



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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September/October 2026

The Commander's Corner...



The past two months have been very busy. I am very happy to say that the expansion of the canteen and covered patio additions are complete. I hope you, as Post 598 members, are happy with the expansion.

Yes, we have some issues with the TVs, microphone, and internet at times, so we have hired an outside contractor to hopefully debug and correct these problems. These issues have nothing to do with the building contractor, who did a wonderful job on the addition.

I'd also like to recognize everyone whose hard work, generosity, and countless volunteer hours helped bring this vision to life. Every contribution, large or small, has played an important role in making today possible.

The 2027 membership cards have arrived at the Post. Please pay your dues as soon as you can. The Post gets money back from the state if we have met our goal percentage quota by certain dates of each month.

I know there are a lot of people who just wait until the end of December to pay. That is your choice, but that decision prevents the Post from receiving free money from the state, so please reconsider your decision. We are the largest Post in Ohio, and I would hate to lose that position because of unpaid dues.

Once again, Post 598 was profitable and continues to finish in the black from January through August 2026.

We are running short of drink tokens at the Post. If you have an excessive amount of them stored in your change drawer at home, please bring them in to use. Starting December 1, 2026, they will no longer be worth anything. We will be using new tokens here at the Post.

So, after December 1st, if you have any of the old tokens, please box them up and leave them to the beneficiaries of your estate. I am sure they will be worth something in the future years. Thank you.

Please carry your membership card with you when you are visiting the Post. You may be asked to show it at any time.

Please remember you cannot sign anyone else up for the drawings. If you bring a guest to the Post, you must sign them in using the visitors' logbook by the front door inside the canteen.

With the building getting older, it seems the upkeep and repairs list keeps getting bigger. If you have any tools, toolboxes, or other items that you would like to donate, you can bring them to the Post, or you can leave me a message or contact me personally, and I can stop by and help you get them out of the garage or basement.

Thanks for your help!

Last but not least, thanks to all the volunteers who keep this Post running.

Thanks again, and as always:

Regulars + SAL + AUX + Riders = One Legion Family

God bless you,

Commander Gavin Long



Our ribbon cutting with our officers and
City of Kettering officials

Dues Are Due!

This is a reminder that membership dues can be paid now. National was late sending out the dues notices for regular members but they can still be paid. Regular (Veterans), SAL & Auxiliary cards are all in. You can pay dues by check or cash at the Post or they can be mailed to the Post c/o Betsy Law (regular), Joe Law (SAL) or Barb Frantom (Aux). Regular members can also pay by credit card at the Post and Regular and SAL members can pay online at mylegion.org. Auxiliary can pay online at <https://alaohio.org/join/> and click on the renew button. Thanks so much. Betsy Law, Post Adjutant

From the Auxiliary...

This year, Post 598 turns 59 years young — nearly six decades of camaraderie, service, volunteering, and probably enough shared stories to fill every seat in our newly expanded canteen. For almost 35 of those years, we've proudly called Kentshire Drive home — long enough that the neighborhood may have forgotten what life was like before we arrived.

We recently completed a new expansion, adding thousands of square feet to our canteen and a real, permanent brick patio with a soaring ceiling and warm wood finishes — quite an upgrade from the old tin-roof patio. And then there are the TVs: we have more than any of us can count, so there should never be a bad seat in the house. This project strengthens our ability to serve veterans, support our community, and carry forward the legacy that began nearly sixty years ago.

In case you missed it, a few weeks ago we welcomed the Commander and several officers from the Department of Ohio, along with the leadership of the Thundering Third District. We deeply appreciated their visit, which marked a very special moment in Post 598 history.

The American Legion Auxiliary has always stood proudly beside this post. Our mission is service to veterans, to their families, and to our community — and we are committed to supporting the growth and future of Post 598. We stand shoulder to shoulder — the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the Riders — as one Legion Family, united in purpose and dedicated to those who served.

In that spirit of unity, it was my honor to make a heartfelt contribution toward the expansion. On behalf of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 598, I was proud to present a \$10,000 check to Commander Gavin Long in support of the continued growth and future of our post. May this beautiful new space be filled with fellowship, service, and the unwavering commitment that defines the American Legion Family. Most of all, may it serve thousands of veterans for decades to come.

So stop in, look around, find your favorite spot, and help us put this beautiful new space to good use. After all, a room built for fellowship is happiest when it is full of friendly faces.

Thank you for every hour you volunteer and every way you support Post 598. Together, we are stepping boldly into our next chapter.

Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Greetings American Legion Family. I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. The 2027 SAL membership cards are in so you can pay your dues at any time.

The SAL donated \$8000 to the expansion sidewalk lighting project. We also donated \$1000 to Tunnel to Towers and \$1000 to the Save A Warrior Foundation. Please keep supporting our dinners so we can continue to make donations to our projects.

