

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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May 2024- Newsletter

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FINANCIAL OFFICER: ERNIE SWAN
HONOR GUARD CC: HANK MATTERN
SGT. AT ARMS: HANK MATTERN
CHAPLAIN: PAUL SELLMAN



- BOARD MEETING-2ND MONDAY OF
MONTH @ 6PM
LEGIONNAIRE'S MEETING -2ND
MONDAY OF MONTH @ 7PM

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I WOULD LIKE TO START OUT BY SAYING THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS DURING THIS PAST FISH FRY SEASON! YOU DID A GREAT JOB!
MAY 3RD IS OUR LAST FRY FOR THE SEASON AND WE WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER!
ELECTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAVE OCCURRED AND OUR NEW MEMBERS AND POSITIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JULY! CONGRATS TO OUR NEW BOARD!
THIS MONTH WE START SLOWING DOWN, SO BE SURE TO COME IN AND VISIT YOUR POST. WE HAVE SOME EXCITING THINGS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
OUR LEGION IS ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERS!
THANK YOU!
ED

CANTEEN NEWS

Happy Spring everyone!! Wow! What a fun fundraiser we had at the "Red, White, and Blu'au"!! We will be doing that again next year. It helped us provide 4 - \$500 scholarships to Air Force ROTC with money left over. We had 120 attendees; next year let's double that!! Thank you to all who were here, contributed, and dressed the part! Great big THANK YOU to the committee for all their hard work in putting this together! I couldn't ask for a better group of people who truly care about our veterans and the success of this post!!

We will be having a flea market/rummage sale on June 22 in the hall. Look for a flyer to appear soon. Inside tables will be \$20 each, outside space will be \$10 (you bring your own table). You can sign up at the Canteen; deadline is June 17th, payment is needed when you sign up. So go through your "new to someone else" things and sign up to be a seller. Just to be clear, what you sell is your money, we only get the space/table fee.

Also, we are preparing for our Annual Memorial Day parade. The Auxiliary has a sign-up sheet for a dish to pass for the picnic afterwards. Please sign up. Applications are also being accepted to be a participant in the parade. Be sure to come in and pick that up at the bar. WE WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M. on Memorial Day.

With a new year at hand, we are upping the game. Look for more information to come out soon about some fun things we are planning for the summer, actually, all year.

We do have one change for the kitchen. Wednesday Wing night has become extremely busy, and a small issue with our flat top, (that we hope to fix sooner than later) we have only been able to use the fryers. So until further notice, we will only be utilizing our fryers on Wednesday nights. Wings, appetizers, and salads. Sorry for the inconvenience, we are working on fixing the issue. If it's not one thing it's another...

As a parting note: I would like to remind our veterans that we are still supporting the Pets for Vets program that was started last year by our Post. And have extended it to include 1st responders. So if you know someone who is a veteran or a 1st responder that needs/wants a pet have them stop in to get more information on how that works. You can see Rodger Wiant, Eric Roberts, Roy and Megan Longfellow, Bryan and Carrie Madden or myself. Incredible things we are doing at our Post 496! Don't you want to be a part of it?

Lots of Love to all!!
Kim



**Next SAL meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.
We welcome all members of the SAL to attend!
Please get involved and make a difference in or legion! Fred, President**

RIDING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING FINALLY! I HAVE ARRANGED A RIDE TO AND INSIDE CAMP JAMES A. GARFIELD (RAVENNA ARSENAL). WE NEED TO COME UP WITH MULTIPLE DATES FOR ME TO SUBMIT TO MY CONTACT SO WE CAN PINPOINT AN EXACT DATE THAT WORKS FOR OUR RIDERS AND THE ARSENAL PERSONNEL. I WILL NOT BE AT OUR NEXT MEETING DUE TO MILITARY DUTY. PLEASE COME UP WITH SEVERAL WEEKEND DATES FOR ME TO SUBMIT, EITHER A SATURDAY OR A SUNDAY.

THE NEXT AND LAST RIDERS' BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, 2024. PLEASE BE THERE BY 0800 TO SUPPORT THIS; SERVING TIME IS 0900-1100. OUR MEETING WILL AGAIN BE AFTER THE RIDERS' BREAKFAST CLEAN-UP.

I NEED ALL RIDERS TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE!

THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND THE LEGION! -RON

LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR: RON NORTON

ASSISTANT RIDER DIRECTOR: KIM KILBOURNE

RECORDING SECRETARY: KELLY KEENER

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: MELISSA LUPTON



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PARADE ON
MONDAY, MAY 27TH!**

**THE CEREMONY AT THE CEMETERY WILL
COMMENCE AFTER THE PARADE**



LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: LOU ANNE FISHER

1ST VICE: LA DONNA THOMAS

2ND VICE: KAROL SPANO

SECRETARY: DIANA MULLINS

TREASURE: TAMMY POTTENGER

SGT. AT ARMS: C. RENEE THOMPSON

CHAPLAIN: JUDY MORGAN

HISTORIAN: VICKI MOORE

* AUXILIARY MEETINGS HELD 2ND THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH @ 6PM

AUXILIARY NEWS

"Happy Mother's Day to all. Hope you have a great day with friends and family.

Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 is our ELECTION MEETING. If you are willing to accept an office, please let your First Vice La Donna know where your interest might be. All meetings are important, but your election meeting ranks right up there on top!

We are done with the fish fries! The last one for the Legion will be on May 3rd. If you haven't been to one this year, you have a final opportunity to be at this one. They serve good food, and it is a great place to meet old friends or make some new ones.

We also have the PARADE THIS MONTH ON MONDAY, THE 27TH! We need donations of help and food. We will be providing a picnic lunch at the Legion for those who worked on and made our part in the parade happen. Please sign up so that we don't have the same food over and over. We need your help!!!!!! To help make this easy, please get in touch with Karol, and she will have sign-up sheets for all events.

We will have a SPECIAL EVENT donation table set up for 'POPPY.' ALL proceeds will go to the Veterans. This special event will happen on FRIDAY, THE 24TH from 3:00 onwards! Be sure to get your Poppy!

We will be putting flags out at Standing Rock on THURSDAY, THE 23RD. Meet at the Legion at 2:30, and we will carpool up to the cemetery by 3:00. You are welcome to volunteer for the task at hand. The Boy Scouts will be there helping. Lots of hands make light work!

As you can tell, May is a very busy month. It is our time to help celebrate the Veterans who made it possible for us to be alive! So we need YOU! Don't be shy... we are all friends here.

Guess that is enough rambling from me. Hope to see you at ALL OF THE MAY FUNCTIONS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Or PHONES. YOU can help make all of these a huge success! Thanks again!"

Your president, Lou Anne Fisher



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DAVE BANKS BIG BAND

Appetizers
Available

USO

Cash Bar
Available



STYLE
VARIETY SHOW



May 25th, 2024

7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30

\$25 Admission



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