

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

It is almost that time of year again when we nominate and elect officers for next year. Whether you are a Legion member, an SAL member or an AUX member, why not get involved? Get out and go to the next meeting of your organization. I can safely say that your presence will be welcomed with open arms. All of us are open to new ideas and new ideas come from new people. Take an interest in your organization and step up and give some new, fresh leadership.

There are some great functions coming up in the near future. If you do not want to become an officer or board member, at least come out and support your post by taking part in one of these functions. Bob has told you a little about the upcoming Reverse Raffle. See any of the bartenders and get your ticket or tickets. Who knows, you could walk away \$3,000 richer.

Remember, Post 496 is your Post and only you, the members can make it even greater. See you at the next meeting or function.

John Wilson, Commander

Second's Thoughts ~

The groundhog didn't see his shadow so spring-type weather should come a little earlier this time around! And, with March madness upon us, we can look forward to increasing activity around the Post!

Have you tried the Sunday breakfast our Riders cook up on the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month? Word has it, you can't beat the volume or the price and it's right here at your post. Our Riders volunteer a lot of hours and donate \$\$ back to our Post, so it's important that we support their efforts in return.

Our every Friday Fish Fry is another fundraiser worthy of your support. The Lenten season brings out the awareness but also more competition when it comes to area fish fries. Again, we enjoy a great reputation for an outstanding fish fry. Bring some friends and enjoy a fine Friday dinner at our Post!

March madness means bringing back the NCAA men's basketball tournament brackets we did last year where entries earned drinks and cash. Sign up early to enter and follow the 3-week tournament excitement!

Karaoke, game night, bingo, euchre, food and fellowship, drawings - it all happen at your Post. Stop in and be part of the fun!

Robert Brauning, 2nd vice cmdr.

AUXILIARY Happenings "LCR" GAME NIGHT SATURDAY MARCH 23 7:00 PM IN THE CANTEEN. The American Legion Auxiliary is holding a "Left Center Right" Fund raiser. Admission is \$5.00 with proceeds going to the legion. There will be quarter tables and dollar tables. Lite Refreshments will be provided. Rachel Spence, Auxiliary President.

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!



Legion RIDERS Sunday March 17th from 2 to 6 PM will be serving Corned Beef sandwiches, with chips and a pickle for \$7.00
Luck o' the Irish to ya come down and enjoy!

POST 496 REVERSE RAFFLE

Mark your calendar now, to be on hand Friday, April 12, for a great dinner and the 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. Watch for details posted in the canteen.

CANTEEN NEWS - We are all sick of the rising cost of everything and unfortunately the time has come that the price of drinks must increase, too. In addition, it will be required that all MEMBERS have their membership cards handy, because guests and spouses of members will no longer be given the "member" pricing on drinks. Guests and spouses will be charged "non-member" prices. Many of your guests and spouses are eligible to join one of the Legion's many organizations, so why not encourage them to do so. Membership has it's privileges! Also the KITCHEN will now open on Monday and Thursday only. I know many of you enjoyed the chance to grab a bite to eat, however, the overhead on the other days was not being met.

Questions about any of these items may be addressed to the executive board in person or in written form, they meet on the first Thursday each month.

Legion Officers

Commander: John Wilson
1st Vice Commander:
Dan Ginther
2nd Vice Commander:
Robert Brauning Jr.
Adjutant: Al Swetel
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Ray Swaney, Sr.
Sgt. At Arms: Dan Ginther
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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 ~ POT over \$4400 ~ 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 \$6,000 ~ 2 Chances to win! 3-1-13 @ 9

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Legion Riders ~ Sunday Breakfasts Now offered TWICE A MONTH from 9 am to noon ~ 1st and 3rd Sundays All You Can Eat!! Only \$6.99 ~ Great Deal!					1 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 <u>Mo. Drawing</u> 9 pm	2
3 <i>Rider's Breakfast</i> 9-noon Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	4 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	5 Riders Meeting 7:30 PM	6 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	7 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7:30 pm- E- board	8 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	9 <i>Congrats to Dan & Linda</i> 
10 Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	11 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	12 SAL meets at 7 pm	13 Hump Day Happy hour 4'til 9	14 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7 pm - Auxiliary 7:30 pm- AL	15 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 Karaoke 8:30 - 12	16
17 <i>Rider's Breakfast</i> 9-noon <u>Corned beef 2-6</u> Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6 <i>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i>	18 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	19	20 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	21 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5 -7:30	22 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	23 LCR Game Night 7 pm
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