



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2013

The Commander's Corner...

As usual, we had a lot of activities the last two months. Our members have really stepped up to the plate for a couple of recent fundraising events: 1) our first "Poker Run" with the proceeds donated to the Homeless Veterans Program and 2) the annual Rocky Couch Memorial Golf Tournament and the proceeds were donated to Hospice of Dayton. We had a lot of volunteers, too many to name them all, that put in a lot of time and effort to make these two events successful and fun for us all. We should all be proud of these volunteers, not only for the two events mentioned above, but for all that they do to make our Post what it is today – a beautiful, elegant and friendly facility that we can relax in and call it our "home away from home."

While the efforts by our Post volunteers are absolutely great there is also a downside to all that they have been doing. If you look around at the dinners, projects, and various work initiatives, you always see the same faces. We have a small cadre of individuals that do all the work for the vast majority of our Post. With all that we have had going on, it is not hard to see that our current pool of volunteers is starting to show the "wear and tear" of their endless efforts to assure the rest of our membership an enjoyable place to eat and socialize. It is time for others to step up and help out – I am asking everyone to look at their schedules and consider finding some time to help us. Our current volunteer workforce needs some relief. If you enjoy your Post, want to see it continue to prosper and are proud of what we have here, then it is time for you to get involved. Please contact me or Joe Law to get your name on our volunteer list – your Post needs you. While we are on the subject of volunteers, we have a "Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner" scheduled for December 9th at 5 PM. This dinner is open to anyone that has volunteered their time and efforts to help our Post in this year. These volunteers include the group that visits the VA Hospital each month. If you have volunteered your services to the Post or visited the VA Hospital during this last

year, please sign up for the dinner by contacting one of our on duty bartenders in the canteen. We would request that you sign up as soon as possible so we can plan ahead for this function.

I hope that you have had the opportunity to notice that we have replaced the two large dinosaur TVs in the canteen with flat screen HD TVs. We are also looking at replacing the four smaller TVs around the bar with newer flat screen TVs that have HD capabilities. These upgrades will afford you the means to watch your favorite sporting events or other programs in high definition and provide a better picture for us all. Carl Brooks said that he can hardly wait to watch the History Channel in HD!!! Make sure you make a point to join the crowd for the college and NFL games on the weekends.

Let's talk a little bit about food. I'm sure that you have seen the price increases at the grocery store so it should come to no surprise that we are also seeing these increases in our costs for food. We have been putting forth a lot of effort to find the best quality food at the lowest possible price. We have been in contact with numerous wholesale and retail food outlets/stores from Toledo to Cincinnati in our attempts to hold our expenses down and to keep the prices of our meals to you at their current levels. Our goals are to provide our membership with a quality meal, at a reasonable price, and not to lose money on the meal. With this being said, the costs for the meal are strictly dependent on the expense of the goods used to produce the meal. While we have no active or current plans to increase meal prices, if the increases in food expenses continue to rise, the prices on our meals will have to be re-evaluated sooner or later.

We have added a "suggestion box" in our lobby area outside the canteen. We encourage you to give us your ideas, thoughts and/or constructive criticism relative to our Post and the way it is managed. We appreciate your feedback.

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In looking at the calendars for the next two months you may notice that we have cut back on our entertainment. While this is not an easy decision to make and may not be a popular one with all of our membership, we feel as though it is in the best interest of our Post to reduce our entertainment schedule for the next two months because:

1.) We have received a lot of feedback that we have been having too much entertainment and that our members would like some canteen "quiet time" on the weekends so they can sit around and talk without having to compete with the volume associated with the entertainment.

2.) We have looked at our canteen sales as compared to the expenses of providing entertainment. Our canteen sales do not support the expenditures associated with hiring entertainment every weekend. We do not want to raise drink prices or have a cover charge for our members to support the costs associated with having entertainment scheduled.

3.) Generally speaking, November and December have been "slower months" relative to canteen sales due to members traveling for the holidays.

Don't forget to look at our New Year's Eve event again this year. Back by popular demand will be the Hathaway's and reserved ticket sales will be on a first come first serve basis. Let's bring the New Year in together at this fun filled night of entertainment at our Post.

Rick Brophy, Commander

New Year's Eve Tickets

Tickets will go on sale at 1 pm, Sat., Nov. 30th

The Hathaways will entertain. Finger food, party favors and champagne at midnight included.

Advanced sale: \$15 members — \$17 guests

After Dec. 25th: \$19 members—\$21 guests

Tickets are sold first come, first served and assigned seating.

Doors open at 8 pm, band plays 9 pm-1 am

New Year's Eve Special

Marco's Pizza is offering a large one topping pizza with free delivery at a special price until the band starts.



