



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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March/April 2024

### The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Hopefully we are two months away from good weather, which will allow us to start our outdoor activities again with backyard Fridays with bands, cookouts, picnics, and car shows. March and April we will be having our indoor activities. Check the calendar and please support these functions. I would like to bring to your attention that when you visit the Post you may be asked to show your up-to-date membership card so please carry your card on you when visiting the Post at all times.

We are looking in to doing some renovations around the Post that have been discussed at our last two membership meetings. Here is a preview of 3 different phases of the projects.

Phase 1: Expand out from the existing gaming machines which will allow us easier access to all machines. It will also allow us to install more gaming machines. By state law we are allowed 10 machines. At this time we have 6. On the opposite side of the Legion entrance there will be a storage room addition that will be a mirror image of the gaming room addition. These will be located on the north and south side of the Post entrance.

Phase 2: Will be looking into remodeling and expanding the current outside patio area. The current patio is old and deteriorating and this area is not large enough to handle our growing membership. If you have any ideas for this outdoor project, please write them down or take pictures of the other patios, pavilions. etc. that can be enclosed during the winter. Please give me your ideas in writing.

Phase 3: Design a new bar in the banquet hall room. Location possibly on the east wall and look into possible improvements to the hall so it can be used for Legion functions when needed. Then possibly expanding the kitchen into the existing bar area in the banquet room.

Keep in mind all these projects will be discussed and voted on by the regular membership at the regular membership meetings. These projects will take some time due to planning, architect drawing, permits, contractors, and membership approval.

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers who make all of our functions possible. To all the members that support the functions, Thank you. Please, when you come up for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, picnics etc. please be patient. We are not a McDonalds or a chain restaurant. We are an American Legion. Say thank you to a volunteer for all they do for you and our Post. A simple pat on the back goes along way. Be courteous, don't tell a volunteer that they are not doing things right. Everyone has an opinion. If your opinion is a negative one please keep it to yourself. They are just trying to help the Post be successful. It is not a good idea to bite the hand that feeds you anyway. Fortunately, this only pertains to one percent of our membership. So please be nice and most of all don't be a member of the one percenters!

Regular+ SAL+ AUX = One Legion Family

Thank you, God Bless you

Gavin Long, Post 598 Commander

### From the Auxiliary...

There's an illness that has been documented by poets for centuries. Its symptoms include a flushed face, increased heart rate, appetite loss, restlessness, and daydreaming. It's **Spring Fever**, that wonderful amorphous disease we all recognize this time of year.

Spring is nature's way of saying "Lets Party." And why not because our Auxiliary really has a lot to celebrate. First thing to celebrate is our membership number which is currently at 725, another all-time high. It is so great to see all the new faces! Second thing we must celebrate is that through our dedication, teamwork, creativity, and volunteers, we were able to give \$45,000 in 2023 Auxiliary donations to our veteran community. My personal gratitude and sincere thanks go out to all the board members and the hundreds of volunteers that make 598 a better place.

Be sure to visit ALA598.Org to see all our exciting Spring events. New this year is a Quarter Auction on April 19. Also, please join us April 21 when we welcome new members, during our New Member Orientation, while they learn more about 598.

A little bird, he told me so. He said, "come on, get on the go. Open your eyes, the sky is full of butterflies." The blossoms on the trees stir up the honeybees. Spring makes my fever right. Spring Fever. ~ Elvis Presley

Happy Easter! And again, a huge thank you for all you do to make this a truly amazing Auxiliary and a welcoming place for all our new members! Erica Kubea, ALA 598 President

## From the SAL...

Hello & Greetings Fellow Members. I would like to thank all of you for a great 2023. We will have over 500 SAL members for the coming years. This is a record for Squadron 598! Please keep supporting our dinners and events to make this next year even more successful.

Special thanks to Dot's Market for supplying the fish and sausage for our last fish fry. Look for our upcoming events in March and April.

We donated \$1000 to Finally Home. This project uses horse therapy to help veterans and first responders. Another \$1000 was donated to Blue Star Mothers who send care packages to our troops all over the world.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Spring.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

## From the Riders...

Legion Family - Greetings from the Riders. At our February meeting, we set some goals for 2024. These included events we want to host at the Post, and charities we want to support. I'm happy to announce we'll be hosting our first ever breakfast on April 13. As always, all proceeds go to charity, which will be Sophie's Companions for this event. This is a local charity that matches service dogs with Vets suffering from PTSD. We hope you will come out and join us.

