



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Hopefully we are on our way to better weather and sunshine. Well, phase 2 of our construction is well under way. The expansion should be under roof by the time you receive this newsletter. The projected completion of this project is May 2026.

Please carry your 2026 membership card with you when you are visiting the Post. You may be asked to show proof of membership at any time. If you bring a guest to the Post you must sign them in using the visitors' log book by the front door inside the canteen. There are no exceptions to this rule.

The Post finished in the black financially for the 2025 year. This was possible because of the great membership, volunteers, and Post officers we have. Many thanks to all of you and please keep up the great work. Here are just a few yearly expenses for 2025: AES electric \$23,388.00, Alcor paper products bar and kitchen supplies \$19,000.00, CenterPoint Gas \$7,694.00, Montgomery County water and sewer \$6,390.00, Rumpke trash \$8,250.00, Post property insurance \$26,131.00, Charitable donations and Veterans sponsored events \$123,102.00 and Department of Ohio Legion Charities \$203,656.00. Pictured below are the latest recipients of Post 598 Quilts of Valor. Congratulations to all of you and most of all thank you for your service for our country.

In closing I would like to thank the SAL, AUX, and Riders groups for all their functions and donations to help support the Post during our building expansion. Furthermore, to all our Post 598 members that support these functions Thank you.

This is the reason that REG+SAL+AUX+ Riders =One great Legion family. God Bless you.
Commander, Gavin Long

Quilts of Valor Recipients



Mike Albrecht, Oscar Badgley, Don Davison, Neil Dunnington

From the Auxiliary...

100 Years of Heart: The First 50 Years of the American Legion Auxiliary” I've been thinking a lot about the shoulders we stand on. The American Legion Auxiliary didn't just appear out of thin air — it was built, brick by brick, by generations of women who rolled up their sleeves long before any of us were here to say, “Where do you need me?”

So, for the next two newsletters, I thought we'd take a little trip through time. Consider this your **Auxiliary History Lesson — Part 1, 1919–1969: The First 50 Years**. The American Legion Auxiliary the officially recognized by Congress over a century ago, created to support the brand new American Legion and the veterans returning from World War I. And let me tell you — those early Auxiliary women didn't waste a minute. In the first five decades, the ALA:

- Organized relief for military families during the Great Depression
- Sewed, knitted, cooked, and fundraised through two world wars
- Helped launch Girls State and Girls Nation
- Built community programs that still exist today
- Became one of the largest volunteer organizations in the country

These women weren't just “helping out.” They were shaping the nation's understanding of service, patriotism, and community. They were unstoppable — and honestly, I see a lot of the in us.

And here we are, 100+ years later...Still serving. Still showing up. Still proving that when the Auxiliary puts its mind to something, it gets done — with heart, humor, and a little bit of Post 598 flair.

In the next newsletter, we'll cover the second 50 years — the modern era, the growth years, and how the Auxiliary became the powerhouse it is today.

And speaking of the future...Elections are coming up in early May, and we're looking for the next group of leaders to carry the torch. If you've ever thought, “Maybe I could help,” this is your moment. The Auxiliary has always been built by everyday women who simply said yes. If

you're curious, interested, or even just Auxiliarycurious, come talk to us. We'd love to have you on the board as we begin the next 100 years of service.

With gratitude and a smile, Erica, President, ALA Unit 598

From the SAL...

I know everyone is looking forward to warmer weather and springtime. We are very close to our quota and we need everyone to pay their dues and get your new keycards if you haven't already.

We had a great fish fry in January. Thanks for coming out to support us. A special thanks to Dot's Market for their support of all our dinners.

Please come out for our Pork Loin Dinner in March and BLT and AYCE Corn on the Cob dinner in April.

The SAL recently purchased a deep fryer for the kitchen and donated \$1200 to the Blue Star Mothers to support the great work they do. We also helped pay for the new key card system.

All SAL members are welcome to come to our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 to learn more about our activities and what we do.

