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Commander's Corner



Hope this finds everybody in good health.

Another thumbs up to everyone for a great job. Also, for everyone that has renewed their membership there are 55 members that have renewed. That makes us at 43% or 44% we need to be at 100% by October 1st I know we can do it.

We are going to try to renovate both bathrooms in the bar area. I want to thank Ruben "Lawman", Jesus "Shadow", Gilbert "Sauce Man" Lunas "Enchilada Man" and Jeremy "Viking" for the excellent job they did cleaning around the post great job guys. Let's all remember that we are all legionnaires first and we have a lot to do around the post. We need everyone's support; we need legion officers and anyone else that wants to join us for the first Tuesday of each month at 16:30 "6:30". We have executive officers meeting and we wish to see all legion officers' show up to these meetings and everyone that wishes to join us. We have our generalship membership meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at "7:00", so come out and support us.

We have a couple of things coming up this month, first we are already talking about the bowl-a-thon and we are going to have Oldies Night Saturday, September 13th at 19:30 "7:30" and Country Night October 11th at 19:30 "7:30". If you have CD's with oldies bring them to oldies night, and if you have CD's with country bring them to country night. To support our post there will be food. If you wish to bring in a dish please do so; let's make these 2 nights a success for the good of the legion. Also, I will be cooking for the 1st football game of the Cowboys which is September 7th. We can start by maybe doing a tailgate party at 14:30 "2:30" please give me feedback. Let's put our dancing shoes on and show up for both events. Let's also get our grills going and have a tail gate party for the 1st Dallas Cowboy game on Sunday September 7th. I want to thank Ruben "Lawman" for the great job that he did as the riders director and hope that Pete Copper "Hilly Billy" can do as well as Ruben "Lawman" did.

Let's keep our sick members in our prayers.

Thank you,
For God and Country
Thank you for all your cooperation,
Commander and Legion Rider
Robert Fonseca

From the Auxiliary President

Hello Ladies!

A few things about the upcoming months, I have just recently started school and have classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights, so for the month of September and October, I would like to have the meeting on Monday night. In September, since Monday is Labor Day, I would like to have the meeting September 8th. I would really appreciate if a majority of members come to the meeting so we can vote on a few things. I have yet to meet some of the members. I want to thank the members who emailed about the vote to donate moneys to the Riders! We are going to donate \$50.00 dollars to them for the upcoming run!

We are a few months into the new fiscal year, so we need to renew our membership by paying our dues. If you have changed your contact information please send me an email at michellemcolwell@yahoo.com so I can update the roster.

We will be starting our 50/50 raffle beginning September 2nd and it will run until October 2nd! The Legion has a rummage sale scheduled for September 20th.

Applications for the Educational Assistance Award in the amount of \$500.00 to a worthy candidate are due by October 1st, 2014. We have selected a topic this year that you need to write an essay on. The title is: What are your reasons for thanking a soldier. The award will be restricted to applicants who are either an ROTC graduating senior from area high schools or an undergraduate who is either a member of or related to a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion, or the Sons of the American Legion.

I am looking for volunteers to help serve food on Veteran's Day; please let me know if you are willing to help that day.

Any member that comes to the meeting on September 8th will be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize to be given out that night. I look forward to seeing some new faces at the meeting. Don't forget to keep collecting box tops, which I will donate to Dr. Sue Shook in Horizon, tabs from cans, coupons, and milk caps.

Thank you for your support as I am learning, feel free to contact me with any question or concerns.

Thank You

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SAL's Scoop...



Bar Buzz... Hope you all are having a great rainy month.

Sept 7, we will have a cook-out/tailgate party at 3 pm until??. So come on down and have some fun. It is going to be a busy month; we will also have on Sept 20th our garage sale, so clean your closets and bring all your stuff down here.

Also Sept. 13th , Oldies Night, so if you have any CD's with music from the 50s ,60s, and 70s bring them with you that night and if you can dress up from that era, it will be fun.

Football season is here; hope to see you cheering for your favorite team.

We will keep you informed of upcoming events, Stay safe, we will be seeing you at the Post.

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Gracie Titus, club/bar manager.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale will be held Saturday, September 20th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the back hall. Each entity will be get a free table for donated items. Members can reserve their own personal tables at a cost of \$7.00 each, sign-up sheet at the bar. This event will be advertised and is open to the public. If you would like to donate items for sale instead of having your own table, please see an officer of the Post/Squadron/Unit/Chapter.

