



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2024

### The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Now that the summer has passed, we are forced to prepare the property for winter. The preventive maintenance started in September. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with all the picnics this year. They would not possible without you.

The Tunnel to Towers golf outing went well. The riders also had a fundraiser event that day. Everyone that contributed to the event, thank for all your effort and support.

The Auxiliary had another successful year for Girls Just Want to Have Fun benefitting the Blue Star Mothers.

The latest update on the gaming and storage room expansions is the exterior and roofing is complete. They are now installing the electric and ready to start the interior walls. We are hoping to be completed by the end of November.

If you receive a notice in the mail to renew your dues and have already paid your dues, please disregard the notice and throw it away. These notices are mailed out by National. If you have not paid your dues for 2025, please do so at this time.

Pictured below are some of our great volunteers. Pizza night is very hectic for them. Trying to keep up with the orders is very challenging. We do not have big pizza ovens that they can cook 20 pizzas in 10 minutes. They do everything they can with the ovens we have. A good rule of thumb is order your pizza then have a few drinks and enjoy the Post and most of all be patient. The longer it takes the better it tastes.

Also, our junior volunteers have helped at many different functions here at the Post. Dinners, clean up, you name it. If we ask them, they are here. They are the future of the American Legion.

From your Post 598 family thank you for all your hard work and the many hours you have dedicated to our Post.

Lastly, we have drop off boxes for Toys for Tots in the lobby again this year. You all were more than generous last year so let's see how many kids we can help have a Merry Christmas this year.

Thanks again and as always Regular + SAL+ AUX= One Legion family

God bless you, Commander, Gavin Long

### Our Volunteers



#### Junior Volunteers

Colin Burks, George Hurbanek,  
Sam Hurbanek, Peyton Terrell.



#### Pizza Nite Volunteers

Mike Albrecht, Pam Folz, George Hurbanek,  
Connie Chaney, Kathy Sullivan, Doug Spisak,  
Mike Patterson, Mary Hurbanek.

## From the Auxiliary...

'Girls Just Want to Have Fun 2024' results are officially in the books with a 5-year total of \$103,000 to support our veterans and military here and abroad. I would like to especially thank White Allen Chevrolet and Howerton Plumbing who have both been big supporters for all five years. This year, with almost \$30,000 to distribute, we were able to show some love to our own Legion Post 598 and to our Combined Honor Guard before we presented a check for \$26,000 to Blue Star Mothers. None of this would be possible without your support. Thank you again for all your donations and volunteer time!

This time of year is always packed full of fun. Don't forget to check your Auxiliary Website (ALA598.Org) as well as the Legion calendar to stay up to date with all the activities. For something a little different, join us for the Quarter Auction. The first one was a lot of fun. Euchre continues to be a big hit – hope to see you there! We are expecting a sold out show for our most popular dinner of the year – The Christmas Dinner Show on December 13. The Gem City Chorus (a.k.a. Sweet Adelines) will perform their award-winning Christmas Show in the timeless tradition of barbershop harmony.

Did you know? Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2024 will occur on Monday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War."

It is the time of giving. There will be opportunities to help support. Be on the lookout as more information will come.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Erica Kubea, Unit 598 President

*"Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright, so hang your stockings and say your prayers, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight."* ~ Gene Autry

## From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

Winter is upon us and the new year will be here soon. We need every member to pay their 2025 dues as soon as they can so we can make quota. Our quota for 2025 is 559 members and we currently have 166 paid. When we make quota we will get a bonus check from the state.

Thanks again to everyone who supports our dinners throughout the year. Proceeds from these dinners allow us to make donations to the various veterans' charities we support. We have donated \$1200 to the Save a Warrior program and \$1000 to Tunnel 2 Towers Foundation. So far this year we have donated over \$17,000 to veterans' charities and organizations.

Coming up in November we will be having our Smoked Pork Chop dinner and can always use volunteers.

Just a reminder, every SAL member is encouraged to attend our meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday Season.

For those that served...Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

## From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family: Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Toys for Tots drive. A huge shout out to Dave/Scooter and Cindy Bouelle, and Carol T. who led the charge for the riders.

Next up is our chili cook-off during the OSU/Michigan game, more details around the post soon but it's time to start perfecting your recipe.

A quick update on our charitable giving for the year. We started the year with a goal of \$10,000 in charitable donations. At our last meeting, we reviewed the books and I'm happy to report we'll be giving away closer to \$13,000 for the year. We added Team Rubicon and the Gary Sinise Foundation to our approved charities. Team Rubicon is a non-profit of veteran volunteers who go into to crisis zones, much like the one left after Hurricane Helene, provide clean-up and other emergency efforts. Many of you have heard of the Gary Sinise Foundation, who provides a wide array of veteran assistance efforts. Just this year they built a house in Warren County for a severely disabled vet, free of charge. It feels good giving money away to all these good causes.

Welcome to our newest members Chuck Foster, Tim Luckenbaugh and Justin Parker.

Our Riders of the month are: Dave/Scooter Bouelle and Bill/Retread Whitaker. These two guys jump in and help at pretty much every event. Whether it's flipping burgers, showing up early to prep Italian Sausage, cleaning, or whatever these two are ALWAYS in the mix of it. Thank You both!

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

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## November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Text AL598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events &amp; notices.</b>					<b>1</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Auxiliary Quarter Auction	<b>2</b> OSU @ Penn State TBA
<b>3</b> Raiders @ Bengals 1 pm Chargers @ Browns 1 pm	<b>4</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	<b>5</b> Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>6</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>7</b> Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm Bengals @ Ravens 8:15 pm	<b>8</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15	<b>9</b> Purdue @ OSU TBA
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Ham and Bean Soup Noon till gone	<b>12</b> SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>13</b> DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>14</b> Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> SAL Pork Chop Dinner 6-7:30 pm \$14	<b>16</b> OSU @ Northwestern TBA
<b>17</b> Bengals @ Chargers 4:15 pm Browns @ Saints 1 pm	<b>18</b> Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>20</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>21</b> Steelers @ Browns 8:15 pm Medicare Info Session 5 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	<b>22</b> Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 pm \$12 Indiana @ OSU TBA
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm Blood Drive Noon-6 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>27</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day Post Opens at 5 pm No Drawings	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Michigan @ OSU TBA Riders Chilly Cookoff 12-3 pm

## December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Steelers @ Bengals 1 pm Euchre Tournament 1 pm \$10 CUT OFF DATE FOR KID'S PARTY	<b>2</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm Browns @ Broncos 8:15 pm	<b>3</b> Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>4</b> Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>5</b> Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	<b>6</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Browns @ Steelers 1 pm	<b>9</b> Bengal @ Cowboys 8:15 pm	<b>10</b> SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>11</b> DAV Meeting 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>12</b> Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Christmas Dinner \$15 Sweet Adelines performing	<b>14</b> Army / Navy Game 3 pm Party starts at 2 pm
<b>15</b> Riders Christmas Party Bengals @ Titans 1 pm Chiefs @ Browns 1 pm Kids Christmas Party 2-4:30 pm	<b>16</b> Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>17</b> Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>18</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>19</b> Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm Browns @ Bengals 8:15 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Post closes at 6 pm NO DRAWINGS	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Post opens at 5 pm NO DRAWINGS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Broncos @ Bengals TBA Dolphins @ Browns 8:20 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Bring Covered Dish to share				



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2024-2025**

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**Post Everlasting**

Joseph Anderson	Mike Vickroy
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John Lapp	Floyd Newman-SAL
Bill Patterson	Bob Silverii-SAL
Kenneth Salyers	Mike Topp-SAL

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**

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or call the Post  
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