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Commander's Corner



Hello all Legion Family. Here we go into August. Before we know it we'll be dressing in goofy costumes, eating turkey and opening presents. My how time flies when you're having fun.

American Legion Horizon City Post 598 is doing well. We took over the VSweeps machines and it's going good. We are having a lot of new members joining all entities. Lots of new faces and longtime members coming back.

August is a slow month for events at your Post but the pace will pick up quite a bit in September. The 1st through the 5th of September will be our 1st Post 598 Camping trip up in the cool pines of Cloudcroft. Save space during the Labor Day weekend to unwind and let your hair down with family and friends. Then on the 9th of September will be the American Legion Riders Chapter 598 8th annual USO Run to benefit the 3 USO Centers throughout El Paso. Make sure to attend for a good time to benefit a great organization. This year for 9/11 we will be doing things differently. Instead of inviting First Responders to our Post we will be making to go boxes and take them to the EMS station, Fire Department and Police Station. If you wish to help come on up to the Post and slop some plates.

I do have a heavy heart though. We lost a great person in Mark Sharples to a motorcycle accident. Besides being a good husband, father and friend he mentored children in Anthony, TX, assisted the Antony PD, was a strong member of his church. He had transferred to Post 598 so he could join the Legion Riders. He immediately volunteered to become our Adjutant. He set up both the Legion and Riders Facebook accounts

<https://www.facebook.com/alrchapter598horizon/>. I knew Mark for 13 years going back to my days with Northrop Grumman. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to Jessica and his children.

Just in case I missed something this month stay up to date and see what is going on go to the Post 598 website at <http://www.alhorizoncitytx598.org/>

Thank you one and all for making our Post a better place.

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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

August Fun Facts

1. The Romans gave this month its name in 8BC, after the first Roman Emperor Augustus who ruled from 27BC until his death in AD14.
2. Before then, the month had been known as Sextilis, as it was the sixth of ten months in the Roman Calendar, which began with March.
3. The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx and the flowers are the gladiolus and poppy.
4. Warren Harding was the only US President to have died in the month of August.
5. The city of Augusta, Georgia was named after Princess Augusta of Saxe-Gotha (1719-1772), mother of King George III.
6. Centennial State, became the 38th state of the United States.
7. On August 2, 1909, the Lincoln penny was issued.
8. August 3rd is National Watermelon Day.
9. During the Civil War on August 5, 1864, the Battle of Mobile Bay was won by the Union forces.
10. August 5th, is the day to celebrate the Spirit of Sisterhood.
11. August 5-11, is National Smile Week.
12. On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was used in warfare on Hiroshima, Japan.
13. On August 7, 1942, the U.S. troops landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands during World War II.
14. On August 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon resigned from office, making him the first United States president to ever resign from office.
15. August 13 is Vinyl Record Day- come on out and listen to some good music!
16. August 13 is National Lefthander's Day
17. August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died.
18. August 24 A.D. 79, Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.



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A Little Bit from SAL's...

Good day to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed summer so far.

I'm sure most of you have heard, we lost our Adjutant/Rider member Mark in a motorcycle accident. Our Prayers go out to his wife and his family. A beautiful memorial video was made by my boss and good friend Nick Dominguez. I will have a link to youtube soon. Call me if you would like to view. 915-820-0244.

I will be needing help with community service in the upcoming couple of months. Please let me know if interested.

My wife Brenda and I will hosting our annual "Taco Fest" Sept.23rd. I will post a flyer at the Post soon. All proceeds will be donated to the USO.

I am still collecting aluminum cans for the Legion.

I ask also for more of your support and participation for the Legion. We need all of the help we can get to make it enjoyable place to congregate and socialize with our friends.

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

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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:

4th 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

"A person can't expect to live in the best damn country on earth and not be willing to fight and die for it." Sgt. Marco Martinez

"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment." Judd Gregg

Celebrities Who Were in the Military

1. Clint Eastwood
2. Elvis Presley
3. Chuck Norris
4. Pat Sajak
5. Jimi Hendrix
6. Marvin Gaye
7. Hugh Hefner
8. Johnny Carson
9. Mr. T
10. Mel Brooks
11. Bob Barker
12. Johnny Cash
13. Tom Selleck
14. Sammy Davis Jr.
15. Steve McQueen
16. Paul Newman



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News and Blurb from Bar Manager

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well.

As most of you already know we lost a much valued friend and member of our Post, Mark 'Cyber' Sharples. He was our Post Adjutant and ALR Chapter 598 member. Although he was with our Post for a short time he did so much to assist in any way he could and we will miss him greatly. Please continue to keep his wife Jessica and his sons in your prayers.

Recently our Commander made Rudy and Liz Rivera honorary lifetime guests of our Post. If you haven't met them or seen the beautiful ironwork that Rudy has made I encourage you to come out and see it.

Don't forget our first annual Post 598 Family camp-out over the Labor Day weekend, details and a sign-up sheet are posted on the white board.

We still have our weekly Pool and Poker Tournaments every Thursday and Friday at 7pm

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
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(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