

The Portage



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

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Commanders Corner

Wednesday night Cruise Ins are back. We are finalizing the plans for the Cruise ins They will start on Wednesday, May 9 at 5 PM. As in the past, we will be cooking in the parking lot with service to begin at 5 and ending at 8. We will need help with this so please step up and let me know if you will be willing to lend a hand. If we get enough help, we will be able to make up a schedule so that you will only need to help once or twice a month. This proved to be a good money maker for us in the past.

The time is coming soon for us to elect new officers for 2012/2013. We need new blood and new ideas for our Post. Please join us at our next regular Legion meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 7:30. Post 496 is your Post so why not get involved and help make it the greatest Post in the 14th District.

John Wilson Commander

SAL NEWS

Please attend the Meeting on March 20th @ 7:30 PM

March Madness! I think the term is credited to a college basketball coach referring to the end of season games and nerve-racking tournament games played this time of year. You can apply it to other happenings as well, including our crazy weather! A March Madness Basketball Pool is in the works. Don't worry about having to fill in brackets. Like football pools or raffles, everyone will have chances to win. Stop in for details.

Congrats to John Caipen, our recent enshrinee to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Our post is honoring John on Feb. 29th with a dinner/reception, highlighting his nearly 50 years of service to veterans in numerous ways. Give John your congrats when you see him. Our post is fortunate to have his membership.

We're fortunate to have you as a member, too! All we need is your participation, wherever you can step in. Let's develop a Post 496 wish list of needs and opportunities and see how many holes we can fill. Have an idea for the list? Let an e-board member know and we'll add it! Remember - Post 496 needs you Robert Brauning, Jr 2nd vice cmdr.

ALR 496 —Corned Beef & Cabbage March 17th 5-7:30 Karaoke @8 PM ALL U CAN EAT breakfast will be the 18th of March from 9 AM to Noon, for \$6.50 per person Ed Hawn

AUXILIARY NEWS Drop off a note or an email letting us know what you did for your Random Act of Kindness in February. Collect and drop off to the canteen area (box marked) trial size personals for our veterans at Wade Park Hospital. Items such as shampoo, soap hand and body, combs, files, deodorants, body sprays, toothpaste, etc. Remember, we have male and female veterans that need our help with these comfort

Buckeye Girls State delegates this year will attend Mount Union College. We will announce those selected next month. If you know of any club that would like to co-sponsor a delegate to BGS please contact us.

Visit the canteen, for dinner, friendship, pick up a newsletter, and volunteer at the clothing center for us; the fourth Friday of each month is our scheduled day. Eloise Byers is our chairman and would help.

Congratulations to Legionnaire, John Caipen on his recent honor of being placed in the Veterans Hall of Fame! This is an extreme honor and a privilege that he is a member of our Post.

Duel chairmen for Poppy Days are Melinda Adams and Judy Morgan. Soon they will be contacting members to volunteer for Poppy Days and to assist them with the Memorial Tree (new this year). Also letter will be going out requesting participation and donation from members for Poppy Days and the Memorial Tree will be an opportunity to remember a veteran member or friend, for a \$5.00 donation. We will still also have available postcard size memorials for \$1.00 donation (similar to poppy plates).

The unit selected Lila Underwood, daughter of Tim and Elise Underwood of Cuyahoga Falls as this year's Poppy Princess and Michealanne Chapman, daughter of Stevie Baughman-Chapman and Erick Chapman both of Rootstown, as Miss Poppy. Both youths will participate at the Ohio Veterans Home Poppy Shop program on April 15th and Memorial Day festivities.

It is time that I remind you that the nominating committee will be looking for new officers soon, if you are interested in finally

Auxiliary Wine Basket at post—Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 list of wines in basket available at post.

Just a reminder that the dues notices come from National and do not mean you have not paid your 2012 dues. If you have a 2012 card please ignore these notices. If you DO NOT have a 2012 card why not renew your membership today!

Dan Ginther 1st Vice

Legion Officers
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Daniel Ginther
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*Spaghetti dinner benefit for Smiley 😊 March 10th from 5 to 7:30 Pm
 and Karaoke to follow Dinner is \$7.00 Auction of miscellaneous items
 and 50/50 Please come support Smiley 😊*

March 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Monthly Drawing on April 6th Over \$9000 Sign the Book!!!</i>				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 Happy hour till 9 PM	8 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7PM Aux Mtg 7:30 pm Regular Legion Mtg	9 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	10 Spaghetti dinner Benefit ☺ KAROE
11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	12 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	13 <u>Riders</u> <u>Mtg. 7:30 PM</u> Kitchen open 5-7:30	14 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	15 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	16 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	17 Corned Beef & Cabbage Karaoke
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