order for us to thrive as a veterans organization, we have to be civic-minded, community-focused," she said. "It is always about giving back. We also try to get young people involved. It is partnership all the way around."

This is the post's second year to host the Blue Santa Toy Drive, Ramirez said.

"Last year was successful," she said. "We didn't really know what to expect,

but the community was generous and we filled up a couple of boxes worth of toys and received a lot of cash donations. We were able to buy some toys for the kids in the shelter and the rest of the money we just wrote a check to the Blue Santa program. We intend to do the same this year. We're really fortunate that Seguin is always really open-minded to veterans and I think together we can do great things."



## Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home Pizza Night at CB Cowboy



Riders wait for the veterans to arrive.



Frank Tejada Veterans Arrived.



Augie Camacho helping veteran.



Rolando Charles with veteran.



Augie Camacho with veterans.



## November ALR 245 Meeting



Lynn Harrelson was awarded the riding name of "Double 6"



Jerry Ramirez presents Christine Day with Photographer patch



## Night Time Christmas Parade in Seguin Texas



Getting ready to leave the Post.



Waiting for nightfall.



Jeff is on the Christmas float.



All the Riders are looking good in the Christmas Parade.







Harold, Jerry , Felisa, Manual and David all smiling for the camera



Jesse, Kevin, Cheryl and Reno



Float Picture. Manual, Jesse, Felisa, Mindy, Reno, Harold, Kevin, Rose, David, Cheryl



# DECEMBER

## Blue Santa Toy Drive Delivery from ALR 245



Time to deliver all the toys that the Riders collected for Blue Santa. Jerry, Tom, Felisa, Augie, Dale, Reno, Bud, Rolando and Jeff



Reno Reiley securing some gifts.



ALR 245 leaving the post to deliver the gifts to KWED Radio Station.





ALR 245 unloads gifts.



ALR 245 at KWED Radio Station.



Seguin High school band.



Presentation of the money that the Riders collected. Augie, Rolando, Bud, Dale, Tom, Blue Santa Jerry, Reno Jeff.



## Legion Christmas Party at Post 245



The Auxiliary ladies, a group of riders and the Styblo family.



Dale and Sue Bennett with their family.



Missv. Tom, Kevin and Cheryl.



Time to eat.



Felisa and Jerry Ramirez



Reno, Missy and Kevin pulling tickets for door prizes.



Gary and Angela Johnson.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Feed My Sheep Meal



Participating with the Seguin Veterans's Ministry, benefitting those in need in our community.



Lynn Harrelson serving.



Getting to know our neighbors better.



More neighbors from our community.



Mary Styblo talks with family.



Mary McDonald and Felisa Ramirez await next family to arrive.



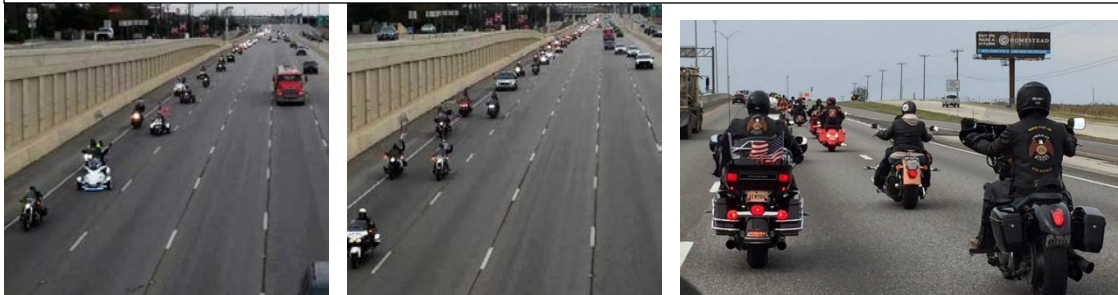
## Wreaths Across America Truck Convoy Escort



We have had the pleasure to escort the Wreaths Across America Convoy.



The staging begins and everyone gets ready to ride to Fort San Houston National Cemetery



The ride to Fort San Houston.



Young Marines and other volunteers help lay the wreaths at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



## Road Captain Ride to The Den in La Vernia



Nice ride to the Den in La Vernia.  
Susan, Felisa, Jerry, Augie, Marshal, Bud, Ron, Stan, Dale, Reno and Kevin



Riders enjoying the scenery



Reno, Mary, Harold and Dale.



Kevin, Missy, Felisa, Augie and Bud.



## Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and Nesbit Living & Recovery Center



Getting ready to spread some Christmas cheer to our local Veterans. Jerry, Felisa, Lynn, Biker Santa, Augie, Rolando, Bud, Susan, Harold and Marshal.



