



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2022

### The Commander's Corner...



I hope everybody is healthy and well at this time and hope you all finish this year in the same way. It has been brought to our attention that we were having a problem in the rear parking lot. That parking area is for elected Post officers and the people that are working at the time that they are parked there. We are getting so many vehicles parking out there that the delivery trucks and dumpster people are having problems getting in and out. Please consider this in the future, or we will have to take measures to resolve this problem.

Another problem we are seeing is the taping of notices on the walls and doors. Please do not tape anything on the walls or doors, they will be removed.

We know it's a little soon but this is the last newsletter of this year. We would like to wish

everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Follow the leader and we hope to see everybody at the functions for these Holidays.

Again we want to thank all the volunteers for cleaning out the garages and the grounds. It was due to those personnel that got us the Neighborhood Pride Award. Have a great Holiday season, be safe and show our staff your respect for their work, dedication and devotion in making our Post number one.

Remember if your 2023 dues are not paid by December 31 your key card will be deactivated on January 1. It will be re-activated once your dues are paid.

For God and Country,

*Neil Dunnington*

Commander, Post 598

### From the Auxiliary...

Membership Skyrockets! A huge welcome to all our new members to Post 598 American Legion Auxiliary! It was great to meet many of you at the New Member Orientation in October. It is no surprise that we continue to be the largest American Legion Auxiliary in Ohio.

Amazing Accomplishments! As I am reflecting on where this year went, it is no wonder it flew by so quickly. Already this year, our Auxiliary and you have helped with volunteering and funding for the Blue Star Families, Socks for Troops, War Memorial Restoration, Kentucky Flood Victims, American Cancer Society, Dayton VA, Shaves and Haircuts, 4 Paws. Think of all the individual lives you have touched.

Girls Just Want to Have Fun was, once again, the largest group of volunteers we ever assembled. We are blessed to have our volunteers! We had another record-breaking year not only in attendance but also in monies raised. We have a 3-year total of over \$50,000 raised. This year's funds will benefit Post 598, The Fisher House, Blue Star Mothers and the USO Blanket Project.

Looking at cooler days ahead and what to expect...we are very lucky as we are to be host to the 55th Annual TWIGS Sugarplum Festival of Trees. Visit their website for more information and dates. Be sure to get your tickets for Christmas Dinner and the Show. The Kim Kelly band is back for another great night of dancing. We will continue to all work together as one American Legion family to bring forth new ideas, new opportunities, and new adventures – all of which will impact our Veterans and community. I am so very honored to be able to be part of this organization. Remember that none of this would be possible without our members, volunteers and working together! Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all you do.

Thank you for your support,  
Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

## From the SAL...

Hello and Happy Holidays fellow members. I would like to wish everyone a safe holiday. It was a great year for the SAL as we contributed over \$15,000 to various organizations and charities. We recently gave \$750.00 to the Blue Star Mothers who support our troops around the world with boxes of snacks, socks, candy, etc.

We also would like to thank Pinnacle Flagpole Co. for their support in putting up the 5 new flagpoles on the Hewitt Ave. side of the Post. Also a special thanks to Dot's Market for their continued support of our Legion Family.

I would like to stress the need for everyone to pay their dues so we can meet our quota this year. Please continue to support all of the Legion dinners and functions. Let's continue to make our Legion grow and prosper.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

## From the Riders...

Hello Riders and Legion Family. The summer has flown by. I hope everyone had a joyful and productive summer.

It's been an excellent summer and we had some great rides but the season is not over. Break out your cold weather gear, more rides to come. If you ride and want to support Legion programs join. Don't have a bike? You can join the Riders as a support member. Dues are still just \$12. Join now and your dues are good through December of 2023.

Ohio Legacy Scholarship Fund motorcycle run made a rest stop at the Post. 48 bikes were in the parking lot. Pretty cool. The riders served lunch and the Post's Family presented donations to the fund. But the really cool part was Ohio Riders raised over \$85,000 dollars. The state of Ohio was 5th in the nation in funds raised. A group of us attended the ROMP annual riders meeting hosted by Lancaster Post 11. A lot of fun and great riding.

The holidays are just around the corner. Get your riders gear now. Place your order with Legion Emblem sales or see me I'll order for you. Don't forget your little riders.

Happy Holidays from all your Riders!!!

Ride safe, stay safe.

