

# The Portage



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## Commander's Corner

Don't forget that the next regular Legion meeting is on Thursday, May 10 at which we will be having the final nominations for next year's officers. I hope to see a great turn-out!

May 18 is the last Fish Fry for the summer. We will start back on September 7. I want to take this opportunity to give a HUGE thank you to all of you who volunteered this year to make our Friday nights a success. Thanks to all of you!

With that said, we are now starting the Tuesday night Cruise-Ins and we need some help with this. With a membership as large as what we have, there has to be 8 to 12 of you who would be willing to give up one Tuesday evening a month to help with the food tent. Please let me know SOON if you will be willing to help out. It only requires helping to take orders and taking money. You will only need to be here from 4:30 until about 8:30 and if we can get eight to twelve people, it will only be one night per month. This is your Post - so give a hand.

John Wilson - Commander

Can't cha' feel it? It just feels like things are ready to pop, ready to rev into high gear! A lot is happenin' around the post, and we need you to be part of it!

Get ready for **Tuesday night car shows** (yes, Tuesday is correct) with food on the grill and music oldies adding to the fun. Our regular drawings are doing well and our Sunday Queen of Hearts jackpot is around \$2000!

New to the post, and in the planning stage, is weekly Bingo in Underwood Hall. Most details have been worked out and equipment is being secured for a regular weekly bingo event that will hopefully gain interest (and boost our income a little). Watch for details on the start-up.

Friday Fish will be winding down, and that means summer fun is not far off. Watch for special events, patio parties, bus trips and other post activities sponsored by SAL, Auxiliary, Riders and Honor Guard and make Post 496 your place to be!

And Volunteer!! Remember - Post 496 needs *you!*

Robert Brauning, Jr - 2<sup>nd</sup> vice cmdr.

**Take note: Cruise-Ins start Tuesday, May 8**

## Auxiliary NEWS - C. Baughman-Underwood

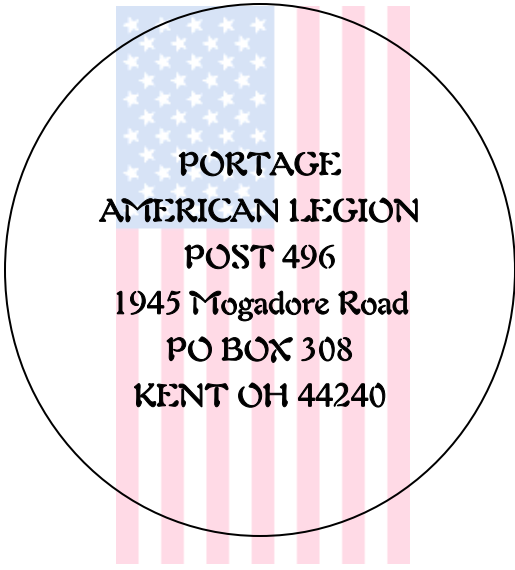
Ladies it is May and this is the month that we begin to wrap up one year and prepare for another. Such as the auxiliary reporting for the 2012 year is in process as this is being written and credentials for convention have been started. Our May meeting will be on the second Thursday at 7 pm and this will be an election meeting for the main offices from President to Treasurer. The Auxiliary needs some new faces in these offices, we have several individuals that need to step down from their offices. Please consider getting involved one step at a time. Take an office, we promise guidance. Memorial Day is very soon and we need your help. We have a poppy princess and a Miss Poppy that will be in the parade this year. The Auxiliary is also in charge of preparing food at the canteen area for those involved in the parade festivities so we need a few volunteers and some dishes. Please contact Cyndi at 330-983-4835 to volunteer your time or a dish. Remember to donate for a Poppy plate at the canteen or make a donation on the Memorial tree. Auxiliary County Council Installation is at Kent on the first Thursday in June. The Department Sec. Vice Pres. is the guest speaker.

