



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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July/August 2026

The Commander's Corner...



I would like to thank everyone that came to our Memorial Day service at Beaverton Cemetery. Thanks to the honor guard for another great ceremony. The expansion had a soft opening in June which was a long-time wait but I think it was well worth the wait. We built the gaming room and kitchen pantry in 2024 2025 which worked very well for the Post. 2025 and 2026 we constructed a 2,000 square feet addition to the canteen along with a beautiful covered patio. If you haven't visited the Legion to see the new the additions, please stop by and enjoy your Post. The car shows have started in June and will continue on from there. Due to the construction this year you will no longer be able to enter the car shows from the back parking lot there is a new approach apron located in the southwest corner of the front lot. It has a low approach for vehicles. Special thanks to Mike Lucente and his company for installing this new approach at no charge to the Legion. Mike donated all material and labor which saved the Legion so much. From all the Post 598 members thank you Mike for your contributions to the Post.

Our Tunnel to Towers golf outing is scheduled for August 22nd this year Anyone that would like to donate to this great event please contact the Legion we have donation forms available. Last year we received personal and business donations in the form of money, door prizes, and raffle items. We need all the support we can get. Thank you!

Please carry your 2026 membership card with you when you are visiting the Post. You may be asked to show proof at any time. If you bring in 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. We will be charging an entry fee for non-members for various functions at the Post. They must be accompanied by a Post 598 member.

In closing, as we celebrated the completion of this building addition, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who played a role in making this project a success. From the planning stages to the final touches, your hard work, expertise, dedication, and support were invaluable. This addition is a reflection of the teamwork and commitment of many individuals, and we are grateful for each contribution. Thank you for helping us bring this vision to life. This will benefit our organization for years to come.

Thanks again and as always Regulars + Sal + AUX + Riders = One Legion family.
God bless you Commander Gavin Long



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Tunnel to Towers Foundation

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Golf Outing

Saturday, August 22, 2026 9 am Shotgun Start

4 Person Scramble \$100 per Player

Includes free range balls, lunch on the course, greens fees, longest drive & closest to the pin challenges, cart and food at Post 598.

Limit of 32 teams. Sign ups will be closed when team limit is reached.

Make checks payable to Kettering American Legion Post 598.

Any questions, contact Joe Law at 937-572-1431.

All Net Proceeds Go To Tunnel to Towers



Dist. 3 Cmdr. Russ Powell, National Cmdr. Bill Clancy and Dist 3 1st Vice Cmdr. Mike Schreck at Detachment Conference 2026.

From the Auxiliary...

Red, White, And You!

July 4, 2026, marks the semiquincentennial—our great nation's 250th birthday. As we celebrate this historic milestone, we must reflect on the journey that brought us here and honor those who sacrificed to protect our freedoms. This celebration perfectly aligns

with the core values of the American Legion Auxiliary. Our organization was founded on the four principles of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty. These are the very ideals America's founders declared 250 years ago, and they remain the bedrock of our commitment to military and veteran families today. Whether we are handing out poppies, volunteering at local VA hospitals, or fostering youth patriotism, everything we do reflects these deeply rooted values. Our motto, Service Not Self, is a continuation of the courage and dedication that built this country.

As summer continues, I hope you will jump in and be part of the nationwide American Legion Family USA250 celebration. Whether you take part through service, wellness, or community events, every little bit helps keep America's spirit shining bright.

Girls Just Want to Have Fun tickets go on sale online at ALA598.org on August 1. If you are new to GJWTHF, be sure to check out the Auxiliary website and see what all the excitement is about. It is a fun-filled lunch event with 700 fellow patriotic women & wine lovers—truly a one-of-a-kind Auxiliary gathering led by Regina and her team!

New for 2026, you can still purchase a standard ticket for \$15, or for just \$5 more, come the night before and get your raffles done early. That means more time to relax, enjoy your friends, and skip some of the raffle room rush during the main event.

