

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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Commander's Corner

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. It is hard to imagine that 2012 is almost over. Where did the year go???

Our Bingo game is now one month old and we are off to a very good start. We are still learning but things are moving better every week. We could still use some more volunteers to make things go easier for everyone. If you can give us one Sunday a month, please let me know.

Once again this year we will be doing the New Years Eve dinner of Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Green Beans Almandine and Salad. Again this year, the price will be \$15.00 per person. Dinner will served from 5:30 until 7:00. You must buy your ticket in advance with the last day to purchase being December 24. Please see one of the bartenders for your ticket.

John Wilson Commander

Second's Thoughts ~

The holidays are upon us and even though we plan to get ahead, somehow we're always just a little behind! There's so much that can be done to help others with appeals at all levels, local to national. From bell ringing and collection boxes everywhere you turn to letters in the mail and people ringing door-bells-all for a worthy cause. Feel good about choosing where you can help because sometimes even the least given, helps a cause the most!

Our post is no exception. There are donation boxes for your contributions. There are sales and fundraisers where proceeds go to help others in need.

One of our efforts is in DESPERATE need – SAL's annual Children's Party with Santa. Still needed are shoppers and gift wrappers and a few other volunteers to pull it all together for the children. SAL Cmdr. Ken Millick is looking for those who will step up now!

The holidays will come and go, but the feeling you hold after having shared with others is long-lasting. Do something to help others and help your post if you are able! Remember, Post 496 needs you!

Robert Brauning, 2nd vice cmdr.

AMBULANCE FUND - Donate to the Ambulance Fund to help return it to the Legion in near new condition. We're getting help from the Maplewood JVS students and crew to finish the detailing, Extra funds collected now are helping toward that cause.

Auxiliary Happenings: The auxiliary provided all those vets who visited the canteen on Veterans Day a sweet treat. Thank you again for your service. Don't forget about our holiday bake sale on December 7 in the canteen. Along with baked items we will have yummy candy and handmade gifts for sale, so come in and check it out. It's "Stock the Sock" time again. Now through Christmas there will be a large red stocking along with a collection box in the canteen. The next time your in to visit consider bringing a new pair of socks or slippers to help fill our stocking. All items will then be donated to those in need throughout Portage County.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Rachel Lucas – Auxiliary President

Acme Community Cash back Program ~

Please save your Acme tapes and turn them in at the Canteen. Acme tapes should be dated September 22, 2012 through February 9, 2013. This is a Fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Thanks for your help!

During the Holiday Bake Sale on December 7th, Friday. Get some early treats and stocking stuffers for the "good girls and boys". But, also a chance to pay your 2013 dues. If you have not done so already, you can pay your dues and receive your membership card on the spot. I will be there from 4:00 to 7:00 pm for membership collections and address changes, etc. Please remember, your current 2012 card expires on December 31st. Cyndi Underwood Membership Chairman


Legion Riders ~

Sunday Breakfasts are now TWICE a month from 9 am to noon on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.



Legion Officers

Commander: John Wilson
1st Vice Commander:
Fred Allen
2nd Vice Commander:
Robert Brauning Jr.
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Commander: Ken Millick
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HALL RENTAL

Interested in renting Underwood Hall ?
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 Website is: underwoodbanquethall.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ NEW POT over \$1700. ~ Try it out any Sunday! (Paid up POST 496 members only — SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!) Ticket sales close 1/2 hr. before drawing at 3 pm.

Monthly drawing is nearly \$7,000.00 Come on down ~ **Dec. 1 @ 9 pm**

DECEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 <i>Rider's Breakfast</i> AYCE <i>9-noon</i>	3 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	4 Kitchen CLOSED	5 Kitchen CLOSED Happy hour 'til 9	6 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 E Board- 7:30 pm	7 Bake Sale Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	8 Karaoke 8:30 - 11:30
9 Q of ♥'s - 3 pm	10 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	11 Kitchen CLOSED SAL meets at 7 pm	12 Kitchen CLOSED Happy hour 'til 9	13 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7 pm - Auxiliary 7:30 pm- AL	14 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	15
16 <i>Rider's Breakfast</i> <i>9-noon</i> Q of ♥'s - 3 pm SAL's Children	17 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	18 Kitchen CLOSED	19 Kitchen CLOSED Happy hour 'til 9	20 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30	21 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	22
23 Q of ♥'s - 3 pm	24 CANTEEN HOURS 11 am ~ 6 pm	25 Canteen OPEN 4 to 9 PM 	26 Kitchen CLOSED Happy hour 'til 9	27 1 pm - Euchre Kitchen CLOSED	28 NO FISH FRY	29
30 Q of ♥'s - 3 pm	31 NEW YEARS EVE DINNER PRESALE 5:30-7:00 PM					