



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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March/April 2025

The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Hopefully the snow, ice, and frigid temperatures are passed us at this time. With spring on the way hopefully we will be able to start some of our outdoor activities in the near future. With phase one of the expansion complete Phase 2 is in the process with architects preliminary drawing that will be viewed and discussed at the next 2 membership meetings and voted on to decide if we still want to proceed further in depth with this project. We have been getting a large amount of membership cards sent back to us from the post office (return to sender) because the address we have on file is incorrect. If you have moved, please notify us with your new address. If you are a member and have not purchased your key card for the front door entry, please do so at this time.

Pictured below are our latest recipients of Post 598 quilts of Valor. Congratulations to Bill Minser, Jack Knisely, Jr., and Jim O'Neil. All 3 are Vietnam Veterans and we Thank you for your service to our country.

I am including a few of our end of year expenses for 2024:

AES Ohio Electric: \$20, 235.25; Alcor paper supplies bar and kitchen \$21,151.01; Center point gas \$5,833.64; Montgomery Co. Water/Sewer \$6, 355.75; Rumpke \$ 7,344.62; Post property insurance \$24,018.60; Charitable donations and Veterans sponsored events \$ 255,443.74. This is only a portion of our annual expenses. We finished the year in the black financially. The reason for that is due to the great membership and officers we have.

On April 7th we will be having nominations for officers at our regular Post meeting. Please try to attend that meeting and nominate the candidate of your choice.

To all the volunteers that help make this Post #1 in Ohio Thank you for everything you do!

This is the reason that REG=SAL+AUX+Riders= One great legion family.
God bless you, Commander, Gavin Long

Quilts of Valor Recipients



Jim O'Neil, Bill "Chopper" Minser, Jack Knisely, Jr.

From the Auxiliary...

Auxiliary 598 has a mission of 'Service not Self.' It is a mission to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families. That brings us to looking forward into a new year. Inspired by our 598 Community, we will continue to pursue our mission and inspire others that our combined strength has a greater purpose. Our Auxiliary continues to live this mission in significant ways.

Growing Stronger Together-Like the first buds of spring, our membership is flourishing. Spring symbolizes growth and what a way to start Spring with the growth of our Auxiliary memberships! New beginnings, new members-our numbers continue to soar. A huge welcome to all the new members. It is so great to have you here. We are planning a New Member Orientation-look for more details coming soon.

Celebrating Our Volunteers-“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”-Mother Teresa. Small acts have great impact-every ounce of help matters! April is National Volunteer Month, and I can’t think of a better time to say **THANK YOU!** Here’s to all the volunteers, those dedicated people who give selflessly of their time, talent and treasures. **THANK YOU** for all you do, small or big, because you make our Legion a better place.

Spring Initiatives-“Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it’s a rebirth of the spirit.”-Toni Sorenson. We continue to look for ways to strengthen our mission to support the American Legion and enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families. This can not be done without you! Please consider joining our monthly Auxiliary meetings-your voice matters! It is a great time to meet new friends and contribute your ideas. We are looking forward to our first Craft Sale March 29th. This was an idea brought forth from one of our members!

This is your chance to be a bigger part of Auxiliary 598. Are you interested in being on the Auxiliary Board? If so, please see Jane Thomas for more information. Nominations are in April with election occurring in May.

Moving Forward Together-Our success stems from unity. We share our success with the Post, the SAL and the Riders. Our unity and togetherness are what makes the magic happen.

Erica Kubea, Unit 598 President

From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

As we enter springtime we look forward to having another successful year. If you have not paid your 2025 dues please do so. We are sooo close to reaching our quota and a chance to win some money at Detachment Convention.

I would like to thank all of the people who come out and supported our Fish Fry in January. Please come out and try our Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner on March 21!

Nominations of officers will be held in April so if you are interested in getting more involved in your SAL please attend the meeting. I encourage all SAL members to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

For those that served...Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family. Spring is around the corner. Time to get the bikes ready for riding season. Be sure to check tires (pressure and tread depth) and brakes. Ensure all lights and turn signals are working. Check all fluids. A more thorough checklist can be found by Googling “T-CLOCS”. If you carry extra equipment on your bike (first aid kit, battery charger, compressor) check them for good working order. Also, keep an eye out for those potholes until the roads are back in good shape. For those non-riders, please keep an eye out for motorcycles. In March and April we’ll be bringing back our popular Italian Sausage Hoagies. Word has it we have the juiciest sausage in town. Mark your calendars now for Aug. 2. The riders are planning a “Bike Night” which is turning into an all-day affair. We’re planning two bands, food, games, raffles and of course a Bike Contest. All proceeds will benefit “Tunnel to Towers” so I hope you’ll join us.

Our riders of the month are Brett and Crystal Hawkey. Why? Because they are the heart and soul of our organization. A function doesn’t happen without their hard work. Please give them a pat on the back if you see them around the Post.

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

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March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Text AL598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events & notices.						1
2	3 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	4 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	5 Riders Meeting 6 pm Ash Wednesday Burger Nite Fish Sandwich offered 5-7 pm	6 Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	7 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6	8 Thursday Golf League Mtg. 1 pm
9	10	11 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	12 DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	13 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	14 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Free Jukebox 7-9 pm	15
16 Omelet Breakfast 10 am - Noon \$9.00	17 St. Patrick's Day Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	18 Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm March Madness Begins Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	19 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	20 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	21 SAL Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner 6-7:30 pm \$14 Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	22
23	24	25 Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	26 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	27	28 Riders Italian Sausage Hoagie 6-7:30 pm \$8 Live Your Dream 7-10 pm	29 Auxiliary Craft Show 11 am-4 pm
30 Euchre 1-3 pm	31					

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
lunch Served Monday thru Friday 11:30-1:30		1 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6	2 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	3 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	4 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Element 3 7-10 pm	5
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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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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