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### Commander's Corner



Hope this finds everyone in good health.

I want to give thanks to everyone that supported the bowl-a-thon /feeding the soldiers /members that have renewed their 2015 dues. Also special thanks to Tom Skelly and his crew for the demolition of the back porch and rebuilding. It looks awesome, thank you.

If anyone knows where the first place banner for the Christmas parade is please let us know. There has been a lot of stuff disappearing if you take something from the legion and is not yours it is considered stealing if you know of anyone doing this please tell us or them to bring it back no questions asked.

The riders were able to raise enough money to feed 220 family's great job guys and sir. Remember we are a can do post. If the Legionnaires and the Sons of the Legion, Legion Riders, and Auxiliary work as one head we can accomplish



whatever we want.

Thank You,

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**

Robert Fonseca  
Commander, American Legion Post 598  
Horizon City, TX

### December Fun Facts

1. National Cookie Day is December 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. Dec. 1, 1885, the soft drink Dr. Pepper is served for the first time.
3. Dec 7, Pearl Harbor Day.
4. Dec. 9 1965, A Charlie Brown Christmas premieres on television.
5. Dec. 15 1791, The United States Bill of Rights becomes law after being ratified by the Virginia legislature.

### From the Auxiliary President

### No input received for Auxiliary

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### December Fun Facts cont.

6. Dec. 15, 1939, Gone with the Wind, one of the most famous movies of all time, premiers in Atlanta, Georgia.
7. Dec. 17, 1843, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is first published.
8. Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin begins publication of his Poor Richard's Almanac.
9. Dec. 21, 1620, The Mayflower Pilgrims land on what is now known as Plymouth Rock.
10. Dec. 21, 1937, the film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs first premiers.
11. Dec. 23, 1986, The Voyager becomes the first aircraft to fly non-stop around the world.
12. Dec. 24, 1818, the classic Christmas song, Silent Night, is composed by Franz Xaver Gruber.
13. Dec. 25, 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as leader of the Soviet Union.
14. Dec. 25, 1223, St. Francis of Assisi builds the first Nativity scene.
15. Dec. 25, 1776, George Washington and his army cross the Delaware River.
16. Dec. 25, 5 BC, the traditional Birth Day of Jesus Christ.
17. Dec. 31, 1904, the first New Year's Eve celebration is held in Times Square.
18. Dec. 31, 1946, President Harry Truman officially proclaims the end of hostilities in World War II.



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#### Bar Buzz... HELLO PEOPLES OF

THE LEGION. By the time you get or read this newsletter, we hosted like 120 or 150 troops. As always thanks very much, these guys and girls deserve this cooked meal and free entertainment. Without you all we couldn't do it. It's always fun to welcome them, thanks again, great job, and happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

The holidays are here, we will have more fun to come, we will have the traditional gift exchange, for those who would like to participate, more info at the Post.

May the New Year bring you Health, and lots of blessings. Looking forward to another year.

For GOD and Country  
Gracie Titus  
Club/Bar Manager

Centrix \* Sabastian \* Fromm

Japanese \* European \* German

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### SAL's Scoop...

Is it December already? Where has 2014 gone? I will start this article by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Our Post has gone through some major changes this year. We have a new set of Legion, Auxiliary and ALR officers who are all doing their very best to steer us in the right direction. There have been many obstacles to overcome, but little by little, we are moving forward. THANK YOU to those that have stepped up to lead and guide American Legion Post 598.

**REMINDER:** Your current membership card will expire on December 31st. If you have not renewed by then, you will be considered delinquent and have club room and membership privileges suspended until current dues are paid. Why wait? Let's see if we can get all four entities to 100% by the end of the year.

Please take some time to visit the newly renovated back patio. The SAL took on this project in November and the results are stellar. This month's SALute goes to Richard and Gary Beatty; Leo Margerum; Gary Thompson; Pat O'Hara and Jimmy Carrizal. Together, they tore down the old structure, replaced 95% of the old wood with brand new pine, replaced the roof with new sheet metal, painted the structure and poured new concrete to replace the broken/missing slab. Squadron 598 extends a very special thank you to Mike and Jerri Musgrove and Wholesale Lumber for the discounted materials. It's amazing what we can do together!

