



The Portage POSTER



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FROM the TOP ~ Joyce Hannum, Cmdr.

I'm unhappy to inform everyone that Cmdr Dan Nelson has resigned. On a good note, he has a great job offer in Kansas and will be missed by many.

Post 496 has so many upcoming happenings! Canteen manger Kim has some great bands coming in, our Reverse Raffle is in a couple of weeks on April 12th, our Fish Fries are more popular than ever and Sunday Bingos are well attended! Also, the Law Officer and Firefighter of the Year dinner is coming up in late April. Consider joining us in thanking our police officers and firefighters for the great job they do for us every day.

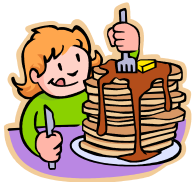
The weather is looking up, the Riders will back on their bikes, and continuing their famous breakfasts on the first and third Sundays, and they have an Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for the kids on Sunday, April 13!

In May, we will be having our post elections, so anyone interested in joining us as an officer, Executive Committee person or chairmanship of one of our programs, please talk with me or one of the current officers. We also need to select Delegates for the state convention. If interested, please attend one of the next two regular post meetings and let us know. I really enjoy working with all the volunteers who make Post 496 the great post that it is!

I would really like to give a BIG THANKS to member Roger Wiant who has done an outstanding job as Buckeye Boys State Chairman this year. On Saturday, March 22, he had 9 young men at the Post for interviews to select the top 4 to attend Boys State this year. A wonderful group of students from Roosevelt and Fields high schools participated.

Our membership year is drawing to a close at the end of May. If you have not yet paid your 2014 dues please send them in right away! If you have not paid by the end of the membership year you may need to reapply for membership! You lose your continuous years status. Yes, it's great to have new members, but we need our current members to stay with us. A post IS its members and we want and need every member. I personally enjoy meeting and speaking with each one of you. Come help us develop and grow Post 496 into the best post in the district and state!

Come on in and join us either as a member or as a volunteer!



Sunday, April 13, the Riders, along with Kent Parks and Rec. are bringing the Easter Bunny to the Post for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be \$5/person with kids 8 & under free! An Easter Bunny appearance will be a delight, along with treats and an egg hunt for the 8 & unders that will add to the morning activities! Make family plans now to attend.



Annual Police / Fire Recognition Dinner

Saturday, April 19 5-7

Open to All ~ Come for a great steak dinner and support our recognition of the fine Police and Fire Depts. that protect our community.

Steak dinner for two ~ \$25 (w/ baked potato, salad, roll)
Dinner per person ~ \$15

Music Nite follows ~ 7:30-10

SAL NEWS ~ Ray Oxford, Cmdr. We need as many members as possible to attend our meeting in April when we vote in new officers! A couple of us will not be continuing as officers due to personal issues. If we do not get enough people to fill the positions our charter may fail. If it does, then NO SAL, which means NO BOOKS and NO CHEAPER DRINKS! The meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Please attend.

Canteen - Another month has gone by and things are moving right along! We have hired a cook to compliment our staff!!! She will start Monday, March 31st! Sooo excited! We will have the kitchen open Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings from 6-9! No karaoke this month! Army of 2 will be with us on April 19th starting at 7pm. We also have breakfast with the Easter bunny and our big event is our Reverse Raffle on the 12th of April! Tickets are at the bar ~ \$75. gets you and a guest a buffet dinner, 2 drink tickets and a chance at \$2,500.00 plus silent auction!! Can't wait to see you at the Legion! Happy April everyone!! Kim

Sun - Karol & Kelly
Tue.- MacKenzie & Pete
Thur- Laura & Kelly
Mon.- MacKenzie & Jen
Wed.- Laura & Jen
Fri. - Jeri & Kelly
Sat. - Jeri & Kelly



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Legion Reverse Raffle

Saturday, April 12 6-10 pm

Doors open at 6

Buffet-style dinner & two drink tickets included

Cash Bar

Tickets are \$60

Second dinner is \$15

Side boards, silent auction, 50/50

Important ~ Get tickets early!
Silent auction items are needed.

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Legion Officers

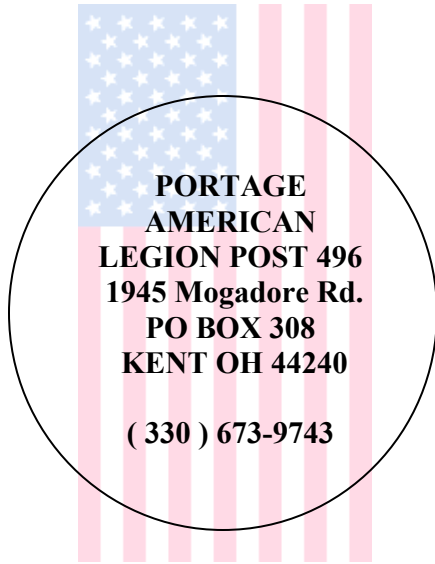
Commander: *Joyce Hannum*
 1st Vice Cmdr: *Scott Adams*
 2nd Vice Cmdr: *Dan Szakal*
 Adjutant: *Al Swetel*
 Honor Guard Cmdr: *Hank Mattern*
 Sgt. At Arms: *Dan Ginther*
 Chaplain: *John Caipen*

Meetings ~ 2nd Thursday

E - board meets at 6:30 pm

Legion meets at 7:30 pm

AMVETS - 1st Thursday at 7:30



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 Thursday at 7:30 pm

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Website is: underwoodbanquethall.com

QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ HIT on 3-23 - New board started 3-30 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.

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>No April Fool's Joke here! - Our plans for a restaurant style grill to start in April have fallen through. Check the calendar for food service times which are expanding as the demand increases!</p>		1 <i>Super Draw</i> for \$ POT ~ 8 pm	2 Happy hour 'til 9	3 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 6-9 Amvets-7:30	4 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30 Mo. Drawing 9 pm - \$4000+	5 Kitchen open 6-9
6 Rider's AYCE Breakfast 9-12 Q of ♥'s - 3 pm BINGO at 6	7 Kitchen open 6-9 Euchre 7 pm	8 <i>Super Draw</i> for \$ POT ~ 8 pm	9 Happy hour 'til 9	10 1 pm - Euchre Burgers 6-9 MEETING NITE see above for times	11 Fish Fry 4:30 -7:30	12 Legion Reverse Raffle
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