



Portage Post 496 - Kent, OH News You Can Use



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***All You Can Eat* Benefit Spaghetti Dinner**

Wednesday, August 20 ~ 5pm to 8pm

\$10 adults \$5 children 10 & under

Help support the Legion Riders as they raise funds to help the Kent family of Rick Schoepe

Dear Post 496 family members and friends:

Our 1995 Chevrolet conversion van is reaching it's usefulness. It's showing signs of wear, rust and frequently requires costly repairs. A recent breakdown caused our Honor Guard to be stranded at the National Cemetery.

An article appearing in the *Record Courier* a couple weeks ago raised community awareness and it's time our Legion family responds to the need as well. We've been quietly raising funds since last Fall toward a new 12 passenger van.

Nearly \$16,000 from various sources is already raised. The Portage Foundation is acting as fiscal agent for this project, so tax-deductible donations can be made to The Portage Foundation with the designation "Honor Guard van" to help contribute to this project. Proper recognition for gifts of \$2500.00 or more are planned with honoring a veteran's name and branch of service on the van. A plaque for display in the Legion will recognize all contributors.

The 2015's are coming and it's hoped that this next van would be a memorial for another 20 years, providing on-going service to Portage area veterans and their families.

Sincerely, *Earl Kilcherman*, van chairperson



Please keep our Post in your thoughts when it comes to finding a way to help out when a need is presented. There are many ways to volunteer and ongoing ways to donate \$\$ to great causes like Earl's van project. There are containers for Gifts for Yanks to drop in you spare change. Currently we're accepting donations toward recovering bar stool seats and other needed items for the Post. Office supplies (copy paper) are always welcomed donations. Gift items, your time, your dollars and volunteer efforts are always appreciated!

Coming Up ~

~Thursday, Aug. 28 - Bike Nite will feature the Redneck Romeos for live entertainment
(Bike Nites continue through September)

~Friday Spaghetti Dinners end Aug. 22 making way for the Friday Fish Fries starting on Sept. 5.

~The Rider's all-you-can-eat breakfasts on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month start in October.

~Acme's Community Cashback program starts in September. Watch for details and save the cash register tapes to bring in for this important Auxiliary project.