



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2025

The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone the cold weather is approaching which we are trying to get the Post prepared for. Our tunnel to towers golf outing had a great turnout this year all said and done. The proceeds and other donations from SAL, AUX, Riders, personal donations from Post members and businesses alike in total we were able to donate \$20,000.00 from this event. I would like to thank all the volunteers and golfers that helped make this event as successful as it was.

At our October general membership meeting the membership voted to proceed with the expansion of the canteen along with a covered patio. At this time we are waiting for the permits from the city of Kettering. When this process begins there will be inconveniences at the Post with this construction process. Please be patient during this time.

If you have not paid your 2026 dues yet, please do so at this time. We will receive money back from the Department of Ohio American Legion if we hit our quota by Veterans Day November 11th. Please help your Post to continue to be the largest post in Ohio.

In November and December we will be accepting food donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets that we donate to Veterans families. Please donate nonperishable and non-expired items. Food barrels will be in the lobby of the Post. We will also be accepting donations for our Toys for Tots Christmas campaign. New toys may be donated in the lobby or given to a Post officer or bartender. Please support this program. The Post was the biggest contributor in our region last year.

Pictured below are some of our great volunteers that make our car shows so successful. Also pictured below are the new landscaping bricks that were installed by Home Depot. They generously donated the time and material to our Post as a thank you for everything we do for Veterans and the community.

If you happen to be visiting Home Depot please let the staff know that you are a 598 member and greatly appreciate what they have done for us. And last but not least thanks to all the volunteers, members and officers that support this Post.

Regular+ SAL+ AUX +Riders = One Great Legion Family
God Bless you. Commander, Gavin Long

Our Cruise In Volunteers



Brett Hawkey, Dave Boulle, Stan Wells, Butch Wiegand, Alan Lathrop, Crystal Hawkey, Justin Parker, Ray Yocom, Frank Burks, Dee Burks, Gene Wager, Scotty Rowe, Jim Dell. Not Pictured: Steve Spisak.

Our New Landscaping



From the Auxiliary...

From Giggles to Gratitude: GJWTHF Wrap-Up. What can we say except...WOW! You showed up, you danced, you sipped your wine, and you made our 6th Annual "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" Luncheon the most spectacular one yet. With 702 beautiful souls in attendance, we shattered records in both turnout and fundraising. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible \$37,000, a number that will make a real impact in the lives of homeless women veterans, a cause close to our hearts. Here's how your kindness is already making waves:

- **\$500** was gifted to the Combined Honor Guard, honoring those we've lost with dignity and respect.
- **\$3,500** went to Post 598 to support ongoing community projects and upkeep.
- And a whopping **\$33,000** was directed to the Department of Ohio for Commander AJ Whatley's 2024–2025 Homeless Women Veterans Project.

This event is more than a luncheon, it's a movement. It's our joyful way of turning compassion into action, because we believe making a difference should feel like a dance party.

Thank You to Our Champions. To every guest, sponsor, donor, and volunteer: you brought the energy, the laughter, and the love that made the day unforgettable. Special thanks to Julie M. Eversole, Your Medicare Advisor, our 2025 Title Sponsor, and to the hundreds of raffle donors who contributed 256 dazzling raffle gifts valued at over \$36,000. **You are the heartbeat of this event.** We also extend our gratitude to Auxiliary Units #165, #675, and Kentucky #203 for joining us in sisterhood and service. And to Mother Nature, thank you for the sunshine!

As we wrap up a season of giving, we're excited to roll into the holidays with more opportunities to gather, celebrate, and serve: Please check the calendar for these Holiday Happenings: Veterans Day, Craft Party with Trudy (don't forget to sign up!), Spaghetti Dinner, Thanksgiving Meal at the Post, Kid's Christmas Party, Christmas Dinner with a band to follow, and New Year's Eve.

A Holiday Message from Your Auxiliary Family. As we enter this season of light, may your days be filled with warmth, laughter, and the kind of joy that only comes from community. Whether you're crafting ornaments, sharing a meal, or dancing into the new year, know that you are part of something truly special. From our giggling hearts to yours, thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep the good going, and we'll see you next year on **September 19, 2026**, for even more wine, more fun, and more impact.

With gratitude and sparkle,

Erica Kubea – Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

I want to start off by wishing all of our members a safe and happy holiday season.

We need to have everyone pay their dues as soon as possible to be eligible to earn money for making quota. We are running behind this year so lets get those dues paid please.

