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## Commander's Corner



Happy New Year from the Commander's Corner...

As we progress from 2013 into 2014, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our members that have made these past 7 months such a success. Your generosity in donating your time, experience, knowledge and \$\$ for the furtherance of our Legion's functions truly show why we are the "Can Do Post." I would also like to thank those that have volunteered to serve in so many ways; whether it was as a Legion Officer, Chairman for a committee, member of a committee, or as one of our "Do'ers" that make everything possible.

In the past 7 months we have repaired the leaking roof, replaced the aging heating/cooling systems, raised over \$4,500 for the USO, provided over 125 holiday dinners to needy families in the area, hosted 60 service members for Thanksgiving, provided over 50 pairs of shoes/25 blankets/25 coats to needy children, honored our Veterans, Service Members and their families through programs on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriots Day, and Veterans Day and let's not forget, we held our 1st Annual Luau.

None of these things would have been possible without the support of our Legion family members. Each one of our entities took charge of the different events and made each one a resounding success.

As we look to the next year, I hope that we will be able to replace the refrigerator in the kitchen, get the inside of the club area painted and our plaques and mementos put back up, update the memorial area with the new memorial bricks that were coordinated through the SAL, have an electrician look at the wiring within the club area (so we don't trip so many breakers during the Thanksgiving Dinner!) and possibly an outside seating area built (I'm hoping for a Boy Scout Eagle project). I am sure there are others as well, so if you know of something that we need to get started on, please let us know.

So once again, I say "Thank You", "God bless you and your family" and "God bless these United States."

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Scott R Hilgenberg, Commander

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

Goran Persson

## From the Auxiliary President

Hi Ladies!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Thanks to all who made our Annual Christmas Party a fun event -- everyone had a grand time with lots a good eats and Karaoke by Clay!

We still have a few members who need to pay their 2014 dues -- let's get those in so you won't miss out on any Auxiliary benefits. And, remember that the bartenders will start checking cards after the 1st of the year.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A JANUARY MEETING THIS MONTH, BUT WE'LL SEE YOU ALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AT 6:30PM.**

Don't forget:

Auxiliary members serve food every 2nd and 5th Friday of the month for "Friday Fest"-- come on down and support your Auxiliary!

Thank you all very much for your support and feel free to call me with any questions.

Teri Boehler  
President, Auxiliary Unit 598  
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"Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day." Michael Josephson

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

Edith Lovejoy Pierce

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things." John Burroughs

"We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential." Ellen Goodman



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### **Bar Buzz...** Hello Peoples of the Legion.

Well, this year is almost over, hope your Christmas was fantastic, full of happiness and blessings, and hopefully your New Year too.

The month of January it's for everybody to relax, we don't have anything planned until February for Valentine's Day, so enjoy.

Thanks to all the people who helped thru the year 2013 to make all our events a success and possible, let's keep a good attitude for the year 2014 and more important positive.

May the New Year be better and full of happiness, take care and will see you. Please if you have not paid your dues, you still have time, We will be asking for your 2014 membership card after the 1st of January.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**  
Gracie Titus, club/bar manager.

**Hope each and everybody had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year's, and may next year be better than last year.**

**LEGION FAMILY, IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO.  
DO IT NOW!!!!**

#### Post Hours:

**Monday–Thursday:**

**4:00 PM – 10:00 AM**

**Friday-Sunday:**

**3:00 PM – 12:00 AM**

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### SAL's Scoop...

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The good news is that we picked up another 11 renewals during December which brings our current active membership to 42, or 71% of goal. Unfortunately, this means that there are 17 Sons that are not current with their dues. Please stop by the Post and get caught up, I would love to go to our Mid-Winter Detachment Executive Meeting in Austin later this month with 100% membership!!!

As the holiday season, and year, winds down, I would like to thank EVERYONE who made 2013 a monumental year at Post 598. A look back at the past 12 months shows that the bar is turning a profit again, the roof was repaired, and brand new heating/cooling units were purchased and installed, not to mention the numerous highly successful events that were hosted. Remember that we are the "CAN DO POST" and it takes more than a handful of members to remain that way.

