



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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July/August 2013

The Commander's Corner...

Warm weather has finally arrived – it is about time. We have a lot of outdoor activities planned for this summer. To mention a few, these outdoor activities include the Barbeque Cook-off in July, 2 different golf outings, our Post picnic, July 4th picnic, and we are even trying to arrange an outdoor concert. Make sure you watch your calendars and listen to announcements at the Post to know exactly when these events will take place.

There have been a couple of changes in Post Officers for this coming year. Our new Second Vice Commander is Bob Mays – we welcome him and know that he is an excellent addition to our Post. The other changes are: Terry Brooke has replaced Mike Kling as your Finance Officer and Betsy Law is your new Adjutant having replaced Bob Sorah. Many of you may not know this, but Bob Sorah has been our Post Adjutant for 13 years and has done an excellent job over those years. Bob takes with him years of Post knowledge and experience – he will be missed. Mike has done a very good job in his short tenure (the numbers speak for themselves).

Now there are a couple of subjects that I am very hesitant to address but must do so. Relative to the first subject, we have had complaints about the quality and variety of our entertainment. Improving our quality of entertainment comes with a price. You may not know this, but we really are lucky to break even when we bring in entertainment now. To bring in better entertainment, we may have to implement a “cover charge” and possibly a small increase in drink prices. Our intent is to limit the “cover charge” to guests only. While I know that this is not a popular decision for us to make, it is necessary to offset the expenses that come with a better cadre of entertainment. We will make sure that we advertise, well in advance, those dates where we may have to implement a cover charge or price increase for beverages. The second subject revolves around some of our Post Picnics. We have noticed

that we have a lot of “visitors and guests” at our Post during “free” functions. While we are certainly blessed to have a beautiful Post that people want to visit, we do not feel as though it is fair to have “non-dues paying” individuals enjoy our free food days without contributing to the well-being of the Post. Therefore, we will be checking membership cards at all events where there is “free food” being served. Anyone without a current membership card will be assessed a minimal fee to participate in our event. I know that money issues can be quite controversial but I hope that you understand. We have a beautiful Post that is in a good financial position and I’m sure that you want to keep it that way just as much as we do.

Some new things and improvements: If you have not had the chance to look at the area between the “smoking patio” and the new garage, you should take the time to do so. As you may recall, we had a large area with a large drain in the middle that was 2.5 to 3 feet lower than the rest of our lot in back of the Post. This area was almost unusable due to the slope of the sides of the depression. That is what this area looked like before Jim Schwieterman initiated a project to level the area out. Thanks to Jim (with a little help from others); we now have a completely level area that can be used for various functions. We can also use this additional concrete area for parking our beer trailer on, use it for outdoor seating during the summer months or for setting up entertainment during outdoor events. While Jim did have some help, Marty Wenzler, Doug Taylor, and Kevin Heaney to mention a few names, there is no doubt that he did the majority of the work in completing this project. Make sure that you take the opportunity to thank Jim for all that he did. There were a number of generous members and guests at our Post that donated sod

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and concrete thus making the total cost of the project very, very affordable. On another subject, we are still trying to update our kitchen. As such, we have purchased a double door refrigerator, two deep fryers, and an under-the-counter cooler (for the Canteen). Another improvement in the kitchen comes in the form of a small freezer that was generously donated by Tom Baldwin.

Speaking of donations, Wanda Brown has donated a number of garden tools, such as picks, shovels, rakes, etc., for our use. Now all we need is people to use them. Don't be shy in volunteering – you will only be sore for a few days.

Our Post Officers/Executive Board is in the process of reviewing our Post By-Laws. Our existing By-Laws are dated in 2004 and there have been a lot of changes that have taken place since this document was last reviewed. Copies of the proposed changes to this document are available to any Regular Post Member and can be obtained from any Post Officer. The proposed changes will be read in the next three General Membership Meetings where questions, proposed changes and/or revisions will be addressed. Please consider this article as your official notification that there are revisions being proposed to the Kettering American Legion Post 598 By-Laws.

Rick Brophy, Commander

From the Adjutant

Membership cards for 2014 are now in! Dues can be paid at or mailed to the Post at anytime or paid online at legion.org/renew after July 1, 2013. A new option this year is automatic renewal which can be set up at legion.org/renew.

I am in the process of updating my files for the new year. If you have any changes in information, would like to add an email address, have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

For God and Country

Betsy Law

Adjutant

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From Aux. 1st Vice President...

The District Summer Convention was held on June 2nd at Dignam-Whitmore Post 526 in Fairborn. Five Auxiliary members attended this event. As usual, Unit 598 Auxiliary won many 1st place awards for all the green reports that was submitted by the Executive Board. Unit 598 also received 1st place out of all 43 units in the State of Ohio with the Peg Steele Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Plaque. This is a great honor to be part of a Unit and Post that supports our Veterans in this way. And we would like to thank each of you that submitted your volunteer hours and monetary donations. Without your help, these awards would not be possible.

As reported in the previous Leader, we held the Election of Officers on May 9th. As of this writing, I regret to say that "your" Auxiliary is still in need of an Auxiliary President. We are still hopeful that someone will step up and take on this rewarding role. We also are in need of a 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and a Chaplain. Please ask any one of your board members for more details. I would also like to thank our new board members for stepping up to help out the Auxiliary. Jan Pitts; Secretary, and Tracy Hood; Sergeant-at-Arms. Rhonda Hunter will fill in as a temporary treasurer.

Yours in service,

Joyce E. Cooper

1st Vice President/Membership Chair

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July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Regular Post Meeting—7:30 pm King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	2 Kitchen Open P 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	3 Aux. Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	4 Cookout—1-4 pm Bring covered dish to share	5 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Free Jukebox 7:30-11 pm	6 Kitchen Open 6-8 pm Free Jukebox
7 Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	8 King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	9 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	11 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm Euchre 7 pm	12 BBQ Cook-Off begins. Free Jukebox	13 BBQ Cook-Off Competition Judging starts at Noon Disconnected 12-4 pm
14 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	15 Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	16 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	17 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	18 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Cassie's Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00 Euchre 7:30 pm	19 Post Fish Dinner 6-8 pm—\$7.00 Trivia w/Chuck 7:30-10:30 pm	20 Joe's Steak Fry Cooked to Order 5-7 pm—\$12.00 Gary Hill 7:30-10:30 pm
21 Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	22 King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	23 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	24 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	25 Euchre 7 pm	26 Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$9.00 Holly Smith 7:30-11:30 pm	27 Doug's Broasted Chicken Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 HUP Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm
28 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	29 King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	30 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	31 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm Planning Mtg. 6:30 pm	Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm		

August 2013

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	Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm			1 Aux. Executive Meeting—6:30 pm Euchre 7 pm	2 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Gary Hill 7:30-10:30 pm	3 Aux. Chicken & Dumplings Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 Free Jukebox
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Don Fanger, Chaplain

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