Our Christmas party/Secret Santa is set for Saturday, December 20th. As always, we will have a pot luck type dinner with everyone chipping in. The sign-up sheet for the Secret Santa is at the bar, and the same rules apply. There will be a \$5 surcharge to sign up, with those proceeds going to Holiday Helping Hands-Operation Keep Them Warm. New blankets, hats, gloves and winter coats will be purchased and given to the less fortunate children in our community. The rest is up to you, but a suggested limit for your Secret Santa gift is \$15. Names can be drawn beginning December 13th.

Keep an eye on the whiteboard and the online calendar for upcoming events. No organization can survive without the support of its members. It all starts with YOU!

As always, please feel free to e-mail me with any questions, comments or ideas at:  
[thomskelley@elp.rr.com](mailto:thomskelley@elp.rr.com).

For God and Country,  
SAL Commander T. Skelley



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### News from the ALR 598 Director

Hello Legionnaires, SALs and Auxiliary Riders!  
It's been a busy, exciting and rewarding month for the American Legion Riders. With our proceeds from the Colonia's Run, we were able to provide over 211 families with Thanksgiving meals this year!!! Meals were distributed at Montana Vista Middle School on Wednesday, November 19 and then at Horizon Middle School on Thursday, November 20. In addition, on Saturday, ten families had their meals personally delivered by the Riders at their homes. A HUGE thank you to all the Riders who volunteered their services: from the fundraiser to the actual distribution.

A special thank you to Jesus Velasco (Shadow), Deb Duran (Jewel), and Ruben Duran (Lawman) who coordinated with the local Walmart in Horizon and was able to lock in and pick up the meals (turkeys, potatoes, rolls, vegetables and stuffing) for delivery to the families in our community. Tomorrow we will ride to the Buffalo Soldiers gate to escort Soldiers from Fort Bliss to our American Legion Post where they will enjoy a fantastic meal provided by our Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members. What an awesome opportunity to support our Soldiers and thank them for their service and sacrifice!

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve our Soldiers and our community. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.

Hillbilly  
Peter Cooper  
ALR 598 Director  
"For God and Country"

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 598

#### OFFICERS

For the year 2013-2014

**DIRECTOR:** Peter Cooper (Hillbilly)  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** Scott Hilgenberg (Shooter)  
**SECRETARY:** Rebekah Hilgenberg (AWOL)  
**TREASURER:** Jose Velasco (Shadow)  
**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Daniel Saucedo (Sauceman)  
**ROAD CAPTAIN:** Peter Cooper (Hillbilly)  
**HISTORIAN:**  
**CHAPLAIN:** Debra Duran (Jewel)  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Daniel Saucedo (SauceMan)

#### Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10:00 am  
ALR 598 Fri-Fest: 4th Fri. of Month

### NOTICE

**ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS  
THERE IS A \$25 BAR TAB JUST WAITING  
TO BE CLAIMED AT THE BAR AND AFTER 3  
MONTHS NOBODY HAS CLAIMED IT OR  
EVEN ASKED ABOUT IT. IT IS TIME TO BE  
CLAIMED. THIS IS FOR ALL AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 598 FAMILY MEMBERS  
WHICH IS LEGION, AUXILIARY, SONS OF  
LEGION, AND AMERICAN  
LEGION RIDERS THE REASON FOR THIS  
THAT IS THE MEMBER THAT HAS THE  
LAST 3 NUMBERS THAT MATCH THE  
NUMBERS IN THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE  
ENTITLED TO \$25 BAR TAB. DUES CARD  
MUST BE A CURRENT (2015)  
MEMBERSHIP CARD, A MEMBER MUST BE  
THE MEMBER WHOSE NAME IS SHOWN  
ON THE DUES CARD  
Card # 696  
THIS IS BAR TAB IS NOT FUNDED BUY THE  
AMERICAN LEGION BUT FROM A PRIVATE  
DONATION**

#### Post Hours:

**Monday–Thursday:  
4:00 PM – 10:00 AM**

**Friday-Sunday:  
3:00 PM – 12:00 AM**

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## Planning a Special Occasion?

### **American Legion Hall, Post 598**

Available for Weddings, Birthdays,  
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