



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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July/August 2024

### The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone; summer is finally here along with all our outdoor activities. The expansion of the gaming and storage rooms at this time is being reviewed by general contractors for bid. Our goal is to have chosen the contractor for these jobs by July. I can tell you one thing, nothing happens quickly in this construction and bidding process. Our parking lot repairs and sealing are complete along with new striping. A job well done.

The membership dues are being increased by National and State. This has forced us to increase our yearly dues to \$50.00. This is for Veterans, SAL, and Auxiliary effective for 2025. We have a great club here so don't let this minor increase scare you away. There have been many repairs, upgrades and monthly maintenance projects completed this year along with the ongoing preventive maintenance program. I would like to thank the building committee and their volunteers for all the great work they do to keep our building and property in great shape. I know it's a never-ending job. I would also like to thank the many Post volunteers that make our Post steak dinners very successful. Once again, without these volunteers these dinners would not be possible. From all our post 598 members thank you for everything you do!

Pictured below are some of our great volunteers. I cant 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 Volunteers



#### Steak Dinner

Pam Folz, Gale Peck, Sheila Davidson, Mary Poeppelmeier, Bob McGuire, Charlie Poeppelmeier, Jeff Miller, Mary Hurbanek, George R. Hurbanek II, George Hurbanek, George Hurbanek III. Not Pictured: Joe Law, Betsy Law.



#### Building Committee

Mike Schreck, Mark Snead, Charlie Poeppelmeier, Jeremy George, Mike Webb, Gavin Long, Jeff Brooks, Mike Patterson. Not Pictured: Neil Dunnington, Jeff Hill, Lou Fischer, Steve O'Donnel.

### From the Auxiliary...

Happy 5th Anniversary to 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun.' GJWTHF is an annual wine lunch that benefits a plethora of veteran causes. In only 4 years we have managed to distribute more than \$75,000. This is the year that we surpass \$100,000 in support of our veteran community since our beginning. Our 2023 efforts recently came to fruition a few weeks ago with the grand opening of the new Joseph House facility which treats veterans for PTSD and addiction. Monies from our upcoming 5th Anniversary will be used to support the work of our local Blue Star Mothers. GJWTHF is scheduled for September 14. Tickets go on sale August 1. Please visit ALA598.Org for event details and to see how you can be part of the party.

For the first time ever, August 11 is Auxiliary's Day at the Dayton Dragons (deadline July 11). Bring in your own snacks on July 21 for 'Sunday at the Races.' Imagine the suspense of betting where your every heartbeat syncs with the pounding hooves on the racetrack. Euchre is back on the calendar for July 14 and give us a try on August 9 when we offer something a bit new and 'fresh,' a Baked White Fish Dinner and Dance.

"Congratulations" to the recently elected 2024-2025 Auxiliary Officers. Let's celebrate an amazing team. This same group has been together for quite a few years. They are **Team Players**, and their record-breaking accomplishments are a result of their **knowledge, persistence, patience, and dedication**. They don't sit back; they are extremely **proactive**, and they are **available** for any good cause. As we look to the future, we are always looking for more fresh faces with fresh ideas. If any of the "**bolded**" attributes above sound like you, let us know. We would love to nurture a new group of leaders and celebrate your election success at the 2025 Auxiliary Spring election. Erica Kubea, ALA 598 President

## From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

Summertime is here and I hope everyone comes out to our upcoming events. We will be having our Jimmy Morris Rib Dinner on August 20 so buy your pre-sale tickets early. On August 30 we will be having a Frog Leg Dinner. Tickets must be bought by August 21.

A special thanks and congratulations to Mark Snead. He celebrated his 50th year as an SAL member.

This year we received the Mike Wiswell Award for greatest percentage increase in membership in our size category in the state.

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: On June 6, D-Day, a few of Post 598 Riders visited 10 Legions throughout our area. This was our way to honor the memory of those who came before us and enjoy brotherhood and camaraderie with our fellow Legion Posts. Over 250 miles, but the mission was accomplished.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Italian Sausage Hoagie Dinner. We had a ton of positive feedback...we will be doing this again a few more times this summer. We raised a good amount of money which made me want to emphasize what we do with the money we raise through our different events and raffles. The following charities are our focus for 2024: Tunnel to Towers, American Legion Legacy Fund, Save A Warrior, Caratas of Lebanon, Sophie's Companions, Toys for Tots, Post 598 children events (Easter, Christmas, etc.), The Fisher House, and we're considering a few more to include the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Freedom 13 Organization. With that said, any time you support our events, rest assured your funds are going to a good cause, and again Thank You!

August 24 will be our first Poker Run hosted by Post 598. While most of the riding will be away from the Post we will have a band that night and there will be food available. Please come out and join in the fun. Cars are welcome to join us on the poker run. Keep an eye out around the Post for more information.

In closing, a special thank you to Butch Wiegand, our Rider of the Month. Butch is our head chef, our comedian, and our father-figure...thanks for all you do Butch. If you see Butch around the Post, please give him a slap on the back. Please welcome our newest Rider, Jim "Gunner" Kelly.

Lastly, Advice from Thom: Never trust anyone with two first names or if they wear a belt and suspenders.

On behalf of the Riders, God Bless. Director, Frank Burks.



Mark Snead receives a certificate for 50 years of continuous SAL membership.



**Girls Just Want to Have Fun**  
Benefit Raffle Lunch  
Saturday, September 14, 2024  
Go to [ALA598.org](http://ALA598.org) for more details.

Tunnel to Towers Poker Run  
Kickstands up 12 Noon at KSU  
Thunderhead Band 6-9 pm  
Food available at the Post



### 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.

Payment due at time of team submission.

