

The Portage



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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 ~ Daniel Nelson - Commander

Hello All - It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone so fast!! Fish Frys have started this year with a BANG and I really appreciate all the volunteers that make this happen each and every Friday!! The Rider's 1st breakfast is only a couple of weeks away and with the turnouts for our Fish Frys, I am sure breakfasts will start out very well, too!

We have many activities planned for the Legion this year and we'll definitely need more volunteers to ensure every event we have is a huge success. To start we are going to have a Halloween party on Oct 26th!! There will be a costume contest and many activities planned so mark your calendars and get out your favorite costumes! On Nov 9th we will have a chili cook off. So, if you think you have the best chili in Portage County, let's see what you have!! We're also organizing a Christmas Party and a New Years Eve Party as well. If there are any other events that you would like YOUR Post to host, please let us know. We're always looking for new ideas and activities!

To end, I want to thank all of our volunteers and employees for all the hard work that they put into our Post every day. Without these dedicated men and women, our post wouldn't be where it is today!! I hope everyone has a great Fall, and I look forward to seeing ALL OF YOU at our upcoming events.

HOW TO ENSURE THE DEATH OF YOUR ORGANIZATION

- 1- Don't attend meetings. (If you do follow rules 2 & 3).
- 2- Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
- 3- Next day, find fault with the officers and committees.
- 4- Take no part in the association affairs.
- 5- Be sure to sit in the back so you can talk to a friend.
- 6- Get all the association gives you, but give nothing in return.
- 7- Never ask anyone else to join.
- 8- Talk about cooperation, but never cooperate.
- 9- If asked to help on anything, always say you haven't time.
- 10- Never accept an office because it's easier to criticize than to do anything.
- 11- If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service.
- 12- Never do anything more than you have to. When others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the association along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.

This is taken (with permission) from the Mantua Post 193 newsletter, Editor & writer: Virginia Gharky. (3 time winner in the small post category for American Legion Post newsletters in Ohio).

Auxiliary Update from Rachel Spence, President

Get ready to mark your calendars! Many fun and exciting things are being planned for the coming months. On Nov. 9th there will be a **Chili Cook Off** in the canteen, more info to follow. Nov. 15 is our **fall bake sale** so get ready to show off your cooking and baking talents. Nov. 29, "Black Friday" the canteen will be having a **burger special**. Dec. 13th is our **Christmas bake sale**. Please look to the November newsletter for additional information on these events. Posters for the Chili Cook Off soon will be posted in the canteen. The next auxiliary meeting will be held on Oct. 10 at 7. Hope to see you there.!

ALR496 RIDERS ~ Ed Hawn -Director

Breakfast will be back October 6th - Come on in for the BEST breakfast around ~ ALL-U-CAN-EAT for only \$6.99 per person, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 9 to Noon.

Tuesday night dinner rides continue - somewhere different every week, car or bike, weather dependent. Join us for a good time!

Volunteers needed for all post activities - we work for the pride of serving the post ~ *how about you?*

Post 496 Membership Program

We were off to a good start on our membership renewals but we seem to have slowed way down. Department of Ohio's next Lap for membership is on October 2nd. Each post should be at 70% of quota by this date. We are currently at 51.31%.

What *should* YOU do? 1) If you have not already **Renewed your membership** please send it in via mail or drop it off at the post or pay on-line at myLegion.org (this can also be reached from the National American Legion website). Remember to print your temporary card & send me a copy of the confirmation so I can mail you your regular card. 2) Remind your friends and fellow legionaires/auxiliary/SAL members to renew asap. 3) We all have friends, neighbors and other people we know who are veterans but have not yet joined us in the Legion, **Sign them up!** Remember, anyone who recruits a new member is entered into a cash drawing. **Fourteen winners of \$100.00 each are drawn every year. Your name is entered every time you recruit a new member. Bring in 10 new members and your name is entered 10 times.** (Make sure you sign the application form & print your name so I can enter your name when I send in memberships to Dept.)

I look forward to seeing everyone at a Friday Fish Fry or at a post meeting. **Regular Legion meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm, the Auxiliary & the S.A.L meetings are at 7:00 pm same night.** We are strong only if we grow our membership. Veterans and their families are depending on us to maintain a presence in Washington and looking out for each and every one of them/us. **We are the .5% of people in this county who are veterans. Stand up and be counted!**

Joyce Hannum, 1st Vice Cmdr., Membership Officer

SAL HAPPENINGS ~ Ray Oxford, Commander

Reminders to all - Volunteer help is needed to plan and work upcoming SAL sponsored events:

- October - decorate for Halloween
- December- children's Christmas party
- ONGOING - Sunday Bingo help (verify, 50/50, etc.)
- Fish Fry (room set-up, kitchen/food prep, etc.)
- Other monthly dinners—only if you step up!

Legion Officers

Commander: Daniel Nelson

1st Vice Commander:

Joyce Hannum

2nd Vice Commander:

Scott Adams

Adjutant: Al Swetel

Honor Guard Commander:

Hank Mattern

Sgt. At Arms: Dan Ginther

Chaplain: John Caipen

Meetings on 2nd Thursday

E-board at 6:30 pm

Legion at 7:30 pm



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Auxiliary Officers

President: Rachel Spence

1st Vice: Cyndi Underwood

2nd Vice: Jodie Good

Secretary: Eloise Byers

Treasurer: Elsie Teets

Meets 2nd Thursday at 7 pm

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Ray Oxford

1st Vice Commander: Russ Steiner

2nd Vice Commander: Ken Millick

Adjutant: Chris Robison

Chaplain: Andy Policy

Sgt. At Arms: Ed Hawn

Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm

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kental496@yahoo.com

Interested in renting Underwood Hall?
Call 330-860-4496 or
email ~ underwood.hall@yahoo.com

QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ New Pot starts @ \$2700 ~ Sundays at 3!

(Paid up POST 496 members only — SO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!)

******Ticket sales close 1/2 hr. before drawing******



October 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	3 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers</u> 5-7:30	4 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 <u>Monthly Drawing @ 9</u>	5
6 <u>Rider's Breakfast</u> 9-noon <u>Q of ♥'s - 3 pm</u> <u>BINGO at 6</u>	7 <u>Kitchen open</u> 5-7:30 <u>Euchre 7 pm</u>	8	9 Hump Day Happy hour 4 'til 9	10 1 pm - Euchre <u>Burgers 5-7:30</u> <u>Meetings</u> AL- SAL- Aux. (see above)	11 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30	12 Karaoke 8:30 to 12 (Kitchen Open) 
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