

The Portage



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

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Commander's Corner

I want to give everyone an update on the progress of the ambulance. As I have stated before, the mechanical issues have been addressed and we think that it is ready to be put on the road. The only thing that remains is to get it painted.

We are working on it every Wednesday evening at Russ Steiner's. We could really use some help with sanding etc. to get it ready for paint. So far, the only help we have is Russ and I. If you can give us some of your valuable time, we could really use some help. If you can stop by some Wednesday, the only thing that you would need to bring is an electric orbital sander and some #80 sandpaper. If you do not have a sander, come on over anyhow and we will find something for you to do to help. Our goal is to have the ambulance painted by the end of summer and that is coming sooner that we would like to see.

The other major issue that we are facing is the start-up of our Bingo game. We have the license and are moving forward with getting all of the equipment that we will need. We hope to have things in place so that we can begin training in the next few weeks. Our hope is to be able to start playing right after Labor Day.

John Wilson, Commander

**Take note: Cruise-Ins are on Tuesdays from 5 - dusk
Come for food on the grill!**

Second's Thoughts ~

Summer is slipping away even though a month and a half remains on the calendar. We're so used to planning around the school year and with it starting up soon, the end seems sooner. Not to worry though! Dates are being set for a day trip to Pittsburgh for the Gateway Clipper luncheon cruise and Rivers Casino package. Our bus trips are always fun and this combo is unbeatable!

Elvis will be in the house! We're still looking at a couple dates, but an evening of entertainment is in store when Elvis and friends join us for a 50's reunion you won't want to miss.

An end of summer BBQ is coming up and our Clam Bake will be back - food events that will surely add to your end of summer enjoyment!

The weekly Friday fish fry starts again in September, not too many weeks away and help is usually needed in several different areas, kitchen, dish room, dining area and ticket sales. Be a part of the action this year!

Our Golden Flashes football schedule starts with a rare Thursday night home opener on August 30. Give the hometown team you support! GO FLASHES

All the special events are fun, but we need your support, too, for regular activities. Come to the car shows, play some euchre, play some games and come in for the drawings. Did I mention food and drink?!

Remember - Post 496 needs *you!*

Robert Brauning, Jr - 2nd vice cmdr.

SAL MEMBERS - TAKE NOTE!

NO ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, NO SAL !

IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

SUNDAY, AUG. 5, 2012 @ 12:30 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2, 2012 @ 12:30 pm

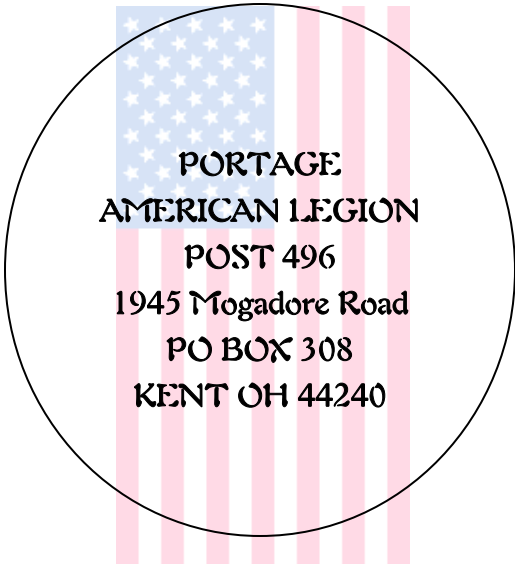
Kudos to **SAL District 14** who will be presenting *Josh Dogs* to Akron Children's Hospital on Saturday, August 4th. The Josh Dog program provides children with an adorable cuddly stuffed dog as comfort to help them deal with their hospital stay. The presentation will be made at 9:00 am at the Akron Ronald McDonald House.

Also, on August 4th, a newly engraved section of the **Ohio Veteran's Memorial Wall** will be dedicated at noon honoring veterans who lost their lives fighting the wars on terrorism. Those veterans honored are ones who made the ultimate sacrifice in Beirut, Iraq, and Afghanistan. A full day of activities is planned including a 5K memorial run, a car show, vendors and concerts. The Ohio Veteran's Memorial Park is located at 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Clinton, OH (near Barberton). For more details visit **OVMP.ORG**

Ken Millick, Commander

CHECK IT OUT ~ 2013 dues acceptance began July 1st -
Be an early bird by paying now and THANKS supporting Post 496

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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 \$13,000.00 Come on down ~ **Aug. 3rd @ 9 pm**

AUGUST 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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