



# 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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### Commander's Corner

The Fish Frys have started and once again, we need help. I am not asking anyone to be at every one of the Fridays, but we sure could use some more help. Please, if you can help, let either me or Bill Griffith know when you are available. The Fish Fry is a very important money-maker for our Post and without help, we will not be able to continue with them.

We have a problem with people parking in places that are not designated parking spots. Our lot will hold 200 vehicles. There is absolutely no reason for people to insist in parking in the aisle ways. We had a recent incident where a vehicle was damaged while parked in one of the aisles. I am not relieving the individual who damaged the improperly parked vehicle of responsibility, but if that vehicle had been parked in one of the lined parking spots, there would have been no damage done. If anyone sees someone park in an aisle way, please ask them to park properly. I can guarantee that if I see this happen, I will be asking you to move your vehicle. There are very few times that we have every parking spot taken, so do yourself a favor and park properly.

John Wilson - Commander

### Second's Thoughts ~

We need to get the word out! And the word can mean anything you want - events, dinners, drawings, trips, meetings, help needed, awards, recognition, new members, announcements, raffles... the list goes on. The question is HOW?

There are always posters and fliers hanging around, but do many get noticed (and they're a little unsightly). We have a few announcement boards, but they get overlooked, too. Our video scroll board goes unnoticed whether it's on or off. Even our sign out front is hard to read by the casual passer-by unless you're driving along at 10 mph (unlikely).

Some are making the effort and I applaud them for it, but getting more members to join us at the Legion is an on-going issue. Remember, first and foremost, we are a member-driven organization. And, getting the word out to fellow members is crucial!

With efforts by all, word-of-mouth, email, social media, print media, US mail, phone calls and (gasp) advertising will be effective. YOU can help - remember, Post 496 needs you!

Robert Brauning, 2nd vice cmdr.

A message from our Ambulance - I have been taken to Maplewood Career Center for some finishing work. The students here are going to paint me and give me a new clutch. I want to come back home real soon but the Post is going to need about another \$500 to get me finished. There have been some very considerate members who have really helped out a lot but I need everyone to find a few extra bucks to donate toward getting me back home. Just give the bartenders whatever you can afford and tell them to put the money in the envelope for my restoration. Thanks and I hope to see you real soon. Thank you, Your Post 496 Ambulance

SAL Notes- The SAL held it's first meeting since the last snow fall! At this meeting we decided that since Sundays did not work we would move the meetings to the SECOND TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 -THEREFORE the next meeting will be October 9th at 7:00 PM—Please join us, the meeting will adjourn with a drink. The 2013 cards are in so please pay your dues today either by mail or at the post to the bartenders, or see Ray Oxford. Also we are making plans for a SWISS Steak dinner on November 17th See Russ Steiner for details. Plan to join us for a great dinner! Ken Millick—SAL Commander

### CORVETTE gear RAFFLE Underway

- Lambskin leather jacket (large)
- Matching leather travel bag
- Cap and key fob
- All with embroidered Corvette logo
- Value of set is \$350 +

Tickets are:

\$2 each    3 for \$5    7 for \$10

(Drawing to be held Oct 6 along with Monthly

**Take note: Time to fill the bus to Pittsburgh! For just \$55 per person, enjoy a luncheon cruise on the three rivers (with entertainment on board), snacks, games and movies on the easy bus ride and exciting gaming at Rivers Casino with a \$20 credit on your Player's Card to start! Join us on Monday the 15th - get reservations in NOW!**

A Big THANKS to Bob Mains for the donations of food to be cooked and served during our Football Games—ALSO to Jeff Burger and Vickie Roddie who are donating food and also cooking to make the GAME DAYS extra special!!!

**AMBULANCE FUND** - Take part in the Corvette Gear Raffle and/or donate to the Ambulance Fund to help return it to the Legion in near new condition. We're getting help from the Maplewood JVS students and crew to finish the detailing, so the needed funds are helping toward that cause.

**Legion Riders** ~ **Sunday Breakfasts are now TWICE a month from 9 am to noon. 1st and 3rd Sundays and All You Can Eat!! COME ON DOWN!!!!**

**Legion Officers**

**Commander: John Wilson**  
**1st Vice Commander:**  
*Fred Allen*  
**2nd Vice Commander:**  
*Robert Brauning Jr.*  
**Adjutant: Al Swetel**  
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**Auxiliary Officers**

**President: Rachel Spence**  
**1st Vice: Cyndi Underwood**  
**2nd Vice: Kelly Trusso**  
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**Treasurer: Elsie Teets**

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**1st Vice Commander: Ray Oxford**  
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 Website is: [underwoodbanquethall.com](http://underwoodbanquethall.com)



**QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ NEW POT-** Recent payout of \$5000+ ~ Try it out any Sunday! (Paid up POST 496 members only— SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Ticket sales close 1/2 hr. before Sunday drawing at 3 pm.

# October 2012

**Monthly drawing is over \$15,000.00** Come on down ~ **Oct 5th @ 9 pm**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	2 Kitchen open 5-7:30	3 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	4 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7:30 - E-board	5 4:30-7:30 Fish Fry Monthly Drawing 9 pm - \$15,000+	6
7 <b>RIDER'S BREAKFAST AYCE 9-NOON</b> 3 Queen of Hearts	8 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	9 Kitchen open 5-7:30 SAL meeting 7:30 PM	10 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	11 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7 pm- Auxiliary 7:30 pm- AL	12 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	13 Karaoke 8 - 12
14 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	15 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm Pittsburgh Bus Trip	16 Kitchen open 5-7:30	17 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	18 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30	19 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 DJ CHRIS!!!	20
21 <b>RIDER'S BREAKFAST AUCE 9-NOON</b> 3 pm QUEEN OF	22 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	23 Kitchen open 5-7:30	24 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	25 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30	26 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	27
28 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	29 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	30 Kitchen open 5-7:30	31 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	<b>CHECK IT OUT!!! - DURING OHIO STATE AND BROWNS GAMES WEAR THE GEAR AND SUPPORT OHIO TEAMS! REDUCED DRINK PRICES DURING THE GAMES FOR THOSE IN GEAR ALSO FREE FOOD - GO TEAM</b>		