



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDER



As we head into a new year, I want to thank all those who volunteered their time this past year to keep our Post the wonderful organization it is. If it were not for our volunteers, we would not survive. We started something new this year in regards to charitable work. We had sixteen members ring the bell for the Salvation Army at D&W in Grand Haven and Orchard Market in Spring Lake. We collected a total of \$351.00 for the day and plan on making this a yearly event. Thanks to all who participated. If anyone would like to get involved and volunteer some time, please contact me

or any of our committee people.

Looking ahead to the new year, our biggest project will be planning a remodeling of the Post lounge. The bar and all the furnishings are getting old and need replacement. We will have some plans and cost estimates in the near future to pass on to the membership.

Don't forget to check out our new website ([www.grandhavenlegion.org](http://www.grandhavenlegion.org)). It comes in handy if you misplace your newsletter and want to know what's going on at the Post. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Bill Kaufman  
Commander, Post 28

### GHBOPA - Need a Night Out?

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Legion for a great dinner! In an effort to raise funds for new Marching band uniforms, the Grand Haven Band & Orchestra Parents Association will be serving dinner. The dates are January 10, January 24 and February 7. We will be serving dinner from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All proceeds from these dinners will go to the purchase of new Marching Band uniforms. The current uniforms are in dire need of replacement and the G.H.B.O.P.A. would like to have the students march into the Gene Rothi Stadium in the Fall of 2007 with new uniforms.

The dinners will be: Adults \$6.00 - Ages 5 -10 , \$4.00 and Ages 4 and under are FREE

January 10 - Spaghetti

January 24 - All you can eat Soup and Salad

February 7 - BBQ Picnic Dinner

Plan on attending one or all of the dinners and help support our students in the Marching Band!

Thank You, Jeff (Dutch) VanderVeen, Vice President G.H.B.O.P.A.

### THANK YOU

The Goodfellows would like to thank the Auxiliary and all others who knitted caps and mittens and went shopping for clothes for the children. We also want to thank the crew who boxed up all the presents and the crews who wrapped and delivered all the presents. A special "Thank You" to the Post for use of the building. We all made Christmas a lot brighter for over 444 children from 197 families. WE THANK "YOU"

Co-Chairmen: Frank Kurburski and Ray Ribbink

### Calendar of Events

#### January

Happy New Year!  
Las Vegas Night

#### February

Chili Cook-Off  
Hawaiian Luau

#### March

American Legion Birthday Party  
Annual Food Drive  
St. Patrick's Day Party  
Texas Hold 'Em

#### April

IRSParty  
Armed Forces Day

#### May

Memorial Day  
Kentucky Derby Party  
Legion Memorial Golf Outing

#### June

Flag Day

#### July

Auxiliary Flea Market  
Independence Day

#### August

Coast Guard Festival  
Enlisted Men's Party  
BBQ Chicken

#### September

American Legion Picnic

#### October

Steak & Shrimp  
Oktoberfest Party

#### November

Veteran's Day Dinner  
Saturday Football Parties  
Trivia Begins  
Happy Thanksgiving!

#### December

Goodfellows Toy Drive  
Children's Christmas Party  
Christmas Buffet  
New Year's Eve Party  
Merry Christmas!

### Every Month

#### 1st Tuesday

B & G 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only  
House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only  
Post 7pm

#### 2nd Monday

SAL Meeting 7:30pm

#### 2nd Tuesday

8 & 40 Meeting 7pm

#### 3rd Tuesday

Post 7pm

#### 4th Tuesday

Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

#### 1st Saturday

Karaoke

#### Every Wednesday

Dinners 5-7pm

#### 1st Friday

Lake Perch or TBA 5-7pm

#### All Other Fridays

Burgers 6-8pm



## Auxiliary

Greetings: All the presents are opened, some will be returned, others put away and maybe forgotten but most will be worn or put to very good use.

Goodfellows had a busy year - 192 plus families and 444 plus boys and girls.

Kids Christmas party was great - a HUGE thank you to the group who shopped, wrapped and handed out the presents. Also the cooks, food was great.

Good article in the Tribune in the Focus section our Commander.

NEW MEMBERS; Cornelia (Connie) Holley, Nancy Law, Nadeine Avink, Julie Brown, Cinthia Dewald, Gail Hanis, Kathleen Tuttle, Patricia Uriarte and Jr. Sarah Jackson. WELCOME LADIES.

We had 29 at our November meeting -- I have 5 - 2 year pocket calendars. We are still collecting cancelled stamps and Manufacturers coupons. If any questions call me.

Auxiliary meeting is January 23, 7pm - date in Hostess book is incorrect.

No 8 & 40 in January.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Ruth, President

## Adjutant's Advice

As your new adjutant, I am learning new thing about this position every day! I must say that it is very challenging and at the same time it can be very rewarding! As members of Post #28, if any of you have any questions, please feel free to ask and I will do my best to get you the answers. I would like to remind all the members that change addresses during the year that we cannot keep your correspondence current unless you let us know. Again, this is your responsibility to advise us of any and all changes! Thank you for your consideration.

Phil Slater, Adjutant

Grand Haven Post #28



### The American Legion Newsletter

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Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

### Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski  
Helen Hinds  
Kathleen Jackson

### POST HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm+  
Sat Noon - 10pm+



American Legion Night with the  
Grand Rapids Griffins  
Saturday, February 17th  
Van Andel Arena 7pm - \$13



## House Committee News

Saturday, Feb.17, 2007 at 7p.m. is American Legion night with the Grand Rapids Griffins hockey team. The cost is only \$13 and that's a real bargain. It's \$8 for the ticket and \$5 concession stand voucher. Sign up and pay at the Post by Jan. 31st. We need to order all tickets in advance at this price.

