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# American Legion

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#### Commander's Corner



Once again, I must start this letter with MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, and MEMBERSHIP!!!! Please, if you have not renewed for 2014 yet, do it as soon as possible. As of 2/18/14 we are at 62.90% of our goal and rank #18 out of 19 Posts within the 16th District. If you do not have a 2014 membership card, you cannot be served in the club area unless you renew at that time. You also cannot run for office or vote during General Membership meetings. Unfortunately, we are also at the point where we are going to have to start dropping members from the roles, if that happens, your continuous years will reset to zero (0). So please... renew your membership.

Recently, seven current and former Post 598 members have passed away; James Chesshire, Gerald Chiiles, William Ehrlich, Rick Tucker, Raymond Moreno, Danny Harber and Tom Titus. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers as they deal with the loss of their loved one and begin healing. We will be purchasing name plates for each member to be added to our Memorial Wall.

In case you haven't noticed, there is a new refrigerator in the kitchen. Please help to keep it sanitary by cleaning up any spills and dating any open items that are placed inside. Any item without a date is subject to being thrown away immediately.

Boys State is just around the corner. If you have a son, grandson or know of a young man that meets the requirements and would be successful in the program, please let us know. More information can be found at <http://texasboysstate.com>.

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization will be available at the upcoming 16th District Convention (Saturday April 12, 2014 at 1 PM). This training is suggested for all members and may soon be a requirement for Post Officers. I will be out of town the majority of March, so our 1st Vice Commander; Peter Cooper will be acting Commander in my absence. Once again, a great big THANK YOU goes out to all of our Legion family that works so hard to keep our Post going and our programs successful.

If I am not there, or you wish to meet with me elsewhere, please feel free to give me a call at home (915-500-1962) or on my cell phone (580-919-5791) or e-mail me at

[ALPost598Commander@outlook.com](mailto:ALPost598Commander@outlook.com).

For God and Country.  
Scott R Hilgenberg  
Commander

#### From the Auxiliary President

Hi Ladies!

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.

Don't forget:

Our meeting time has been changed to the 1st TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH at 7:00pm. Our executive members will meet at 6:30pm in order to make recommendations to the General Membership.

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  
241-3463 or [terielleboehler@hotmail.com](mailto:terielleboehler@hotmail.com)  
Our Web Site is: Check it out:  
<http://www.alhorizoncitytx598.org>

#### March Fun Facts

1. American Red Cross Month.
2. March 2nd is celebrated by Texas as the anniversary of its independence from Mexico.
3. March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.
4. March 2 is Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day.
5. St. Patrick's Day is March 17.
6. March 10th is No Smoking Day.



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#### **Bar Buzz...** HELLO PEOPLES of the

LEGION: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR BEING WITH ME IN THIS HARD TIME. I COULD NOT GET BACK TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT THANKS TO EVERYONE.

I don't have a lot information of what's going on, but come down for the meetings and especially for the planning meeting so we can plan more things to do in the Post.

Again thanks People of the Post. May God Bless you.

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Gracie Titus, club/bar manager.

