

The Portage



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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

We have finally reached the point where we are starting our Bingo Game. Come out and join us every Sunday evening, beginning November 4, to win some money. Our doors open at 4:00 pm and the game will begin at 6:00 pm. There will be several different games to play and I think that you will find it to be an enjoyable, fun evening. As always, we are still looking for some additional help. What we really need right now are a few people to step up and agree to be a caller once a month. We have a couple of people who have agreed to call but we would like to have enough that no one has to devote more than one Sunday evening a month.

Post 496 has joined with ProSource Wholesale Floor-covering located at 4365 Mogadore Rd to offer all of our members the opportunity to save some money when purchasing floor coverings. If you are in the market for floor coverings, whether it be carpet, vinyl, ceramic, wood or laminate, just stop in to their store and ask for Sue Dumm. Present your current Post 496 membership card and let Sue show you how you can save 30 to 50 %off retail prices. The store is open from 8 am - 5 pm Monday thru Friday and 9am until 12 pm on Saturday. If you need an evening appointment, just call Sue.

□ **John Wilson, Cmdr.**

Second's Thoughts ~

Last month, I mentioned getting the word out. Wow, was I behind the times! We had things in the works beyond the normal newsletter, posters, fliers and the like. We now have **Facebook** pages for both Underwood Hall (rentals are on the rise) and Post 496 (I'm still behind when it comes to social media).

New signs have been put to use out front and the SR 261 signs will be enhanced to show Sunday Bingo and Friday Fish Fry's. (Lighting of the signs is in the works.) Advertising is popping up in the *Record Courier* and a special Bingo publication. Other efforts are underway to spread the word - but word of mouth is still hard to beat, and more personal. Tell your friends, better yet, bring your friends to the Post to do your part to support your Post.

Remember, Post 496 needs *you!*

Robert Brauning, 2nd vice cmdr.

Come to the **Ohio State vs. Michigan** party on Saturday following Thanksgiving. Bring a turkey leftover casserole, soup, salad, gumbo, roll-ups or whatever you do with leftover turkey. There'll be other food and snacks and drink specials, and probably a football pool, 50/50, raffle and more, to enhance watching the "big game". Wear your team's colors and cheer them on (OH-IO or Go Blue) while enjoying the game with your friends at the Post!

Auxiliary News ~ As your new president I am really looking forward to this upcoming Auxiliary year. Our monthly meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please come and see what's new and share your ideas of how we can continue to show support of our veterans and the community. Upcoming Events: At our November 8 meeting, we will be making cards to send to our active service members out of the country for them to send home to their families this holiday season. On Nov. 11 there will be a special treat for those vets who visit the canteen as a thank you for their service. Dec. 7 is our holiday bake sale, so please save that date and consider donating something Yummy!

Rachel Lucas – Auxiliary President

SAL NEWS!

NEXT MEETING will be TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 at 7 PM! BE THERE! Please renew your membership soon. The cards are in for 2013 and you can renew before Veteran's Day and be an Early Bird!


Saturday, November 17th, 2012 our own Russ Steiner will be cooking up a *Swiss Steak Dinner* for all to enjoy! Your cost will be \$8.00 ~ a better meal cannot be had! SAL Early Birds will be entitled to receive this meal at no cost! Bring your 2013 SAL card with an Early Bird Sticker to get a free dinner on us!

AMBULANCE FUND - 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, Extra funds collected now are helping toward that cause.

Legion Riders ~ Sunday Breakfasts are now TWICE a month from 9 am to noon on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. All You Can Eat!! \$6.99. WOW what a deal!!!!!!

Legion Officers

Commander: John Wilson
1st Vice Commander:
Fred Allen
2nd Vice Commander:
Robert Brauning Jr.
Adjutant: Al Swetel
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Sgt. At Arms: Dan Ginther
Chaplain: John Caipen



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President: Rachel Spence
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S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Ken Millick
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HALL RENTAL

Interested in renting *Underwood Hall* ?
 Call 330-860-4496 or
 email ~ underwood.hall@yahoo.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ NEW POT over \$1000. ~ Try it out any Sunday! (Paid up POST 496 members only — SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Ticket sales close 1/2 hr. before drawing at 3 pm.

Monthly drawing is nearly \$7,000.00 Come on down ~ **Nov.. 2 @ 9**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Acme Community Cash back Program ~ Please save your Acme tapes and turn them in at the Canteen. The Acme tapes should be dated September 22, 2012 through February 9, 2013. This is a Fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Thanks for your help!				1 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30	2 4:30-7:30 Fish Fry Monthly Drawing 9 pm - \$7,000+	3
4 <i>Rider's Breakfast</i> <i>AJCE</i> 9-noon Q of ♥'s - 3 pm	5 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	6 Kitchen open 5-7:30	7 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	8 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7 pm - Auxiliary 7:30 pm- AL	9 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	10 Karaoke 8 - 12
11 Veteran's Day Specials Q of ♥'s - 3 pm	12 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	13 Kitchen open 5-7:30 SAL meets at 7 pm	14 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	15 1 pm - Euchre Burger nite 5-7:30	16 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	17 SWISS STEAK 5-7 followed by DJ CHRIS
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