Biker Santa and Augie handing out Christmas goodies to the Veterans.



Augie getting to know our local Veterans.



Rolando, Bud, Jerry, Augie, Marshal, Sue Santa, Felisa, Harold



## Post 245 Oratorical Contest



Jeff, Augie, Reno, Mindy, Dale, and Felisa with our winner, Gracie Davila.



# JANUARY

## Supporting the Geronimo Lions Club at the Seguin Agricultural Center



Mary, Daryl, Felisa, Kevin, Missy, Augie, Jerry, Chris and Crystal Sepeda, Harold, Tom, and Cheryl



Tin Roof entertained.



Crystal and Chris Sepeda



Kevin and Harold



Ron and friend



Dwain, Daryl, Mary & Angela Styblo.



Cheryl and Tom Grove



## 14<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest



Oratorical Winner was Gracie Davila. Augie, Mindy, Dale, Jeff, Reno and Felisa awarded her the certificate.



## Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home Pizza Night at CB Cowboy



Waiting for the Veterans to come and enjoy some pizza.



Harold Fairchild and Reno Reiley.



Reno looks on as Tom is talking to the Veterans.



Harold and Reno.



Getting to know the Veterans better.



## Air Force Veteran John De La Garza Fundraiser



Fundraiser for one of Post 2 Riders.



Since July 2016, John De La Garza has been on an ongoing battle with stage 3B Colorectal Cancer. John fought for our country in the United States Air Force, now he fights for his life. The past year and a half have been both emotionally and financially draining, with John being on medical leave since August and the sole financial provider, time is not on our side. He and his wife have 2 girls in high school and a son in college, and are very active in school and church. After chemotherapy and radiation treatments the tumor grew instead of shrinking. As a result, in November 2016 John underwent a 5 1/2 hour surgery to remove the large cancerous tumor with more chemotherapy treatments to follow that lasted to August 2017. Once the regiment of chemotherapy was completed, a CT scan revealed another tumor had formed along with 3 enlarged cancerous lymph nodes that caused the cancer to go to stage 4. He has had several complications since. This is not the first time that Cancer has affected this family, 15 years ago John lost his only brother to Leukemia (A.L.L.). Six years ago John's wife was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Dianne won her battle. The family especially their children are all too familiar with Cancer. With help and prayers from the community, John will be able to successfully battle this very aggressive cancer.

**John De La Garza**  
**Medical Benefit BBQ Plate Sale**  
**Chicken, Sausage, Rice and Beans \$8.00**  
**January 20, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Geronimo Bingo Hall/ Community Center**  
**Silent Auction X Bake Sale X Car & Bike Show**  
QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS TEXT/CALL:  
Robert Delany (830-837-0060), Annie Allen (830-556-7314), Verna Mata (830-660-6509)



Stan and Billie.



Jerry and Felisa Ramirez.



Jerry, Dale and Leigh.



Amy and Harold Fairchild.



## ALR 245 Supporting Post 208 Ride for the Cure



Tom getting ready for Ride for a Cure.



Staging for Ride for a Cure



## ALR 245 Visiting the Audie Murphy VA Hospital



Felisa is getting to know the Veterans from Audie Murphy Hospital.



Talking with the Veterans.



Lending helping hands.



## ALR 245 Meet and Greet at Harold's



It is always nice to get together with other ALR's



Getting ready to ride.



Target practice.



Getting the sights correct.



Cheryl and Tom leading the way



Kevin, Jerry and Harold



Kevin and Missy enjoying the meet and greet.



Ron, Tom and Cheryl.



## Shane Moore, a Veteran on a “Hike for Vets”



ALR had the pleasure of meeting Shane Moore, who is walking across America to raise awareness for Homeless Veterans. Brad from Victoria, Harold, Daryl, Mary, Cheryl, Dale, Mindy, Jeff, Kevin, Tom, Reno, Rolando, Tom Day, Jim, Ron, Felisa and Jerry



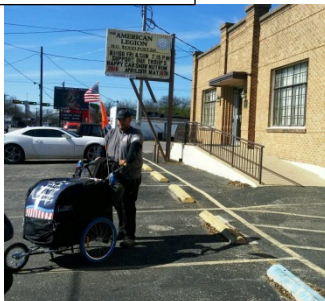
Riders showing Shane how we do it in Texas. Cheryl, Shane, Ron, Dale.



Jeff, Mindy, Tom, Cheryl, Felisa, Kevin.



Shane and Augie



Back to his awareness walk.



