



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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January/February 2014

### The Commander's Corner...

We hope that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and enjoyed the holiday season.

This year we "adopted" 12 needy military families for Thanksgiving and another 12 needy families for Christmas. Each "adopted" family has a member that is either being deployed, is returning from or is in the Middle East. All our members should feel good about providing for these needy families while their loved ones carry on our Military traditions in serving our Country. In addition, we raised over \$1100.00 on a poker run this fall. The poker run was spearheaded by Sharon (Sherri) Richardson and the money was used to clothe needy Veterans through the Homeless Vets Program at the Dayton VA Center. Speaking of donations, we still have over \$2000.00 from the BBQ Cook-Off event that was held this last July. There has been a delay in finalizing the BBQ Event due to outstanding expenses and negotiations in coming to terms with agreements that were made. This money is "earmarked" as a donation to the support our Veterans in need around the Dayton area. We thought you would like to know that we, as a Post, are supporting our Veterans and that you, our membership, are the ones that have made this possible. Thanks to all for your support.

The months of November

and December were a little on the slow side around the Post. Some of our members wanted some "quiet time" in the canteen and they definitely got it. A lot of our "snow birds" have made their winter pilgrimage to Florida and the cold weather has impacted our attendance at the Post. In checking our records from last year, this business downturn is just a normal occurrence for this time of year and nothing to be alarmed with.

Our Post continues to do well from an economic and membership perspective. We continue to look for areas to cut costs and to increase revenues while maintaining or improving our facility. As an example of a facility improvement, baby changing stations were added to the women's restrooms in both the banquet hall and canteen restrooms. We are also entering into an upgraded arrangement with Time Warner Cable to pick up more stations for your enjoyment. We now have the Time Warner "sports package" called the college cable tier. This upgrade will allow us to receive just about any and every sports event that is televised. This includes golf and NASCAR along with many other sports channels. If you can't get your favorite team or sporting event on your home television, don't hesitate to check us out. We hope that you enjoy the new channel lineup.

We had our Post appreciation dinner for our members that have volunteered to work for the post throughout the year, the Honor Guard and the group that visits the VA Center on the third Thursday of each month. The dinner was catered by Belmont Catering and we have to share with you that the food was absolutely delicious. I highly recommend Belmont Catering for future Post events and would hope that you remember them if you or your friends ever have the need for a quality caterer for one of your special events.

Please take a moment to look at our February calendar. We have a great dinner on Valentine's Day again this year and we are going to be taking reservations. Last year we sold out so make sure you get your tickets early. There is going to be a great evening of fun, food and spirits on the 22nd as the Post will have another Monte Carlo. Another special night is going to be on February 8th when Signor Franco will be offering one of his famous dishes normally reserved for patrons at his restaurant. Again, this is a dinner that normally sells out so we are selling tickets to the dinner in advance. Make sure you get your tickets early. Bon Appetit!!!

*Rick Brophy,*  
Commander

# Franco is Back



**Saturday  
February 8th  
5-7 pm  
\$9.00**

Franco (Post 598 member) owner/operator of **Franco's Ristorante Italiano**, 824 E. 5th St. is preparing his World Famous Spaghetti for Post 598. **Don't miss this dinner.**

**Holly Smith Karaoke from 7:30-10:30 pm**

## From Aux. 1st Vice President...

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I know 2014 will bring many wonderful events to our Post this year and I hope that each of you will find some time to volunteer for any of these events whether it's helping with our dinners, baking a goodie or a VA visit. We always need help. Please ask!

As I'm sure you noticed, our Post was beautifully decorated for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays and we were able to provide baskets of food for our Veterans in need. Thank you for you donations!

The children's Christmas party saw many happy faces especially when Santa made his entrance. This is an example of the difference your volunteer time makes.

The VA Auxiliary Gift Shop was able to provide many needed gifts to our Veterans for Christmas as well as lunch. They are always so grateful for our visits and if you would like to come out and spend some time with a veteran, please see Carol Kelly or meet at the Post at 5:30 on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The van leaves the Post at 6:15pm.

Following my volunteer theme, I made you aware on a previous newsletter, that the Auxiliary is in DIRE need for some ladies to step up to help with the running and maintaining of the Auxiliary. We have over 400 ladies at this unit, and as you might notice, it is the small handful that is doing most of the work. We ALL enjoy the activities at our Post, but we need some ladies to come forward. We are in need of an Auxiliary President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and a Chaplain. These are voluntary positions that require no previous experience. We just need a little bit of your time. If you are interested, please call me.

