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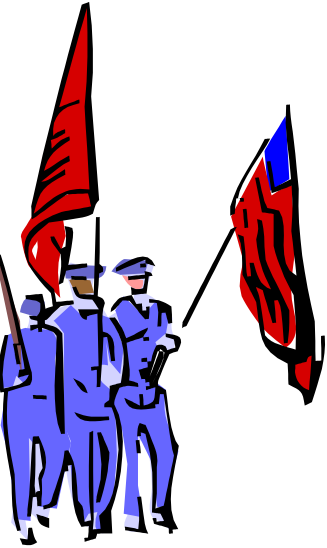
It's not the price you pay for membership It's the price you paid to become eligible.

Memorial Day 2017

Memorial Day weekend is coming up this week!! This unofficial start of summer means parades, cookouts, family gatherings, pool openings, lake activities, car shows, ballgames and other summertime activities we enjoy. Our Legion will honor fallen veterans from all wars as well as those who served during peacetime and are now passed on. Please consider helping us with the following activities as part of your Memorial Day observance:

Thursday, May 25 - Standing Rock Cemetery - 5 pm

We will be placing flags at the gravesites of veterans throughout the cemetery. Look for cars parked at the memorial flag poles near the center of the cemetery where flags to be placed at the gravesites will be distributed. Anyone can help out so bring family members and friends to help out, too.



Monday, May 29 - Downtown Kent - 8 am to 10 am

Parade participants will begin to gather at the top of E. Main St. hill starting at Depeyster St. and lining up to the east (toward KSU). Any Legion folk who want to walk with our vehicles and Honor Guard near the front of the parade are welcome to gather and show your support. Miniature flags will be handed out along the parade route to children, so members are needed to help with that process.

Parade organizers will appreciate anyone who's available to assist with the line-up of parade participants along E. Main St. Assistance would be to help each parade unit find their place in line.

Parade steps off at 10 am with a brief stop on the W. Main St. bridge for a memorial ceremony. The parade continues north on Gougler Ave./ N. Mantua St. until it makes a turn into Standing Rock Cemetery across from Theodore Roosevelt HS. Legion members should be on hand at the cemetery to support the Memorial Day observance which includes canon firings.

Post-parade activities at the Legion Post Canteen- Come for the afternoon food (cookout style) and fellowship for all Legion members. Auxiliary members and others are invited to help with the organization, preparation, serving and clean-up duties that go along with this kind of event.

Looking ahead

Wednesday, June 14 (Flag Day) - The Post will retire soiled, worn, torn and otherwise rendered unfit for display, flags that have accumulated at the Post in a proper flag-burning ceremony. Plans are to start around 9 am and burn throughout the day. Junior ROTC and scout troops may be involved along with representative servicemen from Camp Ravenna.



Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day) - It's a day for fathers with a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast to be held from 8 am to 11 am. Join us to start your day honoring all fathers!

