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Commander's Corner

I was glad to see so many of our members at the Reverse Raffle! You folks helped make the raffle a huge success. I need to give a big THANK YOU to three ladies who went above and beyond to make the raffle so great. **Linda Jordan, Marilyn Sessions and Rachel Spence**, spent hours of their time and it paid off big time. Thank you ladies!

We had our fourth annual Police and Fire recognition & dinner on Saturday, April 20. **Hank Mattern** chaired the event this year by working with the Kent Fire Department, the Kent Police Department and the Portage County Sheriff's office. Thank you so much Hank, for such a great job. It's too bad more of our members did not come and enjoy the event and the wonderful Swiss Steak dinner the Riders put on for us. All of the recipients were quite appreciative of our effort.

Last but not least, **Dan Nelson** took charge of heading up our Buckeye Boy's State this year. Dan did a great job of working with both Field HS and Kent Roosevelt HS in the selection of two outstanding students from each school. Thanks for a great job, Dan.

Our next regular Legion meeting will be on Thursday, May 9th when the final nominations for 2013/2014 officers is read. To all of you Legion members - come out and offer your input. This is your post and we need you to be involved.

John Wilson, Commander

Breakfast will be May 5th and again on Mothers Day, May 12th, which is the LAST breakfast until Fall. The Last Fish fry is Friday May 17th and will resume September 13th

The Ambulance has found it's way back home. Maplewood Career Center students did a wonderful job on the body work and painting. We have a few mechanical issues that need to be addressed but we are still in hopes that we can have it in the Memorial Day Parade this year. Stop down to the Canteen and take a look at it. It sure looks a lot different than it did almost three years ago. Once again, thanks to everyone who contributed toward the restoration.

Second's Thoughts ~

May is kind of a transition month around the Legion. As mentioned by others, officers are being selected and elected, veterans are being honored with poppies and parades, breakfasts and fish fries are coming to a close for the summer months and thoughts turn to out of doors activities and events. Keep our legion in your regular routine. We've enjoyed a great winter/spring around the Post and want to keep the momentum going strong! Watch for new activities and events to be supported! Remember, Post 496 needs you! **Robert Brauning, 2nd Vice Cmdr.**

SAL NEWS.....

First, I wish to thank all those who turned out for our monthly meeting in April. We had an all time high for 2013 with 8 members in attendance!. Hopefully, we'll be able to continue this trend into the future.

During our meeting, we were able to elect the new officers for 2013 - 2014. Our Commander will be **Ray Oxford**, with **Russ Steiner** serving as 1st Vice Cmdr. I will assume the duties of 2nd Vice Cmdr. while **Chris Robison** will be your new Adjutant and **Andy Policy** will continue as Chaplin.

Memorial Day is on the horizon. The SAL bought over 1,000 flags to pass out along this year's parade route. If you would like to help out with this endeavor please see Karol Spano. She's taking the lead in getting the volunteers together for this year's parade.

When you see RUSS, please remind him that our next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Come down and join us for a meeting in support of Commander Ray and YOUR SAL.

For God and country, **Ken Millick, Cmdr.**



Post 496 Honor Guard met at the canteen for some updated photos of the group. The purpose of the new photos is a brochure in development to inform local businesses of the duties of the guard. We hope that through donations and the generosity of local patrons that the guard can get a new van large enough to transport all of them to National Cemetery, so they may continue their duties of honoring of our deceased veterans

AUXILLARY UPDATE from Rachel Spence ~

Next month is poppy time, yes that's right, time to honor and show our appreciation to veterans past and present. Auxiliary members will be in the canteen during the month of May asking for a donation. In return, you will receive a poppy that was handmade by a veteran. It's with these proceeds that we are able to continue to support our veterans and their families. Not only do you get a poppy with your donation, but every name of those being honored will go on our **Branches of Service Honor Tree** that will be on display in the canteen. Make sure to get your poppy and your loved one's name on our Honor Tree.



What a great time we had at the reverse raffle!! Thanks to all those who made it possible.

Legion Officers

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

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

S.A.L. Officers

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

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HALL RENTAL


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QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ POT almost \$7000 ~ 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 over \$ 6000 ~ 2 Chances to win on 5-3-13 @ 9 pm

MAY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EFFECTIVE May 4th — the signing on ALL Drawing books (monthly, weekly, super) with the exception of the daily WILL CLOSE 1/2 hour before drawing time. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!			1 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	2 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers 5-7:30</u> 7:30 pm- E- board	3 Fish Fry <u>4:30 -7:30</u> <i>Mo. Drawing 9 pm</i>	4
5 <i>Rider's Breakfast 9-noon</i> Q of ♥'s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	6 Kitchen open <u>5-7:30</u> Euchre 7 pm	7 Riders Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	9 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers 5-7:30</u> 7 pm - Auxiliary 7:30 pm- AL	10 Fish Fry <u>4:30 -7:30</u>	11
12 <i>Rider's Breakfast 9-noon</i> <i>Coorher's Day</i> Q of ♥'s - 3 pm	13 Kitchen open <u>5-7:30</u> Euchre 7 pm	14 SAL meeting 7 pm	15 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	16 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers 5-7:30</u>	17 LAST Fish Fry <u>4:30 -7:30</u> <i>Karaoke 8:30 to Midnight</i> 	18
19 Q of ♥'s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	20 Kitchen open <u>5-7:30</u> Euchre 7 pm	21	22 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	23 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers 5-7:30</u>	24	25
26 Q of ♥'s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	30 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers 5-7:30</u>	31	