The Leader



Kettering American Legion Post No. 598

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November/December 2026

The Commander's Corner...



Greetings everyone,

I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in the Holiday at Home parade. The Honor Guard did a great job, as always! Also, a special thank you to Rick Sloan and White Allen Chevrolet for loaning us the beautiful trucks we drove in the parade.

The Ladies Auxiliary did a wonderful job with the Girls Just Want to Have Fun benefit. Thank you to the ladies and all the volunteers for making this event such a success!

Our Tunnel to Towers golf outing had a great turnout this year. Thanks to the generosity of our golfers, SAL, Auxiliary, Riders, Post members, and local businesses, we were able to donate a total of $25,000 from this event. I would like to thank all the volunteers and golfers who helped make this event so successful.

Donations are now being accepted for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets along with our Marines Toys for Tots program. Please consider donating to these great causes. Cases of canned goods, nonperishable food items, and monetary donations are all greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet paid your 2027 membership dues, please do so at this time. Please do not wait until the end of the year. The sooner you pay, the better our chances of receiving money back from the state. Also, those who have not paid their 2027 dues by December 31 will have their key cards turned off until their dues are paid.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to the SAL, Auxiliary, and Riders for the many thousands of dollars they have donated to the Post this year. These contributions have helped fund the expansion and remodeling of our Post. We are currently in the process of having new bar tops installed in the canteen and banquet room. This project was approved by the membership at our October meeting.

The Post is in a good financial position, thanks to the continued dedication and support of our members, volunteers, and officers. Please continue to support the Post whenever you can.

To all our volunteers, I cannot thank you enough for your continued loyalty and dedication. Any private club that consistently finishes the year financially in the black does so because of the tremendous support of its members, volunteers, and Legion staff.

The individuals and businesses listed below are some of the major contributors to our Tunnels to Towers event. Thank you all again for your generosity and support.

As always, Reg + SAL + Auxiliary + Riders = One Legion Family!

God bless you! Commander Gavin Long

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From the Auxiliary...

With Gratitude: 7th Annual GJWTHF Thank you for making our 7th Annual Girls Just Want to Have Fun Luncheon a success! With 650+ beautiful friends, family members, and guests in attendance, we raised funds that will make a life-changing impact for the Fisher House, a mission so close to our hearts. Thanks for your incredible generosity. This event is more than a luncheon; it is a movement. It is our joyful way of turning compassion into action, because we truly believe that 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 heart that made the day unforgettable.

· Title Sponsor: Special thanks to Julie M. Eversole, Your Medicare Advisor, our 2026 Title Sponsor, for stepping up in a big way.
· Raffle Donors: To the 225+ prize donors who contributed to the raffle gifts - you are the heartbeat of this event.
· Sister Units: We also extend our deepest gratitude to the Auxiliary Units including Kentucky #203 for joining us in true sisterhood and service.
· Mother Nature: And to the skies above—thank you for the perfect picture sunshine!

Looking Ahead: Holiday Happenings: As we wrap up an extraordinary season of giving, we are rolling straight into the holidays with more opportunities to gather, celebrate, and serve. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

· Veterans Day (Honoring our heroes)
· Post Football Watch Parties
· Thanksgiving Meal
· Kids' Christmas Party
· A Giving Tree (more details to come)
· Christmas Dinner
· New Year's Eve Celebration

Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets will be donated again this year to veteran families. Please look for information on needed canned goods in the lobby.

Warmest Holiday Wishes from Your Auxiliary Family As the holiday season begins, we look back on a year of shared service and look forward to days filled with warmth, laughter, and peace. Whether you are gathering with loved ones, volunteering, baking, making crafts, or ringing in the New Year, please know how much your presence matters to our mission. Thank you for your dedication and for walking this journey with us.Erica Kubea, Auxiliary President

From the SAL...

Hello and Happy Holidays! I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped us with our functions this year. A special thanks to Dot's Market for all of their support. The SAL was able to donate $23,650 this year to various charities. Our latest was $6,000 for the new sidewalk lights at the Post and also for the flag pole lights on Hewitt.

Please get your dues in by December 31 so you don't lose your canteen privleges. Help the SAL have another record membership year. We will also be looking for a new 2nd Vice in the coming year to run our dinners. Please let me know your you are interested.

See you at our meetings at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

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

From the Riders...

