



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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September/October 2012

The Commander's Corner...

There are still lots of things happening at our Post. First, let me bring you up to date on the 6th annual Ohio Veterans BBQ Cookoff that took place on the 13th and 14th of July- it was a huge success. We had a small team of Post members that spearheaded this event and they exceeded everyone's expectations. Even though this team had little to no experience in managing this event, they rose to the challenge and delivered. The Post's BBQ Committee had a small window of time to advertise, contact participants, and set up the event. The logistics and budgetary constraints for setting up the BBQ Cookoff were very challenging to say the least. I'm very happy to share with you that the results exceeded everyone's expectations. This can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of the team.

While I don't have enough room to mention everyone that worked on making this BBQ Cookoff successful, I would like to mention some of the key people - Joe Law, Betsy Kemper, Mike Kling, Dave Tracy, Rhonda Hunter, Viola Wenzler, Mike Paluch, Wanda Brown and Randy Phipps. That I am aware of, this was the most successful BBQ event ever hosted at our Post. We have had an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the participants from this year's event and they all look forward to being here again next year. **MANY THANKS AND APPRECIATION GOES TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED OUT THIS YEAR!!!**

If you haven't had a chance to look behind the Post, you may not have noticed that our new garage/storage building has been completed. The new building will give us the necessary additional storage that we need to clean up the smoking patio, conference room, banquet hall and other nooks/crannies around the Post where we have things piled up. The additional storage capacity was a much needed improvement to Post.

I would like to also share with you some of the other improvements that we are looking at and,

if feasible, hope to have completed by the end of the year. In the park/wooded area, we are researching the feasibility of running underground electric, leveling out some of the dips or low areas, having some kind of a fence or barrier put around the canteen smoking patio, and removing the stumps from the trees that we have lost during the last couple of years. Inside, we are looking at redoing our entrance/foyer area with new chairs and carpet, putting a stand-up freezer in the kitchen, and possibly putting security cameras in/around the Post. While none of these endeavors are set in stone, we are looking at them to see if the improvements or changes are warranted. Just to let you know that we are still being aggressive at making your Post a place that will make you proud.

Check your calendar, we are having Franco back again this year by popular demand on October 20th and we also have scheduled the Rocky Couch Golf Outing to support Hospice. The Rocky Couch golf outing is scheduled for Sept. 16th. Just a reminder, the Rocky Couch golf outing is a fun, non-competitive type event. This is for charity and is not meant to be competitive in nature - - just have fun for a good cause!!

It is not too early to start planning for your New Year's Eve entertainment or night out. Last year we had the Hathaways Band entertain us and we are having them again this year. Come join us again this year for an extremely enjoyable night of dancing, entertainment and fellowship. Tickets will probably go on sale in the middle part of November and we expect them to go fast.

As always, God Bless the USA

Rick Brophy
Commander

Auxiliary President's Corner...

Hello Everyone,

Another summer has flown by. Five members attended the Summer Department Convention in Columbus on July 6-8. We came home with smiles, pride, and awards. We received the following: 1st Place, Group 5 in Children and Youth, National Security, and VA&R; 2nd Place, Group 5 in Community Service and History; 3rd Place, Group 5 in Americanism; the Blanche Klein Plaque for best all-around VA&R program; the Sue Friedrich Plaque for best narrative report for the VA&R program. Betsy Kemper was selected for the Non-Tradition Student scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. Carol Kelly was awarded the Olive Ruffner Plaque for most outstanding hospital volunteer. This report has been sent to National in consideration for the National award. Good luck Carol! Cheryl Hecht, Linda Hepner/Holt, Elizabeth Hicks, Carol Hill, Rhonda Rich, and Cassie Wagner all received Home Service pins and/or hour bars. Congratulation ladies for a fantastic job!

Our Buckeye Girls State delegates are invited to the September 13th regular meeting to report on their experiences. These girls spent a week establishing a city, county, and state government. Please join us to celebrate their accomplishments and excitement.

The annual Initiation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 14th at 2:00 pm in the banquet room. This is for all new members or anyone who has not received their Auxiliary pin, constitution, by-laws, and standing rules. A Field Service training session will follow at 3:00 pm. This seminar is about 45 minutes long. You must be certified to receive pins and hour bars for this VA&R program. Please plan to attend. A sign up sheet will be provided at the Post the last week of September.

