

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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Commanders Corner

I am sure that most of you are aware that our Post sponsors four boys to go to Boys State each year. This is a great program for the students who attend. For the past several years, John Colosetti has done all of the work with Kent Roosevelt and Field High Schools to get potential candidates for this program. John has done a great job but has said that he would like to have someone to help him this year. Please, if you would be interested in assisting this year, please come to the next Legion meeting on February 9 to let your intentions be known.

We are really running behind in our membership for this year. If you have not renewed your membership for 2012, please do so as soon as possible. We have been the second largest post in the 14th District for many years but we are rapidly losing that honor so please get your dues paid as soon as possible. If you happen to know a member who has not renewed yet, invite them down to pay their dues.

John Wilson Commander

ALR 496 — February 18th Valentines Sirloin Steak Dinner and Karaoke PRESALE tickets available at canteen \$15. per person or \$25 per couple February 14 DEADLINE for purchase. ALL U CAN EAT breakfast will be the 19th of February from 9 AM to Noon, for \$6.50 per person

Ed Hawn

AUXILIARY NEWS Membership is going well for the Auxiliary. If you have not paid your 2012 membership as of yet please mail them to 2213 Bryn Mawr Drive, Stow 44224 Cyndi Underwood as soon as possible. We certainly appreciate everyone who paid their dues early and are enjoying their membership at Kent. The auxiliary is continuing their raffles of various baskets so please stop down and get some tickets on the most recent a wine basket. We need toiletry items and will be collecting them at the canteen (sample sizes); also asking that all auxiliary members in the month of February commit to an act of kindness. If each member would purchase a bag of apples and drop it off to Kent Social Services during the month of February. We will be sending one delegate to Buckeye Girls State this year at Mount Union and appreciate contributions to cover this opportunity. Plan ahead to attend the Poppy Program at OVH in Sandusky this year. It is a beautiful event and all Poppy princesses are recognized along with the men that make our poppies. This event is April 15th a Sunday. Thanks for all you do, keep supporting the Post. C. Baughman-Underwood

Acme Receipts DEADLINE is February 11th—this is an Auxiliary community cashback fundraiser Please turn in your receipts at the post by Friday February 24th. THANK YOU!!!

14th District Reverse Raffle BREAKFAST February 11th at post 496 breakfast @ 8:30 AM Drawing @ 10AM \$25 a ticket available at canteen (info sheet at post) . ALSO Paid up for life membership raffle open to Legion and Auxiliary members. \$1 each or 6 for \$5

It's Leap Year! That means an extra day of winter - ugh! But despite the groundhog, spring is not too far off. If you're reading this in time for Super Bowl Sunday, stop down for Happy Hour drink prices at game time and some great sloppy joes (by Vickie) & soup (by Hot Soss Don) and other goodies to make game-time extra fun!

Do something special for your Valentine by taking in the special dinner on Sat. the 18th - only \$25/couple! Tickets are now available at the bar.

Help us honor John Caipen by attending the dinner recognizing his recent induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Along with Department, District and local dignitaries, his friends and fellow Post 496 members will gather on Wed., Feb. 29th for a dinner and reception to honor John's achievement. Help us to show off our post and honor John at this special event. Prime rib dinner tickets are only \$10. This event needs your support.

**Remember - Post 496 needs you!
Robert Brauning, Jr 2nd vice cmdr.**

SAL NEWS


If you weren't at the post on this past Saturday the 28th you missed out on a great dinner. And, THANK YOU to everyone who showed up and helped make our Swiss Steak dinner a success.

Finally, We are a little short on members we're at 79 and need 21 more to meet quota. Please stop by and pay your dues today! KEN MILLICK SAL COMMANDER

Underwood Hall - The hall rentals are beginning to stack up and with many events on consecutive days this means the tear down and set up of events basically overnight. The post needs a few more volunteers that would be willing to come to the post late in the evening to accomplish this task. Please leave your name and phone number at the post. Thank you for your support of the Kent American Legion

* What would encourage **YOU** to support the post. We realize there are many clubs but we want to be **YOUR** club!!! Tell us what events, specials, drawings, dinners, etc., would make you come to the Kent post instead of going somewhere else. Write your ideas down and place them in an envelope marked CANTEEN Committee or email them to kental496@yahoo.com Together we can make our post GREAT. ☺

Legion Officers
Commander: John Wilson
1st Vice Commander:
Daniel Ginther
2nd Vice Commander:
Robert Brauning Jr.
Adjutant: Al Swetel
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FISH FRY!!! Effective January 6th the prices for fish fry will increase to include **sales tax** that has not previously been included. The cost for dinner will be \$9.00 for DINE IN and \$8.50 for CARRY OUT.
 We thank you for your continued support of our post activities.

February 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	2 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7:30 pm E - board meeting	3 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30 MONTHLY DRAWING 9 PM	4
5 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM SUPER BOWL Food & drink specials 6 PM	6 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 pm Euchre 7pm	7 Kitchen open 5-7:30	8 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	9 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm 7PM Aux Mtg 7:30 pm Regular Legion Mtg	10 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	11 Breakfast Reverse Raffle 8:30 AM
12 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	13 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	14 <u>Riders</u> <u>Mtg. 7:30 PM</u> Kitchen open 5-7:30	15 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	16 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	17 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	18 PRESALE STEAK DINNER 5-7:30 PM and KARAOKE 8pm
19 BREAKFAST 9am-Noon QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	20 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	21 <u>SAL</u> <u>meeting 7:30</u> Kitchen open 5-7:30	22 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Happy hour till 9 PM	23 Euchre 1:00PM Burgers 5-7:30pm	24 FISH FRY 4:30-7:30	25 KARAOKE 8 PM Kitchen open 8 to 10 PM
26 QUEEN OF HEARTS 3PM	27 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Pm Euchre 7pm	28 Kitchen open 5-7:30	29 John Caipen 6—8 pm Celebra- tion Prime Rib Dinner	Kitchen will be CLOSED Saturday the 18th and Wednesday February 29th <i>Auxiliary Wine Basket at post—Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 list of wines in basket available at post.</i>		