

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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COMMANDERS CORNER ~ Daniel Nelson, Comdr.

Hello All ~ It's still hard to believe that we are approaching the holiday season again. Where has the time gone? I want to make an announcement to all our members. I'm excited to announce that OUR Post is bringing in another Veterans organization. To answer the question, WHY, well, I have looked hard at our current situation and the fact that most of our members are up there in age, I thought this will be the best way to bring in not only younger veterans but also those veterans that do not qualify for the American Legion because of the time frame that they had served. The majority of us volunteered our services to our country and pledged an Oath that we would serve our nation during peace time and war time. Some of us joined during peace time not knowing when that call would come to serve during a war. So, I'm excited to announce that this Post will also be home to an AMVETS Post!! AMVETS does a lot for the community and provides many services for veterans at the VA. They also allow ANY veteran who has served and left under an honorable discharge from 1941 to present, regardless of whether it was peace time or war time, to join their Organization. This will allow those veterans to be able to belong and help with our Post. The Charter members are as follows Daniel Nelson, Al Swetel, Dan Ginther, Joyce Hannum, Bob Brauning, Hank Mattern, Bill Griffith, Ed Luptor, Bob Jenior, and John Wilson. I appreciate everything that these members do for the American Legion and I look forward to serving and working with them with AMVETS. If you wish to know more about AMVETS please get in touch with myself or Joyce Hannum. Applications will be at the Canteen for anyone wishing to join and help out. Our Halloween party was a success and I appreciate everyone who volunteered their time to cook and bring in food for everyone to prepare. I know everyone had a great time and enjoyed seeing many members in costume. Our next event is on Nov 9th for our 1st Annual Chili Cook-off so if you think your chili is the best, just sign up with one of our lovely bartenders at the Canteen. On Nov 11th there will be a dedication of the new Veterans Memorial at the Kent Central Gateway starting at 2 pm. We are still working on many more activities for the coming months, so if there is something that you want YOUR Post to do, please let us know



SAL~ Membership renewal is slow ~ renew before Nov. 11th for Early Bird Status. Volunteers are needed to help with the early bird /Swiss Steak Dinner on Nov 23rd (please sign up if you are coming for your FREE dinner so we can plan ahead.) Please come out and support your Post! - Ray Oxford, Cmdr.-

Seconds Thoughts ~

October has come and gone already but what a fun month it was at our post! The return of the Halloween party was a great success and thank you to everyone who came out to support it and to those who were in costume for the contest or just for fun. A big thank you goes out to our bartender Kelly for donating her time and some really awesome decorations! It really helped to make the post look fantastic. Information will be coming out soon about our New Year's Eve party so watch for that, and don't forget about the chili cook off on November 9th followed by Karaoke. The kitchen will also be open 8:30 to 10 pm. Please remember, the more volunteers and ideas we have, the more opportunities there will be to hold different types of events. It only takes a few hours to help with a part of an event. - Scott Adams -

Post 496 Membership Program

Thank you to the 256 members who have paid their 2014 dues. You are greatly appreciated!

Of the 421 members of Post 496, only 256 members have paid their dues (58.19%). Twelve of these are new members, so...that means there are still 244 members who have not yet renewed their memberships. Please send in your Dues as soon as possible! The Early Bird cutoff date is Veteran's Day, November 11th. If you plan on attending our Early Bird Thank You Swiss Steak Dinner (Nov 23rd, & free for Early Birds in ALL groups), please inform us that you will be attending so we have an accurate head count.

A Legion Post *IS* its membership! Without you there would be no post and without your dues payment there is no "you". I am very happy to have transferred to Post 496, and with all the new events and happenings at the Post, it's the best in the District for its members and its events! (I *know* as I have visited every post in the 14th District more than once during my time as a 14th District Officer). But we need every one of our members to continue to be the best. Our new 2nd Vice is a terrific activities chairperson. If you have been to one of our recent events you can attest to that. And, our new Commander is highly motivated and is leading us upward to being one of the best posts in Ohio.

So, if everyone will do just a little bit more by sending in their unpaid dues right away, we will be even better, stronger and even more able to support all veterans as the American Legion was created for. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 1st Vice Cmdr and Membership Officer.

- Joyce Hannum -

CHILI COOK OFF!

Saturday Nov. 9th 6 - 8 pm

Entry/Tasting Fee \$5.

Enter your chili for prizes and bragging rights! All proceeds support Legion

activities. Happy hour pricing during the cook-off!

Fun, Food, Friends & Fellowship with

Karaoke to follow at 8:30 pm



Legion Officers

Commander: Daniel Nelson
 1st Vice Cmdr: Joyce Hannum
 2nd Vice Cmdr: Scott Adams
 Adjutant: Al Swetel
 Honor Guard Cmdr: Hank Mattern
 Sgt. At Arms: Dan Ginther
 Chaplain: John Caipen

2nd Thursday

E - board meets at 6:30 pm

Legion meets at 7:30 pm

4th Thursday

AMVETS meets at 7:30 pm



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 Cmdr: Russ Steiner
 2nd Vice Cmdr: Ken Millick
 Adjutant: Chris Robison
 Chaplain: Andy Policy
 Sgt. At Arms: Ed Hawn

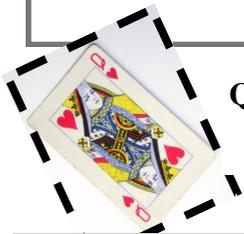
Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm

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HALL RENTAL

Interested in renting Underwood Hall? Call 330-673-9743 Leave message 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.

Monthly drawing is over \$1600.00 ~ 1 Chance to win! 12-6-13 @ 9 pm

November

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 ~ WOW!					1 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 Mo. Drawing 9 pm	2
3 Rider's Breakfast 9-noon Q of ♥'s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	4 Kitchen open 5-7:30 Euchre 7 pm	5	6 Happy hour 'til 9	7 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 5-7:30	8 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 7	9 Chili cook off 6-8 pm Karaoke 8:30 - 12:00 
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