Jerry and Shane



## Mid-Winter State ALR Meeting



Jerry Ramirez, Director of Post 245 ALR and Reno Reiley, State Director getting ready for the ALR State Conference



Reno and Mary getting to know other ALR's



Post 2



Jerry, Felisa, Kevin and Missy



Jerry with other Post members.



Getting ready for the State Conference.



Mary, Felisa, Kevin and Rolando waiting for the conference to begin



## Warrior Weekend

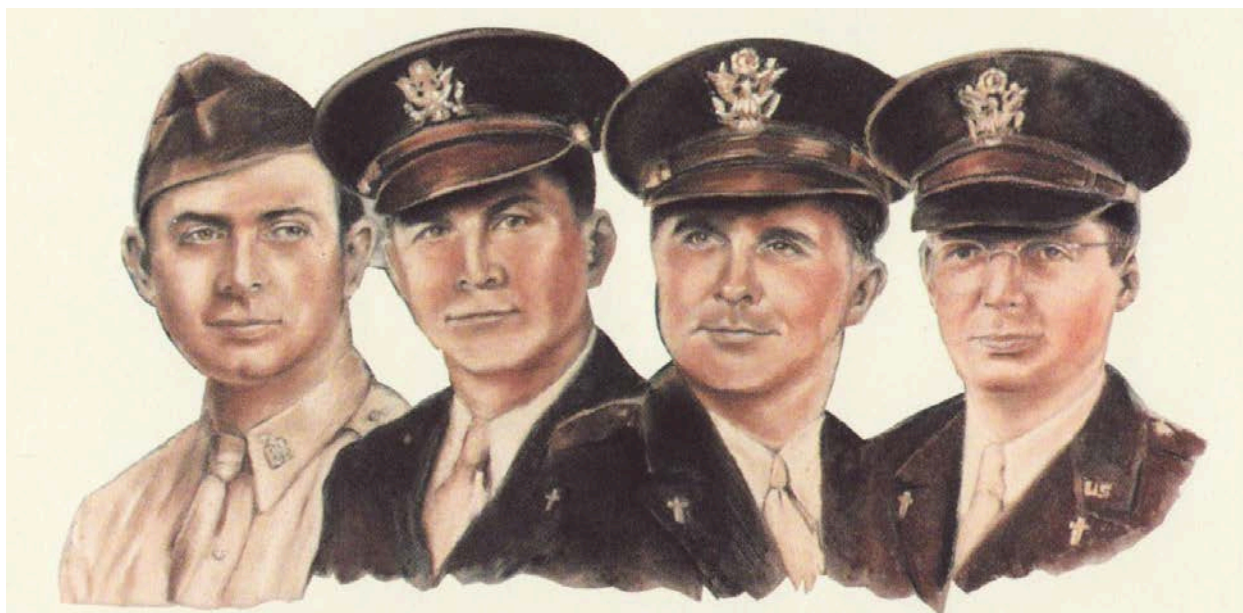


Brad Vorpahl from Victoria Riders invited ALR Post 245 to their first Thunder Run to raise money for their Warriors Weekend they host. Jerry is presenting this gift to Brad from ALR 245.



# FEBRUARY

## Four Chaplains Ceremony at ALR Post 245, Seguin, Texas



Chaplains Alexander D. Goode, George L. Fox, John P. Washington and Clark V. Poling



Augie Camacho, Rolando Charles and Jerry Ramirez post Colors. Mayor Don Keil, Reno Reiley, Tom Day, Rev. Paul Franscio, Msgr. Dennis Darilek and Rev. C.J. Tillinghast.



Opening prayer by Chaplain Mary Styblo, welcome by Reno Reiley. City of Seguin Proclamation honoring the Four Chaplains read by Mayor Don Keil.





Biographies were read by Tom Day for Chaplain Alexander D. Goode, and Rev. C.J. Tillinghast for Chaplain George L. Fox.



Father Dennis read for Chaplain John P. Washington and Rev. Franscio read for Chaplain Clark V. Poling.



Ron Robinson plays Taps; Mary Styblo offers the closing prayer.



ALR 245 Riders retires the Colors.



## ALR Post 245 makes donations to Guadalupe County Humane Society



Harvey 'Bubba' and Sue Ford, Harold and Amy Fairchild, Felisa, Jeff, Jerry, Cheryl, Dale and Sue, Rolando and Tom all had fun playing with the animals at the shelter.

## ALR Post 245 Monthly Meeting



Jerry Ramirez presents check to disabled Navy veteran Greg Hook from Post 166 Victoria, Texas to help with his trike ride across America for Veterans awareness to PTSD





ALR Post 245 Rider Kevin Baker gets presented his road name by Harold Fairchild



Dinner at the Power Plant Restaurant, Seguin, Texas after the ALR Post 245 monthly meeting.