The dinner committee will not be doing dinners in Jan. and Feb. but we will still have them. Check your newsletter calendar for information.

Feb. 14th is Valentines Day and we will be having a steak dinner and music by Steve Edge. So bring your sweetheart and dine and dance with us.

We will also be having a Sunday afternoon with the Muskegon Fury hockey team on March 25, 2007 at 2 p.m. at a cost of \$6. Our Color Guard will be presenting the colors and we will have a table set up to inform people about the American Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office by showing your membership card.

## S.A.L. VEGAS NIGHT

Bring you money & friends to the S.A.L. Vegas Night, January 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. We will need help with works so sign up in the bar on the sign up sheet or call Jeff Vander Veen at 842-0097 for more information. The Legion Auxiliary will also have food available.

Thank you - Jeff (Dutch) Vander Veen  
Scott Kelly



## Andy's Draught

Happy New Year! With the new year comes new membership cards. Be prepared to show your card. Your dues must be current to purchase alcoholic drinks.

Thank you to everyone involved with the Gene Rothi Memorial Fish Fry, the kids Christmas Party and the Crusade for Toys. Through your generosity of time and donations more Gene Rothi Scholarships are available, more 100 kids received a gift at our kids Christmas Party and more than 450 kids in our community had a Merry Christmas through the Crusade for Toys. It's because of your generosity I am proud to be a part of this organization.

Throughout the month of January our Wednesday dinner menus will be changing. We are still having burgers & bands every Friday. The 19th of January, Pronto-Pups will be available from 2 -4 pm. Sign up at the bar prior to, so Marie knows how many to bring in. The proceeds will benefit the Grand Haven Marching Band. Saturday January 27th, the SAL in hosting another Vegas Night from 6pm - 12am.

This months drink specials are \$2.00 Bloody Marys and \$1.00 - 12 oz canned beer on Tuesdays & Tuesdays only.

Cheers,  
Andy



## S.A.L.

Happy New Year

December was a blur, where does the time go? As far as that goes what about November?

I apologize for missing the Commander's Newsletter last month.

First of all, thank you to Bruce Chase and all the others who helped out with the children's Christmas, all of the folks involved with the good Fellows, and to the crews who worked on the women's room and the porch, GREAT JOB!

The next couple of months will be busy for the SAL around the post first off we will be cooking dinner Wednesday January 17th, Burgers January 12th and 19th, volunteers are needed all three nights, remember its always a good time and for a good cause. VEGAS NIGHT is Saturday, January 27th, the LUAU party featuring SOUL'D OUT is Saturday, February 24th, and the TEXAS HOLD'M TOURNAMENT is Saturday, March 24th. All of the events are at the POST and open to all members.

New members into the SAL are as follows, CHRIS BIROS, RUSS HOPKINS, RAYMOND LUTKE, MICHAEL DEWITT, JOE VANHILL and SCOTT AVINK. Thank you for your interest in Post 28, we look forward to seeing you around the post. Currently our 2007 paid membership is at 275, we are in a battle with Grandville to be the largest squadron in the state, last year we missed out by 7 members. Don't forget to check out the new Post 28 web site at [www.grandhavenlegion.org](http://www.grandhavenlegion.org).

Mike Mattson  
Commander, Squadron 28



American Legion  
POST 28

6th Annual

## Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Doors Open @ Noon

Music @ 8:00



## Membership News



Please welcome  
New members:

Edward Delemar  
Daniel Henshaw  
Doc Hamilton

Joseph Bozin  
Thomas Dennis  
Dietrich Tober

## TEXAS HOLD'M TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH  
NOON - MIDNIGHT  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
A training class will be held  
contact Mike Mattson 638-2590

## HELP WANTED

We are in need of a member to serve as liaison to the Boy Scout Troop which we sponsor. The troop meets once a month at the Post and the liaison's responsibility would be to attend as many of these meetings as possible and report to the Legion membership periodically on the Troop's activities. If interested, please contact 1st Vice Commander Garrett Veihl at 847-6950.

## HAWAIIAN LUAU



Saturday February 24th  
6:00 Cocktails  
7:00 Dinner  
Music: Soul'd Out at 8:30  
Tickets available at the bar or  
contact Mike Mattson 638-2590





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## JANUARY 2007

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>New Years Day</i> POST CLOSED	2 House Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Beers	3 <b>GRILLED CHEESE &amp; SOUP</b> 5-7pm Dave & Colleen		5 <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM Steve Edge 8pm	6 <b>Karaoke</b> 6-11pm
7	8 S.A.L. 7:30pm	9 Exec Comm 8 & 40 7pm-7pm ‡1 Beers	10 <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 4:30-7:30pm GHBOPA		12 <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM Silvertones 8-11	13
14	15	16 House Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Beers	17 <b>CHICKEN CORDON BLUE</b> 6-8pm SAL	18 Trivia 7pm	19 <b>Pronto Pups</b> 2-4pm <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM Steve Edge 8pm	20
21	22	23 Auxiliary 7pm ‡1 Beers	24 <b>SOUP &amp; SALAD</b> All-U-Can-Eat 4:30-7:30pm GHBOPA	25	26 <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM Steve Edge 8pm	27 <i>SAL Vegas Night</i>  Public Welcome 6pm-1am
28	29	30	31 <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 5-7pm RAY RIBBINK	1 February	2 <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM Steve Edge 8pm	3 <b>Karaoke</b> 6-11pm
4	5	6 House Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Beers	7 <b>MEAL</b> GHBOPA	8	9 <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM Silvertones	10 <b>Chili Cook-Off</b> 