



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2012

The Commander's Corner...

Our new garage is finished and provides much needed storage for us all. Now that the garage is in place, we have another large project being proposed. As you may be aware, we have a beautiful 3.5 acre wooded area adjacent to our Post. This area has a tremendous potential to generate revenue and to be used for Post functions that we all can enjoy.

Right now, the Ohio Veterans' BBQ Cook-off is the only major event held in the wooded area/park that generates a profit for our Post and helps to raise funds for donations to our Veterans.

This coming year will be the seventh straight year for the BBQ Cook-off at our Post. In looking over the past BBQ events, one issue continues to surface – the lack of ample electricity. While we have been able to rent or have generators donated to us in the past, the expenses associated with providing electricity at the BBQ Cook-off is a major drain on profits and drastically reduces the funds available to support our local Veterans.

The lack or non-existent electrical service in our wooded/park area makes it almost impossible to hold other outdoor events that could significantly increase our income, support for our Veterans and eliminate the costs of setting up temporary electric service. Putting electrical service in our park area will give us the flexibility to hold other major outdoor events, provide entertainment for our Post family and will ensure that we meet all applicable electrical codes.

We are just now in the developmental stages of putting electrical service in the park area and do not have any firm quotes on doing the job. What we do know is that the cost to put electrical service in the wooded area/park will exceed the \$10,000 threshold established by our Post's By-Laws. To be compliant with our By-Laws, we will be bringing this issue to the floor at our next general meeting, will post the information regarding the project in the foyer at the Post, and will be reading the proposal at the next three General Meetings as required by our By-Laws.

Please accept this narrative as the official notice of a proposal to expend funds above our

threshold established by our Post By-Laws. We must continue to plan for the future to insure that we have a Post that is profitable, well maintained, and that you can be proud of. We hope to have your support in this endeavor.

New Years Eve – Back by popular demand, we have the Hathaways Band entertaining us again this year. Tickets for this event will go on sale December 1st @ 2 pm. The New Year's Eve Party was sold out last year and we anticipate that we will sell out again this year.

We will be serving "finger foods" again this year and will allow carry-in foods for your enjoyment. Feel free to bring in your favorite pizza, vegetable tray, or similar goodies. As always, all beverages must be purchased from the Post.

If you do not have an assigned seat, seating will be on a first come basis as it was last year.

Please get your tickets early and join us in ringing in 2013.

We have been made aware that some Veterans are unable to get an identification (ID) card from the Veterans Administration due to a financial criteria associated with their applications. Since these Veterans are not able to get this ID, they have no easy method of proving they are in fact a Veteran. Therefore, they do not receive some of the Veterans' discounts that are available from local stores such as Home Depot and Lowes. An alternative to getting an ID from the Veterans Administration is to take your discharge papers (DD-214) with you when you go to get your Ohio driver license renewed. The Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles will identify you as a Veteran on your driver's license and then you can use your driver's license at local stores to receive your Veterans' discounts.

We hope that you have a great holiday season and look forward to having you frequent your Post during the holidays. Remember, this is your Post and we want you to enjoy it.

God bless you and the USA.

Rick Brophy, Commander

Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 17th—5-7 pm—\$8.00 • Turkey and all the trimmings.

Christmas Auction

Dec. 7th—7:30 pm

Please bring your donated items to the Post by Dec. 6th

Christmas Dinner

Dec. 15th—5-7 pm

\$8.00

Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 16th—1:30-4:30 pm

Must Sign-up your Children and Grandchildren in advance

Special Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Post Opens @ 2pm • Christmas Eve Post closes @ 6 pm

Christmas Day Post opens @ 5 pm with mystery bartenders



Army/Navy Game

Dec. 8th, 3 pm

Food available 2-7 pm

Enjoy the fun!!

New Years Eve Party

Snacks, Finger Food,
Party Favors & Champagne
at Midnite

The Hathaways

will entertain you.