# MARCH

## ALR Post 300 San Antonio, Texas Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Ride



Great time to catch up on visiting other ALR Rider friends and raise money for good cause.



Supporting a cause that affects so many.



## American Legion Post 245 Birthday Party 2017-2018 Annual Awards



Augie Camacho : Legionnaire of the Year and Kevin Baker: Rider of the year. Well deserved awards.



## ALR Post 593 Converse, Texas 13th Rolling Run All proceeds benefit our veterans programs



ALR 245 Road Captain Harold Fairchild briefing riders



ALR Post 245 joins with other Posts for the ride.



A good turnout. Good weather, great food, silent auction, live music, 50/50.



Angela Johnson looking great.



Marshall McDonald  
got his mug.



## Frank Tejeda Veterans Home Pizza Night



Dale Bennett and Felisa Ramirez.



Felisa Ramirez visits with veterans.



Jerry Ramirez and Dale Bennett catching up with what's going on with everyone.



Dale Bennett taking time to listen.



Felisa and Jerry Ramirez and Dale Bennett stop for a meal after the visit.



## ALR South Central Texas Quarterly Meet and Greet: ALR Post 533, Bastrop Texas



ALR Post 245 Riders arrive at the South Central Texas Meet and Greet.



# APRIL

## ALR Post 592 San Antonio, Texas Black Sheep Thunder Run Proceeds go to Mission 22 for the War Against Suicide



One, two, three....everyone say 'motorcycle'.



Listen up Riders, get ready for safe but chilly ride in the country.



## Frank M. Tejada Veterans Home Pizza Night



Cheryl Grove visits with veterans.



Jerry Ramirez talks with veterans.



Tom Grove in one on one conversation.



Who is enjoying visit the most Felisa?



Group shot with Sue Bennett, Cheryl and Tom Grove, Felisa Ramirez, Ron Robinson and Dale



**ALR Tri County Post 143 Schulenburg, Texas Black Bean Run, Supporting Veterans Programs including the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund**



ALR 245 Riders ready to roll.



So much to talk about.



Is that Elvis behind you Angela?



Great Band



## Einstein Rally, Nolte Island, Seguin, Texas : Supporting York Creek First Responders Volunteer Fire Department



Before the rain. Another group photo with Stan, Gary and Angela, Tom and Cheryl, Mindy and Jeff, and Sue and Dale.



It never rains too hard to halt the kid's games.



Dale Bennett makes it through the rain.



## ALR South Central Texas Post 533 Quarterly Meet and Greet, Bastrop Texas



ALR 245 riders arrive at Post 533.



ALR 245 Riders, breakfast or lunch? Both yummy



Jim and Glynda Barnett.



Gary and Angela Johnson looking good!



Coming or going?



## Post 245 Sons of American Legion 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show



The registration table and trophies are ready to go with Kevin Baker, Missy Russell Baker, Reno Reilev and Mindy Messinger.



Star Traywick Nance with her Wreaths Across America truck, Tom Day with his Chevy truck and Daryl Styblo and his GTO.





Jerry Ramirez explains the raffle prizes.



Mary Styblo and Sue Bennett working the bake sale.

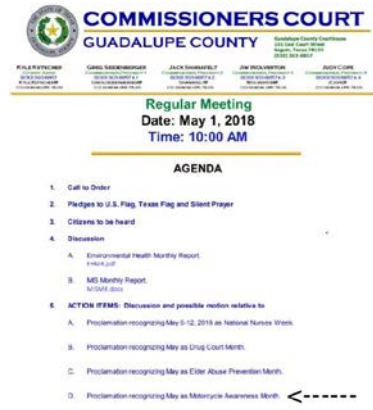


# MAY

## Commissioners Court Recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month



ALR 245 Riders at Commissioners Court.



Jerry Ramirez and Reno Reiley speaking at Commissioners Court.



Commissioners and ALR 245 displaying the Proclamation.



## City of Seguin Recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month



Mayor Don Keil signing the Proclamation recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month with the ALR post 245 Riders. Thanks Augie for making these proclamations possible.



