



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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May/June 2026

The Commander's Corner...



Hello everyone. Our expansion project is well under way. The rough plumbing, electric, hvac and fire suppression systems have all been installed and inspected. The next step is installing the drywall and then finishing the restrooms, along with flooring, ceiling tiles, lighting, etc. The projected opening date is First week of June and our grand opening is planned for June 20th. Stan Wells and his crew will start up the car shows in June.

There will be some changes due to the construction. There will no longer be an entrance for vehicles in the back parking lot for the car shows. We are looking at installing a new entrance into the park for the car shows in the front parking lot at the southwest corner.

Please carry your 2026 membership card with you when you are visiting the Post. You may be asked to show proof of membership at any time. If you bring a guest to the Post you must sign them in using the visitors log book by the front door inside the canteen. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Congratulations to Anna Schutte for representing Post 598 and winning the State Oratorical contest. Anna will now move onto the National contest in Michigan. Congratulations and good luck.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the Post, SAL, AUX, and Riders. Together, I truly believe we will make this another banner year.

We will be charging an entry fee for non-members for various functions at the Post and they must be accompanied by a Post 598 member.

This July 4th marks the 250th anniversary of our great nation. To commemorate that, we're going to have a 250-countdown starting 10 days prior. Each day we'll recognize one of our great branches of service, or different parts of the American Legion. We'll cap it off with an epic July 4th Kids breakfast and bike decorating, as well as our annual picnic....better than ever.

In closing, I would like to thank the SAL, AUX, and Riders groups for all their functions and donations to help support the Post during our building expansion. Furthermore, to all our Post 598 members that support these functions, thank you.

This is the reason that REG+SAL+AUX+ Riders =One great Legion family. God Bless you.

Commander, Gavin Long

Anna Schutte State Oratorical Winner



2027 SAL Officers



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

From the Auxiliary...

"100 Years of Heart: The Second 50 Years of the American Legion Auxiliary"

Welcome back to our little journey through American Legion Auxiliary history. Last month we looked at the early decades — the foundation, the grit, and the incredible women who built this organization from the ground up. Now we're stepping into Part 2: The Second 50 Years, when the ALA grew, modernized, and expanded its reach across the country.

1970–2020: Growth, Change, and New Missions. As the world changed, the Auxiliary changed with it. Over these decades, the ALA:

- Expanded support for Vietnam, Gulf War, and post 9/11 veterans
- Grew National programs in education, community service, and youth leadership
- Strengthened partnerships with the Legion, SAL, and Riders
- Increased advocacy for veterans' healthcare and benefits
- Modernized operations while keeping traditions alive

The Auxiliary became not just a support organization, but a national force for service, powered by volunteers who showed up with the same determination as the women who started it all. Now, more than 100 years after our founding, the ALA continues to evolve. Our mission is the same — service, community, and support for veterans — but the ways we deliver that mission keep growing. And here at Unit 598, we're ready for whatever comes next.

As we move into a new year of Auxiliary activities, we'll have plenty of opportunities to serve, gather, and make an impact. Keep an eye out for upcoming events, projects, and ways to get involved, there's a lot of good work ahead, and we want you with us.

With appreciation, Erica, ALA Unit 598 President

"History gave us our roots. You give us our wings."

From the SAL...

Greetings American Legion Family. I hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer. I would like to thank all of our SAL members for getting us to 100% membership again this year. This means we are still the biggest Squadron in the state.

Please keep supporting our dinners. In May we will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner and our Pork Chop Dinner will be in June. Thanks again to Dot's Market in Bellbrook for all their support in getting us such wonderful meats at great prices.

Our donations this month: \$1200 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace which supplies beds to kids who don't have one. We have also donated to the kids parties here at the Post.

I look forward to seeing our SAL members at our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Thank you in advance.

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

From the Riders...

On June 6 the Riders will embark on our annual D-Day Ride. This will be our 3rd annual Ride to commemorate D-Day, and to raise awareness for the American Legion Veterans & Children's Foundation (VCF). Last year we raised \$7100 from our post alone! We hope to do the same or better this year. The VCF provides a one-time grant to Veterans or Active-Duty members who face a financial hardship. However, to be eligible you must have a child still in the house. The goal is to keep families together throughout the hardship and to prevent any negative consequences of the hardship on the child. You might see a couple special raffles in the near future; all proceeds will go to the VCF. If you would like to make a donation, please get with a Rider.