Wussup Legion Family: As we start getting ready for the end of the riding season, I want to give a big "THANK YOU" to all the Riders...and all our supporters on another successful riding season. Each year we take on just a little bit more for our Post and for Veterans; I as well as all the ALR Officers are very proud of the progress we've made and what we've achieved. We were recognized at the National Convention for fundraising for the Veterans & Children's Fund; over $14K raised as part of our D-Day Ride. We were entered into the "1919 Society" as well...mission accomplished. However, as the Riding season slows down, we will as well as we start to plan for next year. Thanks again to the entire 598 Family for all the support. Our next big push will be "Toys For Tots". Around mid November you'll start seeing the Lobby being overtaken with Toys. Please help us make this bigger than it was last year! Our Chili Cook-Off Dec 6 will wrap up the drive, so don't wait too long to get your gifts in. Please make sure all Toy donations are new and unwrapped.

Welcome to our newest members Jeff Hill, Tami Hill, & Friday Forsthoff. Our Rider(s) of the Month are Bill Whitaker and the entire "Cruise-In" grill team. There are too many to list, but our Sunday Cruise-In burger burns were a bit more challenging this year since the garage was off limits. Also, the Cruise-Ins have grown quite a bit, and the amount of food we cook in a short time increased ALOT! Thanks to Bill and the Team for making these a huge success. On behalf of the RIders, God Bless. Director - Frank Burks

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bengals @ Ravens 1 pm Browns @ Steelers 1 pm	**2** Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux. Bake Sale 6 pm	**3**	**4** Riders Meeting 6 pm **Burger Nite** **5-6:30 pm**	**5** Aux. E-Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	**6** Pork Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich 6-7:30 pm $6 Brooks & Doug 7-10 pm	**7** Oregon @ OSU TBA
Brunch AYCE 10 am-Noon $12 **8** Bengals @ Falcons 9:30 am Browns @ Saints 1 pm	**9**	**10** SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	DAV Mtg. 6:30 pm **11** Ham and Bean Soup Cornbread Noon till gone **KITCHEN CLOSED**	**12** Aux. Regular Mtg. 6:30 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	**13** Pizza Night $15 Pepperoni Slice available 6-8 pm The Milos 7-10 pm	**14** Northwestern @ OSU TBA
15 Texans @ Browns 1 pm Steelers @ Bengals 8:20 pm	**16** Post E-board Mtg. 6 pm	**17** Zuppa Toscana, salad, bread and dessert. 5:30-7 pm $7 Cash Only	Book Club 5 pm **18** Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm **Burger Nite** **5-6:30 pm**	**19** Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	**20** SAL Spaghetti Dinner $10 5:30-7 pm The 5 Band 7-10 pm	**21** Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 pm $12 OSU @ Nebraska TBA
22	**23** Bengals @ Commanders 8:15 pm	**24** Riders Dinner	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving Day Post Opens at 5 pm **NO DRAWINGS**	**27** **KITCHEN** **CLOSED** Free Juke Box 7-10 pm	**28** Michigan @ OSU Noon Post will offer Food
29 Saints @ Bengals 1 pm Raiders @ Browns 1 pm	**30**	All dinners will be served until posted end time or until the food runs out. Thank you.				

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Lunch served Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm		**1** Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm	**2** Riders Meeting 6 pm **Burger Nite** **5-6:30 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 Hearts on Fire 7-10 pm	**5** Big Ten Championship 8 pm
Chili Cookoff Noon-??? **6** Bengals @ Browns 1 pm Kids Christmas Party 2-4:30 pm	**7** Regular Post Meeting 6:30 pm Aux Bake Sale 6:30 pm	**8** SAL Mtg. 6:30 pm	**9** DAV Mtg. 6:30 pm **Burger Nite** **5-6:30 pm**	**10** Aux. Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	**11** Pizza Night $15 Pepperoni Slice available 6-8 pm Roller Dogz 7-10 pm	**12** Army/Navy Game 3 pm
Riders Christmas **13** Party Noon-3 pm Falcons @ Browns 1 pm Chiefs @ Bengals 4:25 pm	**14**	Blood Drive Noon-6 pm **15** Lasagna soup, salad, hot bread and dessert Cash Only $7 5:30-7 pm	Book Club 5 pm **16** Marine Corps League Mtg. 6:30 pm **Burger Nite** **5-6:30 pm**	**17** Bldg. Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Trivia w/Nora 6:30 pm	**18** Have a Ball Karaoke 7-10 pm	**19** Christmas Dinner 6-8 pm $12
20 Bengals @ Panthers 1 pm Browns @ Giants 1 pm	**21** Post E-board Mtg. 6 pm	**22**	**23**	**24** Christmas Eve Post Closes at 6 pm **NO DRAWINGS**	**25** Christmas Day Post Opens at 5 pm **NO DRAWINGS**	**26**
27 Browns @ Ravens 1 pm Bengals @ Colts TBD	**28**	**29**	**30**	Ravens @ Bengals 8:15 pm **31** New Years Eve with the Hathaways playing 8-Midnight Members $15 Guests $20	New Year's Eve Doors open at 6:30 pm Tickets are all advance sale.	

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