

# 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

I hope that all of you had a wonderful, Merry Christmas and I wish you a very Happy New Year!

I want to first, thank all of the members of our Executive Board this past year. Because of all of them, we have accomplished some great things for our post. Scott and Melinda Adams have done a wonderful job promoting and booking our Hall and I really want to thank them for all of their hard work. The second great accomplishment has been the start of our Sunday Bingo game. This took a lot of hard work on the part of many people, but it is up and running.

We as a Board have had some very hard decisions to make this past year, but I feel that with the cooperation of everyone, most of those decisions have been the correct ones for our post. Going into 2013, we still have a lot of things to get accomplished, but I think that with the help of everyone, we are going to have a better and greater year.

We still have many members who have not renewed their membership. If you have not yet renewed, you need to know that the entire bar staff will be requiring to see your 2013 membership card for you to get the benefit of membership. There will be no exceptions to this so if you have not yet paid your dues, you are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Bob Brauning has planned a lot of things for our post and he still has a lot of things that he wants to do in the near future, so watch the newsletters and come out and support your post.

**John Wilson, Commander**

**SAL NEWS** —First I want to thank Melinda and Rachel for all their hard work in making this year's Christmas Party a success! Thanks also to Chris, Eloise, and the Oxford family before and during the party. The balloon lady was a big hit again this year. Did you get your Candy Cane Sword? Also thanks to the Riders for their kind donation of cookies. And to SANTA FRED...Thanks. By the looks of their faces I know the children enjoyed the day!

**KEN MILLICK** –SAL Commander

**NEXT SAL Meeting 1/8/12 at 7 PM. BE THERE!**



## LEGION WATCH PARTY

GoDaddy.com Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 9th 9 pm game time

Football food & snacks & Happy-hour  
drink prices available while watching the game with friends! Come on down to cheer on the Golden Flashes!

**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.

## Acme Community Cash back Program ~

Acme register tapes dated from September 22, 2012 through February 9, 2013 can be turned in at the Canteen. Check your grocery bags – our post Auxiliary earns money from your efforts.

## Legion Riders ~ Sunday Breakfasts

**Now offered TWICE A MONTH from 9 am to noon on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. All You Can Eat!!  
WOW !!!!**

## Second's Thoughts ~

New year, New opportunities! Each one of us enjoys post membership for many reasons, but foremost must be the enjoyment we get out of the fellowship and camaraderie we have with each other.

Available to us in different ways, we find it working side by side on a project (*maintenance & grounds-keeping*), or volunteering with others to help make an event a success (*watch parties, car shows & special dinners*). We may also step up to help out with an on-going post activity (*fish fry & bingo*) or support regular things happening around the post (*euchre, karaoke breakfasts, etc.*).

Those mentioned, and others, are opportunities to be active in your post. Make it known you want to be involved. Step up when asked, volunteer when you see an opportunity or suggest an improvement or way to make something better, and then help out to do so!


It's a new year-find an opportunity to get involved in your post.

Remember, Post 496 needs you!

**Robert Brauning, 2nd vice cmdr.**

**Legion Officers**

**Commander: John Wilson**  
**1st Vice Commander:**  
*Fred Allen*  
**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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**Auxiliary Officers**

**President: Rachel Spence**  
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**Treasurer: Elsie Teets**

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**Commander: Ken Millick**  
**1st Vice Commander: Ray Oxford**  
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**HALL RENTAL**

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 Website is: [underwoodbanquethall.com](http://underwoodbanquethall.com)



**QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ NEW POT over \$1700. ~ 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.

**WOW! Monthly drawing is nearly \$11,000 ~ 3 Chances to win! ~ Jan. 4**

**JANUARY 2013**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 6 <i>Rider's Breakfast 9-noon</i> Q of ♥'s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	1	2	3	4	5	
	New Year's Bowl Games Happy Hour Prices!	Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 E Board- 7:30 pm	Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 Mo. Drawing 9 pm		
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