

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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August 2025- Newsletter

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ADJUTANT: ERIC ROBERTS
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SGT. AT ARMS: HANK MATTERN
HISTORIAN: BRIAN MADDEN
CHAPLAIN: PAUL SELLMAN

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



CANTEEN NEWS

Hello friends and family... Just a few reminders as our hall will start getting busy for the fall, winter, and spring season. Events in the hall are private events, paid for by the person renting the facility. Please do not enter the area if you are not an invited guest. We also have rentals on the dining room side that are private events. Same rule applies. We pride ourselves in being respectful of their party and those events help keep our facility running. We are an American Legion post, but that does not mean all events are for the Veterans. Rentals are a huge avenue of income for us. Thank you for respecting our guests.

On August 9th there is a fund raiser that will benefit The Freedom House, The Valor Home, and our Post 496. There are fliers by the popcorn machine and on our Facebook page. It is called Putt Fore Patriots. After the putt putt golf event at Station 300 in Akron there will be a lunch and activities for the adults and kids at the Post in the hall.

We are also having our 1st Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 31st starting at 1p. Bring the family and friends, we are doing the cooking and there will be plenty of things for the kids and adults to do. Look for a flier to be up this week.

If your not here on Tuesday nights, you are missing out. We have DJ Trish on the patio playing the best music, cornhole games, and it is Burger Special night. Starts at 6p. Stop down and have some fun. Even if you don't play cornhole, we have a blast on the patio.

We appreciate your patronage and can't wait to see you at the Post

Lots of Love- Kim

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

HOPE YOU ARE ALL ENJOYING THESE SUMMER MONTHS. IT'S BEEN A HOT ONE!

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 11TH AT 7 P.M. ALL LEGIONNAIRES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. THIS IS YOUR POST.

THE 2025 - 2026 MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUESTS ARE COMING IN FAST AND FURIOUS. THESE EARLY-BIRD FOLKS MAY HAVE A SURPRISE COMING THEIR WAY. STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

OUR POST HAS PARTNERED WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO HOST A PUTT FORE PATRIOTS EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025. THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT VALOR HOME, FREEDOM HOUSE AND OUR POST. THIS IS AN ALL-AGES EVENT, WITH ACTIVITIES AT THE POST FOR KIDS.

EVENT DETAILS:

PUTT-PUTT GOLF AT STATION 300, 580 E. CUYAHOGA FALLS AVE., AKRON, OHIO 44310

LUNCH & RAFFLE AT POST #496, KENT, OHIO 44240

PLEASE SEE FLYERS AT POST FOR RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS.

CORNHOLE AND BIKE NIGHT TUESDAYS CONTINUE. COME DOWN TO THE POST AND HAVE SOME FUN. STARTS AT 6 AND ENDS AT DARK!

THE S.A.L. WILL BE HAVING A PORK CHOP DINNER ON AUGUST 22ND. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE POST.

AS ANOTHER REMINDER. THE OHIO STATE AMERICAN LEGION STARTED A 50/50 STATE RAFFLE. DETAILS ARE ON-LINE AT OHIOLEGION.COM/GAMING. BE SURE TO DESIGNATE POST 496, AS WE RECEIVE 20 % OF ALL PROCEEDS FROM OUR POST. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS OUR POST.

THANKS

SEE YOU AT THE POST - RON GRAMS

LEGION RIDERS

LEGION RIDERS,

I HOPE EVERYONE IS ENJOYING THEIR SCORCHING HOT (HUMID) SUMMER, WHETHER HERE OR ON VACATION(S). WE STILL HAVE SOME TAGS OUT; IF YOU'RE ABLE, GRAB SOME WHILE YOU'RE OUT ON RIDES, IF POSSIBLE.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY 10 AUGUST @ 10:00. DIRECTLY AFTER OUR MEETING, I'M PLANNING TO RIDE, POSSIBLY GRAB A TAG OR TWO. AFTER OUR RIDE, WE ARE HAVING OUR "JUST BECAUSE PARTY." WATCH FOR A GROUP TEXT WITH MORE DETAILS; HOWEVER, WE'RE ASKING EVERYONE TO BRING A SIDE, THE BURGER MEAT IS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF.

REMINDER THAT THE ROMP IS SATURDAY 23 AUGUST, IT'LL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

AS ALWAYS, I THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERAN'S AND THE LEGION!

KEEP YOUR HEADS ON A SWIVEL

STAY SAFE AND VIGILANT - RON

LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR: RON NORTON

ASSISTANT RIDER DIRECTOR: TOM ROWAN

SECRETARY: DEBBIE KEEN

TREASURER : BRENDA SMITH

CHAPLAIN: JEFF CSORBA



LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: BRENDA SMITH

1ST VICE: BRENDA PITAK

2ND VICE:

SECRETARY: SUSAN POLLY

TREASURE: ELAINE CROSS

CHAPLAIN: JUDY MORGAN

HISTORIAN: PAULA MILLER

SGT. OF ARMS: ANNETTE EERRERA

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: CINDY UNDERWOOD

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: LAURA CUNNINGHAM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: PAULA MILLER

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

S.A.I OFFICERS

COMMANDER: ED LUPTON II

1ST VICE : LARRY KLINE

2ND VICE: ED LUPTON

ADJUTANT: LARRY KLINE

ADVISOR: ED LUPTON

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: HANK MATTERN

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

SAL DINNERS: AUGUST 1 SPAGHETTI DINNER IS \$10 PER PLATE.

AUGUST 22ND PORKCHOP DINNER IS \$12 PER PLATE.

PRE-PAY RESERVATIONS SHEETS FOR BOTH DINNERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BAR. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SAL, AS WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TOO GROW AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AUXILIARY NEWS

HELLO EVERYONE,

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I HOPE EVERYONE IS STAYING COOL THIS SUMMER! ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO SEND A BIG THANK YOU TO LOU ANNA FISHER AND HER BOARD FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR POST. THEIR TIME AND HARD WORK IS MUCH APPRECIATED. OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON ARE...

PRESIDENT: BRENDA SMITH

1ST VICE: BRENDA PTAK

2ND VICE: COULD BE YOU!

SECRETARY: SUZANNE POLLEY

TREASURER: ELAYNE CROSS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: CINDY UNDERWOOD

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WE NEED YOU!!!! WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR CHAIR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING:

AMERICANISM - CHILDREN & YOUTH - COMMUNITY SERVICE - CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS - EDUCATION - ALA GIRLS STATE - JUNIOR ACTIVITIES - FUNDRAISING/GRANT WRITING - VETERANS' AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

ARE YOU AN AUXILIARY MEMBER? ARE YOU CURRENTLY VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE DROP US A NOTE AND TELL US! DON'T FORGET TO TRACK YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS! THEY SHOWCASE OUR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY!

OUR KENT AUXILIARY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE STATE LEVEL DURING THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN JULY 2025 IN INDEPENDENCE, OH. WE WORKED HARD TO LEARN AND NETWORK NEW IDEAS THAT WE COULDBRING BACK TO BETTER SERVE OUR HOME POST. PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US AS WE LEARN OUR NEW POSITIONS.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS TO BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR LEGION. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN BETTER SERVE YOU! JUST LEAVE A COMMENT IN THE SUGGESTION BOX BY KIM'S OFFICE OR YOU CAN EMAIL US AT CONTACT@AUX.KENTLEGION.ORG. YOUR INPUT MATTERS! TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!

ONE LAST THING...

OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD HERE AT OUR POST ON SEPT. 11TH AT 6:00 P.M..

IN HONOR AND SERVICE,
BRENDA SMITH



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