



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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September/October 2024

The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone now that September is here. Hopefully we will start getting some cooler weather which will give the outdoor volunteers a break from this very hot weather we have had.

The latest update on the gaming and storage room expansion at this time is that all the permits and building prints have been approved. The architect and general building contractor are working out some small issues and hope to have them resolved by the middle of August. Their intent is to start construction by September. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

We have a lot of new members joining our Legion which is great. Welcome aboard! Just a reminder when you receive your membership card please stop in the canteen and purchase your key card. That will allow you access the Post. Also when the Post is having a dinner or lunch going on, please do not bring in your own food to eat. If you owned a restaurant, I don't think you would be happy with me bringing my own food in to eat. Lastly, when you are at the Post please clean up after yourself. This will make it much easier on the volunteers. Thank you for your understanding on these issues. The Post greatly appreciates it.

The new memorial trees have been planted for this year. If you are interested in purchasing a memorial tree and memorial plaque for the base of the tree bearing the name of a loved one, please contact us. The forms are in the lobby. Also, if you receive a notice in the mail to renew your dues, and have already paid them please disregard the notice. These notices are mailed out by National. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. The Post receives money back from the state if we have so many members paid by a certain dates. Thank you. Once again Post 598 was profitable and continues to finish in the black from January thru August 2024.

I would like to thank the ladies who take care of the plants and flowers on our Post property. They are all volunteers and are continually weeding and watering the flowers and the plants on our beautiful property. Usually, early in the morning before we even open. So they are seldom seen working hard to keep our Post looking great! Thank you! Also, to our Friday night dinner crews that are made up of all volunteers that continually work hard to make the dinners successful. Whether they are in the hot kitchen cooking, washing dishes, serving, cleaning, taking orders, running the cash register and even taking the trash out. They all step up to the plate and make it happen. Once again, without these volunteers we would not have this beautiful successful post.

From your post 598 family, thank you to all the Post volunteers. Pictured below are some of our great volunteers. I can't thank them enough for their hard work and the many hours they have dedicated to our Post. Thanks again and as always Regulars + Sal + AUX = one legion family.

God bless you. Commander Gavin Long

Our Volunteers



Flower Ladies

Linda Dunnington, Regina Goldman,
Theresa Jackson, Ann Ruef.



Shrimp and Pork Tenderloin/Fish Sandwich Volunteers

Sheila Davidson, Larry Banks, Mary Hurbaneck,
George Hurbaneck, Kathy Sullivan. Not pictured: Mike Albrecht.

From the Auxiliary...

\$100,000 - Happy 5th Anniversary and Congratulations to the 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' Team of Bill and Jane Thomas, Regina Goldman, Diane Tatman, and Crystal Kahut. This group has been together now for 5 years, and when this year's GJWTFH event wraps up, it will have supported a long list of veteran and military charities with a staggering and unprecedented amount of **\$100,000** in cash donations.



Over the years the 'Girls' Team has managed to harness all the talents and energies of the entire Post. We truly are an amazing group, here at 598. So many of you have done so much to ensure the success of this annual Ladies' Lunch. Thank you, one and all, for your financial sponsorships, for your gift basket donations, for the 1,000's of hours of volunteer time, for participating every year, and for sharing our excitement. For tickets and information regarding 'Girls Just want to Have Fun,' visit ALA598.Org.

Hats Off! To our event sponsors White Allen, Crown Packaging, RetireMed, Hot Head Burritos, Lynn Frericks -Realtor Coldwell Banker, Dr. Jan Saunders – Sports Medicine, and Dr. Paul Gleason – Hand Surgeon.

Although the end of summer is bittersweet, we can still celebrate the change in seasons. This newsletter's calendar promises plenty to do at 598 – Pizza is back, more outdoor bands and dancing, lots of your Favorite Fall Dinners, another Kid's Party, and Halloween 'Mrs. Roper-style'. Now that's a 'House Full

of Fun' to carry your Summer spirit into the Fall. Erica Kubea, ALA 598 President

"There was a, ba-de-ya, say do you remember? Ba-de-ya, dancing in September. Ba-de-ya, golden dreams were shiny days." ~ Earth Wind and Fire

From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

It's that time again for all of our members to renew their dues for 2025. The SAL cards are here! Our quota for 2025 is 559 members. Let's see how fast we can get there.

Please keep supporting our dinners throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at our Pork Chop dinner in September and our Cabbage Roll dinner in October.

A special thanks to Dot's Market in Bellbrook for all their support on our dinners.

The SAL donated \$1000 to the Eaglecloud Park in Bellbrook. The park will be designed to engage kids with disabilities. Just a reminder, every SAL member is encouraged to attend our meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. For those that served...Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family. The Riders would like to give Thom & Terri Fowler our heartfelt thanks for leading our group for many years and for being the Assistant State Director of the Riders. Thom's time as Asst. State Director has come to an end as a new state Director was recently elected. Thom has a lot to be proud of; building our group to what it is today, hosting the 2023 ROMP, hosting the 2023 Legacy Ride, & having the National Legacy Ride come to our Post last year. Thanks for all you do Thom.

At the ROMP, we had seven riders recognized for earning their Unity Patch: Brett Hawkey, Crystal Hawkey, Jerry Zennie, Dee Burks, Terri Fowler, Rocky Richardson & Sherri Richardson, congratulations! Speaking of the ROMP, Zainesville hosted it and was able to raise approx. \$15K for Save A Warrior (SAW) project. I would encourage you to google their program and see what they are doing for our vets. Representatives from SAW will be at our Post on Sept 5. The Riders will be doing a check presentation and I would encourage everyone to donate if they have the means. They truly are saving lives.

