



## Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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September/October 2025

### The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. The past 2 months have been very busy at the Post. These 2 months were profitable and the next 2 months will be busy also. The 2026 membership cards are in so please pay your dues at this time. The sooner you pay your dues the more money we get from the state. Please don't wait. This is a way of you helping us continue to be the largest Legion in the State of Ohio.

The expansion of the canteen and picnic area is still on track. Our membership voted at the July meeting proceed with the architect in finalizing the construction prints and having them permit ready. We will hopefully be voting to finalize the expansion at our September monthly meeting. Ultimately the members will decide which path we will take. Our September membership meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm due to Monday being a holiday.

The past 2 months we have had quite a bit of rain. There were times on Friday nights that we had to cancel the bands due to the weather. These bands were too big to have in the canteen because the room is just not big enough, not enough seating and no room to dance and the banquet hall was rented already. Sorry for the inconvenience. We are currently working in this issue. Just a reminder when signing up for the daily and weekly drawings you cannot sign any other member up. Each member must sign in themselves. Also, make sure you sign the drawing sheets the way your name is on your printed membership card. Please everyone, carry your membership card with you when you are at the Post as you can be asked to show it at anytime. If your card has a different name than what you go by, for instance you go by Jim but your card says James, please let our Adjutant, Betsy Law, know and she can get it changed for you.

In July we had the National American Legion Commander from Connecticut, James LaCoursiere, Jr. visit the Post and have dinner. We had a nice visit and he was very impressed with our Post. Also, in July we had the Deputy VA Secretary from Washington D.C., Dr. Paul Lawrence stop by the Post for a visit and a town hall meeting for Veterans and their spouses. He was also impressed with our Post and thanked us for the hospitality. To all the volunteers that helped make these two events pleasant and successful Thank you again.

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

### From the Auxiliary...

**Red, White, and Giggles** Your big hearts and helping hands make a real impact, and have a blast doing it. This Fall marks a record-setting season at Post 598 with more volunteer hours logged than ever before. Yes, the work can be hard, but together we laugh, we dance, and sometimes we giggle until our cheeks hurt.

**Why Volunteer?** Make lifelong friendships. Feel the joy of giving back. Join a legacy of service that truly changes lives. **So how about some wine, some lunch, and a dance party with a purpose?** Yes, please! It all kicks off with our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year: **Girls Just Want to Have Fun** returns **Saturday, September 20**, and we're pulling out all the stops. From mouthwatering gift cards to themed baskets that'll make you squeal with delight, the raffle lineup alone is worth the ticket. Grab your crew and head to **ALA598.Org** where tickets are flying! Be sure to reserve yours before **Sunday, September 14** to be part of the celebration supporting homeless women veterans. **HATS OFF!** To White Allen and Howerton Plumbing for their continued sponsorship for all 6 years.

But we're not done giggling yet...**Euchre Tournament**. A fun-filled day for seasoned players and rookies alike. **Quarter Auction**. Try your luck, one shiny coin at a time. **Halloween Bash**. Live music and a Big Beautiful Burrito Bar that'll spice up your spooky season.

There's no better time to volunteer, reconnect, and help us keep the good going. Whether you're a longtime legend or a first-time helper, we thank you from the bottom of our **giggling** hearts.

Together we serve. Together we laugh. And together we make 598 shine brighter than ever.

Erica Kubea, Unit 598 President

## From the SAL...

Hello and greetings fellow members,

As we look forward to another fall season I hope everyone will come out and enjoy your Legion. Just remember the 2026 membership cards are in and you can pay any time. Lets get our quota, which is 599 members, early so we can get a cash bonus from the state and continue to be the biggest and best SAL Squadron in the state of Ohio!

Come out and enjoy our BLT sandwich with all you can eat corn on the cob on September 13 and Jimmy Morris's "famous" cabbage roll dinner on October 18.

The SAL donated \$2500 to the Save a Warrior and Wounded Warriors Foundations to help support our great veterans.

As a reminder, we can always use volunteers for our functions. 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...

Greetings Legion Family: Thanks to everyone who attended our 1st ever Bike Night. It was perfect weather, great bands, and a lot of fun. The event raised \$4,000 due to your generosity. A special thank you to the volunteers, and to the SAL and Aux for their raffle basket donations! Next up for the Riders will be the Battle of Ohio, Bengals vs Browns game Sept. 7, where we will feature our famous Hot Dog and Nacho Bar. Then we hope to host our 1st ever Octoberfest Oct. 11. Details are still being worked out.

