

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

Here is an up-date on the Ambulance. Bill Griffith, Hank Matern and I went to Maplewood last Monday to pay a visit to our ambulance. The students have it stripped to bare metal and everything is back together on the front end. The instructor expects it to be in paint within the next couple of weeks. We have ordered a new windshield for it that will be installed at Maplewood. As soon as the Body Shop is finished with it, it will go next door to the Auto Mechanics and have a new clutch installed. It really is looking like we will be able to have it in the Memorial Day Parade this year. A huge thank you goes out to all who donated to the restoration. I finally can see the end of the tunnel for getting it back home.

John Wilson, Commander

AUX NEWS—The Auxiliary needs "YOU". Imagine what can be accomplished with "YOU" as a part of our team. Be a part of the Legion Auxiliary team. Auxiliary members meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the canteen. Attend a meeting and make a difference.

The Pampered Pooch Basket winners were: Jodie Good, Bob Symsek and J.R. Brown

Congratulations and thanks supporting your Auxiliary.

Rachel Spence, Auxiliary President.

Legion Riders—Valentines Dinner February 16th from 5 to 7:30 PM NY Strip steak, baked potato, vegetable and salad \$25. a couple \$15. single TICKETS on sale at post and are PRESALE only until February 11th. (music by DJ Chris)



FUNDRAISER IDEA We would like to hold a REVERSE RAFFLE to raise money to support our post. We are looking for volunteers and support (ie: buying and selling of tickets) If every member (610 of you) bought a ticket we would have all the support we need. PLEASE email the post or

SOUPER BOWL COOK OFF!

Sunday, Feb. 3rd 5 - 7 pm

Entry/Tasting Fee \$5.



Enter your soup, chili, appetizer or dessert for prizes and bragging rights! All proceeds support Legion activities. Happy hour drink prices during the Super Bowl. *Fun, Food, Friends & Football*

Second's Thoughts ~

On one of the past cold, snowy mornings when I happened by the post, several of the Honor Guard members were arriving to gather before they made a trek to the cemetery, responding to a request from a family to honor their departed veteran. I thought to myself how fortunate we are as a post, to have dedicated members willing to make the effort to represent our nation as a post Honor Guard, to perform with respect and dignity, a fitting memorial service to a passing veteran.

Never mind the state of the weather or the mid-day request or the day of the week or whatever else these men could be doing, they were there to serve a veteran's family at a time of need. I'm sure they do it out of dedication and without complaint.

Some in our community may know where the American Legion is located and maybe even have attended an event here. But, it wouldn't surprise me if the most exposure they have to Post 496, is through the Honor Guard leading a parade or presenting colors at an event or performing military honors at a funeral.

These men deserve our sincere thanks and support for what they do for our post!

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

REMEMBER— Bring a friend, promote our events EVERYONE is welcome at POST 496 for any of our dinners and events... CALL ahead for Fish carryout at 330-673-9743.... We are a hidden gem in the Kent area let other people in on our secret



Acme Community Cash Back Program

The 2012-2013 program is ending on February 9, 2013. Acme Tapes dated September 22, 2012 through February 9, 2013 must be turned in to the Canteen by February 23, 2013 so they may be processed. Thank you to everyone who has turned in tapes. Our post Auxiliary earns money from your efforts. Thank you!

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
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S.A.L. Officers
Commander: Ken Millick
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 Interested in renting *Underwood Hall*?
 Call 330-860-4496 or
 email ~ underwood.hall@yahoo.com
 Website is: underwoodbanquethall.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ NEW POT over \$3300 ~ 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.

WOW! Monthly drawing is over \$12,000 ~ 3 Chances to win! 2-1-13 @ 9 pm

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Legion Riders ~ Sunday Breakfasts Now offered TWICE A MONTH from 9 am to noon on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. All You Can Eat!! Only \$6.99					1 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 Mo. Drawing 9 pm	2
3 Rider's Breakfast Q of ♥'s - 3 pm SOUPER BOWL PARTY	4 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	5 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 SAL meets at 7 pm	6 Kitchen Open 5-7:30 Happy hour 'til 9	7 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30 7:30 pm- ex board	8 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 7	9 Karaoke 8:30 - 12:00
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