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Commander's Corner



Well, we are off to a GREAT start for the year with amazing Memorial Day and Flag Day ceremonies and installation of our Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Riders Officers. I want to take this moment to thank our ENTIRE Legion Family for all your support during my first month as Commander. I also want to send a Special Thanks to Patrick O'Hara for setting up the beautiful POW/MIA table, as it adds a special touch of class to the Legion. Also I want to thank Ruben Duran and the Fraternal Order of Police. With their generous sponsorship, we were able to send two EXCELLENT High School Seniors to BOYS STATE in Austin, Texas this June. I feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of people at my side whom I am proud to call FAMILY!

We have an incredible year ahead of us, including our Fourth of July Celebration coming up next week, as well as hosting the 16th District Convention at our home Post 598 October 16-18th. It will take the efforts of our whole Family to make these events a huge success, but I know we are up for the challenge. We did not get named "THE CAN DO POST" for nothing.

Every new Legionnaire, S.A.L. or Auxiliary member makes us a better post; so I challenge each member to bring one new member into the Family this year! At last count, Post 598 had 137 Active Members, 46 Auxiliary, and 65 S.A.L. If each of us recruits just one new member, we will double our Post members and be able to better support our Veterans, their families and the community as a whole.

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.

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

From the Auxiliary President

Congratulations to our winners of the EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD this year we were able to assist 3 students from Horizon, Eastlake and Chapin High Schools May they be our next leaders and I'm happy our auxiliary was able to assist them in furthering their education.

I'd like to thank everyone for all the support not only auxiliary but all of our entities it's great to see so much team work

WE ARE A FAMILY.

Don't forget the planning committee each Monday at 6:30 pm. Do not forget that you do not need to be invited because your input is useful to the committee and the help is needed as well. The 4th of July is fast approaching and we will have roast pig and anything pot luck will help.

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Evarista "EVA" Valles
Auxiliary President

July Fun Facts

1. Independence Day in the United States of America July 4.
2. The Fourth of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.
3. The first official Fourth of July party was held at the White House in 1801.
4. July's birthstone is the ruby, which is said to symbolize contentment.
5. Seven US presidents have died in July, which is more than any other month.
6. The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.
7. Those born in the beginning of the month are born under the sign of Cancer, while those born later in the month are considered Leo.
8. Stay Out of The Sun Day. July 3.
9. National Ice Cream Day. Third Sunday of the month.
10. The song "Yankee Doodle" was sung originally by British officers making fun of backwoods Americans.



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PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS

We are Off and Running to a great year! The planning Committee has been very busy this year already.

Memorial Day Ceremony was a huge success and very moving. A special Thank You to the Broughton Boys for their Gun Salute. Flag Day Ceremony and the Retirement of The Colors also had a great turnout. I want to give a Special thank you to Mike Broughton and CJ Bennett with the Color Guard. It really added a touch of class to the ceremony. Also thanks to the Horizon City Fire Department for their assistance with the fire and honoring our Great Country with an awesome display of the American Flag. It was seen from at least a 5 mile radius!

Our upcoming Fourth of July Celebration plans to be a great load of fun. We will have carnival games, music, a 300 pound pig roast and potluck dinner, and of course the Beer Tent! It is open to the public, and we will be accepting donations for the game tents and dinner. We are looking for volunteers to help donate water, sodas, and Gatorade's, sides for the dinner (signup sheet is posted on bulletin board) and to help man the game tents. Please contact myself, your Commander, or anyone on the Planning Committee. I hope to see everyone there, wearing your Red White and Blue, and prepared to have a great time with family and friends.

Our next big event will be hosting the 16th District Convention October 16-18, 2015. Yes, I said 2015! It is just a short 3 1/2 months away! The planning Committee will be very busy preparing for this great event, but we will need the help of our entire AL Family. If you are interested in being on the committee, come on by the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

Thank you all for the generosity you have all given with your time and commitment. I look forward to a great year ahead of us, filled with many great events and fun spent with such amazing people. I truly feel blessed to call Post 598 my family.

