

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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July 2025- Newsletter

LEGION OFFICERS

COMMANDER: RON GRAMS
1ST VICE CC: RODGER WIANT
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ADJUTANT: ERIC ROBERTS
HONOR GUARD CC: PAUL RUSK
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



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

AS WE BEGIN OUR NEW 105TH FISCAL YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF SOME TRULY AMAZING EVENTS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO MAKE THESE EVENTS A SUCCESS. PLEASE VISIT THE POST FOR UPCOMING EVENT, TIMES AND DATES.

ON JULY 5TH WE WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN KENT. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HAND OUT MATERIALS, ETC.
PLEASE STOP BY AND GIVE US A VISIT.

CORNHOLE AND BIKE NIGHT TUESDAY'S HAVE STARTED AGAIN. COME ON DOWN AND SHOW US YOUR SKILLS. STARTS AT 6 AND ENDS WHENEVER!

THE S.A.L. WILL BE HAVING A SPAGHETTI DINNER ON AUGUST 1ST, PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE POST.

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

THANKS

SEE YOU AT THE POST - RON GRAMS

CANTEEN NEWS

Hey all! It's July already... We will close the Canteen at 6pm on July 4th, and push the monthly drawing to the following Friday, July 11th at 8p.

This month I would like to give huge kudo's to a few people who work behind the scene's. Jack Harris, Jeff Sekel, Ron Grams, Rodger Wiant, Hank Mattern, Paul Sellman, and Dave Boscoe. This group of men make sure that our building is up to date with HVAC, sprinkler systems, backflow, coolers, ice machines, setting up the hall, fixing the broken things, changing the fry oil, etc. that most of you don't see. So when you see these guys, be sure to say thank you! They truly go above and beyond to make sure things run proper.

On July 5th we will have a table at the Heritage Festival. We will be there from 11a to 8p. If you're there, be sure to stop in.

Our beautiful yard is being maintained by Daniel. He is doing a fabulous job and big thank you to him as well.

July 18 and 19th we will have our CVMA ride here. Friday night they will have a meet and greet. We will be serving them dinner, this is a paid for meal by them. Please understand that this is a catered event for the CVMA, not a Friday dinner for the canteen. The majority of you are well aware of this consecutive 10 year event. I thank you for Welcoming them to our Post. On this weekend the flags will be posted around the driveway and in front and back. It is a majestic sight. If you come in on Saturday, stop by and purchase a sandwich or something from the food trucks that will be here.

Some of you may not know, but our Hero's Ruck program has sponsored a beautiful girl named "Betty" for the Freedom House. She is a wonderful addition and the Veterans love her!! Thank you to all that have helped make this program Linking Pets to Vets be the success it is.

Have an awesome summer

Lots of Love- Kim

LEGION RIDERS

LEGION RIDERS,

I HOPE EVERYONE IS GETTING SOME SADDLE TIME IN; IN BETWEEN ALL THE STORMS WE'VE HAD LATELY. JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR MEETING IS SUNDAY 13 JULY AT 10:00. LET'S RETRIEVE A FEW OF OUR TAGS AFTER THE MEETING, IF MOTHER NATURE PLAYS NICE THAT DAY.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE 'JUST BECAUSE PARTY' AND THE ROMP WE'RE HOSTING IN AUGUST. 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

AUXILIARY NEWS

HELLO EVERYONE,

I HOPE EVERYONE IS ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER! 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. WE HAVE NOW ELECTED NEW OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

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 - VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

OUR KENT AUXILIARY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE THE STATE LEVEL DURING THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN JULY 2025 IN INDEPENDENCE, OH. WE WILL BE WORKING HARD TO LEARN AND NETWORK NEW IDEAS THAT WE CAN BRING 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...

PLEASE KEEP CINDY UNDERWOOD AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS AS SHE IS RECOVERING FROM A NASTY FALL.

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



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.L 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.L 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



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