



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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May/June 2025

The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Hopefully spring has finally sprung. Here is an update on the phase 2 project of the banquet hall and kitchen. The expansion of the kitchen and moving the bar in the banquet hall has been re-evaluated. The projected cost of these two projects was far more than the income generated from the kitchen and the hall. Therefore, the membership has decided to go to plan B. This decision was voted on and approved by the membership at the March meeting. Plan B consists of leaving the kitchen as is, and installing a walk-in cooler where the banquet hall bar is located now. Then we will move the existing bar further out and extend the length a few feet. This plan is far more cost effective for these two rooms at this time.

We have many members with the same first and last names. Please, when signing the drawing books include your middle initial and write legibly when you sign up.

I would like to thank Treadway Gardens for the beautiful planters and flowers they donated for the front entrance of the Post this winter.

Special thanks to Rachel Sparaco and all her volunteers for the great children's Easter party again this year and the Easter bunny was a big hit. The kids had a fabulous time.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the Sons of the American Legion. Pictured below are the newly installed SAL officers and Rachael with the Easter Bunny.

Just a reminder, on Monday May 5th from 11 am to 5:30 pm we will be having our Post election of officers. Please visit the post that day and vote for the candidate of your choice.

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

2026 SAL Officers



Finance Officer Bob Tonar, Commander Doug Spisak, 1st Vice Cmdr. Mike Schreck, Advisor/Adjutant Joe Law, Sgt. at Arms Tom Storck, Chaplain Robin Peck, 2nd Vice Cmdr. Bill Poeppelmeier.



The Easter Bunny
& Rachael

From the Auxiliary...

As our Auxiliary year comes to a close this May, I am reflecting on the things that I am most grateful for. Primarily among those are the enthusiastic and talented group of board members and volunteers. Thank you for the work you have done. You have helped us achieve record-breaking results again this year.

The Auxiliary board elections take place in May with the new year beginning June 1. I want to personally thank Regina Goldman for all her dedication to the board and the Auxiliary for so many years. Regina's input, teamwork, efforts and relentless hours she has dedicated to the Auxiliary's success will always be remembered and valued. Her efforts are invaluable and have been instrumental in our success and accomplishments. She truly helped bring the beauty of all seasons to our community through her efforts which are invaluable and have been instrumental in our success and accomplishments! We are blessed to be able to still have Regina in the background and a continued committee member for our number one fundraiser – Girls Just Want to Have Fun.

May showers bring Spring flowers and much more when it comes to Post 598 Auxiliary this Spring. Our membership continues to grow with a blooming 788 members, over 100% of our goal. Welcome to all our new sprouts! We are thrilled to have you here. Please join us every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm for our all membership meeting. We would love to see you there! We will be hosting a new member orientation again this year. This is a great opportunity to come and learn all about the Auxiliary, what we do and how we all work together with the other arms of the Legion to help our veterans and the community.

The Auxiliary's efforts have helped to support many great causes this year. VA, Tunnel to Towers, Honor Flight, Blue Star Mothers, Buckeye Girls State, food baskets, mittens, coats, Toys for Tots and Military Assistance Fund to name a few. Our first craft show was held in May and proceeds went to Quilts of Valor. It was a huge success, and we look forward to presenting them with a check.

As we look into the new year, we will continue to focus on and strengthen what we do best-serve our veterans and community. We will be kicking off our annual largest fundraiser-GJWTHF with the Flying Pancake Breakfast on May 10. You don't want to miss this. Our next event will be wine and painting. More to come on this and other upcoming fun events. Any ideas are always welcome!

Thanks to all of you that volunteer! There are simply too many names to list here. We appreciate you so much and thank you for all you do! You should all be very proud to be part of this Auxiliary's continued success and large impact that we have on our veterans and community. Without you it would not be possible.

Erica Kubea, Unit 598 President

From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

As we enter summertime let's make it a safe and fun one! the SAL has made our membership quota for 2025! Thanks for paying your dues and showing your support for our Legion.

We have our 1/2 BBQ chicken dinner with steak fries and cole slaw on Saturday, May 31. We will start serving at 5 pm and will stop at 6:30 unless we run out before that. We will also have a BLT & corn on the cob on June 21.

We donated \$1000 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace Foundation which builds beds for kids who don't have a bed. We will do a dinner later in the year that all proceeds will go to this cause. In May at our annual convention we will donate \$3000 to various organizations.