For God and Country,

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

SAL's Scoop...

Since I have not met all of you, I would like to introduce myself, I am Patrick O'Hara the new Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. I am looking forward to getting to know all off you as soon as possible.

As I told Thom, "If I can fill just one of your shoes, I will feel that I have accomplished a great task". I owe a great debt of gratitude to Thom Skelly, Ruben Duran & Debbie Duran, they made my wife and I feel like family when we first joined the Legion. I can only hope and pray that I can become an important part of the family as they are. I will need all the help I can get from all of you to help me become a leader that fits your needs.

A few things I would like to bring up are:

Our meetings are on the third (3rd) Friday of the month at 6:30 pm, your attendance is greatly needed. If the time and date of the meetings is a problem for some, please feel free to give me your input as they can be changed if it works better for the squadron.

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.

The Sons of the Legion also are running the "Queen of Hearts" game on Friday night at 7:00 pm to raise money for the smoke eaters.

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

**LIBERTY CANNOT BE
PRESERVED...WITHOUT A GENERAL
KNOWLEDGE AMONG THE PEOPLE**

JOHN ADAMS



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SOME RIDER DUST

We had our traditional run to support our fellow Legionnaires and Legion Rider from Post 11 in Douglas, Arizona. We had Legion Riders from Chapter 58 join us and none were disappointed, and as usual, our fellow brothers and sisters in Arizona treated us like royalty. Can't wait to return the hospitality when they visit us in October.

We also celebrated Memorial Day in remembering those who gave all and had the honor in participating in the Flag Day ceremony.

Next ALR meeting will be our first official meeting with the newly elected officer. I am looking forward in working together in representing the American Legion Post 598 as a Legionnaire, a member of ALR Chapter 598 and all the good that can be achieved. I'm inviting all our riders to come out to the meetings and get acquainted with the new riders and/or reacquainted the older die-hards. We have a lot of future events planned and would like input from all members.

There will be a birthday party for the Post Commander, Tony Salcido, on Saturday, June 27, at his house....as usual, it'll be a wild and crazy time....Okay, maybe not that wild or crazy, but it will be a good time nonetheless.

The post is also planning a 4th of July Celebration; have some games lined up, may involve water, and will have a roast pig. This is just around the corner. Signup sheets for food items needed are posted on the white board. If interested in getting involved, the planning meetings are conducted every Monday's at 6:00p.m.

It is a bitter sweet moment our post is experiencing as we will lose Thom Skelley. He will be moving up to bigger and better endeavors. He has been a teacher, a mentor, and friend to all members of the American Legion. Thom, you will truly be missed, good luck in your future endeavors.

Our next monthly meeting will be held at the American Legion Post on July 25, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. See you there! And as someone once said, "Ride hard, or don't ride at all."

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Jesus "SHADOW" Velasco
DIRECTOR
ALR 598

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 Sachtleben, Jr. (Sticks)
MEMBERSHIP: Ruben Duran (Lawman)

Meetings:

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

NOTICE

**New BAR TAB number
879**

**THIS IS BAR TAB IS NOT FUNDED BY THE
AMERICAN LEGION BUT FROM A PRIVATE
DONATION**



Bar Buzz... HELLO PEOPLES OF

THE LEGION. If this column seems odd and not as Grace would write it out, it is because Jubbie is filling in this month.

The Legion is having a pig roast and music and games for the 4th of July so come on down and enjoy the cool of the air conditioners, with a lot of very cold beer.

The ALR had a goodbye party for Thom and gave him a goodbye present which was a leather vest with all the trappings on and you should have seen Thom's face. It was the first time he was speechless and then he had his picture taken on a bike and sent to Amy. The Post has a lot going on and the Legion Family should stop by and if not for anything else but say hello to some of the new members and find out what is happening.

**THIS MAY BE MY LAST INPUT COLUMN FOR THE
BAR BUZZ**

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Jubbie, (for Grace)
Bar manager**



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Friday-Sunday:

3:00 PM – 12:00 AM

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