



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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September/October 2023

The Commander's Corner...



Greetings Everyone:

Fall will soon be here along with the cooler weather! A quick review of July and August. To all the volunteers and officers of this post I would like to thank you for your great support for the many events these past 2 months. Fourth of July picnic, State Legacy Run, dinners, cookouts, Post picnic, National Legacy Run, cruise ins, tunnel 2 towers, golf outings, etc... We could not be successful without YOU !!!

September and October are the 2 months that everyone looks forward too. The men are finally getting done with their honey do list. The ladies are done with their many projects for the summer. Yes, it's football season. We will have the college and NFL games on along with drink specials.

2024 dues are now being taken. Please renew your dues as soon as possible, that helps our great Post. If you know anyone that is eligible to become a member (regular, son, or auxiliary) please bring them in and show them your great Post. Continuing membership is very important for us to continue growing. If you have paid your dues and receive a renewal notice in the mail, please disregard that notice. They are sent by National American Legion and sometimes paperwork has not caught up with them.

We have many projects in the works, concrete repairs, paver brick repairs, along with possible patio expansion or shelter house. These projects will be discussed at the regular membership meetings. September 16th is the Girls Just Want to have fun fundraiser! The proceeds of this event will be going to the Joseph House. Their services and programs deal with addiction, mental illness, suicide, and PTSD. This is enabling them now to serve female veterans in outpatient services. Our National Commander's project this year is BE THE ONE!!! If you know of someone who is in need of help for addiction, mental illness, suicide, or PTSD you CAN BE THE ONE to reach out and get them some help. There are many programs and services out there to help. And as always you can contact me if you need assistance.

Please stop by the Post with your family and friends and support our events. For the Post to be successful we must all support in it some way. Please think about volunteering for events. Regulars, Sons, and Auxiliary equal one Legion family, and because of you we are a successful Post.

I am extremely proud to be your Commander. Thank you, God bless you.

Gavin Long, Commander

From the Auxiliary...

When I took office, my passion was to help improve the lives of our veteran community. Now, in my third year, it is apparent that your support is what keeps us going. Because of you, we have been able to create hundreds of new members and offer aid to thousands of men and women from our armed forces. Whether it be a needed wheelchair, a service dog, or simple care packages to the deployed, we have succeeded in putting smiles on the faces of many.

September 16, the Girls Just Want to Have Fun Lunch is approaching fast. Building on previous years' success, and with the help of Orthopedic Associates, White Allen, and Crown Packaging and all of you, it will even be 'Bigger and Better' in 2023. I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the 'Girls' Team for their commitment and dedication. The 'Girls' Team and I would like to recognize and thank all of you who were so gracious to donate raffle items or a financial contribution.

Lend a Hand – At this year's event we will assemble the largest group of volunteers ever at 598. Please try to participate if you can, and know that 'the strength of our team is our members and the strength of our members is our team.'

Where the Money Goes – Since the inception of GJWTHF, in 2019, our total 4-year revenue is likely to exceed \$80,000 by the conclusion of this year's event. With your help, 2023 will bring us more opportunities to do even more great work for our veterans, the military, and their families. Veterans have sacrificed their time, safety, and sanity to serve the military, but face numerous challenges when they return home. For this reason, I am happy to announce, that 2023 monies are dedicated to the Joseph House which offers treatment and

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recovery programs designed to empower veterans suffering from PTSD and addiction. A new facility, currently under construction, should be complete by the Spring to serve SW Ohio and the whole Tri-State.

For information about GJWTHF, Volunteers, The Joseph House and reservations – ALA598.ORG.

On a personal note - Dear Lord, thank you for watching over my family and friends. Please carry us through difficult times and keep us protected, secured, loved, and blessed.

Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Hello & Greetings Fellow Members.

It's that time of year again for everyone to pay their 2024 dues. The cards are in and you can pay at the Post or mail your dues in. Let's try to all pay early and get another award!!

The SAL has purchased three new flag poles and bases for the flags in the hallway. We also donated \$500 to the Legacy Fund for the Legion Riders. And thanks to all the SAL volunteers who were able to help with this year's ROMP. Everyone did a great job.

