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Commander's Corner



Happy Holidays Post 598.

We had several events for the Holidays and more to come!

Horizon City 2015 Christmas Parade was Saturday, December 5th. We received 2nd place in the float contest, and you can all come by the post to see our Tank. Thanks again to Patrick O'Hara for your wonderful construction and Desiree & Amista Salcido for the great paint job. It looks amazing!

Post 598 AL Riders hosted this year's Christmas Party Saturday, December 19th. It was a great turn out and everyone had a great time. So sorry we couldn't make it due to a family emergency, but the post brought in over \$600 for Operation Keep Kids Warm Annual Coat Drive. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on New Year's Eve at the post to help bring in the New Year together.

We are doing well with the membership drive. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE, <http://tinyurl.com/7qnh3lr>, or at the Post if you have not already done so. We are shooting for 100% by the end of the year!

I always enjoy talking with our Legion Family, so if you see me, please take a minute to stop and chat. If you have suggestions or comments on how to make our organization better, please feel free to let me or one of our Officers know. Remember, we are on track to make Post 598 the premiere post in the El Paso area AND the 16th District by treating each service member as if they were our own son or daughter, adhering to our core values of "For God and Country", and supporting our Veterans and their families in any way that we can.

Thank you and God Bless the United States and OUR Post 598 during this Holiday Season.

For God and Country
Antonio Salcido (Tony)
Commander American Legion Post 598

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From the Auxiliary President

I hope everyone had a great holiday we will start meetings back in February I hope we can come back ready and strong

Please don't forget that the dues cards are in and ready to be picked up when paid for.

I hope All the Legion Family had a very merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will be better than last year, Happy New Year to all.

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Evarista "EVA" Valles
Auxiliary President

NOTICE, NOTICE, NOTICE
AS OF JANUARY 1st. THE
AMERICAN LEGION DUES
WILL INCREASE FROM \$35.00
TO \$40.00
SO SAVE \$5.00 AND PAY YOUR
DUES BEFORE THE 1ST OF
JANUARY

January Fun Facts

1. During the month of January, the North Pole is colder than the South Pole on average.
2. On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln.
3. National Soup Month in the U.S.
4. National Blood Donor month.
5. January 5 is the last day of the "12 Days of Christmas".
6. January 7, 1789. New Mexico became the 47th state.
7. January 8 - Elvis Presley's birthday.
8. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the United States - Third Monday.



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PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Planning Committee continues to be very busy.

Monday Night Football continues and starts at 6:00 pm every Monday. Sunday NFL Football is opening the bar early at 11:00 am to enjoy each other company for the games. Keep in mind there is an 8 butt rule in order to open early, so please sign up each week by Saturday if you plan to attend.

Recent Events:

Saturday December 5th- Horizon City Christmas Parade. We took 2nd place on the float contest. Check out the tank at the post. It will stay there for a couple months for all to enjoy.

Saturday, December 19th- AL Riders hosted the Annual Christmas Party. It was a great turn out and we made over \$600 in donations for the Annual Keep Kids Warm Coat Drive.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 31st, New Year's Eve Party! Come out and bring in the New Year with everyone. Potluck dinner. The Commander's family will be providing the Brisket.

Saturday, February 13th- Valentine's Dinner and the "Not So" Newlywed Game! This will be a fun event for all. Please contact Amista if you would like to sign up as one of the contestant couples. Prizes will be awarded!

Thank you all for the generosity you have all given with your time and commitment. I look forward to the upcoming events still to come. Please find it in your heart to volunteer some of your time to help us give back to our community. I truly feel blessed to call Post 598 my family.

Happy Holidays!
For God and Country,

Amista Salcido, Pharm.D.
Second Vice Commander
Planning Committee Chair

SAL's Scoop...

A few things I would like to bring up are:

Our meetings are on the third (3rd) Friday of the month and your attendance would be greatly appreciated, especially the Officers.

I am collecting aluminum cans to help the Legion. This time the money will be used to buy weed killer to help keep the grounds clean. Also, plastic bottle caps are being collected; they will be recycled to make prosthetic limbs for soldiers and veterans. You can leave the materials at the Legion or my house, 350 Cross River Rd. or call me for pick up.

You might be surprised as to what is happening at the Post on the weekend with NFL Football Thursday, Sunday and Monday.

The 16th District Convention is over and was it a blast and for the members that have never attended one, you sure missed something that you would remember for a long time. That is the place to get to know the District Officers as well as other Officers that attended from other Post.

I have thought about this for a while and I can remove an Officer of the S.A.L. if they miss 3 or more meetings without an excuse and notify the Commander as to the fact you will not make the meeting. There are enough new members that are willing to step up. There are things to be voted on and checks to be written.

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

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Patrick O'Hara
SAL Commander



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News from the ALR 598 Director

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas.

The Christmas party was resounding success because of the team effort by all the American Legion families.

We're looking forward to our annual polar bear run on January 2, 2016 to Aguirre Springs near Las Cruces. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate and provide clear weather. It should be a good time with food, friends and a bonfire.

The storm after Christmas brought plenty of snow which covered all of El Paso and made for beautiful picturesque photos.

It is not too late to come forward and pay your Legion dues if you have not already done so.

May the New Year bring happiness, joy and good fortune to all. -Shadow -

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Jesus "SHADOW" Velasco
DIRECTOR
ALR 598

I HOPE EACH AND EVERYONE SURVIVED THE BLAST OF WINTER AND ALL HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WISH THAT THE UPCOMING YEAR WILL TWICE AS GOOD AS LAST YEAR AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

BAR TAB # 581

Post Hours:
Monday–Thursday:
4:00 PM – 10:00 AM
Friday-Sunday:
3:00 PM – 12:00 AM
2 Butt Rule
(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

Call 852-4823

For Details, Prices & Available Dates

We Offer Membership Discounts

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 598

OFFICERS

For the year 2015-2016

DIRECTOR: Jesus Velasco (Shadow)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Scott Hilgenberg (Shooter)
SECRETARY: Rebekah Hilgenberg (AWOL)
TREASURER: Debra Duran (Jewel)
ROAD CAPTAIN: Darvin Sachtoben (Sock)
HISTORIAN: Jerry Tillison (Frosty)
CHAPLAIN: Darvin Sachtoben, Jr. (Sticks)
MEMBERSHIP: Ruben Duran (Lawman)

Meetings:

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