A special thanks to all of our volunteers who help us throughout the year. This past month we lost two of our valuable members: Jeff Smith and Jeffrey Stoneking. They will be missed.

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...

Que Pasa Legion Family:

Our Bike Night was a challenge this year due to the weather, but we pressed on best we could. I want to thank our Sponsors, who without their support our efforts would not have been as successful. Our Gold Star Sponsor Eversole Insurance (Matt & Julie); our Silver Star Sponsors Valor HVAC, Team 937 REMAX Realty, Bellbrook Muffler Bros, & White-Allen Chevrolet. I also need to thank all of our volunteers, it takes a team to put on an event like this and I appreciate each and everyone of you. Despite Mother Nature's best efforts, we were still able present a check to Save A Warrior for \$6K. And I want to be sure to give a huge shout out to the Post, SAL, Aux and others who made their own contributions. Through a bunch of hard work, we were also able to make nice donations to Tunnel To Towers & Sophie's Companions recently. Our next big charities we'll be working to support are Toys for Tots and Fairhaven Church's (and churches they partner with) Christmas Shop they call "Hope for Centerville" and "Hope for Kettering".

Our Rider of the Month is Gene Wager. Gene not only volunteers and is a big help at the majority of our events, but he leads many of our Friday Lunch Rides. He's also lucky enough to be my golf partner, which means I have to carry an AED with me on the golf course or when we go to the "club". Kidding of course, Gene is a hell of a guy and decent golfer, we're glad he's part of our group. I also want to give a shout-out to Jim Pesa, one of our newer Riders jumping right in and doing a lot, Thanks Jim.

On behalf of the Riders, Keep Two Wheels Down! God Bless - Frank Burks

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September 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All dinners will be served until posted end time or until the food runs out. Thank you.		1	2 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	3 Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	4 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Hearts On Fire 7-10 pm	5 Ball State @ OSU 12:30 pm
6	7 Labor Day Holiday at Home Parade Leaves Post at 8:30 am Membership Drive "Ice Cream Social" DJ	8 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	9 DAV Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	10 Aux. Regular Mtg. 6:30 pm	11 Pizza Night 6-8 pm \$15 Element 3 7-10 pm	12 Taco Bar. 5:30-7 pm OSU @ Texas 7:30 pm
Brunch AYCE 10 am-Noon \$12 Buccaneers @ Bengals 1 pm Browns @ Jaguars 1 pm 13	14 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	15	Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm 16	17 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	18 Live Your Dreams 7-10 pm	19 GJWTHF 11 am-3 pm Kent State @ OSU Noon
20 Bengals @ Texans 1 pm Browns @ Buccaneers 1 pm	21 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	22 Aux. Dinner Italian Soup Dinner \$7 5:30-7 pm	23 Blood Drive Noon - 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	24 Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	25 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 Vintage Chrome 7-10 pm	26 Illinois @ OSU TBA
Bengals @ Steelers 1 pm Browns @ Panthers 1 pm Cruise-In 11am-???? Burgers and Dogs Noon-3 pm 27	28	29 Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	30 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm			

October 2026

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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		
4 Jaguars @ Bengals 1 pm	5 Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm	6	7 Riders Meeting 6 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	8 Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	1 Aux. Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Steelers @ Browns 8:15 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	2 Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm \$6 Adam 12 7-10 pm
11 Bengals @ Dolphins 1 pm Browns @ Jets 1 pm	12	13 SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	14 DAV Meeting 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	15 Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	16 SAL BBQ Sandwich 5:30-7 pm \$9 Rodney The Band 7-10 pm	3 OSU @ Iowa TBA
18 Ravens @ Browns 1 pm Euchre Noon Casino Bus Trip Leave at 10 am Return at 6 pm	19 Post E-board Mtg. 6:00 pm	20 Aux. Soup Night \$7 5:30-7 pm	Book Club 5 pm Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm 21	22	23 Aux. Spaghetti Dinner 5-6:30 pm \$10 Six String Hustle 7-10 pm	24
Riders Hot Dog/Nacho Bar 1-4 pm Kid's Halloween Party 2-4 pm Bengals @ Ravens 1 pm Browns @ Titans 1 pm 25	26	27 Riders Wing Night, Fries & Slaw \$7 5 - 6:30 pm	28 Burger Nite 5-6:45 pm	29	30 Shrimp Dinner Baked Potato or Fries 6-7:30 pm \$10 David&Confused 7-10 pm	31 OSU @ USC TBA Pre-Rut Starts



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Adjutant	Betsy Law
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim O'Neil
Chaplain	Keith Eastman
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1st Vice President	Barb Frantom
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