A special thanks to Dot's Market for always helping us out with the dinner items we purchase from them during the year.

Just a reminder that our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. I encourage members to come to at least one meeting.

I hope everyone has a safe rest of the summer and thanks to everyone for supporting the SAL and our functions.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family

Thank You Legion Family for the success with the ROMP and Legacy Run. With the help of the Auxiliary, Sons, and Post we reached our GOAL of \$10,000.00 in donations to the American Legion Riders Legacy Fund. We cannot do these events without the Family. Again Thank You!

Sept. 10th is the "Battle of Ohio". Bengals vs. Browns. Riders will be providing Hot Dogs and Brats (as a thank you for all the ROMP help). Donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to Tunnel to Towers. We'll have a 50/50 and a couple football squares sheets. Each quarter a winner will get \$125. Wear your Browns or Bengals swag. Again, all proceeds go to Tunnel to Towers.

September 9th, ride to support Dayton Veterans cemetery Honor Squad, police escort ride. The Cruise In on September 24 last one of the season. Wow It's been a busy summer. October normal ride schedule with a possible Ride to Miami Valley Veterans Museum in Troy.

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



Girls Just Want to Have Fun

Benefit Raffle Lunch Saturday, September 16, 2023

- **ONLY \$15 – You Get:**
- To Celebrate with 600 Friends
- Chicken Salad Lunch
- Whole Bottle of Wine (Beer Option)
- Gift Basket Raffle
- \$20,000 of Gifts Up for Grabs
- Live Band – Authorized Personnel

For Reservations Visit

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September 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30					1 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6	2 OSU @ Indiana 3:30 pm
Buckets of Beer Specials Every Sunday						
3	4 Labor Day Holiday at Home Parade 10am Post Cookout 1-4 pm Bring a covered dish to share	5 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	6 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	7 Aux. Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	8 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$13 Element 3 7-10 pm	9 OSU vs. Youngstown St. 12 pm
10 Bengals @ Browns 1 pm Food 11-2 (see riders letter) Mum Pickup	11 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	12 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	13 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	14 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	15 ⑤ 7-10 pm	16 Girls Just Want To Have Fun OSU @ W. Kentucky 4 pm
17 Omelet Breakfast 10 am-12 pm \$8 Bengals vs. Ravens 1 pm	18 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm Browns vs. Steelers 8:15 pm	19 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	20 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	21 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	22 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Live Your Dream 7-10 pm	23 OSU @ Notre Dame 7:30 pm
24 Cruise In 11 am - 4 pm Browns vs. Titans 1 pm	25 Bengals vs. Rams 8:15 pm Planning Mtg. 6:30 pm	26 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	27 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	28	29 Smoked Pork Chop Dinner 6-7:30 pm \$12 Unless sold out Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	30

October 2023

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1 Browns vs. Ravens 1 pm Bengals vs. Titans 1 pm	2 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	3 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	4 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	5 Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	6 Element 3 7-10 pm	7 OSU vs. Maryland TBA
8 Bengals vs. Cardinals 4:05 pm	9	10 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	11 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	12 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$13 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	14 Aux. Fall Conference OSU @ Purdue TBA
15 Casino Bus Trip Browns @ 49ers 1 pm Bengals vs. Seahawks 1 pm	16 Post Eboard Mtg. 6:30 pm	17 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	18 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	19 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	20 Cabbage Roll Dinner 6-7:30 pm \$12 pre-Sale Pandora Project 7-10 pm	21 OSU vs. Penn State TBA
22 Browns @ Colts 1 pm Euchre Party 1 pm \$10 Buy in	23	24 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	25 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	26	27 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10	28 Adult Halloween Party 7-10 pm Bring a snack to share OSU @ Wisconsin TBA
29 Kids Halloween Party 2-4 pm Browns vs. Seahawks 4:05 pm Bengals @ 49ers 4:25 pm	30	31 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30			



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**POST 598 OFFICERS
2023-2024**

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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
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Gary Goldflies	Gordon Rardon
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Vernon Ingram	Robert Whitehouse

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.

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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