



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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September/October 2011

The Commander's Corner...

During the months of July and August we have had some good things happen that I'd like to share with you. We are also facing some challenges that may be of interest too. Starting out on the positive side, I hope everyone has noticed the mulch and flowers that we have in front of the Post. This was done entirely by volunteers (too many to name them all). Many thanks to the Building Committee and those that sacrificed their time and effort to enhance the appearance of our Post. A special thanks needs to go out to the Wenzler Family - they donated quite a bit of money from the "Ron Wenzler Fund" to help cover the costs for the 20 yards of mulch that was put down in the front of the Post.

The second weekend in July we hosted the 5th annual Ohio Veterans BBQ Competition. There were 44 teams in the competition and first place prize went to the team of "Chix, Swine and Bovine" - a team from Jessup, Maryland. Hats off to the BBQ committee and all those that volunteered to make this such an enjoyable event.

In the past, you've heard a lot about Verizon paying us a monthly fee to put up a cell tower behind our Post. Great news, we got our first check in July. While it appears as though Verizon will not actually build the new cell tower until 2012, contractually, they had to start paying us rent by August 1st.

Many may not know that we currently have accounts in three different banks. Each bank charges our Post monthly "banking fees" depending on the type and number of transactions. Mike Kling, our Finance Officer, and Dave Tracy, our Canteen Manager, have been negotiating with three local banks to see if we could get some of our banking costs reduced. I am happy to share with you that they have been very successful - we are going to consolidate all our accounts under one banking facility (PNC). PNC has agreed to waive all start up fees and virtually all other miscellaneous monthly banking fees for our Post. As a part of this initiative, we are exploring a credit card operation for our Post where Post members can use charge cards for purchases they make at our establishment. More will be coming on the credit card operation as we get closer to finalizing this effort.

Another initiative to increase our revenue comes from our Banquet Room. Specifically, Mr. Bill Thomas, our Banquet Room Manager, committed to catering a wedding. This is a first for our Post. Based on feedback from our customer and from our observations, the catering initiative went very well and the profit was well worth the effort. I would hope that everyone would keep it in mind and share the fact that we not only have a banquet hall for rent, but we will also cater events in the banquet hall.

Hail damage update: The Building Committee has

accepted a lot of different proposals from contractors to repair the hail damage to our building. The Building Committee has also been working with our insurance company and have secured the funds to complete the repair work. The Building Committee has been very active in a very time consuming effort to insure that we get a sound quality repair effort from any contractor that works on our building. Another outstanding effort by the Building Committee.

We have a couple of fund raising events coming up in the next couple of months. Please note that we have the 15th annual Rocky Couch Golf Outing on September 18th. While many of you may not know or remember Rocky Couch, I'm sure that you have all heard of Hospice. All proceeds/profits from this golf outing are donated to Hospice and that is the important thing to remember. Get your group together and plan on having a great day of golf, food, and refreshments.

We are having another bus trip to Hollywood Casino. Those that participated in the last bus trip to the Hollywood Casino can share with you how great it was - a very comfortable bus for the roundtrip, beverages on the bus, games on the bus, a buffet at the casino and a lot of laughter. We even had some winners!!! Now is your chance to try this again. Seating is limited so get in touch with one of our bartenders and sign up early.

There is a Monte Carlo scheduled for October 1st. We will be serving our famous cod dinner for this event and will have a lot of games to play such as black jack, Texas Holdem, showdown and more. The profits from this event will be used in our building fund to help with repairs and improvements around the Post. Sometimes, charity has to start at home and this is one of those times. So, make a note of the date for this event, invite your friends, neighbors and strangers. This is going to be a great night of food, fun, games and beverages. With your support, I know that we can fill our banquet hall for this Monte Carlo. Flyers are available at the Post with more details. We will be selling tickets at door but you can also purchase your tickets at a reduced rate in advance of the event.

Did you know that Lowes and Home Depot offer veterans a 10% discount? All you have to do is show your Veterans Administration ID card, a retired military ID card or an active duty ID card in order to receive the discount.

God Bless the USA. Respectfully,

Rick Brophy
Commander

Auxiliary President's Corner...

What a summer we have had! A big 'Thank You' goes out to everyone who volunteered their time to make all of the events a success. A special 'Thanks' goes to Rachael Sparaco for organizing the children's activities at the picnic.

We have a new project: Operation Bundle of Joy, a maternity support program through the DVAMC. The program will help close the gap and help women Veterans transition from the VA to the private sector. Two baskets will be given, one for baby and one for mom. Flyers are posted in the Canteen listing needed donation items.

Four dates to remember: Third District Fall Conference will be held October 8, at our Post. Registration 9am, meeting at 10am. The Buckeye Girls State delegates will join us at the October 13, regular meeting. Please come to celebrate their excitement and accomplishments. The Children's Halloween Party is October 23, from 2-4pm. Marquerite will be sewing her famous cabbage roll dinner October 29 with Jim Mote to follow.

