

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

OUR FISH FRY SEASON STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 12TH; OUR FIRST GROUP UP IS THE KENT STATE ROTC. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. PLEASE ASK KIM OR ME WHICH GROUP WILL BE WORKING THAT WEEK. MANY HANDS MAKE THE WORK EASY. THANKS IN ADVANCE.

THE 2026 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE IN, LET'S GET THE POST TO 100% PLUS! WE WILL BE STARTING A CASH RAFFLE IN MID-SEPTEMBER. 200 TICKETS AT \$25 EACH. PRIZE AMOUNTS ARE 4 - \$250 WINNERS AND A GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,500. WINNERS DRAWN ON DECEMBER 7TH AT 1PM. GOOD LUCK.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR 3RD VETERAN'S DAY RUCK TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8TH. TICKETS ARE \$35 EACH, IF YOU PURCHASE A \$40 TICKET BEFORE OCT.1ST YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT. AS OF NOW YOUR POST HAS PROVIDED OVER 70 DOGS AND CATS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FIXED, VACCINATED AND CHIPPED TO VETERANS AND 1ST RESPONDERS AT NO CHARGE! SEE FLYERS AND POSTERS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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.

THANKS

SEE YOU AT THE POST - RON GRAMS

CANTEEN NEWS

Hey all! Has this year been flying by or what? September already? Thank you to all who have volunteered this summer to keep us looking beautiful. Our Monday DAC crew is awesome (if ya know, ya know). The Board has been working diligently to make things happen. They are working diligently on grants and such to be able to replace the flooring in the hall. Anyone that wants to donate to the floor fund is welcome to do so.

This month starts our yearly Fish Fry Fund raiser, September 12th. The prices have gone up to \$14/dinner extra pieces are \$3/piece. Chicken plank dinners have remained the same.

I also want to get a head start on the rider's breakfast. Normally they are the second Sunday of each month from October through to Mother's day being the last one. That will remain the same, with the exception of our first one, that will fall on October 5th. The Browns have a football game in London so the game will be aired at 9:30a. The riders will be offering breakfast for that football game. Hours will be 9a to 11a. (try the breakfast burrito, chef's kiss).

Don't forget to purchase your State 50/50 raffle ticket. Every ticket that is sold through our post we get 20% of those sales.

Cornhole and Bike night has been a blast. We will continue thru September, unless weather dictates differently. Tuesday's are Burger special night. You get a 1/4# burger, fries, and a 12oz domestic draft for \$8.00. Where else can you go for great company, great prices, great food, and a DJ playing all your favorite tunes.

Thank you again for being such a great friendly place to hang out

Love ya's- Kim

LEGION RIDERS,

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH THIS YEAR'S ROMP AND MAKING IT A SUCCESS ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED IT! OUR NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER @ 10:00. DIRECTLY AFTER OUR MEETING, WE CAN RIDE TO RETRIEVE A TAG OR TWO IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE AND MOTHER NATURE ALLOWS IT.

REMINDER THAT OUR RIDERS' BREAKFASTS START BACK UP ON SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER . THE CLEVELAND BROWNS PLAY MINNESOTA IN LONDON @ 9:30AM. WE WILL BE SUPER BUSYT THAT MORNING AND NEED EVERYONES HELP. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE1

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

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2026 CARDS ARE AVAILABLE : IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES AT THE CANTEEN (BAR) YOU WILL HAVE TO PICK IT UP AT THE CANTEEN.
2026 DUES MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31,2026
S.A.I DUES ARE \$25.00
DUAL MEMBERS ARE \$10.00

THE S.A.I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTED AND VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SPAGHETTI AND PORK CHOP DINNERS.WE HAVE REQUEST FOR MORE [DINNERS.IT](#) WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER FISH FRY SEASON.

FISH FRY SCHEDULE FOR THE S.A.I IS THE 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. SEPTEMBER 26 IS S.A.I FIRST NIGHT (WE NEED AT THE LEAST 5 VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH SCHEDULED NIGHT) WE ALSO NEED PEOPLE THAT CAN HELP PREP BEFORE THE FISH FRY. THE FISH FRY IS AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR US TOO. IF WE DON,T WORK WE DON,T MAKE ANY FUNDS FOR WHAT WE WANT TO SUPPORT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS COME TO A MEETING.

AUXILIARY NEWS

HELLO EVERYONE,

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IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR 1ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING! ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US HERE AT THE POST 496 ON SEPT. 11TH AT 6:00 PM. WE NEED TO VOTE ON OUR NEW BUDGET AND HAVE LOTS OF GREAT IDEAS TO DISCUSS. ALSO, OUR FIRST AUXILIARY FISH FRY WILL BE SEPT. 19TH WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET AS WE GET THIS NEW SEASON STARTED.WE CAN DO AMAZING THINGS IF WE WORK TOGETHER! SO PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT OUR VETS!

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!

DO YOU HAVE ANY PATRIOTIC FABRIC YOU DON'T WANT? WE HAVE SOME SEWING OPPORTUNITIESPOSSIBLY COMING IN THE FUTURE. CLEAN OUT THOSE SCRAPS OF FABRIC! THEY WILL GO TO A GOOD CAUSE! ALL DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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 REMINDER...

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

IN HONOR AND SERVICE
BRENDA SMITH



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