### A FEW THINGS FROM THE EDITOR

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION'S NEW ADDRESS:**

**HORIZON CITY**

**AMERICAN LEGION**

**POST 598**

**141 ELSWORTH DR**

**HORIZON CITY, TX 79928**

### SAL's Scoop...

SONS, our membership renewals have really slowed down since the first of the year. That means that there are a number of you that cannot attend a meeting, Post functions, or even come in to the bar. Please get your membership dues in for 2014. Also, remember that you CANNOT be signed in as a guest if you are already a member and have simply not renewed for the new year. The bartenders have a list of all SAL members that are current with their dues, so if you have paid for 2014 but do not have your new card, it is in an envelope behind the bar, just ask for it. That being said, February was a rough month for the Post 598 family as we lost Ray Moreno and Tom Titus. Heartfelt condolences go out to their families. Ray and Tom will be sadly missed. The Post also lost Past Commander Dan Harber who passed away in New Mexico. Please keep their families in your prayers. If you have not noticed, Phase I of the memorial bricks project is complete. I want to personally thank Leo Margerum and Richard Beatty for supervising the installation alongside of the memorial wall. Please take a moment to view the bricks and place your order for Phase II. Congratulations to our Squadron Advisor Dale Weaver who took 1st place in the inaugural Oz Glaze Senior Center Horseshoe Tournament. Dale graciously donated his trophy which is on display at the Post. Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the SAL Valentines Dinner/Dance. Those attending enjoyed good food and music, a hilarious "Newlywed Game" and an all-around great time. Kudos to "Ditch" and Virginia for winning the game and receiving a \$25 bar tab; as well as having their meals compt. Please remember that aside from supporting the Legion in all ways possible, the Sons main goal is to donate to the Child Welfare Foundation. Our Friday night dinners and fundraisers are held specifically to raise the much needed funds for the CWF and other charitable organizations. This month's SALute goes to Scott and Becki for their support of the dinner. They transformed the club area into an Italian restaurant with fabulous decorations, table settings, candles and the works as well as helped serve dinner and participated in the Newlywed Game. Couldn't have done it without you guys (and grandma too.) THANKS!!! Due to a series of unusual circumstances, Taco Night was cancelled for February. We hope to resume our Fantastic Friday Night meal on the third Friday of the month, March 21st. We are currently looking for High School Junior boys to sponsor for The American Legion Boy's State program. If you know of an 11th grade male student that may be interested, please see Beto or myself. Information about the program can be found on the Department website, [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org). I will begin traveling to several District and Division Conventions in March, preparing for my run for Detachment Commander. If you need something, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Post 598 is and always will be my second home. Remember that the SAL meeting has been officially changed to the 3rd Friday of the month to



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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 Legion Family. Update on our USO run, it's on the calendar and scheduled for June 1, 2014. I understand that we had the run scheduled for the first week of April, but due to some scheduling confusion our date had to change. As you know, the next few months will fly by with minimal time for event coordination, so make sure you come out to our meeting on the first Saturday of the month. We need all Riders' support and input.

Arizona, Post 11 Riders have informed me that due to scheduling errors, they had to move the date for the Eagles on Wheels Run to May 25th 2014. So, we will be in the same situation that we were in last year with their run on one weekend and ours on the following weekend. Please try and make any adjustments necessary to attend this event. The President from Post 11 has also stated that they will be coming out to support our event and have invited a couple of other Legion Rider Posts from their local area to attend as well. We will have a lot of work ahead of us, planning for the Run and our guest Riders. Please come out and participate and ask some of your fellow riders to join us. I would like to thank the Riders for all their support. I understand that we all have many commitments and sometimes it's hard to make meetings, but we really need to try and make this coming month's meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming USO events.

A reminder, don't forget that every Friday night is Poker night and every 4th Friday is ALR Friday Fest night. Our next meeting will be Saturday March 5th at 10:00 am.

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Again, thank you all.  
Ruben (Lawman) Duran  
Director, ALR Chapter 598

"There are some who've forgotten why we have a military. It's not to promote war; it's to be prepared for peace."  
President Ronald Reagan

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 598**

##### **OFFICERS**

##### **For the year 2012-2012**

- DIRECTOR:** Ruben Duran (Lawman)
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** Scott Hilgenberg (Shooter)
- SECRETARY:** Rebekah Hilgenberg (AWOL)
- TREASURER:** Jose Velasco (Shadow)
- SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Joe Paxton (Papa Joe)
- ROAD CAPTAIN:** Peter Cooper (Hillbilly)
- HISTORIAN:** Georgia Durbin (Pokey)
- CHAPLAIN:** Debra Duran (Jewel)
- MEMBERSHIP:** Daniel Saucedo (Sauce Man)

Meetings: Twice a Month  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month 10:00 am  
ALR 598 Fri-Fest: 4th Fri. of Month

#### **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**