Post 598 Riders recently teamed up with Post 615 and visited the Save A Warrior Village in Hillsboro. What an eye-opening experience learning what this non-profit continues to do with their suicide prevention and life changing therapies for our most severely affected Vets and First Responders. I'm happy to say that our "One-Family" Post 598 was able to give over \$7000 this year.

Post 598 will be hosting it's first ever Gun Bash on Nov 8. \$50/ticket, \$200/Sponsor Ticket. What is a gun bash...a 5 hour gun giveaway bonanza. Your ticket will get you a chance to win one of 13 guns (maybe more), plus raffles going on all day for more guns. It should be a good time. See Frank Burks for more info. Tickets on sale Wednesday's from 5:30-7:30pm. Get'em before they're gone.

Our Riders of the Month are Gene "The Fuzz" Wager, and Dave "Scooter" Bourelle. Thanks for all you guys do. Please welcome our newest Riders: Brian Baker, Lori Wilkinson, and Michael McGeath.

On behalf of the Riders - God Bless - One Legion Family - Frank Burks

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## September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Holiday at Home Parade 9:55 am Cookout 1-4 pm Non-Members \$5 Please bring a covered dish to share	2 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	3 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	4 Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	5 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Restless Riders 7-10pm	6 Grambling @ OSU 3:30 pm
7 Bengals @ Browns 1 pm Hot Dog/Nacho Bar 1-3:30 pm	8	9 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm Tacos 5-6:45 pm	10 DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	11 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	12 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 The Termites 7-10 pm	13 Ohio @ OSU 7 pm BLT & AYCE Sweet Corn 5-6:30 pm \$12
14 Jaguars@ Bengals 1 pm Browns @ Ravens 1 pm	15 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm Flower Pick Up 2-6 pm	16 Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Baked Italain Sub 5-6:45 pm	17 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	18 Come join the 6 pm backyard setup party for GJWTHF. Pizza & beer for helpers Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	19 Right Turn Clyde 7-10 pm	20 JWTHF 11 am-3 pm Come join the 3 pm clean up party for GJWTHF. Pizza & beer for helpers
21 Omelette breakfast 10 am-12 pm \$10 Bengals @ Vikings 1 pm Packers @ Browns 1 pm	22	23 BBQ Chicken 5-6:45 pm	24 Blood Drive Noon-6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	25 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Hearts On Fire 7-10 pm	26	27 OSU @ Washington TBA
28 Browns @ Lions 1 pm Cruise-In 11 am-?????	29 Bucket of Beer Special Bengals @ Broncos 8:15 pm Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	30 Philly Cheese Steak 5-6:45 pm				

# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Text AL598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events &amp; notices.</b>		1 Riders Meeting 6 pm  Burger Nite 5-7 pm	2 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm  Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	3 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Next In Line 7-10 pm	4 Minnesota @ OSU TBA
5 Browns vs Vikings 9:30 am in England	6 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm  Aux Bake Sale 6:00 pm	7 Chicken and Dumplings 5-6:45 pm	8 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	9 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15	11 OSU @ Illinois TBA  Riders Octoberfest Jordan W. Band
12 Browns @ Steelers 1 pm  Bengals @ Packers 4:25 pm	13  14 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm  Meatloaf 5-6:45 pm	15 DAV Meeting 7:30 pm  Burger Nite 5-7 pm	16 Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Steelers @ Bengals 8:15 pm Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm Campout in the Park	17 Campout in the Park  Quarter Auction 6-9 pm  Fresh Off the Hook Food Truck 5:30-9 pm Element 3 7-10 pm	18 OSU @ Wisconsin TBA  Jimmy Morris's Cabbage Rolls \$12 5-7 pm pre-sale Campout in the Park	
19 Dolphins @ Browns 1 pm  Casino Bus Trip \$30/person 1st come 1st served Euchre 1-4 pm Campout in the Park	20 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	21 Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm  Meatball Subs 5-6:45 pm	22 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	23	24 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 1 Adam 12 7-10 pm	25 Penn St. @ OSU TBA
26 Browns @ Patriots 1 pm  Jets @ Bengals 1 pm Kids Halloween Party 2-4 pm	27	28 Tacos 5-6:45 pm	29 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	30	31 Happy Halloween  Made To Order Burritos 6-9 pm \$9  David & Confused 7-10 pm	



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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

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Jim O'Neil  
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or call the Post  
937-433-9327.

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