Sign up sheets due by August 1

Any questions, contact

Joe Law at 937-572-1431

If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor or hole sponsor please look for sponsorship forms in the literature holder next to the ATM in the front hall.

Special thanks to all our members who were sponsors last year.

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## July 2024

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                          | <i>Monday</i>                                                         | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                                               | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                           | <i>Thursday</i>                                                                                       | <i>Friday</i>                                                                                 | <i>Saturday</i>                                                       |
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|                                                                                                        | <b>1</b><br>Regular Post Meeting<br>6:30 pm<br>Aux. Bake Sale<br>6 pm | <b>2</b>                                                                                     | <b>3</b><br>Riders Meeting<br>6 pm                                                         | <b>4</b><br>Cookout at the Post<br>1-4 pm<br>Bring covered dish to share                              | <b>5</b><br>Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich<br>6-7:30 pm \$6<br>Daved n Confused<br>7-10 pm  | <b>6</b>                                                              |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                               | <b>8</b>                                                              | <b>9</b><br>SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm<br>Aux E-Board 6:30 pm<br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6 | <b>10</b><br>DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm<br>Cut off for Euchre<br>ALA598.org<br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm | <b>11</b><br>Aux. Regular Mtg. 6:30 pm<br>Cut off for Dayton Dragons game<br>Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm | <b>12</b><br>Department Convention<br>The Hills<br>7-10 pm<br>Camping in the Park             | <b>13</b><br>Department Convention<br>Camping in the Park             |
| <b>14</b><br>Department Convention<br>Euchre 1 pm<br>Reservations<br>ALA598.org<br>Camping in the Park | <b>15</b><br>Post Executive Meeting<br>6:00 pm                        | <b>16</b><br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6                                           | <b>17</b><br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm                                                         | <b>18</b><br>Trivia w/ Nora<br>6:30 pm                                                                | <b>19</b><br>Riders Italian Sausage Hoagie<br>5:30 til gone \$7<br>Hearts on Fire<br>7-10 pm  | <b>20</b><br>SAL BBQ RIBS<br>5-7 pm \$15<br>Pre-sale tickets required |
| <b>21</b><br>Sunday At The Races<br>2 pm<br>Bring a Snack                                              | <b>22</b>                                                             | <b>23</b><br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6                                           | <b>24</b><br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm                                                         | <b>25</b>                                                                                             | <b>26</b><br>Shrimp Dinner<br>Baked Potato or Fries<br>6-7:30 pm \$10<br>Element 3<br>7-10 pm | <b>27</b>                                                             |
| <b>28</b><br>Cruise In<br>11 am-?<br>Food Available                                                    | <b>29</b><br>Planning Meeting<br>6:00 pm                              | <b>30</b><br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6                                           | <b>31</b><br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm                                                         | <b>Lunch Served Every Monday-Friday 11:30-1:30</b>                                                    |                                                                                               |                                                                       |

## Aug. 2024

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                                       | <i>Monday</i>                                                        | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                            | <i>Wednesday</i>                                          | <i>Thursday</i>                                                                                  | <i>Friday</i>                                                                                   | <i>Saturday</i>                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Text AL598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events &amp; notices.</b>                                            |                                                                      |                                                                           |                                                           | <b>1</b><br>Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm<br>GJWTHF tickets go on sale<br>Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm | <b>2</b><br>Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich<br>6-7:30 pm \$6<br>Daved n Confused<br>7-10 pm    | <b>3</b><br>Post Steak Fry<br>Cooked To Order<br>5-7 pm \$15                                                           |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                            | <b>5</b><br>Regular Post Meeting<br>6:30 pm<br>AUX Bake Sale<br>6 pm | <b>6</b><br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6                         | <b>7</b><br>Riders Meeting 6 pm<br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm  | <b>8</b><br>Aux. Regular Meeting<br>6:30 pm                                                      | <b>9</b><br>AUX Baked Fish Dinner<br>6-7:30 pm \$14<br>Spill the Wine<br>7-10 pm                | <b>10</b>                                                                                                              |
| <b>11</b><br>Auxiliary Day at the Dayton Dragons<br>1 pm                                                            | <b>12</b>                                                            | <b>13</b><br>SAL Meeting 6:30 pm<br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6 | <b>14</b><br>DAV Meeting 7:30 pm<br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm | <b>15</b><br>Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm<br>Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm                                  | <b>16</b><br>Riders Italian Sausage Hoagie<br>5:30 til gone \$7<br>Hearts on Fire<br>7-10 pm    | <b>17</b>                                                                                                              |
| <b>18</b><br>Post Picnic 1-6 pm<br>Food served 1-4<br>Bring a covered dish to share<br>Guitars For Heroes<br>5-8 pm | <b>19</b><br>Post Executive Meeting<br>6:00 pm                       | <b>20</b><br>Tuesday Night Dinner<br>5-6:45 pm \$6                        | <b>21</b><br>Burger Nite<br>5-7 pm                        | <b>22</b>                                                                                        | <b>23</b><br>Shrimp Dinner<br>Baked Potato or Fries<br>6-7:30 pm \$10<br>Element 3<br>7-10 pm   | <b>24</b><br>Tunnel to Towers Golf Outing<br>Twin Base Golf Course<br>Poker Run-KSU Noon<br>Thunderhead Band<br>6-9 pm |
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**POST 598 OFFICERS  
2024-2025**

**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**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Leonard Garten   | Pearl “Annie”     |
| Howard L. Martin | Shropshire-Aux.   |
| Gilbert Thurman  | Judi Schlenk-Aux. |

Bob Ellis-SAL  
Michael Landis-SAL  
Vince Zahora-SAL

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.

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Visit: [americanlegionpost598.net](http://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**