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## Commander's Corner



Here we are in July. Over half way through 2017.

I want to thank everyone that turned out and helped with our flag retirement ceremony and veteran dinner. We had a good crowd.

If you haven't been up to your Post, please do. Jimmy Carrizal fixed the rusted sheet metal and painted the entire front of the building. Thank you Jimmy for everything you have done to make our Post a better place.

We sent two fine young men to Boys State at the UT Austin campus. We sent Seth Velasco and Joel Valles. It is a feather in the young men's cap to be chosen for this honor. It will serve them well in the future.

As of June 1st we assumed control of the VSweeps machines. There is a new twist. You still get payouts but you now get a dollar for dollar credit towards <http://gift-liquidations.com/>. For every dollar you donate you can go onto that web site and purchase all kinds of goodies from their catalog. It's a win – win for all of us.

We have July the 4th coming up and County Commissioners approved all fireworks.

We have our first annual Cloudcroft campout September 1-4th. There will be a signup sheet. \$10.00 per adult children free.

The Chapter 598 Riders annual USO Run will be September 9th. Join in for a great cause.

September 11th we are foregoing our usual First Responder dinner but will be delivering to-go boxes the EMS, PD and FD personnel.

Come on up we have had a great number of new members sign up so come on up and meet these great folk from time to time.

Let's have a safe and sane summer. Use lots of sun screen and drink lots of water if you're out in the heat. We want to see you in your Post not the hospital.

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W. Clay Durbin  
Post Commander  
American Legion Post 598

## From the Auxiliary President

### No Input Received

Heather Schoemann - President  
Auxiliary Chapter 598 American Legion

### July Fun Facts

1. The month of July is named after Julius Caesar by a decision of the Roman Senate in 44BC as July was the month of his birth.
2. Until the 18th century, the word July in English had the stress on the first syllable and rhymed with dully or truly.
3. The month of July is National Ice Cream Month.
4. July 1, 1898, the San Juan Hill was occupied by the American troops during the Spanish-American War.
5. July 1, 1913, the 38th President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, was born on.
6. July 1, 1916, during World War I the Battle of Somme began.
7. July 2, 1890, the Sherman Antitrust Act (an Act to prohibit trusts) was passed by the United States Congress.
8. July 2, 1908, Thurgood Marshall, first black justice of the Supreme Court of the United States was born.
9. July 4<sup>th</sup> is Independence Day.
10. Three of America's first five presidents died on July 4: Bitter rivals John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died hours apart on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration: Jefferson, 83, passed away in Virginia, and then Adams, 90, passed away in Massachusetts five hours later. John Monroe died on the 4th of July in 1831.
11. July 5, 1971, Amendment 26 was proclaimed which set the voting age at 18 in the United States.
12. July 6, 1854, the Republican Party held its first state convention at Jackson, Michigan.
13. July 11, 1804, during a duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton, Hamilton was killed.
14. July 16, 1790, District of Columbia was established.
15. July 16, 1945, the first atomic bomb was set off by scientists in Alamogordo, New Mexico.



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### SAL's Scoop...

Hello everyone. Hope your 4th of July was great and safe.

In case you haven't heard, I will be staying on as Commander. Sam Rios-1st vice, Cole Williams—2nd vice, Danny Saucedo -Adjutant, Jubbie Hartzog –Finance Officer /advisor, Dale Weaver—Sgt at Arms.

Please come and join us ever 3rd Friday of the month for our monthly meeting. Any ideas for fundraisers are welcome.

Again, I am collecting aluminum cans to help pay for the smoke eater filters.

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](mailto: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:** Jesus Velasco (Shadow)  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** Jerry Tillson (Frosty)  
**SECRETARY:** Jeremy Lehmen (Viking)  
**TREASURER:** Ruben Duran (Lawman)  
**Sergeant At Arms:** Joe Paxton (Papa Joe)  
**ROAD CAPTAIN:** Marty Martinez (Spirit Rider)  
**HISTORIAN:** Gilbert Pedroza (G-Man)  
**CHAPLAIN:** Debbie Duran (Jewel)  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Daniel Saucedo (Sauce Man)

##### Meetings:

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

### American Legion Riders Trail Dust

#### No Input Received

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Jesus "SHADOW" Velasco  
DIRECTOR ALR 598

#### General Colin Powell's Rules:

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, then get over it.
3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.
4. It can be done!
5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
6. Don't let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
7. You can't make someone else's choices. You shouldn't let someone else make yours.
8. Check small things.
9. Share credit.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

**“Without a word this uniform also whispers of freezing troops, injured bodies, and Americans left forever in foreign fields. It documents every serviceman's courage, who by accepting this uniform, promises the one gift he truly has to give: his life. I wear my uniform for the heritage of sacrifice it represents and more. I wear my uniform with pride, for it represents the greatest nation of free people in the world.”**  
**Captain Karen Dorman Kimmel**



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## News and Blurb from Bar Manager

### *Hello Everyone!*

I want to start out with great big thanks to Patrick ‘Lunes’ for filling in every weekend the month of June to help out with supervising community service while the Commander recuperated from his back surgery. It was a long but much needed surgery and Clay’s recovery is going to be slow but he is doing well. Thank you to all that prayed for him and big thanks to Kay and Kenny for bringing a much needed comfort dish to our home!

Our Memorial Ceremony was a somber service with many in attendance thank you to everyone who brought all the delicious food and that shared in the viewing of the movie ‘Taking Chance’.

Post 598 held the annual flag retirement ceremony on June 10th we had a great public turn-out with our local Girl Scout Troop rendering honors, HCFD over- seeing the event and too many volunteers to mention that assisted in the ceremony in more ways than I can count. The El Paso Times did a nice article on the event and last but definitely not least, thanks Joe ‘Pops’ and Dale for grilling up the food and to all the members that barred the 100 plus degree temperature and gave their respects to each flag that was retired.

The last two events I just mentioned is what The American Legion represents and honors each and every day, so please don’t ever forget that.

The second challenge with our billiard friendly competition at Tigua Post resulted in a loss so the next one will be the tie breaker and held at our Post, date not determined yet.

Auxiliary Unit 598 has a new volunteer leadership! I want to thank ‘All’ the ladies that came-out and accepted their positions during elections and didn’t allow our Charter to be removed. I wish you all much success and look forward to seeing what new and exciting things you have in-store for us!

Please remember if you have any suggestions, ideas or just want to know what events or functions our Post is involved in, attend the general membership meetings every 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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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**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

For Details, Prices & Available Dates

**Call Lupe Morales 760-583-4108**

*We Offer Membership Discounts*