

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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May 2025 - Newsletter

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

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

OUR LAST FISH FRY IS MAY 2ND. A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. GREAT JOB!

THE RED, WHITE & BLUAAU WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. THANKS TO EVERYONE.WE EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS, IT WAS A FUN NIGHT. SELECTION OF POST OFFICERS WILL CONCLUDE AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MAY 12TH.

AS YOU KNOW ALL MAJOR POST DECISIONS ARE DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: BUILDING, PARKING LOT, PRICING, MEMBERSHIP ISSUES, ETC.

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE \$25 CASH RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN ON JUNE 8TH AT 1 P.M. A \$1,500 GRAND PRIZE AND 4 \$250 CASH PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN.

THE RIDERS LAST BREAKFAST (9-11) OF THIS SEASON WILL BE. " HAPPY MOTHERS DAY " MAY 11TH.

DID YOU REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 3RD? WE ARE HAVING OUR POST CLEAN-UP FROM 8-12 IN THE MORNING. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WORKERS ARE NEEDED. LET'S MAKE THE POST SHINE FOR MEMORIAL DAY!

LASTLY, MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 26TH. WE ARE AGAIN SPONSORING THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN KENT. PLEASE LOOK FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR A VARIETY OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FLAG PLACEMENT AT CEMETERY, FOOD DISHES TO PASS FOR LUNCH, DESSERTS, ETC.

SEE YOU AT THE POST - RON GRAMS

CANTEEN NEWS

We're excited to announce our Post Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 AM to noon. With Memorial Day just around the corner, we want to make sure everything—both outside and inside—looks its best. There's plenty to do, and many hands make light work. We'd love to have your help!

We've had a couple of stellar months recently, and I want to say a heartfelt thank you for your patience when the parking lot gets crowded. That full lot represents critical income that keeps our Post running. Here's a quick look at what that support helps cover each month:

- Utilities: ~\$2,000 (electricity), \$700 (water)
- Rent/operating costs: \$5,400
- Insurance: \$1,100
- Communications (TV, phone, internet): \$560
- Food and beverages: \$22,000
- Trash pick-up: \$320
- Payroll and taxes
- And much more behind-the-scenes work that keeps us going strong

Every dollar, every volunteer hour, and every bit of support truly makes a difference. Fundraisers and volunteering are essential in helping us continue our mission of serving our veterans. We are a family made up of people with diverse skills—do you have something special you can offer? We'd love to hear from you!

As we prepare for Memorial Day on May 26th, we're also in need of side dishes for our luncheon following the parade and cemetery ceremony. A sign-up sheet is posted on the doors between the canteen and the restrooms. If you're unable to sign up, that's perfectly fine—we welcome and appreciate whatever you're able to contribute.

We're also looking for parade participants! Applications are available at the bar—just ask your bartender.

Starting Tuesday , May 6th, our Bike Nights and Cornhole Games are back! The kitchen will stay open a little later, we'll have a DJ, and it's a great time to show off your cornhole skills—or just relax on the patio with friends and enjoy great conversation.

We'd also like to take a moment to give a huge congratulations to Brenda Smith, the recipient of this year's "Doer Award"! If you joined us for the Annual Red, White, and B'luau, you got to see her recognized in person. Brenda is a shining example of selfless service, always giving with heart and without hesitation. Thank you, Brenda, for inspiring us all!

Lots of Love- Kim

** See reminders on next page

LEGION RIDERS

LEGION RIDERS,
RIDING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING! ENSURE YOU ARE KEEPING UP ON MAINTENANCE AND LET'S KEEP OUR BIKES
READY TO ROLL. LET'S KEEP RETRIEVING OUR TAGS AND GRABBING OTHER POSTS' TAGS.
THE NEXT RIDERS' BREAKFAST IS ON MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY 11 MAY. PLEASE BE THERE BY 0800 TO HELP WITH
PREP. BREAKFAST HOURS ARE 0900-1100. WE NEED ALL VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL. OUR RIDERS'
MEETING WILL BE DIRECTLY AFTER BREAKFAST CLEAN-UP

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR VETERANS!

!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

FEW MORE QUICK REMINDERS:

- OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE THIS MONTH—PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND YOUR MEETING AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.
- A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE VETERANS, ROTC AIR, AUXILIARY, AND SAL FOR ALL YOUR HELP DURING OUR FRIDAY FISH FRIES.
- THIS FRIDAY, MAY 2ND, WILL BE OUR LAST FISH FRY FOR THE SEASON. WE'LL PICK BACK UP AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 12TH.
- THE SAL GROUP WILL BE HOSTING TWO FRIDAY MEALS IN AUGUST, AND WE'RE PLANNING A COUPLE OF SPECIAL FRIDAY DINNERS AS WELL—KEEP AN EYE ON THE NEWSLETTER AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR POST FAMILY. YOUR SUPPORT KEEPS OUR MISSION ALIVE AND THRIVING.
WITH GRATITUDE-KIM

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

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

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SAL MEMBERS THAT HELPED WITH THE FISH FRY SEASON. IT DOESN'T JUST HELP THE CLUB IT BENEFITS THE SAL ALSO TO BE INVOLVED.

THANK YOU EVERYONE THAT HAS PURCHASED THE LATEST GUN RAFFLE TICKETS. THESE RAFFLES ARE ONE OF THE FUNDRAISERS THAT HELP THE SAL STAY AFLOAT. WITH OUT YOUR HELP WE CAN'T CONTINUE DOING OUR PART FOR THE CLUB ,IT'S MEMBERS OR THE COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT !
THE SAL WILL BE HAVING 2 DINNERS IN AUGUST (FRIDAY NIGHTS)

OFFICERS WILL BE TAKING THEIR NEW POSITIONS NEXT MONTH (JUNE) . WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF GROWTH !

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hi Auxiliary,
I wanted to take this opportunity to THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for all of the help you have done for the Legion FISH FRY'S! Whether it was ours or another one you were there! Such a great group of women! Outstanding!!!! All done til next year!

Our Easter party was a success! The Easter Bunny was there and it was a great time for all! The children were very happy. We had quite a lot of cookies left so we had them taken off to Freedom House! I'm sure they were a hit there too! Would like to thank SAL and others who made contributions to help with the party! Very much appreciated! And to the cookie contributors you are our special angels!

Now onto MAY! Election time, Election time, Election time! May 8th at 6:00 sharp we will be holding our May meeting. In the meeting we will be holding our business, the annual Election of Officers followed by a reception. Come and meet your new Officers! We look forward to seeing you!

May 11th is a special day...mothers Day. The Riders are hosting a Mothers Day Breakfast. Time is 9:00 – 11:00. If you don't want to start your day off by cooking come on down to the Club for breakfast!!!!

May 22nd is the placing of the Veteran flags at Standing Rock. Be at the Club by 2:00 and we will go from there.

May 26th is the annual Memorial day parade. Step off is at 10:00. We will hold a luncheon at the Canteen. The Legion is providing hamburgers and hot dogs. There are sign up sheets, at the club, for you to sign up to bring a dish to pass. Please sign up....we need to feed these folks. All hands on deck!!!!

May 31st is the District Auxiliary meeting to be held at the Club. It starts at 9:00 am and should be done by 3:00. We will need help setting up the room, getting the coffee started, kitchen help and all the things that go with it. The Auxiliary is hosting this event so there will be no deserts that have to be made. All of the food will be covered and you just need to be there to help make sure all is taken care of and everyone is happy! And that includes clean up.....lots of help there!

Busy month ahead! I know that you will want to join in with the fun. We always seem to have a blast doing these events. Come on a join in....I think you would love it! - Your president, LuLU



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