



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598
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May/June 2024

The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Hopefully the cold weather is behind us and the outside activities can begin. As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, construction prints are complete for Phase 1 which is the expansion of the gaming and storage rooms. We will be starting the bidding process with general contractors in the month of May. Once we have all the bids they will be discussed and voted on at the regular monthly meeting.

I would like to thank all the members who donated items to the tornado relief drive we had here at the Post. The items were delivered to the Bellefontaine Post which is the central command Post for the relief effort. They greatly appreciated the donations.

Our Post was well represented.

We had a great St. Patrick's Day and Easter kids party. Thanks to Bill Thomas, Rachael Sparaco and all the volunteers. Once again volunteers are what keeps our Post alive. Pictured below are some of our great volunteers. I can't thank them enough for their hard work and the many hours they have dedicated to our Post.

Thank you again as always: Regular + SAL + AUX= One Legion family.

God Bless You

Gavin Long

Commander Post 598

Our Weekly Volunteers



Taco Night

Mike Brecht, Mary Hurbanek, Kathleen Allan,
Shelly Boyd, George Hurbanek,
Charlie Poeppelmeier, Pat Allan



Burger Night

Mary Hurbanek, Mike Brecht, Pat Kelly,
Kathy Sullivan, Sheila Davidson, George Hurbanek,
Madonna Spaeth, Not Pictured: Pam Folz, Joe Law

From the Auxiliary...

Summertime. The official start of Summer is June 20, though many consider Memorial Day the kickoff of the season. No matter which way you slice it, brace yourself. Summer is coming! For the Auxiliary, our explosive Summer Season Blasts off on May 9 with the election of officers at the first Auxiliary Member Meeting of our 2024-25 year. Over the last three years, our Auxiliary has accomplished so much - many successes along with a lot of fun times. A huge thank you to the board, the members, and all the volunteers - without you it could not be done!

We won't be wasting any time as we jump into our first event when we bring back the very popular, Flying Pancake Breakfast on May 11, now sponsored by RetireMed. Backyard Fridays, Holiday Picnics, Cruise-Ins and more will keep us busy until we finish the season with our biggest event of the year, 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' on September 14. We plan to celebrate our 5th Anniversary as our 5-year goal surpasses \$100,000 in monies raised. Dayton-based, national restaurant group, Hot Head Burritos will join our 2024 list of sponsors that already includes Orthopedic Associates, White Allen, Crown Packaging, and many more. Please visit ALA598.Org for a list of businesses that deserve your support.

Something new for 2024. Many at 598 are already at or approaching Medicare age. Medicare can seem overwhelming. You're likely being bombarded with mail and commercials about Medicare that are confusing. Don't worry; help is here! Keep your eye on the calendar, as our friends at RetireMed will come to the Post and present quarterly information meetings, answer questions, and discuss your medical needs.

"And it's two bare feet on the dashboard, young love and an old Ford, cheap shades, and a tattoo and a Yoo-Hoo bottle on the floorboard. Perfect song on the radio, sing along 'cause it's one we know, it's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine, its summertime, Sweet Summertime." ~ Kenny Chesney
Erica Kubea, ALA 598 President

From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer coming up. The SAL will be running the grill for the Memorial Day Picnic and any volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Also, we will be having our "famous" smoked pork chop dinner in June.

Our State convention will be in Findlay this year in May and we will be donating \$3000 to various charities. Thanks to your continued support of our dinners we can make this happen and help veterans in many ways.

Just a reminder, every SAL member is encouraged to attend our meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

For those that served...

Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family. A big thanks to everyone who was able to come out and support our first Riders Breakfast. All funds raised went to "Sophie's Companions". This non-profit is located right here in the Dayton area. Their mission is to rescue animals from kill shelters, rehab them into service dogs, and eventually match them with a veteran suffering from PTSD or other ailment. The riders felt this was a great cause, supporting both our local charities and our veterans. If you'd like more info on Sophie's Companions, their website is "www.sophiesanimalfund.com".

Many of you have asked if the Riders are going to do the \$500 50/50 again. We will start these raffles back up in May, and try our hardest to pull a \$500 winner each month. Remember, only 200 tickets per drawing, they go fast.

We'd also like to welcome our newest Riders: Ron Seaton, Diana Geiger, and Lucas "LJ" Richardson. At just 12 years old, LJ just might be the youngest rider in Ohio, or even in all of the American Legion. LJ began riding with his Grandma (Sherry Richardson) and Grandpa (Rocky Richardson) and can't get enough of the fun. So, who can be a Legion Rider? To be a Rider you must be a legion member (Regular, SAL or Aux), own a motorcycle and have a motorcycle endorsement. To be a support group Rider, you only need to be a member of the legion. On behalf of the Riders, God Bless

Frank Burks, ALR Post 598 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 24, 2024

Twin Base Golf Course 8:00 am shotgun start
\$80 per player: Includes greens fees, cart, and dinner.
Sign up sheets due by August 1
Any questions, contact Joe Law at 937-572-1431

We are accepting sponsors and hole sponsors. Please look for sponsorship forms in the literature holder next to the ATM in the front hall.

Flying Pancake Breakfast

**All-U-Can-Eat
Pancake & Sausage
Bring the Whole Family
Saturday, May 11, 9-Noon
Tickets On Sale May 1, Adults \$10
\$5 Under 12 - Under 5 Free**

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)

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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30			1 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	2 Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	3 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Jody & Billy 7-10 pm	4 Flower Pick Up 3-5 pm Post Steak Fry 5-7 pm \$13 Kentucky Derby 6:57 pm Video Races to follow
5 Cinco de Mayo 3rd District Convention Post 598 Sign in-11 am convention starts at noon	6 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Election Of Officers 11 am-5:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	7 Coney Dogs and Homemade Bake Beans 5-7 pm \$6	8 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	9 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	11 Pancake Breakfast 9 - 12 \$10 Mother's Day Dinner 5-7 pm \$12 Moms eat free
12 Happy Mother's Day	13	14 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Blood Drive 12:30-6:30 pm Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	15 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	16 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	17 Babes & Brats 7-10 pm \$5 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	18
19 Omelet Breakfast 10 am - Noon \$8.00 Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available	20 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	21 Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	22 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	23	24 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Loose Cannons 7-10 pm	25
26	27 Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am Beavertown Cemetery	28	29 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	30 Euchre Tournament 1 until finished \$10	31 Element 3 7-10 pm	
31	Cook Out 1-4 pm Bring a covered dish to share	Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6				

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Buckets of Beer Specials Every Sunday					King of Clubs Drawing Every Monday Nite 7:30		1 Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$15
2	3 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm	4 Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	5 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	6 Aux. Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	7 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Tom Renfro 7-10 pm	8	
9	10	11 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Medicare Info Sessions 2 pm Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	12 DAV Meeting 7 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	13 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	14 Broasted Pork Chop Dinner 6-7:30pm \$12 Flag Day Ceremony 6 pm Pandora Project 7-10 pm	15 Father's Day Dinner \$12 Dads Eat Free Guitars for Heroes 7-10 pm	
16 Happy Father's Day	17 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	18 Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	19 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	20 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	21 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 B-Caged 7-10 pm	22	
Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available	23	24	25	26	27	28 Next in Line 7-10 pm	
30		Tacos 5-6:45 pm \$6	Burger Nite 5-7 pm				



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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	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	Mike Schrek
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	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

Gregorio Baldemor	Stephanie Treadway-Aux
Harry Crowe	Aux
Patrick Grady	
Palle Larson	Ron Jervis-SAL
John O'Donnell	

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.

Keith Eastman, 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