



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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May/June 2014

### The Commander's Corner...

Let's see, when preparing the last newsletter we were fighting the snow, as I look outside now it is pouring down rain. Enough with the foul weather. I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the sun and warm weather - - finally.

In case you missed it or didn't hear the great news, one of our members, Donald "Butch" Zimmerman, was selected for induction into the University of Dayton Athletic Hall of Fame. Butch was officially inducted on March 8th, 2014 being recognized for his accomplishments as a quarterback on the football team and as a pitcher/centerfielder on UD's baseball team. Congratulations to Butch - what an honor!!!

Improvements continue around the Post - some of which you may not notice. We have completely replaced the overhead can lighting in the Canteen with LED flood lights. We did this now for two reasons: first, we are getting a 75% rebate from DP&L on the cost of the new lights and there will be a significant decrease in energy consumption using the new lights. Once we get our initial rebate for our Canteen lighting project, we will do the same initiative in the Banquet Hall. Speaking of the Banquet Hall, we are putting in a new lighting scheme there to make the Hall more marketable. Specifically, we are putting in wall lighting, a strobe light, and wall lighting that will allow our customers to accent the hall in any color they choose.

If you have had the opportunity to look at our park area, you may have noticed that we have had some major work done on our trees. Over the past three years, the trees have been aging exponentially - that is, they are deteriorating quickly. As these trees continue to age, the potential for personal injury to our patrons or damage to our building/property increases significantly. It is very costly to keep our trees cleaned up once they have fallen down and more importantly, they have become a real liability relative to personal injury. After consulting with an arborist, we removed quite a few trees when we had the opportunity. Our plans for the future include the thinning of our

aged locust trees and the planting of new trees. We want to keep our park area "wooded" but it will look a little barren until our new trees get some growth to them.

Well time has really flown by. I have been in office for three years now and have decided that it is time for someone with new ideas and initiatives to keep our Post moving in the right direction. With this in mind, I will be leaving our Post as the Commander and will devote more time to golf, travel, and family. Being your Commander over the last three years has been very rewarding in that I have been given the unique opportunity to make new friends and meet fellow legionaries that I may not have had the chance to meet. Overall, being your Commander for three years has been a great experience for which I am very thankful and appreciative. It truly has been an honor to serve you.

I wish everyone a continued success in making our Post a place for friendship, camaraderie, and a place you can be proud of. Please support your Post and Officers. I will always be grateful for having the opportunity to be your Commander for the past three years.

Sincerely,

*Rick Brophy*  
Commander.

### Election of Post Officers



Monday  
May 5th  
11am-6 pm

# A WORD FROM YOUR AUXILIARY.....

The Auxiliary is closing out the 2013 -2014 fiscal year and starting the 2014 -2015 year. March left us with great St. Patrick Day celebrations and April was a huge success with the Children's Easter Party. Thank you volunteers for all your efforts!

Unit 598 Auxiliary has been very proud of our executive board's efforts in reporting all the hard work by our volunteers who donate their time to our Veterans through home service, volunteering at the Dayton VAMC Facility, monetary donations, adopting a military family in need, or the kind act of serving food. YOUR hours and donations are given to Congress so all your hard work is recorded. THANK YOU!!

As of this month, the Auxiliary has reached our membership goal of 428 paid members. I personally thank you for maintaining your membership at Kettering Unit 598 and I hope that you will think about becoming an ACTIVE Auxiliary member in the near future. Please see me if you are interested.

Election of Auxiliary Officers will be held May 8th, 2014. Please plan on attending. This is also our regular scheduled membership meeting so please arrive by 6:30pm.

In closing, I cannot stress enough the need for your support to the Auxiliary. We are Auxiliary members because of our Veterans! Let's support them and our programs to ensure continued success.

Thank you! Yours in service

*Joyce Spence, 1st Vice President*

937-304-6292

**Bragging Rights  
Golf Outing  
Sun., June 8th**

**Sign Up Early  
\$55<sup>00</sup>**

# SAL News.....

Ahh...It's spring at last, the cold, snow and blustery weather are behind us. Spring is finally here, the Reds, little league baseball and cookouts. Just think the Post picnic is just around the corner.

The SAL events are as follows: SAL convention May 16th-17th, Doug's pork chop dinner May 25th, 5-7 pm and Jim Teal's BBQ pulled pork dinner June 14th, 5-7 pm.