Congratulations to the decorating committee and Debbie Duran as once again, The American Legion Post 598 entry won 1st place in the Horizon City Christmas Parade (non-commercial category.) Kudos to everyone that helped with the planning and decorating of the float and to those that participated in the parade. Congratulations also goes out to SAL Evan Skelley who took third place overall in the SISD Middle School Science Fair. Well done, son.

This month's SALute goes to the many supporters of our annual "Coats for Kids" drive. With the help of the Family of Post 598 and local sponsors, the program was able to provide brand new winter coats, shoes and blankets to nearly 100 less fortunate children in Horizon City, Sparks and San Eli. THANK YOU ALL!!!

As many of you know, I will have the honor of representing the state of Texas as Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander for 2014/15, (which will require extensive travel and time away from the Post.) Although our Squadron election is five months away, it is time to consider running for office. While the leadership of the Legion, Auxiliary and ALR has changed over the years, the Sons officers have basically remained the same. It is time for some fresh faces with new ideas to continue our commitment to the Squadron, Post and community. I am excited to announce that the brick orders are in! We are looking forward to a dedication ceremony later this month and ideas as to where this set of bricks will be installed. If you missed out on ordering for this phase or would like to order another brick, fear not! We will start taking orders for our next section beginning January 1st. Order forms are at the Post or see me for details.

Please continue to support the SAL by joining us on the 3rd Friday of each month for a delicious homemade meal. Whether it is tacos or enchiladas, all proceeds from the night go to the Child Welfare Foundation. At \$50 per



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month, our donation goal of \$500 is in your hands.

Remember that the SAL meeting has been officially changed to the 3rd Friday of the month to coincide with Taco Night.

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

### News from the ALR 598 Director

Hello Riders and fellow Legion members. Another year has come to an end. This past month we were able to slow down, relax and spend time with family and friends as the Holidays approached. We had a great time on the 5th of December, as we got together for the decoration of our float that was placed in the annual Horizon Christmas parade, where once again we were able to take 1st place and bring Home another trophy for our Legion. Thanks to all who supported the event and a special thanks to Liz for bringing us all together and making this event a success! Our annual Secret Santa Party was a lot of fun and great success, also.

This year has come and gone at a rapid pace, with a lot of success in all we did this year. Now it's time to look to the future and start to plan our NEW YEAR, and it will start with the Riders doing a POLAR RUN up to High Point, NM on the very 1st day of the Year. Dates have been planned for both of the annual bike runs and are waiting to be put on the calendar after the January Coalition meeting. I will put out the dates once we have them secured on the calendar.

This past year went at a very fast pace and I'd like to thank each and every rider for their hard work and dedication in everything we did this past year, because without your support our organization would not be a success. Again, Thank You All and may you all have a happy and blessed year.

For God and Country  
"Lawman" Ruben (Lawman) Duran  
Director, ALR Chapter 598

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Mother Teresa

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 598

##### OFFICERS

For the year 2012-2012

- DIRECTOR:** Clay Durbin (Gumby)
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** Ruben Duran (Lawman)
- SECRETARY:** Georgia Durbin (Pokey)
- TREASURER:** Jose Velasco (Shadow)
- SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Joe Paxton (Papa Joe)
- ROAD CAPTAIN:** Darren Mayes (Willie)
- HISTORIAN:** Pete Morales (Mr. Spooky)
- CHAPLAIN:** Debra Duran (Jewel)
- MEMBERSHIP:** Marty Martinez (Spirit Rider)

Meetings: Once a Month  
ALR 598 Fri-Fest: 4th Fri. of Month

#### A FEW THINGS FROM THE EDITOR

American Legion Post 598 is called the "Can Do Post" and the American Legion Family went out and proved it. They pulled together to have a winning float in the Christmas Parade and lo and behold they did repeat as Grand Champion Float and the Legion Members should make a special trip to the Post to see the two trophies setting side by side. For my part, I would like to say "Job Well Done" Legion Family. It shows that American Legion Post 598 is truly the "Can Do Post."

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