



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2023

The Commander's Corner...



Greetings everyone:

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who participated in the Holiday at Home Parade. Especially the Honor Guard that walked the whole parade route. This is one of the reasons that you are known as the best Honor Guard in Ohio, thanks again. Also, thanks to Rick Sloan of White Allen Chevrolet for loaning us the beautiful trucks we drove in the parade. The ladies Auxiliary did a wonderful job with the Girls Just Want To Have Fun benefit. Thank you, ladies and all the volunteers, for having such a successful event for the Joseph House.

The golf outing the Post had to benefit Tunnel 2 Towers was a great success for our first year. Thanks to all the volunteers: Reg., Sal., Aux., We donated \$10,000.00 to them. We are planning on having this event again next year. Donations are now being accepted for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets along with the Marines Toys For Tots program. Please donate to these great programs. Cases of canned goods and nonperishable items are needed. (Please don't clean out your cupboards and donate expired items). Monetary donations are also accepted. Please see any Post officer (Reg, Sal, Aux) for additional information.

Now that winter is here hopefully all our outside maintenance projects are complete for the year. The Post is in a great financial position thanks to all the members, volunteers, and Post officers. Please continue to support the Post that you, the members, are what makes the functions successful. To all the volunteers, I can't thank you enough for your continued loyalty. Let's face it, any private club that continually finishes financially in the black in these economic times is doing so because of the tremendous support of our members, volunteers and Legion workers.

Dues are due. If you haven't paid already please try to do so before December 31. Key cards will be turned off January 1 if your dues are not paid. Enjoy the holidays with your families and friends thank you and God Bless you,

Gavin Long, Commander

From the Auxiliary...

BELIEVE... If you watch the Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving morning, you'll see the backdrop with the word "BELIEVE." Christmas is about BELIEVING in things with a childlike sense of wonder. When I gaze at the glitter, the lights, the wreaths, and the tinsel I think of that magical feeling I felt as a young girl on Christmas morning. This Christmas morning, please take a few minutes to think about all the soldiers and troops who could not be home. Let's wish them a safe and joyful Holiday Season.

Thank you, Orthopedic Associates, White Allen, Crown Packaging, RetireMed, and the countless donors and attendees for BELIEVING in our 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' project. See the RESULTS at ALA598.ORG to see all the good our Auxiliary has done with the \$25,000 raised.

'Fun at 598' is the theme. If you BELIEVE you have a 'Fun' photo, please submit it on the website. Who knows, you just might win \$100.

Congratulations to 1st Vice, Sara Schwager, and the entire Auxiliary Board for successfully growing and keeping up with the Largest Membership in 598 history. I BELIEVE our members are very generous with their time and efforts to support veterans and local families in need. Be sure to keep your eyes open in the lobby and see how your gifts of clothing and food will make a brighter Christmas to those who depend on our American Legion Auxiliary.

Our Auxiliary has yet again surpassed expectations. From the volunteers to all the members and the Board, we continued to do amazing things to support those in need.

I wish you and your families love and happiness, this Thanksgiving and Christmas, as we embrace all our 2023 accomplishments and continue to build an even stronger team with even greater things to come. Always BELIEVE in yourself! It is because of you that we have been able to give so much to our Veterans and the community. This Christmas be sure to Dance, Smile, Laugh, Love, and always BELIEVE.

Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Hello & Greetings Fellow Members.

It's been another great year for the SAL as we reached the highest membership we have ever had this past year. Thanks for the continued support of the SAL and our functions all year long. The SAL donated over \$18,500 to various charities and to our Post to support our growing membership. A special thanks to Dot's Market over the past year for their support of our Legion and also to Belmont Catering.

As a reminder, our SAL meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30. We always encourage members to show up and learn more about our activities.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family

The riding season maybe winding down but that doesn't mean we go in hibernation for the winter....you'll still see us around the Post. In fact, we hope you join us for some football on November 25 as the Ohio State Buckeyes take care of business against the Michigan Wolverines. We're planning a chili cookoff with a Nacho Bar. Details will be posted around the Post. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Christmas Party and other toy drives in the area. Get your chili recipes ready.

Rider dues for 2024 can be paid at the November or December meeting or by placing your dues in the riders box behind the bar (make sure your name is on the envelope and give to a bartender) \$12. Or mail dues to Kettering Post 598 attention Legion Riders.

People still ride when the weather turns cold. Always look twice for motorcycles, especially at night. It's with a heavy heart I have to announce we lost a Legion Rider from the Mason Post 194 recently. Additionally, one of our own was in a serious accident this summer. Both these accidents could have been avoided and were at no fault of the riders. I'm seeing announcements of Legion Riders being in accidents due to distracted driving. Put down the cell phones, remove the distractions, and save a life.

Holiday's 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!

Thanks again to everyone who supported us in 2023, it was a banner year for both fundraising and for fun. We can not be successful without the Legion Family! Thank You.

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



Post 598 will be a drop off location for the Toys for Tots this year. There will be a collection box in the main hallway. Please bring your donations to brighten the Christmases of underprivileged children. Thank you.

New Year's Eve with Next in Line!!!

*Get your tickets early to reserve
your table for this popular event.
Tickets go on sale November 25.*

*We will have food and party
favors available but you are
more than welcome to bring
snacks for your table if you
so desire.*



THE NUTCRACKER

**COMES TO
CHRISTMAS
DINNER & SHOW**

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16
5PM**

**CHICKEN PICCATA DINNER
\$15 ADULTS \$10 UNDER 12
RESERVATIONS IN LOBBY**

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November 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 Riders Meeting 6 pm	2 Aux. Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	3 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	4
5	6 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	7 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	8 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	9 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$13 The Hills 7-10 pm	11 Veterans Day Ham and Bean Soup Noon till Gone TWIGS Festival of Trees
12	13	14 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	15 Book Club 5:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	16 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	17 Free Jukebox 7-10 pm	18 Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 pm \$12
19	20 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Blood Drive 12:30-6:30 pm Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Post Opens at 5 pm NO DRAWINGS	24 Free Jukebox 7-10 pm	25 OSU/Michigan Noon Riders Chili Cookoff during the game
26	27 Planning Mtg. 6:30 pm	28 Dinner Special Tacos \$5.00 5-6:45 pm	29 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	30		

December 2023

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King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30					Buckets of Beer Specials Every Sunday	
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31 New Year's Eve						



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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
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Road Captain	Rocky Richardson
Chaplain	Steve Rawlins

Post Everlasting

Lin Erdman	David K. Miller-SAL
George Farkas	Don Welz-SAL
Bill Long	
Gerald Saylor	Sarah Lenhoff-Aux
James Solarek	
Charles Vaughn	

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

Memorial Walkway and Tree Planting Programs

"Heritage of Freedom" Memorial Walkway and the Commemorative Tree Planting Programs are available to all members to assist in the beautification of Post 598. Informational handouts with order forms are available in the lobby.

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