Despite the weather being "iffy", riding season is upon us. Be sure to do your safety checks. Google "T-CLOCS" which will give you a good reminder of all the checks you should perform before riding for the first time. Lastly, Look Twice and save a life! Be sure to look out for motorcycles on the road. We've already encountered one accident in the Legion family this year. Slow down, and please put the cell phones away.

Welcome to our newest member, Dee Burks. If you're interested in joining, please see a rider or grab an application by the front door. On behalf of the riders, God Bless. Frank Burks, ALR Post 598 Director

At last year's National Convention it was voted on to raise dues \$5 beginning in 2025. They are accepting dues for 3 years in advance (2025-2027) for the same yearly price we currently pay. (\$40 per year)

## April 15

Wear purple to show your support for children of military members.



**TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**  
**APRIL 8 2024**

\$8 Lunch Special 11-1:30pm  
When the Moon Covers the Sun,  
The Mashed Potatoes  
Will Cover your Meatloaf.  
Includes Veg, Dessert, & Solar  
Glasses

## Sunday, March 17

## St. Patrick's Day

- 10 – 12pm Omelet Breakfast \$8
- 12 – 4pm Fun & Games
- 4 – 5pm Where's the Whiskey?
- 2 – 6pm Irish Dinner Menu \$8
- 5 – 9pm Karaoke
- 8pm – Irish Superbowl Results

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## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30</b>					<b>King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30</b>	
					<b>1</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Free Jukebox 7-10 pm	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Euchre Tournament 1 until finished \$10	<b>4</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	<b>5</b> Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>6</b> Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>7</b> Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Element 3 7 - 10 pm	<b>9</b> Golf League Meeting 1 pm SAL Broasted Chicken Dinner 5-7 pm \$12
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>13</b> DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>14</b> Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Aux Baked Ziti Dinner 6 pm-7:30 pm \$12	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Green Eggs & Ham Omelette Breakfast 10 am-Noon \$8 St. Patrick's Day Noon - 9 pm	<b>18</b> Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> March Madness Starts Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>20</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>21</b> Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	<b>22</b> Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Mind Reels 7-10 pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Kids Easter Party 2-4 pm <b>31</b> Happy Easter	<b>25</b> Planning Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>27</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>28</b> Reds Opening Day vs. Washington 4:10 pm	<b>29</b> Good Friday Fish & Chips, Cole Slaw 6-8 \$9 Blackjack Tourny Following Supper	<b>30</b> Easter Dinner Baked Ham 5-7 pm \$12 Karaoke 6-9 pm

## April 2024

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	<b>1</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Nominations of Post Officers Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	<b>2</b> Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>3</b> Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>4</b> Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia with Nora 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	<b>6</b> Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$15
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Solar Eclipse Party Lunch Special \$8 Includes eclipse glasses Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5-8 pm	<b>9</b> SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>10</b> DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>11</b> Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15.00 The Martha's 7-10 pm	<b>13</b> Riders AYCE Breakfast 10-Noon \$10
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<b>21</b> Auxillary New Member Orientation 2 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	<b>24</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Free Jukebox 7-10 pm	<b>27</b>
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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	Jim Morris
2nd Vice Commander	Bob Tonar
Finance Officer	Joe Law
Adjutant	Tom Storck
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robin Peck
Chaplain	Joe Law
Advisor	

**Riders Officers**

Director	Frank Burks
Asst. Director	Brett Hawkey
Secretary	Crystal Hawkey
Treasurer	Jerry Zennie
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Whitaker
Road Captain	Rocky Richardson
Chaplain	Steve Rawlins

**Post Everlasting**

Richard Bieser	Ronald Honeycutt
John Buell	David Lutey
Isaac Chaney	
Randall Clark	Mike Farmer-SAL
Gerald Coy	Tracie Ferrel-Aux.
Greg Dague	Shirley Goodrich-Aux.
Robert Homberger	Kaye Lehnhoff-Aux.

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.

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Anyone needing the services of Post 598 Honor Guard should contact:

Jim O'Neil  
937-789-9985  
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937-433-9327.

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