

The Portage



POSTER



It's not the price you pay for membership. . .
. . . It's the price you paid to become eligible.

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Commanders Corner

Well another year has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that those of you who came and shared in the Prime Rib dinner on New Years eve enjoyed it. It was not as well attended as in the past but that should not surprise me since most of our functions this past year were not well attended. With the new year comes more new challenges but with your help, we will face them. Why not make a New Years Resolution to become more involved with your Post in 2012. It only takes a little effort and the rewards can be great. Please be advised that the bar staff will be asking to see your 2012 membership card when you come in so if you have not yet paid your 2012 dues, please do so now. Just stop by the Canteen or mail in your check. Once again, Happy New Year and I hope to see you all in the Canteen very soon.

John Wilson Commander

Happy New Year – 2012!! Traditionally it's resolution time. Make Post 496 a resolution of yours.

Resolve to *pay your dues!*
Resolve to *attend monthly meetings!*
Resolve to *volunteer!*
Resolve to *use your post more often!*
Resolve to *support post activities!*
Resolve to *meet more members!*
Resolve to *ask a potential member to join your post!*
Resolve to *offer a suggestion of improvement!*

Make the Post a regular stop in your busy schedule! Remember - Post 496 needs you!

Robert Brauning, Jr 2nd vice cmdr

ALR 496

During the busy month let us cook you some good food remember breakfast will be the 15th of January from 9 AM to Noon, for \$6.50 per person ALL U CAN EAT!
Ed Hawn

SAL NEWS

2011 is now in the history books, but before I welcome 2012 I must say thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Party a great success. THANK YOU! To the ladies from the ALA for serving the treats to the kids and wrapping those gifts from Santa; Rachel for getting with Santa and making sure he had the right list of toys. Then there is the Balloon Lady (Heather) who made Santa's, Rudolf's and Elf's for all to enjoy; and finally our guests of honor Santa and Mrs. Claus! I hope all the children enjoyed themselves and we look forward to doing it again in 2012.

Since 2012 is here, that means it is time to renew your membership! We currently have 64 paid members 36 short of our quota for 2012. Please stop by and pay your dues today!

The SAL is planning a dinner for January 28, 2012. For \$8 we'll be serving up a Swiss Steak dinner. Come on down and let us do the cooking for you! We'll do the dishes too! **KEN MILLICK SAL COMMANDER**


AUXILIARY NEWS HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! The bake sale had a fair turnout and the Toy basket Raffle went quite well! Congratulations to Barb Lute who won the toys. Thank you to the SAL for another great Christmas party the kids really enjoy the event and seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus. Next raffle will be a Wine basket with lot's of goodies inside, tickets will be on sale soon. A reminder to **Please pay your dues** we are far below our quota.

QUEEN OF HEARTS—POT is over \$500.00 so get your tickets Come on down read the rules (POST 496 Members eligible only SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Drawings are Sundays at 3PM



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 and be prepared to SHOW your membership card to the Bar Staff.

Legion Officers
Commander: John Wilson
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Robert Brauning Jr.
Adjutant: Al Swetel
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Ray Swaney, Sr.
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HALL RENTAL
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FISH FRY!!! Effective January 6th the prices for fish fry will increase to include **sales tax** that has not previously been included. The cost for dinner will be \$9.00 for DINE IN and \$8.50 for CARRY OUT.
 We thank you for your continued support of our post activities.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	2 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 pm Euchre 7pm	3 Kitchen open 5-7:30	4 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	5 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7:30 pm E - board meeting	6 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30 MONTHLY DRAWING 9 PM	7
8 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	9 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 pm Euchre 7pm	10 <u>Riders</u> <u>Mtg. 7:30 PM</u> Kitchen open 5-7:30	11 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	12 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7:30 pm Regular Legion Meeting	13 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	14
15 BREAKFAST 9am-Noon QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	16 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	17 <u>SAL</u> <u>meeting 7:30</u> Kitchen open 5-7:30	18 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	19 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	20 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	21
22 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	23 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	24 Kitchen open 5-7:30	25 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	26 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	27 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	28 SWISS STEAK DINNER 5-7:30 PM and KARAOKE 8pm
29 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	30 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	31 Kitchen open 5-7:30				