



The Portage

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. . . It's the price you paid to become eligible.

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Commanders Corner

I want to express my sincere thanks for all of the well wishes and prayers during my recovery from surgery. I am not back to my old self yet but hope to get there soon.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now it is time to get ready for Christmas. I have no idea where 2011 went!

Once again this year we will be having the Prime Rib dinner for New Years Eve. As in the past, this will be a presale dinner only, the cost is \$15.00 per person. The menu will be a large portion of Prime Rib with a baked potato, green beans almondine and salad. We will serve from 5:30PM until 7:00 PM. The last day for ticket sales will be Monday, December 26 so please come in and get your tickets as soon as possible.

Last but not least, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Wilson
Commander

It's crunch time! That can mean a number of things for all of us! For Legion members, it means there's a lot going on at Post 496 to keep up with as we finish 2011. Now that we're through a busy Thanksgiving week (football games, gun shows, karaoke, etc.) the events keep coming during a busy December. Check the calendar for important meeting dates, collections for vets (and others) at the Post, on-going activities to support, and special events the last two days of the month. Being...

A day in Wheeling, WV on Friday Dec. 30 to do a little gambling at Wheeling Downs & Casino followed by a scrumptious country dinner buffet at Wheeling Park and a guided tour drive through the Oglebay Festival of Lights. There should be time to enjoy the Specialty Shops at Oglebay as well as the Christmas Shop at Speidel clubhouse. Leaving at 8am and returning about 10 pm, we'll enjoy a bus ride with games, music, movies, snacks and drinks along the way. The \$45 cost is great considering you get a \$25 coin and food (lunch) allowance at Wheeling Downs. Sign up at the Post to guarantee your seat on the bus! And

Plan now for a New Year's Prime Rib dinner to start your New Year's celebration on Dec. 31. Like last year, we'll be serving prime rib with delicious sides for just \$15. Add your favorite drink and continue your celebration at the club if you like. Tickets only (presale) for this event so sign up before Christmas to reserve your spot. It's a great way to celebrate!

Again, the final 30 days of the year are busy ones. Make the Post a regular stop in your busy schedule! Remember - Post 496 needs you!
Robert Brauning, Jr 2nd vice cmdr.

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Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season—During the busy month let us cook you some good food remember breakfast will be the 18th of December from 9 AM to Noon, for \$6.50 per person ALL U CAN EAT!

Ed Hawn

SAL NEWS

JUST A REMINDER THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011 10 PM. WE NEED TO TELL SANTA BY DECEMBER 7TH WHO WILL BE THERE. SIGN-UPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN. REMEMBER NO ONE OVER 10 AND NO ONE WHO HAS BEEN NAUGHTY. KEN MILLICK SAL COMMANDER

AUXILIARY NEWS

Toy basket raffle is underway tickets on sale until the 18th @ 3:15 PM Drawing held that day after the Queen of hearts. We are having a **BAKE SALE** on December 9th during the Fish Fry and are hopeful that some of you will donate some goodies while others will purchase the tasty treats! Don't forget the Stock The Sock box is at the post and I see some names on the Gifts for Yanks donation sheet—why not add yours ☺ Let us during this season remember all who are less fortunate and practice random acts of kindness and please say a prayer to bring our men and women home.



QUEEN OF HEARTS—Game has started and the first board went quick with the queen turning on the SECOND card out (B000) However the pot for the new game started at \$162.50 so it should rise quickly... Come on down read the rules (POST 496 Members eligible only SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!)

DRAWINGS AND DRINK PRICES!!!! Unpaid members are NOT eligible for reduced drink prices, and are not able to sign the books. PLEASE pay your dues by the 20th to help the people who manage the drawing roster, and to keep your member only benefits

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Commander: John Wilson
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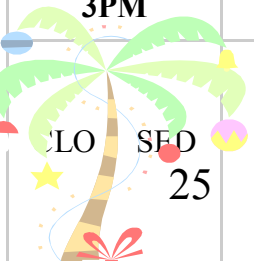
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HALL RENTAL
 Anyone interested in renting *Underwood Hall* should contact Matt at 330-860-4496 email underwood.hall@yahoo.com
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MEMBERSHIP
Please send your dues ASAP the year end is fast approaching and membership for all groups is way down compared to previous years. Please mail your dues check today or stop at the post and pay. The bartenders will write you a receipt for your payment.

DECEMBER 2011

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				1 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7:30 pm E-board meeting	2 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30 MONTHLY DRAWING 9 PM	3
4 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	5 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 pm Euchre 7pm	6 Kitchen open 5-7:30	7 Kitchen open 5-7:30	8 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7pm Aux Meeting 7:30 pm Regular Legion Meeting	9 FISH FRY 4:30 -7:30	10
11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	12 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	13 <u>Riders</u> Mtg. 7:30 PM Kitchen open 5-7:30	14 Kitchen open 5-7:30	15 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	16 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	17 KIDS XMAS Party 1PM
18 BREAKFAST 9am-Noon QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	19 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	20 <u>SAL</u> meeting 7:30 Kitchen open 5-7:30	21 Kitchen open 5-7:30	22 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	23 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	24  close early 6 PM
25  LO SED	26 Kitchen CLOSED Euchre 7pm	27 Kitchen open 5-7:30	28 Kitchen CLOSED	29 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	30 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	31 PRIME RIB DINNER 5:30-7 PM PRESALE TICKETS ONLY