



Portage Post 496 - Kent, OH
News You Can Use
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Special Request for help from Commander Ed Lupton

On Saturday, March 28, the call is out for "all the help we can get" to bring our post to tiptop shape in order to meet inspection from the Portage County Health Dept. A recent inspection cited numerous deficiencies that need to be brought up to standard or we may be faced with a shut down until we are compliant. Needless to say, we can use your help to pitch in on certain cleaning details and projects. Be here this Saturday and help us get "squared away". The following is Cmdr. Ed's direct email regarding the inspection:

On March 17, the legion had an inspection by the Portage health department - it was not good. The post will have a major cleaning party on March 28 starting at 9 am. All factions of post 496 are asked to help: S A L, RIDERS, REGULAR MEMBERS, and AUXILIARY MEMBERS. If this is not done, it could close down our kitchen.

Volunteer Opportunities ~ There are many, but here are a couple chances to do your thing ~

Hall table and chair re-set - Get some exercise and provide a much needed service at the same time. With weekends booked and re-sets needed for Bingo on Sunday night, we work a couple hours in the morning to ready the hall (and on 1st and 3rd Sundays, enjoy a Rider breakfast)!

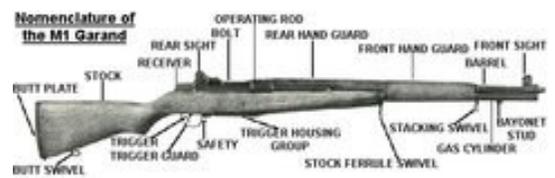
Human Foosball Court - Google this one to check out this new craze! Help us build a court and get donations for supplies to attract game players (teams) and maybe hold a tournament or two. Get your plans together first for a sturdy court and poles and goals for an approx. 48x27 sized court. This would be a great good weather activity to bring people to our legion!

Softball anyone? - Dan Szakal is putting together a mixed (co-ed) softball team to compete against other legion teams in the area. We have been challenged to form a team by another Legion Post, so the pressure is on to step up! Here's another chance to get that exercise going. See Dan Szakal or sign up in the canteen if interested.

Weekly Fish Fry Prep - Table service needs rolled and wrapped, the room needs swept, tables and chairs need to be wiped off and orderly, salt and pepper may need filled and set out, ketchup (or is it catsup) bottles may need filled and set out, table numbers put in place, ... and the list goes on. We serve hundreds of dinners and the room needs to look good for those coming to support our biggest (overall) fundraiser. Just show up and pitch in for a couple hours ahead of the Friday Fish Fry. The help is appreciated!

Honor Guard Fundraiser - M-1 Garand

A Gun Raffle to raise money for the Honor Guard is underway with 300 tickets available at \$10 each. A drawing will be held after all 300 are sold. The winner must be 21 or over and be able to pass all requirements for gun ownership. The rifle can be seen at Sporting Defense, SR 43 in Brimfield. All proceeds go to our Honor Guard which is self-supporting and relies on fundraisers and donations for it's operation.



And, speaking of our Honor Guard, their regular monthly activity is duty at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman to provide families the added military respect and honor due at funerals of fallen comrades, active or veteran. In addition, we get requests as a Legion Post, for their presence at local cemeteries and ceremonies, parades, etc. Please, if asked about their service, make every attempt to get someone in touch with the family or organization seeking information about our Honor Guard.

Post 496 Reverse Raffle / Silent Auction ~ Plans are underway for this year's event on Friday, April 24, with no increase in cost ~ \$60 raffle/dinner and \$15 dinner only. It's a buffet dinner (one of member Steve's best) and this year, it will feature an open bar! Hours will run from about 7-11 with plenty of time for silent auction bidding, 50/50 purchase and side board action.

Help is needed with silent auction donations (gift baskets, any collectables, memorabilia, services etc.) from businesses and friends you know. Raffle tickets need to be purchased in advance, so git-r-done and join us for a great evening!

