



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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July/August 2025

### The Commander's Corner...



I would like to start by thanking everyone that showed up and voted this past May for our annual Post election of officers. Reg., SAL, Aux., and Riders-congratulations to all the elected officers. We must continue to work together to keep this Post financially sound and enjoyable for our members.

Our Memorial Day service went well. Thanks to all that attended the ceremony.

Just a reminder that when you attend our Post picnics or events, if you bring a guest who is not a member they will be charged a fee to attend. There will be no non-members entering without a member sponsor. Also, there will be no carry-outs permitted. Kids under 12 eat free and please always have your membership card on you when visiting the Post. Thank you for your understanding.

To all the new members: we have been trying to get new key cards since February. We have talked to several different vendors and they all tell me the same thing. There is a nationwide shortage of these cards because of the chip they contain. I know you all have been very patient and I am very sorry for this inconvenience. We are still looking for solutions in this matter.

Phase 2, which is moving the bar in the banquet room 6 foot out and installing a walk-in cooler for the kitchen, is in the final drawing and permit stage. I hope to have everything together to be presented to the membership at our regular July Meeting.

At this time we are in the preliminary stages of phase 3 which is looking into the expansion of the canteen and picnic area. The reason for this is we are approaching 3000 members here at our Post. At this time, we do not have enough seating for a lot of our Post events. As always this will be discussed at our regular membership meetings and voted on by the membership.

Special thanks to the auxiliary for the great job they have done planting the flowers and mulching and the beautification of our grounds. It really looks great out there.

We will be hosting the State American Legion golf tournament at Twin Base golf course July 19th and 20th. If anyone is interested in submitting a 4-person team for this outing stop by the Post to pick up a team form. On August 23rd we will be having our annual Tunnel 2 Towers golf outing at Twin Base golf course. If anyone is interested in submitting a 4-person team for this outing or sponsor a hole or just donating to this great cause, please stop by the Post to pick the appropriate forms. We are doing corporate sponsorships in Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Any questions please see 1st Vice Joe Law. Also, if you wish to volunteer to help on these events please see Adjutant Betsy Law.

In closing I want to thank all of you that support this Post Reg, SAL, Aux, and Riders. Without you we would not have a Post. The SAL, AUX, and Riders have always been a tremendous asset to this Post. Although you may not have served in the military someone in your family has. The family member who sponsored you to join was a veteran. That tells me that behind ever SAL and Aux member is an honorable veteran who will always be in our hearts and this is something we can all be proud of.

This is the reason that REG+SAL+AUX+Riders=One Great Legion Family.

I am proud to be your Commander. God bless you all Gavin Long

### The New Honor Guard Bus



Members of the Combined Honor Guard are shown here in front of their new ride!

Thanks to everyone who donated to help them get the new bus.

## From the Auxiliary...

Volunteerism – Many of you would love to serve and are just waiting to be asked. So we are asking! Members, new and old, are encouraged to make a difference. We rely on the volunteerism of members like you.

Just recently we had the best Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Ever! What a great success with a huge turnout. Congratulations to the whole Dinner Team. It was nice to hear from the different branches of the Legion (All for One, One for All) as they boasted so many accomplishments. So many, in fact, that it is hard to keep track of everything we achieved over the last year! I would like to echo some of the groups that Janet Kennedy, our new 2nd Vice, listed at the dinner. Blue Star Mothers, Quilts of Valor, Holiday Food Baskets, Member Wakes & Funerals, Disaster Victims, Dayton VA, the Fisher House, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Toys for Tots, T2T, Honor Flight, Buckeye Girls State, Kids Parties and so many more.

Still to be mentioned is a very special Legion event. 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' will be celebrating their 6th Anniversary on September 20 with over 600 in attendance and the largest group of VOLUNTEERS ever assembled at our Legion. In the last 5 years it has supported a long list of veteran and military charities with a staggering and unprecedented amount of \$100,000 in cash donations. It takes more than 100 volunteers, from all branches of the Legion, working together for one great cause. This is a perfect example of what I have been preaching since I took office in 2021 – Auxiliary + SAL + Legion + Riders = Greatness!

Your support and donation of time is not only vital to the strength of our Auxiliary, but it is also good for your health, your personal satisfaction, and it offers a chance to have fun and make long lasting relationships. Like me, you just might make some new friends.

Erica Kubea, Unit 598 President

## From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

I hope everyone is having a great and safe summer. We will have our 2026 SAL cards in July and you can get your "New" card at our picnic on August 17th. We encourage all members to pay early so we can get our quota early. Please come out for Jimmy Morris's famous BBQ Rib Dinner on July 26th. Tickets will be presale. Also we will be having our Bone In Pork Chop dinner on August 22nd.

Please keep supporting all the SAL and other Legion dinners. A special thanks to Dot's in Bellbrook for continuing their great quality meats at a great price in support of our Legion. I look forward to seeing everyone at our summer events.

