



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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July/August 2023

The Commander's Corner...



I would like to start by giving our thanks and respect to our Past Commander Neil Dunnington and our Past 2nd Vice George Hurbanek. They both served our Post with big hearts and dedication. Please take time to thank them for all they have done. I would like to thank everyone who attended the Memorial Day Service at Beavertown Cemetery and to the Honor Guard for a great job done. Remembering our veterans who have passed on this special day is what our Post is all about. Thanks also to those who brought covered dishes to the cookout. This was a huge help to all the volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers.

On July 1 the National Commander, Vincent J. "Jim" Triolia will be visiting our Post around 1 pm. Please welcome him and his staff to our great Post.

August 20 is our annual Post picnic. Please bring a covered dish to share. This is also a great time to renew your dues for the coming 2024 membership year.

Thank you to Joe Law, Jim Glaser, George Hurbanek and Kathy Sullivan for doing the lunch cooking for the past two months while Irene was off. That's another example of things that go on behind the scenes. Irene is back and we are very appreciative. Welcome back, Irene. We missed you. Another special thanks goes to all the volunteers who assembled and installed the outside pavilion. Great Job! I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the outside cleanup, planting of flowers and decorating for Memorial Day. It looks great!

Now that George has retired from 2nd Vice he and his wonderful wife continue to help the Post with dinners, lunches and just about any function going on. Thank you George and Mary.

And then there's Past Commander Neil Dunnington. He has been involved in our Post many many years and now that he has retired he still wants to help the Post any way he can. So once again he has stepped up and raised his hand to be chairman of the Complaint Department. This is a huge burden off my shoulders, so again, thanks Neil. P.S. Anyone that would like to join Neil's team please let him know. As of now Neil says it's lonely at the top.

In closing I want to thank all who support this Post: Regular, SAL, Auxiliary, Riders. Without you we would not have a Post. The SAL and Auxiliary have always been a tremendous asset the Post. Although you may not have served in the military, someone in your family has. The Family member who sponsored you was a veteran. That tells me that behind every SAL and Auxiliary member is an honorable veteran who will always be the their heart and this is something we can all be proud of.

Veterans + SAL + Auxiliary = One Legion Family. I am proud to be your Commander. Thank you and God Bless You All. Gavin Long, Commander

From the Auxiliary...

I LOVE SUMMER! Congratulations Girls! Once again, we have been presented with an award, The Helen Peebles Membership Award for the largest numerical increase in membership. New members-we are glad you're here! Summertime is perfect for you to learn more about all the good we do for our veteran community and how much fun we have doing it. Be sure to visit our website at ALA598.ORG for event news and volunteer opportunities.

I LOVE SUMMER! Congratulations to the new Auxiliary Officers! I am blessed again to have the opportunity to work with this amazing team.

I LOVE SUMMER! Back by popular demand is 'Band, Brats & Babes,' July 21.

I LOVE SUMMER! The 'Girls' Team of Diane Tatman, Regina Goldman, Crystal Kahut, Jane Thomas, and Banquet Billy have been hard at work. The 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' wine lunch is scheduled for September 16. Ticket information is available at ALA598.ORG. \$15 Tickets go on sale August 12 when we bring back 'Calypso Grill,' and Island Cookout & Dance Party.

Summer is hot. It's sun and shade. It's water to wade. It's frogs and bugs. It's grass for rugs. It's eating outside, it's a tree-swing ride. It's tomatoes and corn, it's dew in the morn. It's dogs and boys and lots of noise. It's a hot sunny sky, it's Summer, that's why. I LOVE SUMMER!

Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Hello & Greetings Fellow Members.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. At our convention in Marietta in May the SAL received a check from the State for \$200 for the highest percentage increase for a Squadron over 200 members. I want to thank all of our SAL members who made this possible and continue the strong support you have in the past. This past year was our highest membership we have ever had!