Congratulations to this month's \$500 winner, Alan Lathrop (or Boomhauer) who graciously gave half back. We have one more \$500 raffle set for this year.

Lastly, please don't be that person - putting your vehicle in between a group of motorcycles on the highway. First off, it's very dangerous for the bikers and if you happen to do it to the wrong bikers, it might be dangerous for you. This happened to our group on the way home from the ROMP. Look out for motorcycles!

Please welcome our newest members, Lisa Drahman Wicks & Carol Robinson. Riders of the month: Dee Burks & Sherri Richardson. These two have ran our 50/50s & have raised over \$3,000 for charity! Great job ladies.

On behalf of the riders, God Bless. Director, Frank Burks.

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September 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2 Holiday at Home Parade 9:55 am Cookout 1-4 pm Please bring a covered dish to share	3 Tuesday Night Dinner	4 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	5 Aux.E Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	6 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Hearts On Fire 7-10 pm	7 OSU vs Western Michigan 7:30 pm Mum Pick Up Noon
8 Riders Hot Dog & Nacho Bar Cowboys @ Browns 4:30 pm Patriots @ Bengals 1 pm	9 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	10 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	11 DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	12 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	13 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	14 Girls Just Want to Have Fun 11 am-3 pm
15 Browns @ Jacksonville 1 pm Bengals @ Chiefs 4:30 pm	16 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	17 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	18 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	19 Reds Bus Trip \$75 per person Leave Post at 11 am Sign up at the bar Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	20 Riders Italian Sausage Hoagies 5:30 till gone \$7 B-Caged 7-10 pm	21 OSU vs Marshall TBA
22 Browns vs Giants 1 pm Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available	23	24 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	25 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	26	27 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Element 3 7-10 pm	28 OSU vs Michigan State TBA SAL Smoked Pork Chop Dinner 5-7 pm \$14
29 Browns @ Raiders 1 pm Bengals vs Panthers 1 pm	30 Planning Meeting 6:00 pm	Text A1598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events & notices.				

October 2024

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lunch served Monday thru Friday 11:30-1:30		1 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	2 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	3 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	4 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Southern Accent 7-10 pm	5 OSU vs Iowa TBA
6 Browns vs Commanders 1 pm Bengals vs Ravens 1 pm	7 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	8 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Medicare Info Mtg. 2 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	9 DAV Meeting 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	10 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Hearts On Fire 7-10 pm	12 OSU @ Oregon TBA
13 Browns vs Eagles 1 pm Bengals @ Giants 8:30 pm	14	15 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	16 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	17 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	18 Element 3 7-10 pm	19 SAL Cabbage Roll Dinner 5-7:30 pm \$14 Pre-sale tickets available
20 Riders Hot Dog Bar 1 pm Casino Bus Trip \$25/person Sign up at the bar Browns vs. Bengals 1 pm	21 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	22 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	23 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	24	25 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 B-Caged 7-10 pm	26 OSU vs Nebraska TBA Halloween Party 7-10 pm Please bring a snack to share
27 Kids Halloween Party 2-4 pm Browns vs Ravens 1 pm Bengals vs Eagles 4:30 pm	28	29 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	30 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	31 		



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2024-2025**

Post Officers

Commander	Gavin Long
1st Vice Commander	Joe Law
2nd Vice Commander	Phil Stephenson
Finance Officer	Ed Syron
Adjutant	Betsy Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim O'Neil
Chaplain	Keith Eastman
Canteen Manager	Jim Glaser

Auxiliary Officers

President	Erica Kubea
1st Vice President	Sarah Schwager
2nd Vice President	Regina Goldman
Secretary/Chaplain	Janet Kennedy
Treasurer	Crystal Kahut
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pam Rodkey

SAL Officers

Commander	Doug Spisak
1st Vice Commander	Mike Schreck
2nd Vice Commander	Jim Morris
Finance Officer	Bob Tonar
Adjutant	Joe Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Storck
Chaplain	Robin Peck
Advisor	Joe Law

Riders Officers

Director	Frank Burks
Asst. Director	Brett Hawkey
Secretary	Crystal Hawkey
Treasurer	Jerry Zennie
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Whitaker
Road Captain	Rocky Richardson
Chaplain	Steve Rawlins

Post Everlasting

Dave Allison	Charles Lauricella
Sam Black	David Lee
Kenneth Brown	Donald O'Connor
Bob Cook	William Paton
Marion Eley	Milton Sawyers
Carl Gambrell	Nick Ungard
Ron Jenkins	Dave Wicks
Richard Kleist	

We honor them for their deeds for God & Country. We wish to those who mourn a departed one the hope that time will heal all sorrow and bring consoling peace.

Keith Eastman, Chaplain

**Memorial Walkway
and Tree Planting
Programs**

“Heritage of Freedom” Memorial Walkway and the Commemorative Tree Planting Programs are available to all members to assist in the beautification of Post 598. Informational handouts with order forms are available in the lobby.

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All your celebration needs start with a great facility.

You can rent our banquet hall at reasonable rates. Great for Weddings, Retirement Parties, Birthday Parties, Reunions, Office Parties, etc.

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NOTICE

Anyone needing the services of Post 598 Honor Guard should contact:

Jim O'Neil
937-789-9985
or call the Post
937-433-9327.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 11 am-11 pm, Fri. & Sat. 11 am-1 am, Sun. Noon-11 pm