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

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

## From the Riders...

On June 6, a group of Riders from Kettering and Waynesville rode almost 500 miles in remembrance of D-Day. We visited 7 Posts, in 7 different districts and made a lot of new friends. The weather didn't cooperate towards the end but we completed the mission. A special thanks to the Post, the SAL, The Auxiliary and the Riders who sponsored our ride and combined to donate \$7100 to the Veterans and Children's Foundation. August 2nd the Riders are hosting Bike Night. This is an all-day event where we hope to have over 100 motorcycles from the area. There will be awards for the best looking bike, loudest pipes, and maybe a few others. We'll be selling burgers and dogs. And best of all, we have two bands lined up for the day. Be sure to come out and have a good time with us (bring a lawn chair). All proceeds benefit Tunnel to Towers.

Please welcome our newest Rider, Mark Arnold. Our Riders of the Month are Alan "Boomhauer" Lathrop and Steve "Padre" Rawlins. Both these guys volunteer as much as they can and the Chaplain even does a rain dance for us before our rides. Thanks for all you do!

Congratulations to Thom Fowler. He was awarded the "American Legion Rider Of Honor" patch for his years of service "above and beyond". This is a national level recognition, and the highest award that the ALR can give a rider. Wear your patch proudly Thom. Well deserved.

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

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## July 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b> Tacos 5-6:45 pm	<b>2</b> Riders Meeting 6 pm National Commander's Visit Meat Loaf Dinner 5-7 pm \$8	<b>3</b> Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm Camping in the Park	<b>4</b> Cookout at the Post 1-4 pm Non-members \$5 Bring a covered dish to share No Carry Outs Camping in the Park	<b>5</b> Camping in the Park
<b>6</b> Camping in the Park	<b>7</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	<b>8</b> SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Turkey hot shots 5-6:45 pm	<b>9</b> DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>10</b> Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Department Convention Element 3 7-10 pm	<b>12</b> Department Convention
<b>13</b> Department Convention	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Tuna Melt or Grilled Ham & Cheese and fries 5-6:45 pm	<b>16</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>17</b> Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> Pulled Pork 6-8 pm \$10 Vintage Chrome 7-10 pm	<b>19</b> Dep. Golf Outing Steak Fry 4-7 pm \$15 Dumbfounded 7-10 pm
<b>20</b> Department Golf Outing 3rd District SAL Conference 1 pm	<b>21</b> Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	<b>22</b> Meatball Subs 5-6:45 pm	<b>23</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 1-Adam-12 7-10 pm	<b>26</b> BBQ Rib Dinner 5 - 7 pm \$15 Presale
<b>27</b> Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available Aux. New Member Orientation 2-4 pm	<b>28</b> Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	<b>29</b> BBQ Chicken 5-6:45 pm	<b>30</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>31</b>		

## August 2025

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<b>Text AL598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events &amp; notices.</b>					<b>1</b> Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6	<b>2</b> Tunnel To Towers Bike Night Burgers & Dogs 2-5 pm Thunderhead & Sub Riot Bands
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Spaghetti 5-6:45 pm	<b>6</b> Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>7</b> Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> Babes & Brats 6 - 8 pm \$6 or until sold out Two for the Road 7-10 pm	<b>9</b> Post Steak Fry Cooked To Order 5-7 pm \$15
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Ruben 5-6:45 pm	<b>13</b> DAV Meeting 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>14</b> Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Fresh Off the Hook Food Truck 5:30-9 pm (they will close early if no business) Locking Up Otis 7-10 pm	<b>16</b> 3rd District Save A Warrior Commanders' Challenge at Post 598
<b>17</b> Post Picnic 1-6 pm Food Served 1-4 Bring a covered dish to share 12 and under free Non-members \$8 NO CARRY OUTS	<b>18</b> Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm 6" Pizza or Pretzels and beer cheese 5-6:45 pm	<b>20</b> Burger Nite 5-7 pm	<b>21</b> Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	<b>22</b> Bone In Pork Chop Dinner 6-7:30 pm \$13 B Caged 7-10 pm	<b>23</b> Tunnel To Towers Golf Outing Twin Base Golf Course
<b>24</b> Cruise In 11 am-? Food Available	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Free Jukebox 7-9 pm	<b>30</b>
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Finance Officer	Ed Syron
Adjutant	Betsy Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim O'Neil
Chaplain	Keith Eastman
Canteen Manager	Jim Glaser

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President	Erica Kubea
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1st Vice Commander	Mike Schreck
2nd Vice Commander	Bill Peoppelmeier
Finance Officer	Bob Tonar
Adjutant	Joe Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Storck
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Director	Frank Burks
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**Post Everlasting**

Joseph Gilliland	David Roberts
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Lawrence J. Miller	Eileen Kelly-Mott-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.

*Keith Eastman, Chaplain*

**Memorial Walkway  
and Tree Planting  
Programs**

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John Heinrich  
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or call the Post  
937-433-9327.

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