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Commander's Corner

Hello friends! The calendar year is winding down and 2018 is right around the corner.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving as we all have a great deal to be thankful for.

We had a fantastic Halloween Party and Bartenders Appreciation Day. We had over 20 people dress up in costume, the most we've had a very long time.

We are going to have our annual Christmas Party and secret Santa gift exchange Saturday night the 16th of December starting at 7:00 pm with karaoke by yours truly. There is a sign up sheet at the Post if you wish to participate.

The cables for the camera security system that Jimmy donated have come in and we'll have it installed in short time. We had had some issues with the Redd's BBQ bus being broken into that facilitates the installation of a camera security system. Besides that it will keep our members and bartenders safe in the long run. So smile for the cameras.

Keep in mind we are coming up on December 31st quickly. If you do not have a 2018 membership card do so by then.

I wish every one of our friends and members a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Just in case I missed something this month stay up to date and see what is going on go to the Post 598 website at <http://www.alhorizoncitytx598.org/>

Thank you one and all for making our Post a better place.
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W. Clay Durbin
Post Commander
American Legion Post 598

“Happiness depends more on the inward disposition of mind rather than on outward circumstances.”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From the Auxiliary President

I'd like to wish everyone the best of the holiday season and wherever you travel, if you travel I wish you safe travels.

I would like to thank our members for the delicious spaghetti dinner served to Veterans on Saturday, 11/11, specifically: Heather Schoemann, Karen Chavez, Debbie Duran, Teresa Parker, Georgia Durbin, Jessica Sharples, Kay Witwer, Cindy Baker and Linda Schuller for coming together and providing food. I also wish to commend Teresa Parker for setting up and serving and to Teresa and Georgia Durbin and family for cleaning up. This is a job well done to all of you!

I have agreed to oversee Auxiliary operations from now until May elections and there are a few goals I wish to accomplish.

Our monetary resources are depleted and we need to raise money.

We need to get our membership to participate in meetings and functions.

We need to prepare our younger members for leadership positions.

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to support our Post and engage in giving to veterans and community through participation and/or monetary support. We cannot complete our mission if we do not have resources. It is important to note that resources should not continually come from our members. In order to make that happen it will require our members to engage, solicit and request support of our fundraisers from outside sources; and, occasionally requesting donations from businesses. Business budget each year for a certain amount of donations to charity, however, they won't give unless we ask. Our job is to show you how to ask. The Auxiliary needs your help NOW at the beginning of this year. I know you all have the Auxiliary in your heart or you would not be paying your yearly dues. I may be calling on you to help in this effort, but I promise no one will get overburdened unless they say they want to do more. There so much we can accomplish if each does their part to keep the Auxiliary alive. It will take ALL members, even if you cannot attend meetings to make this happen.

Judy Burrows
Interim President



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A Little Bit from SAL's...

Hello everyone hope your holidays are going well.

A reminder SAL memberships renew is by the end of December. Please leave your \$20 in an envelope with your name with bartender and I will try to make it to the Legion on weekends to check. You can also call me at 915-820-0244 if I'm home I'll run by the Legion and meet you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to do so at any time. My cell # 915-820-0244, e-mail pohara@elp.rr.com

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Patrick O'Hara
SAL Commander

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 598

OFFICERS

For the year 2016-2017

DIRECTOR: Jerry Tillson (Frosty)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Ruben Duran (Lawman)
SECRETARY: Jeremy Lehmen (Viking)
TREASURER: Dwight Borgman (Ditch)
Sergeant At Arms: Patrick O'Hara (Lunes)
ROAD CAPTAIN: Scott Hilgenburg (Shooter)
HISTORIAN:
CHAPLAIN: Lisa Tillison (Dimple)
MEMBERSHIP: Daniel Saucedo (Sauce Man)

Meetings:

4th Saturday of the month 10:00 am
ALR 598 Fri-Fest: 4th Fri. of Month

American Legion Riders Trail Dust

American Legion Riders would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The group has been extremely busy the past six months focusing on raising funds for our local Active Duty and Veterans. Membership continues to grow which not only helps the riders but our beloved Post. Here's some of the things that we were able to accomplish:

- The 7th Annual USO run was a big success this past September, there were over 81 (eight-one) registered riders for the event. We were able to use local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars establishments as stops for the run. After the final tally of all the donations and funds we were able to raise \$5,000 for the USO on Fort Bliss. This put the total amount raised the last seven (7) years at \$31,500 dollars. A lot of hard work has gone into this event, and it looks like next year it may even be bigger.
- Your riders have been supporting other events throughout both cities that have helped local veterans and families also. We have been increasing our presences in bike runs, fundraisers and donating what we can to help all of those who may be in need.
- We continue to build a partnership with our brothers and sisters from Arizona. American Legion Riders from Post 11 Douglas and Post 24 from Tombstone, have enjoyed riding their bikes to Horizon and El Paso to visit our post and members. As we continue to grow as a group this will likely become an annual event which can and will benefit the entire Post.

The American Legion Riders would like to express our appreciation to Clay and Georgia Durbin for all their continue support, hard work, and determination that has helped Post 598 become the amazing place it is today. Please do not hesitate to like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/alrchapter598horizon/>.

Thank you and God Bless.

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Jesus "SHADOW" Velasco
DIRECTOR ALR 598





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News and Blurb from Bar Manager

Hello Everyone!

Hope this finds all well with everyone and that your Thanksgiving was shared with loved ones and lots of turkey.

We had an awesome turn-out for our first Halloween/Bartenders Appreciation Party. First place in the costume contest went to P. Burke, second to V. Borgman aka 'Bling' and third to Brenda. Congrats ladies for your creative costumes. I want to give a HUGE thank you to all our members for giving a simple hour (or more for a few) to experience what tending the bar at the Legion really entails. I also want to thank everyone for all the food that was brought in. Last but not least, thank you Commander for entertaining the masses with Karaoke.

The Auxiliary had their annual Veterans Day dinner on Sat. Nov. 11th. The spaghetti dinner that was prepared and delivered by many volunteers was delicious. The Commander commandeered (6) meals to our local HCFD and they gave great thanks.

Our next big event is going to be Horizon City's Annual Christmas Parade Saturday Dec. 2nd at 10 am. The theme this year is American Folklore. Our ALR Chapter is taking lead on our Post's theme 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer'. However members are encouraged to participate anyway they can. Decorating of the float will begin Thursday Nov. 30th 6:30 pm with judging on Friday.

The annual Post 598 Christmas Party will be Saturday Dec. 16th fun begins at 7 pm we will be having the 'Secret Santa' gift exchange, Karaoke by Clay and please bring your favorite covered dish. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the secret Santa.

I want to take this time to congratulate Jason and Melissa on the birth of their son Wayde Logan he is the first of the Legion Bartender Family Members in a long time. As plans are changed and things happen we will be hosting our next friendly pool tournament with Tigua VFW Post after New Years as well as our in-house poker tourney. Remember our weekly in-house pool and poker tourney's every Thursday and Friday at 7 pm.

Always Live, Laugh and Love
Georgia Durbin
Post 598 Bar Manager

MEETING DATES

LEGION EXECUTIVE

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 P.M.



LEGION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 P.M DUES \$40.00.

AUXILIARY

2ND TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.
DUES \$26.00



SON OF THE LEGION

3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00
P.M. DUES \$20.00



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

4TH SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH 10:00 A.M.
DUES \$30.00 SINGLE/COUPLE
\$30.00



PLANNING COMMITTEE
4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**YOU HAVE THE DATES AND
TIME OF MEETINGS SO NO
EXCUSE NOT TO ATTEND**



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Monday–Thursday:
4:00 PM – 10:00 AM
Friday-Sunday:
3:00 PM – 12:00 AM
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(915) 852-4823

Planning a Special Occasion?

American Legion Hall, Post 598

Available for Weddings, Birthdays,
Quinceaneras, Meetings, etc.

Capacity 160 Persons

Kitchen Facilities Available

For Details, Prices & Available Dates

Call Lupe Morales 760-583-4108

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