Please come out to support Jimmy Morris's Famous Rib dinner on August 11. Tickets for this dinner are pre-sale so get yours early. Also, the SAL will be manning the grills for the annual picnic on August 20. Volunteers are needed and appreciated for all of our functions. Thank you in advance.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family

The Riders Group is growing. We'd like to welcome our newest members Anthony (Tony) Stenton, Theresa (T) Jackson, and Bob McCain. While we are still comparatively small in size, we're committed to supporting the post. Riders 50/50 raffles, \$5.00 ticket for a chance to win \$500, proceeds benefit the Legacy Fund. April and May's winners were pulled. Congratulations to the winners. The drawing for next winner will be on the first Wednesday after 200 tickets are sold. See one of the Riders to purchase yours today! ROMP (Ride on Military Pride). This is an annual State event that we have the pleasure of hosting this year (July 13-15). We'll have riders from across Ohio for a weekend of fun. We invite all Post 598 members to come out and enjoy. On Friday, July 14 we'll have the food truck "Smoking Inferno" with entertainment from "The Hathaways" and "Overdrive". On Saturday, July 15, we have a cook your own Steak Dinner (\$20 which includes a \$5 donation to the legacy fund) with entertainment from "Suburban Riot". Both nights will include various raffles and 50/50s. Everyone is welcome to participate but you must be present to win. If anyone would like to make a donation, please get with Thom Fowler, Frank Burks, or Crystal Hawkey; or you can leave a donation in the Rider's box behind the bar (just give it to one of the bartenders).

A special "THANK YOU" to the Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Family. These groups are helping tremendously with the ROMP. The Riders couldn't pull off this huge event without you. Another "THANK YOU" to all these local businesses sponsoring the event; One More Tavern, Harley-Davidson of Xenia, PJ Promotions, Performance Chrysler Dodge, The By-Jo Theater, Miami Valley Gaming, and Lima Harley Davidson.

On August 21st another milestone event will occur at Post 598. THE National Legacy Run will make an overnight stop at our Post, 300 or more bikes.

Don't forget the Cruise Ins, Riders burgers, hot dogs, Cars, Bikes, and good times, 4th Sunday.

Ride Safe, Stay Safe. Thom Fowler ALR Post 598 and 3rd District Director



Tunnel to Towers GOLF OUTING

Since 9/11, we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001.

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Jasper Hills Golf Course 8:00 am shotgun start
\$80 per player: Includes greens fees, cart, and dinner.

Sign up sheets due by August 19

Any questions, contact Joe Law at 937-572-1431



Girls Just Want to Have Fun
Saturday, September 16
Tickets On Sale August 12
Visit ALA598.ORG

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July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30						1
Buckets of Beer Specials Every Sunday						
There is a possibility of dinners being sold out early						
2	3	4 4th of July Picnic 1-4 pm Bring a covered dish to share Closer to Home 3-6	5 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	6 Riders Meeting 6 pm Aux. Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	7 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6	8
9	10 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	11 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	12 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	13 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Legion Riders Romp	14 Legion Riders Romp Overdrive 6 pm The Hathaways 8 pm	15 Legion Riders Romp
16	17 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	19 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	20 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	21 Band, Brats & Babes 6-8 pm \$5 King's English 7-10	22
23 Cruise In 11 am - 4 pm	24	25	26	27	28 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Element 3 7-10 pm	29
30	31 Planning Meeting 6:30 pm	Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	Burger Nite 5-7 pm	Camping in the Park	Camping in the Park	Camping in the Park

August 2023

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		1	2 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	3 Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm Camping in the Park	4 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Pandora Project 7-10 pm Camping in the Park	5 Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$13 Camping in the Park
6	7 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	8 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	9 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	10 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	11 SAL BBQ Rib Dinner-Pre Sale Tickets \$14 6-8 pm Next in Line 7-10 pm	12 Calypso Grill Island Cookout and Dance \$15.00 6 to 10.
13	14	15 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	16 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	17 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	18 Band, Brats & Babes 6-8 pm \$5 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	19
20 Post Picnic 1-6 pm Please bring covered dish to share	21 Post Eboard Mtg. 6:30 pm National Legacy Run 5 pm	22 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	23 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	24	25 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Loose Cannon 7-10 pm	26 Tunnel 2 Towers Golf Outing 8 am Shotgun start Jasper Hills GC
27 Cruise In 11 am	28	29 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	30 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	31 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30	



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**POST 598 OFFICERS
2023-2024**

Post Officers

Commander	Gavin Long
1st Vice Commander	Joe Law
2nd Vice Commander	Phil Stephenson
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

Phillip Burch	Marvin E. Smith
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Raymond Gillaugh	Thomas Hill-SAL
Wilbur Bill Heinrich	
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Robert Looper	Tom Patterson-SAL
Raul Parra, Sr.	John M. Sullivan-SAL
Robert Shields	

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
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