Gentlemen, the new membership roster and cards are IN!!! We will start collecting dues for the 2014/15 year on August 1. Envelopes will be available at the bar for you to write your name on, include your dues and put the envelope in a locked box under the TV between the window and front door of the Post. Remember that the body approved increasing dues to \$20.00. As I will be travelling quite a bit this year, I ask that you be patient, I will process the renewals as soon as possible. Completed cards will then be kept behind the bar, just ask to see if your card is there.

Please pay special attention to the calendar on our webpage and the whiteboard at the Post. There is at least one major function each month from now until the end of the year.

I have a question for all of you. Who remembers the "good ol' days"? You know, when the Post did this and we had that. Just because so and so and such and such aren't around anymore doesn't mean that WE can't relive the days of old. There are numerous functions that we can bring back and tons of new ones that we can begin. But it all starts with YOU!!! 598 has been a social gathering place for over thirty years. Members have come and gone. Some to deployment or being re-stationed, some to age and illness and others that have answered the final call. And yet, our family continues on. We come together to pay last respects to a friend or loved one and give some comfort to their family. We come together to feed our nation's heroes at Thanksgiving or to host a District Convention. So why don't we show the same respect and cooperation for each other all the time?

Pray for our servicemen and women at home and around the world who protect this great land. Pray for the sick and suffering of our Post family. And please, my friends of American Legion Post 598, pray for each other so that we can put aside all our trivial differences and carry on...for God and Country. It starts with YOU!

As always, please feel free to e-mail me with any questions, comments or ideas at:

thomskelley@elp.rr.com.

For God and Country,
SAL Commander T. Skelley

**DO FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD,
GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A
TRAIL. HAROLD McALINDON**



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News from the ALR 598 Director

Dear Legion Family:

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position as the Director of The American Legion Riders, effective immediately. I have accepted a position on The Board of Directors, as The Chairman of Trustees, for the State of Texas, Fraternal Order of Police. This opportunity gives me the chance to grow professionally.

This was not an easy decision to make, on my part. The past five years have been very rewarding. I've enjoyed working for you and managing a very successful team dedicated to our Legion family and our community.

However, between my Family, work load and my career, I have taken a different direction and I feel it is time to move on to new opportunities and challenges.

I will be working for a State and local non-profit organization the Fraternal Order of Police representing 42 Lodges throughout the State and I look forward to the new direction of my career.

I will not be leaving the area and will continue to attend Legion and Rider functions when possible. I cannot thank you enough for all of the opportunities and experiences you have provided me during my time as both Deputy Director and Director of the Riders.

My other commitments have become too great for me to be able to fulfill the requirements of my position as Director, and I feel it is best for me to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the position.

I appreciate your support and understanding, and I wish the incoming Director Mr. Peter (Hillbilly) Cooper the very best. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

On the brighter side our Fifth Annual Colonia's Run is scheduled for October 5th and preparations are almost complete. We are looking forward for our entire Legion family to join us for a day of food and fun.

A reminder, don't forget that every Friday night is Poker night and every 4th Friday is ALR Friday Fest night. Again, thank you all.

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 598

OFFICERS

For the year 2013-2014

DIRECTOR: Peter Cooper (Hillbilly)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Scott Hilgenberg (Shooter)
SECRETARY: Rebekah Hilgenberg (AWOL)
TREASURER: Jose Velasco (Shadow)
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Daniel Saucedo (Sauceman)
ROAD CAPTAIN: Peter Cooper (Hillbilly)
HISTORIAN:
CHAPLAIN: Debra Duran (Jewel)
MEMBERSHIP: Daniel Saucedo (SauceMan)

Meetings:

1st Saturday 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

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(915) 852-4823

NOTICE

ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

STARTING WITH THIS MONTH CALENDER, FOR SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL BE A 3 DIGIT NUMBER, WHICH SHOULD MATCH THE LAST 3 NUMBERS OF A MEMBERS DUES CARD. THE REASON FOR THIS THAT IF THE MEMBER THAT HAS THE LAST 3 NUMBERS THAT MATCH THE NUMBERS IN THE NEWS LETTER, THEY WILL BE ENTITLED TO A \$25 BAR TAB. DUES CARD MUST BE A CURRENT (2015) MEMBERSHIP CARD. ONLY MEMBERS CAN CLAIM PRIZE AND IT MUST BE THE MEMBER WHOSE NAME IS SHOWN ON THE DUES CARD. LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE LEGION, MUST BE FROM POST 598. NO CASH!!! CURRENT CARD MUST BE SHOWN TO BARTENDER ON DUTY. NO CARRY OVER ON PRIZE. Card # 247



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