

The Portage



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Commanders Corner

We are fast approaching the end of yet another Lenten Season and the Fish Fries were a huge success. They really helped pay a lot of bills and I would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who really came together and made this happen. I am not even going to try and name them all but I think that many of you know who they are. I would appreciate it if the next time you are in the canteen and see one of them, **PLEASE** thank them. They worked their butts off.

All of you regular Legion members, please come to the next regular meeting on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30. This will be the meeting when we have the first nominations for officers for 2012-2013. As I said in the last newsletter, we really could use some new and younger blood. Some of us are getting old and we need help. Anyone willing to run for an office, please make yourself known to any of the current officers. Hope to see a great turnout on the 12th.

John Wilson Commander

Wheeling Bus Trip
Saturday, April 21

Wheeling Downs & Casino

Live Greyhound Racing
Slots and table games

\$25 credit on your Players Card
PLUS

Short visit to Cabela's

Outdoors enthusiast Fantasyland
ALSO

Sumptuous Country Buffet Dinner
at Wheeling Park

Leaves @ 8am ~ Back @ 9 pm

All for just \$45 per person!

Summer weather in March? Kinda gives us ahead start on planning for better weather activities (and a little break on costs for heating and snow removal). And didn't everyone just seem to be in a better mood!

And, activity around the post is increased. A recent weekend had a nice turnout Thursday for afternoon euchre and a good burger night, a Friday fish fry that numbered 230+, a hall wedding reception, a Saturday dinner and Karaoke, a Sunday breakfast, an afternoon private event in the dining area and members following college basketball's March Madness all weekend! Whew!

That's the kind of post we have – active – and with lot's more potential!. Check the calendar for special events, stop in for food one night, drop by for your favorite drink and try your luck in drawings, raffles, game boards and tickets.

There's room for more to happen, so let your ideas be known. Support your Legion group by attending the monthly meetings. Volunteer in a capacity that interests you. Adopt an island in the parking area to care for. The possibilities for helping out are endless – we just need your willingness to participate.

Remember - Post 496 needs you!

Robert Brauning, Jr 2nd vice cmdr

AL Riders 496

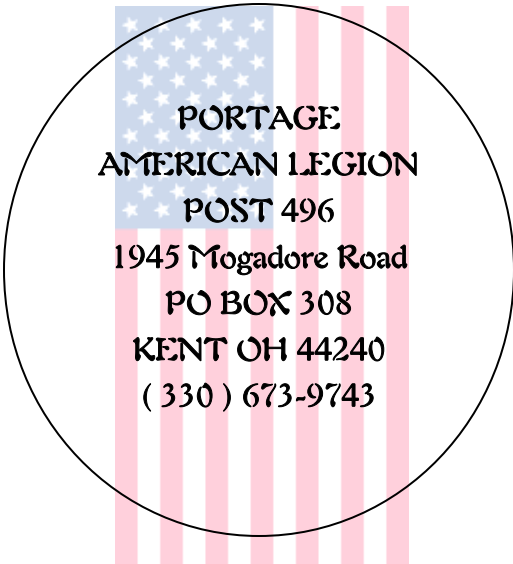
Effective APRIL 3rd we will be holding our meetings on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. - Nominations for officers will be accepted at this meeting! Breakfast will be the 15th of April from 9 AM to Noon, for \$6.50 per person ALL U CAN EAT! Annual Police and Fire Recognition dinner will be on April 21st!! Dinner (sponsored by the Riders) will be Swiss Steak and following will be the awards ceremony— check the canteen for more information on times and cost

Ed Hawn

LADIES, NEWOFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN ARE NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR. IT'S TIME TO STEP UP. Contact us now if you are interested in taking over an office. We would like to get you started out with good information. Our meetings are on the second Thursday at 7 pm. The basket raffle was a success again for the ladies. Thank you to all of the supporters, the winner was L. Burress. A reminder that Poppy season is shortly arriving and we need your donations and your volunteerism. Poppy co-chairmen are Melinda Adams and Judy Morgan. Buckeye Girls State will be held at Mount Union College this year and the auxiliary needs volunteers for the week long event. We will be sending two delegates. April 15th is Poppy Shop at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky at 10 am. Our Miss Poppy, Mikey Chapman and Poppy Princess Lila Underwood will be attending to participate in the parade. The Post Honor Guard will be attending to post and retrieve the colors for the morning and more Kent volunteers are needed for other jobs for the morning.

C. Baughman-Underwood

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
 Anyone interested in renting *Underwood Hall* should call 330-860-4496 or email underwood.hall@yahoo.com Website is underwoodbanquethall.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS—POT is over \$1600.00 so get your tickets Come on down read the rules (POST 496 Members eligible only SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Drawings are Sundays at 3PM

Monthly drawing is over \$9000.00 Come on down on April 6th @ 9 PM

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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 <u>Riders Mtg.7:30 PM</u>	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 <i>Easter open 12-6</i> QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	9 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 pm Euchre 7pm	10 Kitchen open 5-7:30	11 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	12 Euchre 1 PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7 pm Aux meeting 7:30 pm Reg 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 Swiss steak dinner KARAOKE 8-12 PM
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 Ganze room reserved Congrats Justin & Nicole
29 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM Congrats Linda & Ralph	30 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	31 Kitchen open 5-7:30				