Congrats to Stan M, winner of our booze wagon. That thing had a value of approx. \$600, so make it last Stan. Stan was also good enough to let us keep the wagon for next year. Thanks again Stan and thanks to everyone who bought a ticket or two to support us. This money will help us get a head start on our Bike Night, with all profits going to Save A Warrior. Speaking of Bike Night, August 1st, if you would like to be a sponsor let us know (Please get with Frank, Brett or Crystal). We have different sponsorship tiers; you'll get your logo on the back of our Bike Night T Shirt and maybe more.

In other news, keep a close eye on the calendar. The Riders are planning to bring back our famous Italian Sausage Hoagie, the juiciest sausage in town. Welcome to our newest Riders; Mark Sigman, John Siva, and Kathy Sullivan, welcome to the team and we look forward to riding with you! Our Riders of the month are Alan Lathrop and Jeremy George. Over the last couple months, these two have not only helped with Riders events, but jumped in to help with a couple post events as well, Thanks!!

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

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May 2026

<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 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Two For The Road 7-10 pm	2 Post Steak Fry Cooked to Order 5-7 pm \$15
3	4 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Election of Officers 11am-5:30pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	5	6 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	7 Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	8 Until Rust 7-10 pm	9 Mother's Day Dinner 5-7 pm \$15 Moms eat free
10 Happy Mother's Day	11	12 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	13 DAV Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	14 Aux. Regular Mtg. 6:30 pm Election of Officers Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	15 Riders Italian Sausage 6-7:30 pm \$8 Karaoke 7-10 pm	16
17	18 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	19	20 Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	21 Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	22 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Element 3 7-10 pm	23
24	25 Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am Beavertown Cemetery Cook out 1-4 pm bring covered dish to share. Non members \$7	26	27 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	28	29 Aux Babes & Brats 5-7 pm \$6 Locking Up Otis 7-10 pm	30 SAL Thanksgiving Dinner in May 6-7:30 pm or until gone \$13
31		Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm				

June 2026

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	1 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm	2	3 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	4 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	5 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Vintage Chrome 7-10 pm	6 3rd District Aux Meeting 10 am Post Steak Fry Cooked to Order 5-7 pm \$15
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14 Father's Day Picnic 1-3 pm Flag Day Ceremony 6 pm	15 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	16	17 Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	18 Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	19 Karaoke 7-10 pm	20 Expansion Grand Opening Riders Burgers & Dogs Noon-3 pm Live Entertainment 6-9 pm
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23	24 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	25	26 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 The Termites 7-10 pm	27 SAL Pork Chop Dinner 6-7:30 pm or until gone \$13
28 Cruise-In 11am-???? Burgers and Dogs Noon-3 pm	29	30	lunch served Mon.-fri. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm			
				Wear Red on Fridays to show your support for our troops		



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2026-2027**

Post Officers

Commander	Gavin Long
1st Vice Commander	Joe Law
2nd Vice Commander	Frank Burks
Finance Officer	Ed Syron
Adjutant	Betsy Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim O'Neil
Chaplain	Keith Eastman
Canteen Manager	Jim Glaser

Auxiliary Officers

President	Erica Kubea
1st Vice President	Barb Frantom
2nd Vice President/Chaplain	Judy Kator
Treasurer	Crystal Kahut
Secretary	Debbie Cunningham
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pam Rodkey

SAL Officers

Commander	Doug Spisak
1st Vice Commander	Mike Schreck
2nd Vice Commander	Bill Poeppelmeier
Finance Officer	Sherman Long
Adjutant	Joe Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Storck
Chaplain	Robin Peck
Advisor	Joe Law

Riders Officers

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

David Bratton	Clarence Siemer, Jr.
Thomas Connair	Michael Walsh
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Ron Duckson	Mark Wells
Renee Herman	James Wheeler
John Hopson	William Wolslegel
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Timothy Jewett	Joel Lewis-SAL
Thomas Lees	Roger Van Zant-SAL
Charles McCloskey	Carol Kelly-Aux.
Charles Prince	Diane Rupp-Aux.
Terry Rosengarten	Cassie Wagner-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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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