The Children's Halloween party is October 28th from 2-4 pm. Please sign your child/grandchild up to insure they receive goodies.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you, we can't say it enough, to all who volunteer. You are our backbone. We couldn't be successful without you. Vi Wenzler sends a special thank you to the ladies who provided desserts for our dinners.

*God Bless America,
Rhonda Hunter*

Carry-In or Carry-Out Policy

We have set a policy concerning carry-in or carry-out issues. I think it goes without saying that you are not allowed to carry-in any beverages. We have worked hard at providing a wide selection of beverages for your enjoyment. We also do not want members carrying in food when we have the kitchen open or are serving lunch or dinner. Concerning carry-outs we reserve the right to limit or deny carry-outs on \$1.00 hamburger night.

HELP!!!

Post 598 History Data Needed

Our Post was chartered in 1967...45 years ago. And a few of our members are still with us from that era. Now let's add two critical observations to the preceding. First, today the average age of a regular member is approximately 74 and second, there is an old African saying that goes "When an old man dies, a library dies." So folks, it's pretty clear that if we are to capture what surely could be an interesting accounting of our Post's history and heritage...facts, stories, pictures, etc...we had better do it now while the info is still retrievable.

To start the ball rolling a box labeled "POST HISTORY" will be placed on the hat rack next to the canteen manager's office to collect data. And if you do not want to write out a story concerning your data, or explain pictures, or add to copies of newspaper articles, etc...a form will be provided at the POST HISTORY box to leave your name, phone number and a line or two about the information you have. You will be contacted by member John Wagner to meet with you at the Post when mutually convenient and go over your info on a verbal basis.

Our initial goal is to summarize the data collected and put it on our web site and in printed form for our reading pleasure. So please dust off the memory banks between those ears and share your knowledge of Post 598's history for all of us and posterity. I look forward to hearing from you.

John Wagner

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Sept. 20 & Oct. 18th

Rachael's Pizza Nite
Sept. 14th and Oct. 12th

By popular demand
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Franco's Italian Ristorante
will prepare one of his original pasta dinners
Oct. 20th

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September 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						Open Menu 1 4-7 pm FREE JUKEBOX 8 pm
2 Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	3 Holiday at Home Parade Cookout 1-4 pm Bring covered dish to share Chris Katros entertains	4 ^A Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	5 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers .60 Wings—5-7 pm	6 Aux. Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm	7 Mike's Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Trivia with Chuck Drake 7:30-10 pm	8 FREE JUKEBOX 8 pm
9 The NFL is Back Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	10 Regular Post Meeting 7:30 pm Bengals vs. Ravens 7 pm Chili Dogs/Hot Dogs available—7-9 pm	11 ^P Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers .60 Wings—5-7 pm	13 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Rachael's Pizza Nite 6-8 pm—\$10.00 FREE JUKEBOX	15 Steak Fry 5-7 pm—\$11.00 <i>Cooked to Order</i> Holly Smith Karaoke
16 Rocky Couch Golf Outing—8 am Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	17 Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm	18 ^S Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	19 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers .60 Wings—5-7 pm	20 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Cassie's Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00	21 Joe's Fish and Chips— \$6.00 or Pizza prices vary by toppings—6-8 pm FREE JUKEBOX	22 Doug's Pork Chop Dinner—5-7 pm \$9.00 FREE JUKEBOX
23 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	24	25 ^A Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	26 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers .60 Wings—5-7 pm	27	28 Rhonda's Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$8.00 FREE JUKEBOX	29 OSU @ Michigan St. 1 pm Open Menu 4-7 pm
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October 2012

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	1 Regular Post Meeting 7:30 pm	2 ^P Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	3 Planning Meeting—7pm Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers .60 Wings—5-7 pm	4 Aux. Executive Meeting—6:30 pm	5 Mike's Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 FREE JUKEBOX	6 Vi's Cabbage Roll Dinner—5-7 pm \$8.00 <i>Jim Mote Entertains</i> 7:30-11:30 pm
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14 Aux. Initiation—2 pm Aux. Field Service Training—3 pm Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	15 Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm	16 ^S Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	17 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers .60 Wings—5-7 pm	18 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Cassie's Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00	19 Joe's Fish and Chips— \$6.00 or Pizza prices vary by toppings—6-8 pm FREE JUKEBOX	20 Franco's Pasta Dinner 5-7 pm—\$9.00 Karaoke with Chuck Drake 8-12am
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