Thank's to all the 598 members who attended all the post functions.

We make a living out of what we get.

We make a life out of what we give.

Thank You,

*Jeff Hecht*, Second Vice Commander.

**Dinner  
May 10th  
Moms Eat  
Free**

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY** Dinner  
June 7th  
5-7 pm  
**Dads Eat Free**

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**First Picnic of the Year**

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**Sat., May 3rd  
The Fun Starts  
at 3 pm**

Bring a side dish or dessert to go with Our Ham Biscuits & Belmont Catering's famous potato salad.

**Drink Specials • Horse Wagering  
TV Coverage from Churchill Downs  
Starts at 4 pm—Derby Post Time 6:24 pm  
Contest for Funniest Derby Hat and Best Horse Trick**

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## May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm		Buckets of Beer every Sunday		Aux. Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sand. Fries & Slaw 6-7:30 pm—\$5.00 Trivia with Chuck 7:30-10:30 pm	Kentucky Derby Party Starts @ 3 pm <b>Holly Smith Karaoke</b> 7:30-11:30 pm
Joe's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <b>Sunday Special Buckets of Beer</b>	Regular Post Meeting-7:30 pm Election of Officers <b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm <b>Line Dancing 6:30 pm</b>	Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm</b>	Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm <b>Election of Officers Euchre 7 pm</b>	Rachael's Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$10.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>	Mother's Day Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 <b>Mother's Eat Free</b>
Happy Mother's Day <b>Sunday Special Buckets of Beer</b>	<b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm <b>SAL Meeting 6:30 pm-Elections Line Dancing 6:30 pm</b>	Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm</b>	VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm <b>Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00 Euchre 7:30 pm</b>	Subs—\$5.00 Chef Salads \$3.50 6-8 pm	Post Steak Fry Cooked to order 5-7 pm \$10.00 <b>HUP Karaoke 7:30-11:30 pm</b>
Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <b>Sunday Special Buckets of Beer</b>	Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm <b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm</b>	<b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	Shrimp Dinner 6-8 pm—\$9.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>	Doug's Pork Chop Dinner 5-7 pm—\$8.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>
<b>Sunday Special Buckets of Beer</b>	Memorial Day Beavertown Cemetery 10 am Cookout 1-4 pm <b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm <b>Line Dancing 6:30 pm</b>	Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm</b>	<b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	Fish & Chips All you can eat \$9.00—6-8 pm <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>	Cheese Ravioli Dinner 5-7 pm—\$7.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>

## June 2014

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Bragging Rights Golf Outing—8am Shot Gun Start	<b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm <b>SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm</b>	Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm</b>	Regular Aux. Meeting 6:30 pm <b>Euchre 7 pm</b>	Rachael's Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$10.00 Trivia with Chuck 7:30-10:30 pm	Flag Day Ceremony 4:30 pm <b>Jim Teal's BBQ Pulled Pork 5-7 pm—\$8.00 FREE JUKEBOX</b>
Larry's Post Brunch 9-11 am—\$7.00 <b>Happy Father's Day Sunday Special Buckets of Beer</b>	Post Executive Meeting—6:30 pm <b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Kitchen Open 11:30-1:30 pm and 5-7 pm	Open ball in hand pool—7 pm <b>\$1.00 Burgers 5-7 pm</b>	VA Hospital Visit—6:15 pm <b>Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm—\$6.00 Euchre 7:30 pm</b>	Post Steak Fry Cooked to order 6-8 pm \$10.00 <b>FREE JUKEBOX</b>	BBQ Rib Dinner 5-7 pm \$10.00
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<b>Sunday Special Buckets of Beer</b>	<b>King of Clubs Drawing—7:30 pm</b>	Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-1:30 pm		Buckets of Beer every Sunday		



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Chaplain	Don Fanger
Canteen Manager	Tom Bradley

**Auxiliary Officers**

President	
1st Vice President	Joyce Spence
2nd Vice President	
Secretary	Jan Pitts
Treasurer (temp)	Rhonda Hunter
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tracy Hood
Chaplain	

**SAL Officers**

Commander	Doug Spisak
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2nd Vice Commander	Jeff Hecht
Finance Officer	Bob Tonar
Adjutant	Gary Pester
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Storck
Chaplain	Floyd Newman
Advisor	Gavin Long

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**David Gaede**

**William Kunas**

**Glen Sickinger**

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*Don Fanger, Chaplain*

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