**BE A PATRIOT! JOIN THE PARADE!** This coming Memorial Day, our color guard will be leading the annual Memorial Day Parade through the streets of Kent, ending up at Standing Rock Cemetery. At the cemetery they will honor all the veterans who have sacrificed so much in the defense of Freedom and Democracy. The Sons of The American Legion will be joining in the parade this year and we will be passing out 3" x 5" flags to the children along the parade route. We are looking for anyone from our Legion family (the ALA, SAL, AL or Riders) who would like to help hand out the flags. Come join us on Monday, May 28th, 2012 and experience what it means to be an AMERICAN.

**OUR MEETING DAY IS MOVING.** With the lack-luster attendance at our Tuesday meetings we decided to move them to the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm. Our next meeting is still scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:30 pm; then we will meet again on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 12:30 pm. Although you are not required to attend our meetings to maintain your membership, your attendance would go a long way to maintaining our SAL.

Ken Millick - SAL Commander

**Legion Officers**  
**Commander:** John Wilson  
**1st Vice Commander:**  
 Daniel Ginther  
**2nd Vice Commander:**  
 Robert Brauning Jr.  
**Adjutant:** Al Swetel  
**Honor Guard Commander:**  
 Ray Swaney, Sr.  
**Sgt. At Arms:** Dale Good  
**Chaplain:** John Caipen



**Auxiliary Officers**  
**President:** Kelly Trusso  
**1st Vice:** Cyndi Underwood  
**2nd Vice:** Judy Morgan  
**Secretary:** Rachel Spence  
**Treasurer:** Elsie Teets

**S.A.L. Officers**  
**Commander:** Ken Millick  
**1st Vice Commander:** Ray Oxford  
**2nd Vice Commander :** OPEN  
**Adjutant:** Russ Steiner  
**Chaplain:** Andy Policy  
**Sgt. At Arms:** Ed Hawn

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**HALL RENTAL**  
 Interested in renting Underwood Hall ?  
 Call 330-860-4496 or  
 email ~ [underwood.hall@yahoo.com](mailto:underwood.hall@yahoo.com)



QUEEN OF HEARTS - POT is over \$2000 so get your tickets! Come on down read the rules (POST 496 members eligible only— SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Drawings are Sundays at 3pm  
**Monthly drawing is nearly \$11,000 Come on down on June 1st @ 9 pm**

# May 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>CHECK IT OUT ~</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> (Moms eat free!) <b>Cruise-ins now Tuesdays @ 5</b>		1 <b>Kitchen open - 5-7:30</b> Riders - 7:30 pm (meeting)	2 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Happy hour 'til 9	3 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30 <b>NO E-board</b>	4 <b>FISH FRY</b> 4:30-7:30 Monthly Drawing 9 pm - \$10,000+ ?	5
6 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	7 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Euchre 7pm	8 <b>Food on the grill - 5-7:30</b> Cruise-in @ 5	9 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Happy hour 'til 9	10 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7 - E-board 7 - Auxiliary 7:30 - AL meets	11 <b>FISH FRY</b> 4:30-7:30	12
13 <i>Mother's Day BREAKFAST</i> 9 - Noon QUEEN OF HEARTS	14 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Euchre 7pm	15 <b>Food on the grill - 5-7:30</b> 7:30 -SAL meets Cruise-in @ 5	16 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Happy hour 'til 9	17 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30	18 <b>FISH FRY</b> 4:30-7:30 (last one 'til Fall)	19 Karaoke 8-12 pm Give it a try!
20 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	21 <b>Kitchen Open 5-7:30</b> Euchre 7pm	22 <b>Food on the grill - 5-7:30</b> Cruise-in @ 5	23 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Happy hour 'til 9	24 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30	25	26
27 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	28 <b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Join the SAL parade walk and hand out flags to the kids!	29 <b>Food on the grill - 5-7:30</b> Cruise-in @ 5	30 <b>Kitchen open 5-7:30</b> Happy hour 'til 9	31 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30	<i>May is Poppy month - a chance to support veterans and their families through poppy sales. Do your part by buying poppies from our Auxiliary.</i>	