I would like to thank Dot's Market in Bellbrook again for working with us this year and providing great products at great prices for our events.

The SAL donated \$2000 to buy new chairs for the high top tables and \$400 for the Kids' Halloween Party. We also contributed \$1000 to Children's Miracle Network, a statewide charity.

Thanks to our volunteers and members who participated and helped with dinners throughout the year. Let's make 2026 another banner year.

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: Unfortunately, and out of our control, we have had to cancel the Gun Bash that was planned for November 8th. We will try to host this event again next year. I am working to provide refunds to everyone who purchased a ticket. Our first ever Octoberfest is in the books and turned out to be a great event. Corn hole, cold beer, good food and a good country band. We'll do it again next year! Our Chili Cook-off will be Dec. 6 before the Big Ten Championship game. Bring in your award winning chili and we'll provide all the fixins. We'll have an award for our first-place chili. Instead of charging for this event, we ask you bring a toy or make a monetary donation to partake. Our combined proceeds from Octoberfest and our Chili Cook-off will go to The Fisher House and Toys for Tots.

Welcome to our newest member, Sarah Baker, Sarah has already jumped in and helped with some of our raffles. Congratulations to our Riders of the Month, Jerry Zennie and Dee Burks. Jerry is a charter member and has been our financial officer since day 1. He tracks every penny we take in or spend, literally. Dee helps with all our 50/50s and helps bring in a lot of money that all goes to charity. Dee will be doing one more \$500 raffle this year. Congrats to our last \$500 winner, Pam D.

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

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November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Text AL598 to 78859 to get daily updates on events & notices.						1 Penn State @ OSU Noon
2 Bears @ Bengals 1 pm	3 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	4 Chicken Alfredo 5-6:45 pm	5 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 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 Karaoke 7-10pm	8 OSU @ PURDUE TBA
9 Browns @ Jets 1 pm	10 Happy Veterans Day Bean Soup Noon until gone SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	11 DAV Mtg. 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	12 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	13 1 Adam 12 7-10pm	14 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15	15 UCLA @ OSU TBA
16 Brunch AYCE 10 am-Noon \$12 Bengals @ Steelers 1 pm Ravens @ Browns 4:30 pm Auxiliary Craft Party	17 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	18 Baked Italian Sub 5-6:45 pm	19 Book Club 6 pm Marine Corps League Mtg.-@598 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	20 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	21 Spaghetti Dinner with Meatballs 6-8 pm \$12 Jordan Wood Band 7-10 pm	22 Rutgers @ OSU TBA Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7pm \$12
23 Browns @ Raiders 4 pm Patriots @Bengals 1 pm	24 Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Post Opens at 5 pm NO DRAWINGS	28 Free Jukebox 7-9 pm	29 OSU @ MICHIGAN Party Noon \$1, \$2 and \$5 Pools Carry in bring covered dish to share
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December 2025

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	1 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm	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 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	5 Riders Chili Cook Off 6 pm Big 10 Championship 8 pm	6
7 Riders' Christmas Party 1-4 pm Childrens Christmas Party 2-4:30 pm Toys for Tots Pick Up	8 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	9 DAV Meeting 7:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	10 Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Aux. Christmas Dinner 5-7 \$12 Daved and Confused 7-10 pm	12 Army vs Navy Game 3 pm Party starts at 2:30pm	13
14 Browns @ Bears 1 pm Ravens @ Bengals 1 pm	15 Post Executive Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Book Club 6 pm Marine Corps League Mtg.-@VFW 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-7 pm	17 Trivia w/ Nora 6:30 pm	18 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Element 3 7-10 pm	19	20
21 Bills @ Browns 1 pm Bengals @ Dolphins 8:20 pm	22	23 Christmas Eve Post closes at 6 pm NO DRAWINGS	24 Merry Christmas Post opens at 5 pm NO DRAWINGS	25 Free Jukebox 7-9 pm	26	27
28 Browns @ Steelers 1 pm	29	30 New Years Eve Bring a Covered Dish to Share Midnight Champaign Toast Pork & Sauerkraut Free Jukebox 9-midnight	Key Cards will be disabled Jan. 1 if dues aren't paid.			



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Betsy Law
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Keith Eastman
Jim Glaser

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Lawrence Purdom
Bill Stuckey
Lee Mardis-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

"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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Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 11 am-11 pm, Fri. & Sat. 11 am-1 am, Sun. Noon-11 pm