Tickets \$12.00 in advance

\$15.00 @ the door.

Doors open @ 8 pm

Music Starts @ 9 pm

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1st, 2 pm
for assigned seating.

Gas Raffle

Winners of the Gas Raffle held at this years

BBQ Cook-off are as follows:

\$50. Vince DeVanney

\$50. DeVonne Kohl

\$50. John R Finke

\$50. D L White - not Dave

\$100. Dick Wemple

\$200. Scott Miller / Chuck Smithhart

Thank You for your support.

Auxiliary President's Corner...

Season's Greetings,

Congratulations, we did it! The National Citation Plaque in Central Division for the Unit with the best overall VA&R program was awarded to Unit 598. Everyone should be proud; this is a collaborative effort of Auxiliary, Legion, and SAL.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all Veterans and service personnel for your service to us and our country. As a small token of our appreciation, we will serve complimentary bean soup and cornbread November 12th starting at noon.

With the holidays approaching, please bring non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. As a joint Legion Family effort these baskets will be distributed to local military families in need of a helping hand.

Once again it's time to clean out your garage, attic, cabinets, etc. and bring all unwanted items to the Post for the Christmas Auction on December 7th. No clothing please. Funds raised from this event helps to supply turkeys, hams, and other perishable food for the above baskets. It also helps to purchase gifts for the Children's Christmas party.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 16th from 2:00 – 4:30. Please sign up your children/grand-children. This is the only way we can assure each child receives a gift from Santa.

Membership dues must be paid by December 31st to keep your key card activated.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

God Bless America,

Rhonda Hunter

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November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lunch served Mon-Fri. Except Nov. 22nd-23rd 11:30 am-1:30 pm		 Horse Race Nite Nov. 2nd—7:30 pm		1 Aux. Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm	2 Mike's Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Horse Race Nite 7:30 pm	3 Doug's Broasted Chicken Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 Holly Smith Karaoke 7:30-11:30 pm
4 Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	5 Regular Post Meeting—7:30 pm	6 ^A Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	7 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	8 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Rachael's Pizza Nite 6-8 pm—\$10.00 Jim Mote 8:30-11:30 pm	10 Betsy's Stuffed Peppers 5-7 pm—\$7.00 Chris Katros 7:30-10:30 pm
11 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer HAPPY VETERANS DAY	12 Kitchen Closed Veterans Day Observed Bean Soup & Cornbread starts @ Noon	13 ^P Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	15 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Pasta Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00	16 Kitchen Open 6-8 pm	17 Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 pm \$8.00
18 Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	19 Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm	20 ^S Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	21 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	22 Kitchen Closed Thanksgiving Day Post Opens @ 2 pm NO DRAWING	23 Kitchen Closed	24 Ohio State Michigan Party Starts @ Noon Food Available Beer & Drink Specials
25 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	26	27 ^A Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	28 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers—5-7 pm Planning Meeting—7:30 pm	29	30 Rhonda's Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$9.00 Holly Smith Karaoke 7:30-11:30 pm	

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Years Eve Party Tickets for assigned seating go on sale Dec. 1st, 2 pm—\$12 in advance Enjoy the Hathaways			Lunch served Mon-Fri. Except Dec. 24th, 26th and Dec. 31st 11:30 am-1:30 pm			1 Big Ten Championship Game Kitchen Open During Game
2 Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	3 Regular Post Meeting 7:30 pm	4 ^S Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	5 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	6 Aux. Executive Meeting—6:30 pm	7 Mike's Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Christmas Auction 7:30 pm Pearl Harbor Day	8 Army/Navy Game Party 3 pm Food Available 2-7 pm
9 Jim's Breakfast in a Bag 9-11 am—\$5.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	10	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 5-7 pm	13 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Rachael's Pizza Nite 6-8 pm—\$10.00 Jim Mote 8:30-11:30 pm	15 Christmas Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00
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