

# The Portage



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. . . It's the price you paid to become eligible.

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### Commander's Corner

With the new year ahead of us and a new slate of officers elected, it is time to get to work. We have a lot of things happening this next year with the biggest being the start of a bingo game. We now have our license but that is the easiest of everything that needs to be done. We are looking for people to be on a committee to get this going so if you are interested, please let me know.

At the last regular membership meeting, it was decided to forgo the regular meetings for the months of July and August. We will continue to have the Executive Board meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

Also at the last regular meeting, final nominations for 2012-2013 officers were made. As it turned out, there were no offices with more nominations than required to fill positions so a motion was made to cast a majority vote to elect those nominated which made an formal election unnecessary. Your new officers are as follows:

- Commander John Wilson
- 1st Vice Commander Fred Allen
- 2nd Vice Commander Bob Brauning
- Executive Board Dan Ginther
- Bill Griffith
- Hank Mattern
- Scott Adams
- Jerome Mullins
- Ed Lupton

I will once again do my very best to lead our Post for yet another year. I am very pleased with the new people who have agreed to hold offices this next year. Please congratulate them as you see them in the canteen. John Wilson - Commander

### Second's Thoughts ~

It's a funny feeling to wonder just what has been going on at some of your favorite places when you've been away for a while. Two weeks of vacation time have flown by, and I wonder how the cruise-ins are doing, what the Queen of Hearts is up to, how grown-over my parking lot island has gotten, how the parade went (especially in that heat!), if the canteen is filled with poppy plates, what my Legion friends have been doing and on what else have I missed out!?

There are many of you that are more regular and more active at the Legion than I, but also, there are many that could show more support. With so many opportunities to get involved, give some thought as to how your talents can help a project or event at the Legion. Even social time spent at the canteen lends support and important dollars to keep things running. What are *you* missing?

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

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OOO and AAH with others - Enjoy the Kent *fireworks* from the best seat in town - on our patio! Bring a picnic, lawn chairs, snacks, friends and family.

Upcoming summer events include: (watch for details)

- Akron Aeros game Rivers Casino & Cruise
- Legends concert (Elvis may be in the house)
- Outdoor (Patio) Bar-B-Que

### ALR 496 -

We would like to thank everyone for the support of Riders events – we will see you in the fall! We wish you all a wonderful summer and *PLEASE* look twice for Motorcycles.  
Ed Hawn—Director

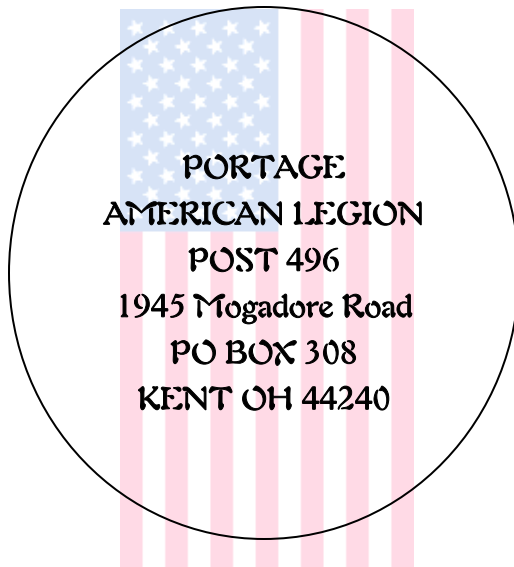
**Take note: Cruise-Ins are on Tuesdays from 5 – dusk**

**Auxiliary NEWS - NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR:** PRESIDENT: Rachel Spence  
1<sup>ST</sup> VICE: Cyndi Underwood  
SEC VICE: Genevieve Trusso  
SECRETARY: Eloise Byers  
TREASURER: Elsie Teets  
Executive Board: Frankie Swaney, Judy Morgan, Deborah Kinds  
July 5 thru 8 is department convention in Columbus. We have a department president and department commander that will be going into office from area posts. Please attend and support Karen Peel and Steve Masowick.  
Cyndi Underwood - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

**Your SAL at the Kent American Legion it teetering on the cusp of extinction! Since the beginning of this year we've held only one official meeting. It only takes 4 to have a quorum. We shifted our meeting date to the first Sunday of the month in an attempt to bolster attendance at our meetings. We had two souls show up in June. Our next meetings are scheduled for July 1st then August 5, 2012 at 12:30PM. I'm at my wits end, if things don't improve who knows what will happen to your SAL. Ken Millick - SAL Commander**

**Legion Officers**

**Commander:** *John Wilson*  
**1st Vice Commander:**  
*Fred Allen*  
**2nd Vice Commander:**  
*Robert Brauning Jr.*  
**Adjutant:** *Al Swetel*  
**Honor Guard Commander:**  
*Ray Swaney, Sr.*  
**Sgt. At Arms:** *Dan Ginther*  
**Chaplain:** *John Caipen*



**Auxiliary Officers**  
**President:** *Rachel Spence*  
**1st Vice:** *Cyndi Underwood*  
**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 is over \$3000 so get your tickets!** Come on down read the rules (POST 496 members eligible only— SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Drawings are Sundays at 3pm  
**Monthly drawing is over \$11,000.00** Come on down ~ **July 6th @ 9 pm**

# July 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 12:30 - SAL Meeting  3 pm QUEEN OF	2 Kitchen open 5-7:30  Euchre 7 pm	3 Food on the grill - 5-8  Cruise-in @ 5	4 Happy Birthday America!	5 1 pm - Euchre  Burgers 5-7:30  7:30 - E-board	6  Monthly Drawing 9 pm - \$11,000+ ?	7 Kent-fest Watch the fireworks from the patio!
8 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	9 Kitchen open 5-7:30  Euchre 7pm	10 Food on the grill - 5-8  Cruise-in @ 5	11 Kitchen open 5-7:30  Happy hour 'til 9	12 1 pm - Euchre  Burgers 5-7:30	13	14 Karaoke 8-12 Come and join the fun!
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29 3 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	30 Kitchen Open 5-7:30  Euchre 7pm	31 Food on the grill - 5-8  Cruise-in @ 5	<b>CHECK IT OUT ~ 2013 dues acceptance begins July 1st - Thanks for paying early and supporting Post 496</b>			