

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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March 2025- Newsletter

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HISTORIAN: BRIAN MADDEN
CHAPLAIN: PAUL SELLMAN



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

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

HELLO MARCH. SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 9TH. THE RIDER'S WILL
BE HAVING THEIR MONTHLY BREAKFAST THAT DAY, REMEMBER
TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD THAT MORNING.

WE STILL HAVE SOME \$25 CASH RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
THE POST. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 6TH. THE
BLUAU WAS A HUGE SUCCESS LAST YEAR AND IS OUR BIGGEST
FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR POST.
SEE POSTERS.

AND SPEAKING OF SUPPORT! LENT BEGINS MARCH 5TH AND
EVERY FRIDAY FISH FRY WILL BE IN NEED OF EXTRA
VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONTACT KIM SHOULD YOU BE AVAILABLE
TO HELP WITH ANY OF THESE UP COMING FRIDAYS. THANK YOU
IN ADVANCE.

AND FINALLY, BY NOW YOU SHOULD ALL HAVE ON YOUR
POSSESSION YOUR 2025 AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD.
PLEASE CHECK TO BE CERTAIN. SEE YOU AT THE POST!

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Hey everybody! Spring is just around the corner, and so is Lent. Starting March 7th, our "crazy" fish fry's begin. ALL HANDS ON DECK EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL GOOD FRIDAY. Canteen members who would like to do some volunteer work, now is your time to help us out. We need your help!! I know many of you work and it's hard to get here by 4p, but show up as soon as you can, there is always something to do.

Soon I will be putting together a list of things that need done around the post outside and inside. Please look and see what you can help with.

Bar roster will be out in the next week. That means your numbers will change. If you have not paid your dues for 2025, you will not be in the book. You are now considered late and you may not be able to sign books, play tickets, the queen, or get member pricing. Look at your member card, if it says 2024 please come in and get caught up, Thank you!

We have a month and a half to sell tickets for our cash raffle and our Red, White, and B'lauu! Last years was a huge success and what a party it was!! Tickets for both are at the bar!

Be sure to stop in on St Patrick's Day, we will have some drink specials.

See you here!
Much love

Kim

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR
RAFFLE BASKET FOR THE RED, WHITE, AND
BLUAU ON 4/26/25. IF YOU'D BE INTERESTED
IN DONATING ANYTHING, BIG OR SMALL—
LIKE A GIFT CARD, LOTTERY TICKET, BOTTLE
OF WINE/BOOZE, OR A BASKET—IT WOULD
BE GREATLY APPRECIATED! PLEASE LET KIM
KNOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE.
THANKS SO MUCH!**

LEGION RIDERS

LEGION RIDERS,
OUR TAGS ARE ALWAYS TAKEN TO OTHER LEGIONS, LET'S KEEP RETRIEVING OUR TAGS ANY CHANCE WE GET. IT'S A GOOD WAY TO BUILD CAMARADERIE WITH OTHER POSTS AND BRAG ABOUT OURS.
THE NEXT RIDERS' BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025. PLEASE BE THERE BY 0800 TO HELP WITH PREP. ASSISTANT RIDER DIRECTOR: KIM KILBOURNE
BREAKFAST HOURS ARE 0900-1100. WE NEED ALL VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL. I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN.
OUR RIDERS' MEETINGS RESUME THIS MONTH, BE PREPARED TO STAY AFTER BREAKFAST CLEAN-UP.
WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER GUN RAFFLE COMING UP. STAY TUNED...
I THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERAN'S AND THE LEGION!
STAY SAFE AND VIGILANT - RON

LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR: RON NORTON
ASSISTANT RIDER DIRECTOR: KIM KILBOURNE
SECRETARY: KELLY KEENER
TREASURER : BRENDA SMITH
CHAPLAIN: RON TIMMS



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Soon this cold weather will be over! The Sun is going to shine, I promise! All I know is I am done with winter!

Hope you all are well or getting well from this dumb flu that has been going around. I have been lucky so far- knock on wood!

Our next meeting is on Thursday March 13th at 6:00 pm. Very sorry about having to cancel last month but the flu bug hit us very hard and then the snow topped it off! We didn;t even have a quorum!! So on to the next meeting on the 13th.

Thank you ladies for showing up for the FISH FRY! You are so very special and your heart helps with our success!

Lent starts on the 5th of March and it is Ash Wednesday. Starting on the 7th of March the Fish Fry will go crazy if history holds true. All hands on deck because help is needed every way. Our Fish Fry is on the 21st. The dinners are served from 4:30 to 7:00. If you can give us some of your time it would be appreciated! Please come a little early so we can see where you are needed. Thank you so very much!

April is a busy month. Red, White and Blue fundraiser to help the Legion. The Auxiliary is to donate deserts to auction off on April 5th.

Our meeting in April is the 10th. Fish Fry on the 18th and the 19th Kids Easter party 1-3

Thanks a bunch! Hope to see you at all of these events!

ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

It is that time of year when one has to ask, "what can I do for my Auxiliary?" Run for the board and be a part of what happens, what is planned and how to make it happen. Every club needs leaders to take up the slack and help make happen the great things that we do and that involves YOU! With that being said if you are interested in running please contact La Donna Thomas, ldnthomas@gmail.com or 330-673-7122 When you see the success you know that your decision was correct.

** NOMINATIONS IN APRIL * ELECTIONS IN MAY**

LuLu



S.A.I OFFICERS

COMMANDER: ED LUPTON
1ST VICE : LARRY KLINE
2ND VICE: FRED MOREHEAD
ADJUTANT: ED LUPTON
ADVISOR: ED LUPTON
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: HANK MATTERN

S.A.I MEETINGS 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 PM

KITCHEN HELP MARCH 28

SAL DUES: IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2025 DUES YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAWINGS IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE 2025 ROSTER. YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER WHEN YOUR DUES ARE PAID



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