God Bless America,

Rhonda Hunter



Dayton Loves Farmville Costume Party

Saturday, October 22, 2011
7 pm until the cows come home.
Costume Prizes, Door Prizes,
Games and Entertainment
More Details Coming Soon

Post Fish Fry/Monte Carlo
Saturday, October 1st
6 pm to Midnight
Tickets are \$12.00 in advance
\$15.00 at the door



The Trace Band
Friday, Sept. 23rd—8 pm
A must see show.
Don't Miss It!



**Horse
Races**
October 7th
7:30 pm

**Rocky Couch
Golf Outing**
Sunday, Sept. 18th
Community Golf Course
8 am Shotgun Start



Door Prizes, Golf & Cart.
Dinner @ Kettering American
Legion Post
following golf



Kids Halloween Party

Oct. 23rd, 2-4 pm

Post Honor Guard & Kettering FOPA #58
Fish Fry/Monte Carlo
Friday, October 21st

Fish Dinner 5-8 pm • Casino Style Fun 7-11 pm
Fish Dinner—\$8.00 (pre-sale) • \$10.00 at the door.
Beverages available for an additional cost.

To purchase fish dinner tickets in advance, stop by the American Legion Post 598 or contact:
Wayne Kern, Post 165 — 866-3105 • Rick Stotts, VFW Post 3438 — 479-4199
Tess Smith, FOPA — 673-8594 • Charlie Poeppelmeier, Post 598 — 435-5642

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Buckets of Beer Every Sunday & during OSU games 5 Domestic for \$7.00		Lunch served Mon-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm			1 Aux. Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00	3 Ohio State Tailgate Party Noon. Pork Loin Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00
4 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer \$7.00 Post Brunch 9-11 am	5 Holiday at Home Parade 8 am Post Cookout 1-4 pm Bring covered dish to share	6 Post \$3.00 Dinner 5 pm until SOLD OUT Line Dance Classes—6:30 pm	7 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm	8 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Pizza Night 6-8 pm—\$9.00 Pitchers of Beer \$5.00 Jim Mote Entertains	10 Post Steak Fry Cooked to Order 5-7 pm—\$10.00 Karaoke to follow	
11 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer \$7.00 Bengals-Browns Party	12 Regular Post Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Auxiliary \$3.00 Dinner 5 pm until SOLD OUT SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Line Dance Classes	14 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm	15 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Taco Salad 5-7 pm—\$5.00	16 Banquet Billy's Big Burritos 6-8 pm—\$6.00 Dance Party 8-12 pm	17 Aux. Beef and Noodles 5-7 pm—\$8.00 Donnie White Entertains	
18 Rocky Couch Golf Outing 8 am start Post Brunch 9-11 am	19 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	20 SAL \$3.00 Dinner 5 pm until SOLD OUT Line Dance Classes—6:30 pm	21 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm	22	23 Post Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$8.00 Pitchers of Beer \$5.00 The Trace Band	24 SAL Pork Chop Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 Karaoke to follow	
25 Buckets of Beer \$7.00 GI Party to clean the kitchen—Noon Food and draft to volunteers	26	27 Post \$3.00 Dinner 5 pm until SOLD OUT Line Dance Classes—6:30 pm	28 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm	29	30 SAL Wings & Chips 6-8 pm—\$6.00 Trivia by Pepper-Sprout Productions 8 pm		

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2 Post Brunch 9-11 am Hollywood Casino Bus Trip Leaves 10 am	3 Regular Post Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Aux. \$3.00 Dinner 5 pm until SOLD OUT Line Dance Classes—6:30 pm	5 Planning Meeting—6:30 pm Open ball in hand pool—7 pm	6 Aux. Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Horse Races 7:30 pm	8 Post Steak Fry Cooked to Order 5-7 pm—\$10.00 Karaoke to follow Aux. 3rd Dist. Mtg. 9 am
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23 Kids Halloween Party 2-4 pm	24	25 Aux. \$3.00 Dinner 5 pm until SOLD OUT Line Dance Classes—6:30 pm	26 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm	27	28 Post Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$8.00 Pitchers of Beer \$5.00 Donnie White Entertains	29 Auxiliary Cabbage Roll Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 Jim Mote Entertains



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2010-2011

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Chaplain	Gary Pester
Advisor	Jim Weaver

LUNCH IS SERVED!

Mon.-Fri. from 11:30 am-1:30 pm



Beginning September 1st

Hollywood Casino Bus Trip



October 2nd
 \$25 per person
 Leave Post @ 10 am
 Return @ 6 pm
Limited Seating
 Sign up at the Post!

Brunch at the Post from 9-11 am
 Can purchase brunch prior to boarding bus.
 \$7.00 all you can eat.

Post Everlasting

Robert E. Miller Roy Beets Bernard Staley Micki Price (Aux.) William R. O'Neill	Vincent J. Chalecki William P. Walsh Burdette M. Gladly Lloyd Ladd James W. Patterson
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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.

Dave Gaede, Chaplain