Thom Fowler Post 598, 3rd District Director



**Friday, December 16, 6:30**

Start your Holiday in Grand Style  
**The Kim Kelly Band**

And

**Christmas Pot Roast Dinner**

**Sure to be a Sell-Out!**  
**Gather Your Friends & Family**  
**Early**

**Members \$18 Others \$25**

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Sugarplum Festival of Trees

Post 598 is proud to be your host for 2022

Friday, November 11 & Saturday, November 12

Visit: [childrensdayton.org/sugarplum2022](http://childrensdayton.org/sugarplum2022)



## Upcoming Events

**Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 19**

**OSU/Michigan Party Nov. 26**

**Army/Navy Game Dec. 10**

**Christmas Dinner Dec. 16**

**New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31**

**Key Cards will be deactivated if  
your 2023 dues are not paid Jan. 1**

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Sunday Special Buckets of Beer Every Sunday</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>3</b> Aux. Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>4</b> Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6.00 Rob D Agostino DJ 7 - 10 pm	<b>5</b> Fresh Fried or Grilled Pork Loin Sandwich 5-7 pm \$12
		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	<b>8</b> SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>10</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>17</b> Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> Night Sounds 7 - 10 pm	<b>19</b> Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 pm \$12
<b>20</b> Omelet Breakfast 10 am - Noon \$7.00	<b>21</b> Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> No Burger Night	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day Post Opens at 6 pm NO DRAWINGS	<b>25</b> KITCHEN CLOSED Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	<b>26</b> OSU vs. Michigan Party Noon
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Planning Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30</b>		

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<b>King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30</b>				<b>1</b> Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm New Year's Eve Tickets on Sale	<b>2</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6.00 Locking Up Otis 7-10 pm	<b>3</b>
				<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	<b>6</b>
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<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS Post Opens at 5 pm NO DRAWINGS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Party with The Hathaways 7 pm-1 am



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The Veteran/The Community  
The State/The Nation**

**POST 598 OFFICERS  
2022-2023**

**Post Officers**

Commander	Neil Dunnington
1st Vice Commander	Joe Law
2nd Vice Commander	George Hurbanek
Finance Officer	Ed Syron
Adjutant	Betsy Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim O'Neil
Chaplain	Larry Thokey
Asst. Chaplain	Keith Eastman
Canteen Manager	Jim Glaser

**Auxiliary Officers**

President	Erica Kubea
1st Vice President	Sarah Schwager
2nd Vice President	Regina Goldman
Secretary/Chaplain	Janet Kennedy
Treasurer	Crystal Kahut
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pam Rodkey

**SAL Officers**

Commander	Doug Spisak
1st Vice Commander	Clay Bates
2nd Vice Commander	Jim Morris
Finance Officer	Bob Tonar
Adjutant	Joe Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Storck
Chaplain	Robin Peck
Advisor	Joe Law

**Riders Officers**

Director	Thom Fowler
Asst. Director	Tom Shephenson
Secretary	Ryan Barbieri
Treasurer	Jerry Zennie
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Whitaker
Road Captain	Jeff Smith
Chaplain	Steve Rawlins

**Post Everlasting**

Frank Berardi, Jr.	Elden Linquist
William Beverley	Lawrence Luehrs, Jr.
Clifford Frey	Joseph S. Mazotta
George Fronista	Wilfred Stanyon
Richard Kelso	David Weaver
David Leahy, Jr.	William Webb, Jr.

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.

*Larry Thokey, Chaplain*

**Tree Planting Program**

To encourage the planting of quality trees throughout our park area we will be creating a tree donation program. Trees will be native to our area, 2.5" to 3.5" in diameter and cost of \$250 to \$350. Trees will be available to Post members for spring or fall planting. We are sourcing a commemorative plaque option for those who would wish to honor an event or a person. More information to come.

**Banquet Room Rental**

*All your celebration needs start with a great facility.*

You can rent our banquet hall at reasonable rates. Great for Weddings, Retirement Parties, Birthday Parties, Reunions, Office Parties, etc.

Call the Post at 433-9327 for information or  
E-mail: [banquetbilly@yahoo.com](mailto:banquetbilly@yahoo.com)  
Visit: [americanlegionpost598.net](http://americanlegionpost598.net)

**NOTICE**

Anyone needing the services of Post 598 Honor Guard should contact:

Jim O'Neil  
937-789-9985  
or call the Post  
937-433-9327.

**Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 11 am-11 pm, Fri. & Sat. 11 am-1 am, Sun. Noon-11 pm**