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

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family: Spring is around the corner and you will start seeing motorcycles on the roads again very soon. Please remember to look out for the people on two-wheels (sometimes three). Rule of thumb, cars should increase following distance to 4 seconds (when behind motorcycles), why? Because motorcycles can stop on a dime and most cars cannot. Double check blind spots and check twice at intersections. All too often, distracted drivers are the cause in accidents, whether involving a motorcycle or not (just more dangerous when it does involve a motorcycle), so please, put down the cell phones. Riders, it's also time to go over your safety equipment and any other emergency equipment you keep on your bike (first aid kits, road flares, pumps, etc.). Remember TCLOCS; Tires, Controls, Lights, Oils/Fluids, Chassis & Stands...these are the things you should check when getting your bike out of storage. A full checklist can be found by googling “MSF T-CLOCS Inspection Checklist”.

Please welcome our newest Riders; Chris Wilkinson, John Bowling, Andrew and Kristy McGowan; welcome to the team and we look forward to riding with you. If you're new to the Post or new to motorcycles, we'd love to have you on our team. Applications are by the front door of the Post or seek out one of the Riders to find out more information about who we are and what we do. We are planning a busy year for 2026. Our Rider of the month is Mark Arnold. Mark joined our group last year and jumped right in and helped at our summer burger burns. Mark is also the President of the Ohio Green Beret Support Group, a non-profit supporting active duty green berets and their families. Thanks for all you do Mark.

On behalf of the Riders, God Bless, Frank Burks, Director Post 598 ALR.

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March 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Euchre Tournament Doors open at 12:30 pm Starts at 1	2 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	3 Johnny Marzetti 5-6:45 pm \$7	4 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 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 ADAM 12 7-10 pm	7 Legion Golf League Meeting 3 pm
8	9	10 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Chili Dogs, Mac & cheese, cookie 5-6:45 pm \$7	11 DAV Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	12 Aux. Regular Mtg. 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	13 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 FREE JUKEBOX 7-9 pm	14
15 Brunch AYCE 10 am-Noon \$12	16 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day March Madness Begins Irish Stew 5-6:45 pm \$7	18 Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	19 Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	20 SAL Pork Loin Sandwich, Fries, Dessert 5:30-7 pm \$11 Karaoke 7-10 pm	21
22	23	24 Meatball Sub & Chips 5-6:45 pm \$7	25 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	26 Cincinnati Reds Opening Day 4:10 pm	27 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 The Milos 7-10 pm	28 Craft Show 11am-3 pm in the Banquet Hall
29 Kid's Easter Party 2-4 pm	30 Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	31 Blood Drive Noon-6:30 pm ALR Wings & Fries 5-6:45 pm	Text A1598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events & notices.			

April 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm			1 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	2 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	3 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Benny Hill & His Old Man 7-10 pm	4 NCAA Final Four Aux Easter Dinner 5-7 pm \$12 Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Roll & Cake
5 Happy Easter	6 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm NOMINATION OF OFFICERS Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm Championship Game	7 Spaghetti & Meatballs 5-6:45 pm \$7	8 DAV Meeting 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	9 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Brooks & Doug 7-10 pm	11
12	13 Mont. Co. Veteran ID Cards 5-7 pm	14 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Fried Chicken, baked beans, mashed potatoes 5-6:45 pm \$8	15 Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	16 Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	17 SAL BLT w/AYCE Corn on the Cob 6-7:30 pm \$12 The "5" Band 7-10 pm	18
19	20	21 Meatloaf 5-6:45 pm \$7	22 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	23 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6 pm	24 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	25
26	27	28 Chicken Salad on croissants, fruit salad, cookie 5-6:45 pm \$7	29 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	30		



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2025-2026**

Post Officers

Commander	Gavin Long
1st Vice Commander	Joe Law
2nd Vice Commander	Frank Burks
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	Sara Schwager
2nd Vice President/Chaplain	Janet Kennedy
Treasurer	Crystal Kahut
Secretary	Debbie Cunningham
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pam Rodkey

SAL Officers

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1st Vice Commander	Mike Schreck
2nd Vice Commander	Bill Poeppelmeier
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

Glenn Beddies	Donald Shuga
Richard Hamer	Dwayne Randy Taylor
Gary Haynes	Ralph Tincher
Tony Lambert	Jesse Turpin
Phillip Marker	
Steven Miller	Carol McNabb-Aux

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

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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