We encourage members to attend our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30.

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

From the Riders...

Legion Family: As riding season has officially begun, please remember when you see a large group of motorcycles riding together, many times this is for a benefit of some sort, likely for kids or veterans. Please be patient and never merge into the group....yes, this happens way too often. The riders are hosting a Bike Night Aug 2 and all proceeds will benefit Tunnel To Towers. If you or a local business you know would like to be a sponsor, please let us know. Thanks for all the support and patronage for our Italian Sausage Dinners. We have one more in May before we'll take a break, then bring them back later in the year. We've been able to raise over \$2K for charities just off these dinners.

Unfortunately, our State Riders Leadership has decided Ohio won't be doing a Legacy Ride this year. If you remember, Thom Fowler led the last one in our state and raised over \$50K. Thom has been at it again, as our 3rd District Riders Director he has been working behind the scenes with our District Commander and they are working on the framework of a 3rd District challenge benefitting Save A Warrior (SAW). SAW is highly effective veteran suicide prevention and life changing non-profit right here in Ohio. Keep an eye out for more details.

Welcome to our newest riders; Sandy Long and James Schlosser. Our Rider of the Month is Bill (Sarge) Whitaker, our long-time Sgt At Arms. Simply put, Sarge is the man!! Never have to ask him twice to volunteer or help a brother in need...the epitome of brotherhood. Thanks for all you do Sarge. On behalf of the Riders, God Bless. Director Frank Burks.

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May 2025

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| Text A1598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events & notices. | | | | 1 Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm | 2 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Jordan Wood Band 7-10 pm | 3 Kentucky Derby Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$15 |
| 4 | 5 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Election Of Officers 11 am-5:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm | 6 Blood Drive Noon-6 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 7 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 8 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Election of Officers | 9 Until Rust 7-10 pm | 10 Flying Pancake Breakfast 9 am-Noon Adults \$10/Kids-\$5 Mother's Day Dinner 5-7 pm \$12 Moms eat free |
| 11 Happy Mother's Day | 12 | 13 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 14 DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 15 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm | 16 Riders Italian Sausage Hoagie 6-7:30 pm \$8 Rock Bottom Karaoke 7-10 pm | 17 |
| 18 Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available | 19 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm | 20 Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 21 Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 22 | 23 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 The Milios 7-10 pm | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am Beavertown Cemetery Cookout 1-4 pm Bring a covered dish to share | 27 Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 28 Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 29 | 30 Babes & Brats 6-8 pm \$5 "5" 7-10 pm | 31 SAL 1/2 BBQ Chicken Dinner w/fries & cole slaw 5-7 pm (or until gone) \$10 |

June 2025

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| 1 | 2 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm | 3 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 4 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 5 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm | 6 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm | 7 Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$15 |
| 8 | 9 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5-7 pm | 10 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 11 DAV Meeting 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 12 Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm | 13 Donna Kennedy & The Heartbreakers 7-10 pm | 14 Father's Day Dinner 5-7 pm Dads Eat Free Flag Day Ceremony 6 pm |
| 15 Happy Father's Day | 16 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm | 17 Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 18 Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 19 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm | 20 Free Jukebox 7-9 pm | 21 SAL BLT & All You Can Eat Corn on the Cob 5-7 pm \$9 Extra BLT-\$5 |
| 22 Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available | 23 | 24 Tuesday Night Dinner 5-6:45 pm \$6 | 25 Burger Nite 5-7 pm | 26 | 27 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Daved & Confused 7-10 pm | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | lunch served Monday thru Friday 11:30-1:30 | | | | |



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2024-2025**

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| 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

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| President | Erica Kubea |
| 1st Vice President | Sara Schwager |
| 2nd Vice President | Janet Kennedy |
| Treasurer | Crystal Kahut |
| Secretary/Chaplain | Debbie Cunningham |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Pam Rodkey |

SAL Officers

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| Commander | Doug Spisak |
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| 2nd Vice Commander | Bill Peoppelmeier |
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| Adjutant | Joe Law |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Tom Storck |
| Chaplain | Robin Peck |
| Advisor | Joe Law |

Riders Officers

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| 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

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| John Banziger | Lisa Monnier-Aux. |
| Charles Barnett | Terrel Wells-Aux. |
| Walter Bringman | |
| Walter Frederick | Gary Pester-SAL |
| Sam Longo | Brian Riffie-SAL |
| Thomas Nyhan | |
| Phil Stephenson | |

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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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