The Auxiliary host many children parties throughout the year. Beginning in 2014 we will only be providing "snacks" for these events. Serving a small meal, has become expensive with our rising cost. We don't want your child to come hungry but to come prepared for FUN!

*Joyce Spence*

1st Vice President, Membership  
937-304-6292

## Super Bowl Party

**Sun., Feb. 2nd  
Starts at 5 pm**

**Food, pools, raffles & FUN!!**

**Sign up on \$25 per square pool.  
Every score change gets an  
equal share of \$2500.**

## Valentine's Day Dinner

February 14th—6-8 pm

Tossed Fields Green Salad  
Grilled Beef Tenderloin  
Baked Potato  
Medley Blend Vegetable  
Dessert

**\$11.00**

**Tickets go on Sale January 15th**



## CHILI COOK-OFF

**Sat., Jan. 4th**

**1-4 pm**

**\$5.00 entry fee**

**1st Place 75%**

**2nd Place 25%**

**of entry fees paid**

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**Friday  
January 3rd &  
February 7th  
7:30-10:30**

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# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm</b>			<b>1</b> Happy New Year Key cards will be deactivated if dues are not paid.	<b>2</b> Aux. Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	<b>3</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 <b>Trivia</b> 7:30-10:30 pm	<b>4</b> Chili Cookoff 1-4 pm--Open to all members. \$5 entry fee <b>HUP Karaoke</b> 7:30-11:30 pm
<b>5</b> Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <b>Sunday Special</b> <b>Buckets of Beer</b>	<b>6</b> Regular Post Meeting-7:30 pm <b>King of Clubs</b> Drawing—7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Kitchen Open <sup>P</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	<b>8</b> Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers</b> 5-7 pm	<b>9</b> Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	<b>10</b> Rachael's Piazza Night 6-8 pm \$10.00 <b>Gary Hill</b> 7:30-10:30 pm	<b>11</b> NFL Playoffs Buckets of Beer Special During Games <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>
<b>12</b> Post Open House 1-4 pm <b>Sunday Special</b> <b>Buckets of Beer</b>	<b>13</b> <b>King of Clubs</b> Drawing—7:30 pm	<b>14</b> Kitchen Open <sup>A</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm <b>SAL Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Open ball in hand pool—7 pm Valentine's Dinner Tickets on sale <b>\$1.00 Burgers</b> 5-7 pm	<b>16</b> VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> 5-7 pm—\$6.00 <b>Euchre 7:30 pm</b>	<b>17</b> Baked Chicken Dinner 6-8 pm—\$6.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>	<b>18</b> SAL BBQ Brisket Dinner \$8.00--5-7 pm <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>
<b>19</b> Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <b>Sunday Special</b> <b>Buckets of Beer</b>	<b>20</b> Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm <b>King of Clubs</b> Drawing—7:30 pm	<b>21</b> Kitchen Open <sup>S</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	<b>22</b> Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers</b> 5-7 pm	<b>23</b> <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	<b>24</b> Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$9.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>	<b>25</b> Aux. Chicken and Noodles Dinner 5-7 pm--\$6.00 <b>Holly Smith</b> Karaoke 7:30-10:30
<b>26</b> <b>Sunday Special</b> <b>Buckets of Beer</b>	<b>27</b> <b>King of Clubs</b> Drawing—7:30 pm	<b>28</b> Kitchen Open <sup>P</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	<b>29</b> Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers</b> 5-7 pm	<b>30</b> <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Mexican Night</b> Prices vary. 6-8 pm	

# February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm</b>			<b>Buckets of Beer every Sunday</b>			<b>1</b> Pot Roast Dinner—5-7 pm \$8.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>
<b>2</b> Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <b>Super Bowl</b> Party--5pm-???	<b>3</b> Happy Hour Snacks Provided 4-6 pm Regular Post Meeting 7:30 pm <b>King of Clubs</b> Drawing—7:30 pm	<b>4</b> Kitchen Open <sup>S</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	<b>5</b> Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers</b> 5-7 pm	<b>6</b> Aux. Executive Meeting—6:30 pm <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	<b>7</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 <b>Trivia</b> 7:30-10:30 pm	<b>8</b> Franco's World Famous Spaghetti 5-7 pm--\$9.00 <b>Holly Smith</b> 7:30-10:30 pm
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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.

*Don Fanger, Chaplain*

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