



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

Well, Lent is over and the Fish Fry's were a great success! We served over 1500 dinners during Lent. This would not have been possible without the help of a lot of people. Thanks to each and every one of our great volunteers who worked so hard.

Now we are on to our Reverse Raffle on Friday, April 12. Ticket sales are a little slow so get in to the Canteen and get your ticket to show your support for your Post. Grand prize is \$3,000! You will also get a great meal, two free drinks and a night of enjoyment with your friends at the Legion. Why not get five couples together and take one entire table. Cost of the ticket is \$60 which includes a chance at the main board, dinner and two free drinks. A second dinner is only \$15. We are only selling 150 tickets, so get in and buy yours.

The next thing will be the Memorial Day Parade. We could use some help with this. Please consider giving us a few hours of your valuable time on Monday morning, May 27th. It would really be appreciated.

John Wilson, Commander

Second's Thoughts ~

WOW!! April is jam-packed with things happening around the Legion! It's time you get yourself on board and feel the energy. There are still some exciting Final Four games to keep you interested (4/6-8) and the Indians home opener against the Yankees (4/8). Remember-drink specials during game time when you wear your team apparel.

Come and listen to music of the 50's/60's with Johnny Fay & the Blazers LIVE in the canteen on 4/6. It's hard to beat a good oldies band!

Our Reverse Raffle with silent auction is on the 12th and **needs your support!!!** Have a *great* catered dinner, a *great* time and maybe win a *great* amount of money! Try the side boards and the other traditional raffle games to stay involved and raise money for the Legion.

Fish fry's continue through April until May 17th and Rider breakfasts are served 1st and 3rd Sundays. All you can eat can't be beat at these two fine meals!

Higher drawing totals, Sunday Bingo, karaoke, LCR game night and DJ Chris continue to help bring people through the doors. What are you missing? Remember ~ Post 496 needs you!

Robert Brauning, 2nd vice cmdr.

COMMUNITY Join us on April 20th for the Annual Police and Fire Recognition dinner. Each year we award a Kent Police officer, a Kent Firefighter and new this year, a Portage County Sherriff's Deputy with an award of appreciation. These individuals are nominated by their departments for their outstanding work. Swiss Steak will be served from 5-7 with the award presentation at 7:15. Cost is \$8/person.

Legion Riders ~ Sunday Breakfasts

**Now offered TWICE A MONTH
from 9 am to noon on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays from 9 AM to noon!
All You Can Eat!! Only \$6.99 ~
Great Deal!**

REMEMBER- Bring a friend, and promote our events!
EVERYONE is welcome at POST 496 for any of our dinners and events... CALL ahead for Fish carryout at 330-673-9743.... We are a hidden gem in the Kent area ~ why not let other people in on our secret!

POST 496 REVERSE RAFFLE

Mark your calendar now to be on hand **Friday, April 12**, for a great dinner, fun and excitement of a reverse raffle fundraiser in support of your post. Just 150 tickets will be sold, so don't get left out. Traditional side boards and buy backs in addition to a Silent Auction and "LUCKY 7" will add to the fun. See Bartender in the canteen for tickets

SAL NEEDS YOU! - Ken Millick, Cmdr.

DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MAY BECOME EXTINCT AT THE KENT POST 496. Since last year at this time we have held 3 official meetings. This is not enough meetings to make the SAL a viable organization! **OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 at 7pm.** If we do not get at least 4 SAL members in attendance, steps will be taken to shut down our SAL. **IT IS UP TO YOU!**

Legion Officers

Commander: John Wilson
1st Vice Commander:
Dan Ginther
2nd Vice Commander:
Robert Brauning Jr.
Adjutant: Al Swetel
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Commander: Ken Millick
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 Call 330-860-4496 or
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 Website is: underwoodbanquethall.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ POT over \$4800 ~ Sundays at 3! (Paid up POST 496 members only — SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Ticket sales close 1/2 hr. before drawing.

WOW! Monthly drawing is nearly \$7,000 2 Chances to win! 4-5-13 @ 9

April 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Happy Easter!	1 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	2 Riders Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	4 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7:30 pm- E- board	5 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 Mo. Drawing 9 pm	6 Live 50's-60's Johnny Fay & the Blazers 7:30 pm
7 Rider's Breakfast 9-noon Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	8 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	9 SAL meeting 7 pm	10 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	11 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7 pm - Auxiliary 7:30 pm- AL	12 Reverse Raffle-6 pm No Fish Fry	13 KARAOKE 8:30 pm
14 Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	15 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	16	17 Hump Day Happy hour 4'til 9	18 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5 -7:30	19 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	20 Annual Police & Fire Award Dinner SWISS STEAK
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28 Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	29 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	30	<p>MEMBERSHIP— If you have paid your 2013 Legion dues and have your membership card PLEASE ignore the requests from National about your dues. > If you have paid and DO NOT have a card, call the post and leave your name with the bartender. A list will be sent to the 1st vice of the respective affiliation. >IF you have NOT paid your dues please do so! Post 496 needs your support, not just of membership but of participation in events and support of our many functions. Thank you for your continued membership.</p>			