

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 496

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## 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

WELCOME AUTUMN! OUR NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 13TH AT 7PM  
OUR FRIDAY FISH FRY'S HAVE BEGUN, SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY. COME AND ENJOY THE FOOD.

PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR OUR NOVEMBER 8TH, 3RD ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY RUCK, LINKING PETS TO VETS! TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE POST AND ONLINE. PLEASE SEE OUR POSTERS AND FLYERS AT THE POST FOR FURTHER DETAILS. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO THE ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE FOR COMPANION CATS OR DOGS FOR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS AT NO CHARGE. WE HAVE PLACED OVER 100 CATS AND DOGS AT NO CHARGE. WE ALSO HAVE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE IF YOU OR THE COMPANY YOUWORK FOR WOULD BE INTERESTED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

AS YOU HAVE SEEN THE FLYERS, WE ARE ALSO HAVING A \$25 CASH RAFFLE TO HELP PAY THE FINAL COST OF OUR A/C UNIT. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 7TH AT 1PM. THE GRAND PRIZE IS \$1,500 WITH 4 \$250 WINNERS. ONLY 200 TICKETS BEING SOLD! BUY YOURS AT THE POST, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2026.  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 1ST AS THAT WILL BE OUR NEXT CLEAN UP DAY FROM 9 TO NOON. WE WILL FURNISH THE CLEANING SUPPLIES. HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO CLEAN UP THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. MANY HANDS MAKE LESS WORK.

SEE YOU AT THE POST - RON GRAMS

## CANTEEN NEWS

Hey friends! Welcome to October! The Rider's Breakfast start on Sunday October 5th for the Browns 9:30a game from London, breakfast starts at 9a to 11am. Then breakfast will return to the 2nd Sunday of every month through to Mother's day in May, (9a to 11a).

Also, the Friday night fish fry has begun. Hours are 4:30 to 7p from now until the end of May. No Fish fry the Friday after Thanksgiving nor Christmas.

We are quickly approaching our Hero's Ruck event in November. Please take the opportunity to sign up on line, or you can sign up at the bar. \$40 per person includes a t-shirt. Since our inception, 2 years ago, we have been able to raise over \$25K dollars and have been able to connect over 90 dogs or cats with Veterans and 1st responders! Be a part of this incredible gift of giving. You can be a Sponsors too!

We will start taking applications for Canteen Memberships this month. We have made a few changes. First the cost of membership will be \$75/year. And there will be a required 25 hours of volunteer time to the Post. You can help with fish fry, spring and fall clean up day, help with any of our fund raisers. In order for us to keep up with all things that go on here, we need help. You will need to read and sign the application to get your card (canteen membership is specific to Post 496 only) even if you have been a canteen member for years, everyone needs to fill out the application and sign. The Post is more than just a drinking place. We are here to support our veterans in any way that we can. Thank you.

We also have a new Monday and Wednesday day shift bartender, Jacob Brass. Stop in and meet him. He is Air Force ROTC. We will be offering \$1 12 oz domestic drafts from 1p to 4pdaily. We are looking for a day shift bartender for Tuesdays and Fridays. Diane is working Tuesday day and I will work Friday day until we find a great candidate.

Now, last but not least. We are aware of the cats in the back. We are working on catching them and having them fixed. We ask that you do not feed them. We have a specific place we are feeding so they are use to the area that we can catch them. If anyone knows of someone in need of barn cats, please let Diane or I know. We hate to have to catch them and set them free here. But they are feral, and that's what the law says we have to do, unless someone would want them for their barn.

Lots of activities happening this month, stop in and see us  
Love and gratitude - Kim



## LEGION RIDERS

LEGION RIDERS,

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET SADDLE TIME THIS SUMMER. WITH THE LACK OF RAIN, WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RIDE. HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S OCTOBER ALREADY, BUT HERE WE ARE AND STILL PLENTY OF SADDLE TIME LEFT THIS YEAR.

WITH THAT SAID, WE ARE STARTING UP OUR RIDERS' BREAKFASTS AGAIN. THIS MONTH ONLY, WE'LL HAVE IT ON THE FIRST SUNDAY, WHICH IS OCTOBER 5TH. THE CLEVELAND BROWNS ARE PLAYING IN LONDON THIS DAY, AND GAME START IS 0930 OUR TIME. WE WILL BE SUPER BUSY THAT MORNING DUE TO THE BROWN'S BACKERS IN ATTENDANCE AND WE WILL NEED EVERYONE'S ASSISTANCE. WE WILL HAVE OUR RIDERS' MEETING DIRECTLY AFTER CLEAN-UP. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

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 PTAK

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

### 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

COMMANDER JESSIE AND 2ND VICE ED LUPTON.  
TO SUPPORT OUR SHIELDS. THE CHECK WAS PRESENTED BY S.A.L  
COULD GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE PROUDLY DONATED \$2,500.00  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED SUPPORT OUR S.A.L SO WE  
DUAL MEMBERS ARE \$10.00  
S.A.L DUES ARE \$25.00  
2026 DUES MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2026  
(BAR ) YOU WILL HAVE TO PICK IT UP AT THE CANTEEN.  
2026 CARDS ARE AVAILABLE : IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES AT THE CANTEEN  
S.A.L MEETINGS 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM



BE OUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME  
PARTY. STARTS AT 7P.  
BRING A DISH  
TO PASS PLEASE.  
WE WILL HAVE CONTESTS.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

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

All auxiliary members are welcome to join us here at the Post 496 on Oct. 9th at 6:00 pm for our next membership meeting. Get informed and find a place to get involved. We will be voting on our budget, looking at changes to our constitution & bylaws, and hearing how our progress is going. Did you know that we are having an art contest? We have a poster in the hall by the retired flags with more information. Our auxiliary fish fry and bake sale will be on Oct. 17th. There will be a sign-up sheet available for volunteers. We are having a bake sale every week to fund our projects this season! We need people to bake & sell desserts! Please don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours, both at the Legion and in the community! We need your help as we get this new season started. We can do amazing things if we work together! So please help us support our vets!

You are needed! We are currently looking for chair people interested in supporting: Children & Youth - Community Service - Education - ALA Girls State - Junior Activities

Don't forget to renew your aux. membership! If you have, thank you! Check in the canteen if you are looking for your new card.

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 for that too! They showcase our value to the community!

Do you have any patriotic fabric you don't want? We have some sewing opportunities possibly 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 aux. suggestion box across from Kim's office or you can email us at [contact@aux.kentlegion.org](mailto: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 Oct. 9th at 6:00 pm.

In Honor and Service  
Brenda Smith



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