

The Portage



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Commander's Corner ~

The time has come for me to step aside and turn over the reigns of our Post to a younger individual. I am very happy to say that I am turning over a Post that is in a better financial situation than it has been, since we moved into our new home back in 2002. This has been possible due to two major accomplishments. The first is the Hall. Thanks to Scott and Melinda Adams and their unending and tireless efforts, our Hall rentals have gone through the roof, generating a much improved source of income. The second major accomplishment has been the start up of our bingo game every Sunday evening. This took a lot of dedication and hard work on the part of many people and it will continue to require the help of a lot of people.

Your new Commander will be Dan Nelson. Many of you may not know Dan since he is a rather new member to our Post. But a lot of you may remember back when I was first elected Commander, I had only been a member of this Post for a little over a year. Dan is a young man who has the dedication and drive to take this Post to its next level. I am sure that you will see some changes implemented, but that is what is necessary to keep up with the changing times. I urge everyone of you to take the opportunity to meet Dan and give him your undivided support and backing. I want to wish Dan the very best and I can assure everyone that he will have my total support. Best wishes to you Dan and God speed.

Last but not least, I want to thank all of the members who have given me your support and help over the years. With out that, we would not be where we are today. Thanks to all of you. **John Wilson, Out-going Commander**

Sal News—The meetings have been moved to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Installation of new officers will be 6-13-13. New officers are Ray Oxford –Commander, Russ Steiner –1st vice, Ken Millick—2nd Vice, Adjutant—Chris Robison and Andy Policy—Chaplain. Meet the new commanders on MASH night July 6th
SAL has met quota for 2013 Thank you members for the support. Please we need you all to come to meetings there are new and great things happening at the post come down and support your club. Enjoy your summer — Ray Oxford

MASH Night—Will be July 6th ... Meet the new leadership of all the Legion groups— Enjoy drink specials, food off the grill, giveaways and a costume contest, Fireworks will be at 9 :30ish (courtesy of the city of Kent) Come on down starting at 4 PM – The grill will be fired up Music playing and all the Cool People will be Hawkeye, Hotlips and Klinger. Fun, Food, and Friends OLD AND NEW Come on down!!!

CHANGES— Some love change, others hate it— I honestly can't say which category suits me. What I can say is that there has been MAJOR change at the post... Michelle (Canteen Manager) has moved on to other endeavors and I am temporarily holding the position of manager. We have 3 new bartenders and a new 60" flat screen courtesy of all that have played the tip boards over the last few months. New is the word for May—Change is like spring a rebirth of all and the post is experiencing that rebirth—Come be a part of something NEW and GREAT— Melinda

Second's Thoughts ~

My couple of years on the E-board are closing out as new officers are coming on in many areas of leadership, in each of our service groups. I wish all the officers well, those in new positions and those stepping up for a first time or coming back for another round!

You know, leadership is one thing, but keeping a post alive takes a lot of volunteering by the membership to support the necessary upkeep and activities we enjoy. When called upon or where you see a need, step up to help out. Remember, Post 496 needs you!

Robert Brauning, 2nd Vice Cmdr. (retired)

AUXILIARY UPDATE ~

The Auxiliary would like to thank all those who donated for poppies this year and participated in the Branches of Service Honor Tree. The Honor Tree will continue to be displayed on the wall in the canteen for a short time for those who have not seen it. We are so pleased with how it turned out. Watch the newsletter for new and exciting things happening with the Auxiliary. Hope to see you at M.A.S.H Night!! Rachel Spence

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
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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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QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ POT almost \$9500 ~ 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 almost \$ 7000 ~ 2 Chances to win on 6-7-13

June 2013

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2 Q of ♥s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	3 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	4 Riders Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	6 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5 -7:30	7 Monthly Drawing 9 pm	8 Karaoke 8:30 to Midnight 
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