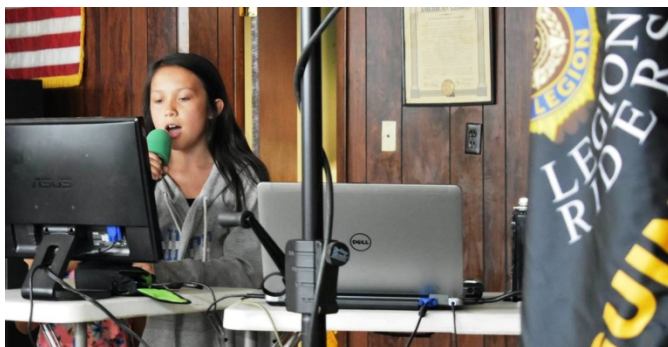
## ALR Post 245 Seguin, Texas 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nut Run Rally Benefits Veterans Programs



Looks like a motorcycle rally is about to take place at Post 245.



ALR 245 Riders apply the finishing touches before the first riders register.



Ron's granddaughter sings the National Anthem and road captain Harold Fairchild stresses road safety.



Ready to roll





Riders leave in groups to navigate the route.



Some of the checkpoints along the route.



One of the stops along the way.



While the riders are out, Ron does the cooking.





Dale Bennett, Cheryl Grove, Sue Bennett and Mary McDonald serve the meal.



Silent auction items fill the tables.



The riders put their bikes in the bike show.

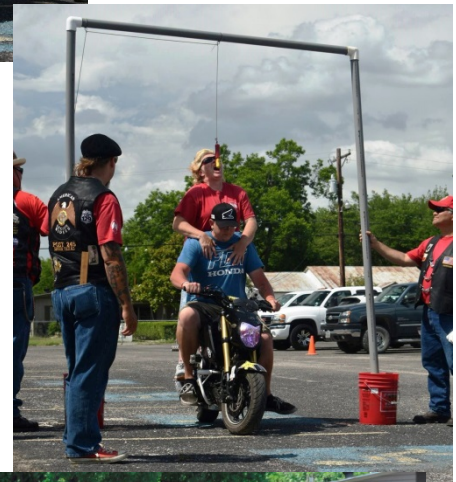


The slow race is always a popular event.





How slow can you go?



For the more adventurous, Augie Camacho and Jerry Ramirez put mustard on the weenie for the weenie bite.



For the three wheelers it's who can weave between the cones fastest without spilling the glass of water on the tray.





Tickets are drawn for the gun raffle.



Jerry with Red Bull Girls.



Field event trophies.



Some of the trophy winners.





City of Seguin and Guadalupe County Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations out for viewing.



Many thanks to our Nut Run Sponsors.



## Post 539 Saint Hedwig, Texas Annual Picnic



Felisa Ramirez at Post 539.



Dale Bennett trying to find a dry place.



Dale Bennett and Felisa Ramirez found a dry place where the food was delicious.





## ALR Post 245 General Meeting – Officer Elections



2018-19 ALR 245 Officers. Director: Kevin Baker, Assistant Director: Jerry Ramírez, Secretary: Felisa Ramirez, Treasurer: Reno Reiley, Road Captain: Harold Fairchild, Assistant Road Captain: Jay MacLeod, Sgt at Arms: Augie Camacho, Chaplain: Ángela Johnson, Membership: Jeff Messinger, Historian: Jim Barnett, Member at Large: Missy Baker, Service Officer: Ron Robinson.



## Memorial Day Ceremony at Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park New Braunfels, Texas



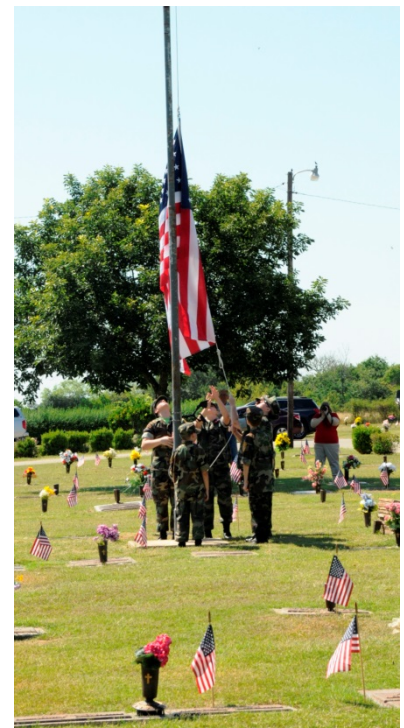
Guadalupe County Sheriffs Mounted Posse



ALR 245 Riders arrive



Proud ALR 245 Riders



The Guadalupe Young Marines.





Post 245 Commander Reno Reiley



JROTC



21 Gun Salute



ALR 245 Group Photo



After the ceremony ALR 245 Riders enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs.



## ALR 245's Bricks at the Guadalupe County Veterans Memorial in Seguin



Bud Baker, Jerry and Felisa Ramirez and Harold Fairchild looks at the new ALR bricks.





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