The holidays are fast approaching and the Ladies Auxiliary has been busy planning our upcoming events.

November 11th is Veterans Day. We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our military personnel for your service to our country.

As a small token of our appreciation, the Auxiliary will serve complimentary bean soup and cornbread on November 11th, at noon.

As in years past, we are asking for non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. This is a joint American Legion helping hand for those military families in need of food supplies for the holidays. PLEASE drop your food items in the barrels provided in our lobby.

Once again, our post will host our Annual Christmas Auction on December 6th at 7:30pm. We are looking for your donations of all those unwanted items left over from garage sales, things found in the attic or maybe in the back of the closet! No clothing please! This annual event is always good for lots of laughs and fun and the proceeds go to supplement the holiday food baskets and to purchase gifts for the Children's Christmas Party.

Speaking of the Children's Christmas Party, it will be held on December 15th from 2-4:30pm in our banquet room. If you plan on bringing your child or grandchild, you MUST sign them up on the signup sheet at the post. This will ensure that every child receives a gift from Santa.

Now, for some really great news! During the annual School of Instruction conference which was held at Deer Creek State Park on September 20th, it was announced that the winner of the NATIONAL Children & Youth Best Overall award was given to Unit 598! This was a huge acknowledgement for all the hard work that was put forth from Rhonda Hunter and Rachel Sparaco. Rhonda was present to receive the wall plaque and we hope to have it displayed in the very near future. Congratulations ladies!

In closing, I want to remind you that your 2014 membership cards are in. Your 2013 cards will expire on December 31st of this year. Please get your membership renewed before that time. This will ensure that your key card will remain activated.

I personally want to wish each of you a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Yours in service,

Joyce E. Cooper,

1st Vice President/Membership Chair

We APPRECIATE our volunteers

Monday, Dec. 9th we are having our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner from 5-7 pm.

This is catered by Belmont Catering. Any member who has volunteered during the past year is welcome. A sign up sheet is behind the bar for anyone wanting to attend. You **MUST** sign up.

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November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lunch served Mon-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm			2 Buckets of Beer every Sunday and during OSU football games		1 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 <i>Horse Races</i> 7:30-??	2 OSU vs Purdue Noon Hot Dogs & Snacks available Free Jukebox
3 Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	4 Regular Post Meeting-7:30 pm King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	5 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	6 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	7 Aux. Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Euchre 7 pm	8 Rachael's Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$10.00	9 HUP Karaoke 7:30-11:30 pm
10 <i>Watch the NFL on our new Big Screens</i> Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	11 Veterans Day Ham & Bean Soup Noon-?? Kitchen Closed King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	12 Kitchen Open P 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	14 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm Euchre 7 pm	15 Salmon — \$8.00 Chicken Fried Steak \$6.00—6-8 pm Gary Hill 7:30-10:30 pm	16 OSU vs Illinois—1 pm Sloppy Joes & Pizza Available
17 Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <i>Bengals/Browns</i> Party 1-5 pm Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	18 Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	19 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	20 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	21 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Cassie's Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00 Euchre 7:30 pm	22 Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$9.00 FREE JUKEBOX	23 Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 pm \$8.00 OSU vs Indiana FREE JUKEBOX
24 <i>Watch the NFL on our new Big Screens</i> Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	25 King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	26 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	27 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm Planning Mtg. 6:30 pm	28 Thanksgiving Day—Post opens @2 pm NO Drawings	29 Kitchen Closed	30 OSU vs Michigan Party Kitchen open during game <i>New Years Eve Tickets go on sale—1 pm</i>

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8 <i>Watch the NFL on our new Big Screens</i> Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	9 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—5-7 pm King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	10 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	12 Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm Euchre 7 pm	13 Rachael's Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$10.00 FREE JUKEBOX	14 Army/Navy Game—3 pm Party starts @ 2 pm
15 Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <i>Children's Christmas</i> Party—2-4:30 pm <i>Bengals vs Steelers</i>	16 Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	17 Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm Christmas Carolling 6:30 pm	18 Open ball in hand pool—7 pm \$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm	19 VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm Cheese Ravioli Dinner—5-7 pm \$7.00 Euchre 7:30 pm	20 Gary Hill 7:30-10:30 pm	21 Christmas Dinner—5-7 pm \$8.00 HUP Karaoke 7:30-11:30 pm
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29 <i>Watch the NFL on our new Big Screens</i> Sunday Special Buckets of Beer	30 King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm	31 New Years Eve Party—8-1 am Kitchen Closed	Lunch served Mon-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm	Buckets of Beer every Sunday and during OSU football games		



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