Well done, 598! We love the new expansion, the extra room, and that updated patio, what a great refresh. I hope to see you on Wednesday, July 1st, when we raise a toast to your Auxiliary. Lots of fun is planned for July 4th - be sure to bring the kids for Family Breakfast at 10 a.m. and the Decorated Bike Parade at noon. Just sign up in the lobby and get ready for lots of fun with All-Day Entertainment.

Red, white, and blue, Auxiliary through and through!

From the SAL...

Greetings American Legion Family. I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. We will have our 2027 membership cards by mid-July. Get yours early and avoid the rush!. We can make quota again this year.

Please keep supporting our dinners so we can give to the different charities we contribute to. The SAL has donated \$1500 to the VCF fund and \$750 at State convention for the Child Welfare Fund.

Special thanks to Stan Wells for making the Legion ballcaps and raising \$450 for the Squadron.

As always, remember our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Have a great summer! For those that served...Doug Spisak, Commander, Squadron 598

From the Riders...

Greetings Legion Family: As I type this letter, tomorrow June 6 will be our 3rd annual D-Day Ride, and from a fundraising standpoint it's already a success. During this ride we will cover about 600 miles and visit 9 posts. We will have Riders join the ride from other Chapters and ride to raise awareness for the Veterans & Children's Foundation (VCF). Our goal this year was to raise \$10K for the VCF...We CRUSHED the goal. Not all donations are in just yet, but I'm guessing we'll be over \$13K! I want to give a shoutout to the Post, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders, Zanesville Post 29 and their Riders, Portsmouth Post 23 and their Riders, Lancaster Post 11, Marietta Post 64 and Pickerington Post 283 for the support and donations. While all this is great, I would be amiss if I didn't mention the sacrifice so many made on D-Day, over 80 years ago. Let's never forget the sacrifices so many have made to protect our freedoms and way of life! If you haven't had the chance to see the movie "Pressure" about the days prior to D-Day, I'd recommend it.

The Riders are also gearing up for our 3rd annual Bike Night, Aug. 1. Like last year, this will be a lot of fun with good food, good music, awesome raffle prizes, and just good times! You don't want to miss it. All proceeds from Bike Night will benefit Save A Warrior. Thanks to our Rider of the Month, Dave "Scooter" Bouelle. When Dave isn't chatting someone up at the bar, he's helping the Riders with just about anything. Scooter secured us a new sponsor for our Bike Night this year as well. Cindy is a lucky lady. Welcome to our newest Riders; Jim Pesa, Kathy Sullivan, Pete Proffit, & Fred Johnson.

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

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July 2026

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All dinners will be served until poste end time or until the food runs out. Thank you.			1 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	2 Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	3 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 The "5" Band 7-10 pm Camping in the Park	4 4th of July Picnic 1-4 pm Bring a covered dish to share. Guests \$7 JD's DJ 2-5 pm Right Turn Clyde 6-9 pm Camping in the Park
5 Camping in the Park	6 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	7	8 DAV Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	9 Aux. Regular Mtg. 6:30 pm	10 Element 3 7-10 pm	11
12	13	14 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	15 Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	16 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	17 SAL BBQ Chicken Dinner 5:30-7 pm \$12 David and Confused 7-10 pm	18
19	20 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	21	22 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	23	24 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Adam-12 7-10 pm	25 Fresh Off The Hook Food Truck 5 pm -????? Vintage Chrome 7-10 pm
26 Cruise-In 11am-???? Burgers and Dogs Noon-3 pm	27	28 Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	29 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	30	31 Aux. Jumbo Breaded Pork Tenderloin 6-7:30 pm \$12	

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lunch served Mon.-fri. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Wear Red on Fridays to show your support for our troops						1 Bike Night benefitting Save a Warrior 1-9 pm Suburban Riot 6-10 pm
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Keith Eastman, Chaplain

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