



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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May/June 2023

The Commander's Corner...



It was a great run. I want to thank all the members of Post 598 for their support these last three years. I want to thank the AUX, SAL and the Riders for all the volunteer work and support you have given to the Post these last three years. I hope that you will continue the support in the future

Thanks very very much to all the volunteers who have helped make our Post the number one Post in the State of Ohio. I want to give a special thanks to the E-Board and the canteen

Management for their work and dedication to the Post. Please work with them in the future so as to keep our status as number one.

When I was a Platoon Commander in the Marines they taught us that 1 % can destroy the whole. Please let's work together to make the Post united.

For God and Country,

Neil Dunnington

Commander, Post 598

From the Auxiliary...

'Hold your Horses,' Folks! There is a lot happening at our 'racetrack' in the coming months. Like a trifecta, the Post, the Sal, and the Auxiliary have been a winning combination. It's obvious that we are not horsing around. Our racing program is packed full for the Summer months.

Derby Day kicks us off with a full day of racing fun. Your little bets just might bring some big rewards. Be sure to saddle up the following week with another full day of excitement. May 13 we start early with a Pancake Breakfast and finish strong with a Mother's Day Dinner. Something new, late afternoon bands will be scheduled for Memorial Day and July 4th. We are also proud that 598 will host the State-wide Legion Riders Romp, this July. In September, Girls Just Want to Have Fun will get us over the finish line.

As our 2022-2023 year ends this May, I am most grateful for the enthusiastic and talented group of board members and volunteers. You have helped us achieve record-breaking results this year. Membership is at an all-time high. Fundraising has reached a level like we have never seen. Be sure to look at ALA598.ORG for a complete list of this year's benefactors. You may be very surprised at all the good that comes from your hard work. We are now ahead of the field. The benchmark is set very high for the coming year. We need your support, more than ever. Many of you would love to volunteer and are just waiting to be asked. So, we are asking! Help us make a difference. Let's saddle up for this coming year – unleash your inner thoroughbred and follow the rhythm of your hearts from the track to the 2023-2024 winner's circle.

Heads up and heels down, we are at a new starting gate. Neigh it up, Hoof it up, Giddy up and let's set a new pace together. Come ride with us this Summer and let's walk away winners at the track.

From the Horse's Mouth,
Erica Kubea
Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Hello & Greetings Fellow Members.

As we head into summer. Please follow all of the Legion's events. Come out and try our Italian Sausage Dinner on June 24th.

As always, we appreciate all of the help of our volunteers throughout the year.

We will have our SAL Convention this year in Marietta.

We will donate \$3000 this year to various organizations that our Legion Family support. The SAL also donated \$1500 for a new defibrillator for the Kettering Police Department that was needed to support our community.

Please come to our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm to see what is going on.

Thanks for your continued support of the SAL functions.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Hello Riders and Legion Family,

Spring is underway and summer is coming up fast. Riders meetings are May 3rd and June 7th at 6 pm in the banquet room. Rider's gear available for purchase, hats, T-shirts. Monthly ride is the first Saturday after the meeting, weather permitting. Other rides as they develop.

This year Post 598 has the honor of hosting the 2023 ROMP (Ride on Military Pride) taking place July 13th through the 15th. This is a statewide event where we will be welcoming American Legion Riders from all over Ohio. Check out our Facebook page at "Ohio ALR ROMP 2023". There are currently a variety of sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available. Please reach out to 2023OhioRomp@gmail.com if you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering for the event.

Post 598 members are invited to join in on the fun. We have 3 great bands booked, we're planning a corn-hole tournament and we're planning a cook your own steak dinner. Cost for the steak dinner will be \$20, \$5 of which will go to the legacy fund. Keep an eye out for more information.

2023 Legion Riders Legacy Run will stop at the Romp and join the festivities. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship program provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined VA Disability rating of 50 percent or greater. Donations are fully tax deductible. The Run Supports the Fund!!

Ride safe, stay safe.

Thom Fowler Post 598, 3rd District Director



A Full Day at the Races
Saturday, May 6

1PM - 3PM

Lunch Served \$8
Kentucky Hot Brown
Open-Faced Sandwich
Toast, Turkey, Bacon, & Tomato
Bathed in a Rich Cheese Sauce

1PM - 5PM

Video Horse Races

3PM

Best Derby Hat
Best Dressed Couple

5PM - 7PM

Post Steak Fry \$13

6:57 PM

Official Derby Post Time

Pancake Breakfast

All-U-Can-Eat Pancakes & Sausage
Saturday, May 13, 9-Noon
Tickets on Sale May 1.
Adults \$10 - \$5 Under 12 - Under 5 Free

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Upcoming Events

Election of Post Officers

May 1 11 am-5:30 pm

Cinco de Mayo May 5

Derby Day Party 1-7 pm

AYCE Pancake Breakfast May 13

Mothers Day Dinner May 13

Omelette Breakfast May 14

Blood Drive May 16

**Memorial Day Ceremony at
Beaverton Cemetery May 29**

Memorial Day Cookout May 29

1/2 Slab Rib Dinner June 10

Fathers Day Picnic June 18

May 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Election of Officers 11 am-5:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	2 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	3 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	4 Aux. Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Cinco de Mayo Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Southern Accent 7-10 pm	6 Derby Day Party Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$13
7	8	9 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	10 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	11 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Elections Camping in the Park Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	12 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$13 Rec 4 Heroes 7-10 pm Camping in the Park	13 All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 9-Noon Mother's Day Dinner 5-7 pm \$12 Moms Eat Free Camping in the Park
14 Happy Mother's Day	15 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Blood Drive 12:30-6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	17 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	18	19 Dumbfounded 7-10 pm	20
21 Omelette Breakfast 10 am-Noon \$8 Cruise In 11 am	22	23 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	24 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	25 Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	26 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Free Jukebox 7-10 pm	27
28	29 Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am Memorial Day Post Cook Out 1-4 pm Bring a covered dish to share Band-TBA	30 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	31 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30		

June 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30		Buckets of Beer Specials Every Sunday		1 Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Daved & Confused 7-10 pm	3 Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$13 District Golf Outing
4	5 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	6 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	7 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	8 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Camping in the Park Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	9 Camping in the Park Tom Renfro 7-10 pm	10 1/2 Slab BBQ Rib Dinner 5-7 pm \$12 Net Proceeds go to TUNNEL TO TOWERS Camping in the Park
11	12	13 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	14 DAV Meeting 7 pm Flag Day Ceremony 6 pm	15	16 Element 3 7-10 pm	17
18 Happy Father's Day Father's Day Picnic Noon-3 pm \$12 Dads Eat Free	19 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	21 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	22 Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	23 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Hearts On Fire 7-10 pm	24 SAL Italian Sausage, Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob 5-7 pm \$10
25 Cruise In 11 am	26	27 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	28 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	29	30 The Martha's 7-10 pm	



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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
Chaplain	Robin Peck
Advisor	Joe Law

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

James Blakeney
Don Brown
Howard Culbertson
John Estlund
Harry Graybill
Ron Riggs-Past Post Commander
William E. Smith, 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.

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Visit: 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