



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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March/April 2023

The Commander's Corner...



Each year, the National American Legion establishes increased membership goals for Veteran, Auxiliary and SAL memberships. Since 2017, our membership quotas have increased approximately 200 and we have been successful meeting and exceeding those quotas. In addition to our annual incremental membership growth, we have seen an increase in the number of special events and greater participation by our current members at those special and recurring events. Our weekly hamburger, pizza and Friday nights are very busy and we are hearing from many members that they tried to attend but couldn't find a place to sit so they left. In addition, we continue to have a significant storage issue.

We can expect to continue to have incremental membership increases and can expect a

greater capacity issue in the future. The Post Executive Board is working on a plan to develop a possible expansion that might be necessary to accommodate membership and storage needs 4-5 years from now. We have worked with an architect and builder to draft one possible expansion plan that would provide more seating, more dancing space and an enhanced view of our property from inside the Post. We plan to place several renderings of the plan in our lobby during the end of February 2023 for all Veteran, Auxiliary and SAL members to view and leave comments on a special Comment Card. Input from as many members as possible is necessary before we can make any major decision to expand or not expand.

For God and Country,

Neil Dunnington
Commander, Post 598

From the Auxiliary...

Hello March! Be lucky for us.

The Irish have gained a reputation over the centuries for being very warm, kind and hospitable people (though sometimes a bit too fond of the drink!). Boy - Sounds a lot like us, doesn't it? Now, imagine if we were all magical little leprechauns, and every wish we ever made on a four leaf clover obliged us to help veterans, their families, and others obtain their wishes. Wow – Sounds a lot like us too.

Like the leprechauns, we are a playful bunch. We eat, we drink, we dance, and we even play cards. But when the merriment is over, we get the job done. Recently, the Leprechauns of 598, granted hundreds of wishes and spread smiles around the world. Christmas stockings, blankets, socks, and a variety of care packages have already been delivered. Because of your hard work and support, more than 800 active duty and deployed are 'kicking up their heels' with joy.

As we continue to grow at a record rate (675 members – 106%, 20% higher than same time last year), we have a lot to celebrate. We share our success with the Post and the SAL. Our unity and togetherness, whether you are cooking, serving, setting up or simply stacking chairs, is what makes all the magic happen.

Happy Spring! Happy Easter! Happy St. Patrick's Day! You may be 'Irish or not', you may be 'a bit too fond of the drink or not,' either way be sure to join your 598 Leprechaun Family on March 17 when we will play games all day and jig all night as we rejoice in our recent achievements. See you there!

Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Hello & Greetings Fellow Members.

As we head into Spring thr SAL looks forward to another great summer filled with activities at our Legion.

We made our membership quota for 2023 and I would like to thank everyone for paying their dues.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dot's Market for their support of our dinners. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy our Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner on March 25 and our "famous" Smoked Pork Chop Dinner on April 22.

As a reminder, our monthly meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. We are always in need of new volunteers to help out at our functions.

Thanks for supporting the SAL throughout the year.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Hello Riders and Legion Family,

First, I'd like to thank the Post Family and Post leadership for their support. Our fundraisers have been a success due to the kindness of the Post Family. Please welcome new Rider officers for 2023; Frank Burks Assistant Director, Crystal Hawkey Secretary, Mike Baker Sergeant at Arms. Thank you outgoing officers. Your dedication and service is appreciated.

A busy summer is fast approaching. July 13th, 14th, and 15th we are hosting the ALR ROMP, (Ride on Military Pride), this is an event for all ALR chapters in Ohio. Additionally, this year the American Legion Riders Legacy Run will make a stop at our Post on July 15th. Stay tuned for a lineup of the events we have planned during this time (bands, food-trucks & games). If you would like to volunteer to help with one of these events, see a Rider or leave a message at the canteen.

Congratulations to the lucky gun raffle winners Paul and Dave. Special thanks to Odyssey Machining for processing the FFL transfer. See them for Custom gunsmithing and Cerakote.

Riders Spaghetti dinner Thursday March 16th and April 20th. 6pm until gone \$10.00.

Prep your bikes and check your gear. Group rides start Saturday March 18th weather permitting, and every third Saturday through the season. Other rides as they develop, through the week and on Sunday afternoon, possible overnight rides. Meeting, 1st Wednesday 6pm at Post.

Ride safe, stay safe.

Thom Fowler Post 598, 3rd District Director



ALL DAY FUN, FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- 11 am-2 pm Irish Lunch
- 6-9 pm Food Truck Dinner
- Noon-4 pm Entertainment & Games
- 7-10 pm Breckenridge
- 4-5 pm Where's The Whiskey
- 9 pm Irish Superbowl Results

Chicken Lasagna Dinner is Back!

April 28 6-8 pm
\$12



Upcoming Events

March Madness Begins Mar.14

St. Patrick's Day Party Mar. 17

Kids' Easter Party Apr. 2

Easter Sunday Apr. 9

Spring Flower Sale Apr. 16

Euchre Tourney Apr. 23

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March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30			1 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	2 Aux. Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special 6 pm until gone Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	3 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Dumbfounded 7-10 pm	4
5 AUX New Member Orientation 3-5 pm	6 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	7 Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	8 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	9 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special 6 pm until gone Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	10 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$13 Pandora Project 7-10 pm	11 Post Golf League Meeting 1 pm
12	13	14 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm March Madness Begins Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	15 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	16 Spaghetti Dinner 6 pm-until sold out \$9 Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Party All Day Fun Food Truck Breckenridge Band 7-10 pm	18 AUX Pork Chop Dinner 5-7 pm \$12
19 Omelet Breakfast 10 am-Noon \$7	20 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	22 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	23 Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	24 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	25 SAL Stuffed Chicken Dinner Pre-Sale \$14 5-7 pm
26	27 Planning Meeting 6:30 pm	28 Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	29 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	30 Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	31 Daved & Confused 7-10 pm	

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30					Buckets of Beer Specials Every Sunday	
2 Kids Easter Party 2-4 pm	3 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Nomination of Officers Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	4 Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	5 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	6 Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	7 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 ⑤ 7-10 pm	8 AUX Easter Dinner Advanced Tickets 5-7 pm \$12
9 Easter Sunday	10 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5-8 pm	11 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	12 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	13 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	14 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$13 Dumbfounded 7-10 pm	15 SAL Smoked Pork Chop Dinner 5-7 pm \$12
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23 Euchre Tournament 3-6ish	24	25 Dinner Special 5-6:45 pm	26 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	27 Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	28 AUX Chicken Lasagne 6-8 pm \$12 Hearts On Fire 7-10 pm	29
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**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
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Riders Officers

Director	Thom Fowler
Asst. Director	Frank Burks
Secretary	Crystal Hawkey
Treasurer	Jerry Zennie
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike Baker
Road Captain	Jeff Smith
Chaplain	Steve Rawlins

Post Everlasting

Joe Bruce	Bernard Martin	Roger Wray
Daniel Caufield	Warren Mesarvey	
Robert Fortman	Donald Monnig	Aux.
Anthony Gilotti	Robert Roeckner	Barbara Bettinger
Ronald Gulley	Andy Singleton	Connie Powers
Delbert Kidwell	Ruven Vercher	Diane Williams
Keith Koch	Jim Weaver	
Richard Krug	Diane Williams	

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.

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937-433-9327.

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