



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



I'm looking out the window into the woods at Rycenga Park and the snow is gone. Let's hope it stays that way. Pretty soon our Legion snow birds will be arriving home and our post will get a little busier also we may be able to use our wonderful deck and patio if the warmup continues.

Last night we celebrated the 90th birthday of the American Legion with a wonderful dinner served up by the Auxiliary and S.A.L. many thanks to the crew.

We also had a birthday cake donated by the Auxiliary Past Presidents for desert. Those of you that were unable to attend missed out on a good night with a great speaker that I received nothing but great compliments about. Many thanks to Mr. Chris Tanke. We also received a birthday gift in the form of a monetary donation from the Auxiliary and the 8 & 40 that was greatly appreciated. It will be put to good use. We were informed that the S.A.L. also made a donation to the Veterans

Home which was very nice. This is what the Legion is all about, supporting our Troops and our Veterans.

We have 2 events coming up in April, the IRS and Armed Forces Day and a big month May with Memorial Day, Kentucky Derby Party, and the Legion Memorial Golf Outing which I really look forward to because it usually is the start of my "hacker" season. Folks come down and support the Post in these activities.

I would like to welcome our NEW MEMBERS to the Post they are Steve Gavinski, Phil Paul, Curt Smith, Ted Wyngarden, and Bill Major were glad to have you on board.

If those of you who have not paid your 09 dues yet please do so we want our Post to be one of the top Posts in Michigan in membership. Right now we are the top Post in every other aspect I'm sure.

Taps for departed members in the last few months.

Michael Koteles
John "Jack" Crowe
Robert "Bob" Japenga
Frank Kurburski
Donald Jeske
Edwin Jaworowicz
Victor "Vic" Suits

That's all for now Dick.

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
 - IRS Party
 - Armed Forces Day
- May
 - Memorial Day
 - Kentucky Derby Party
 - Legion Memorial Golf Outing
- June
 - Flag Day
- July
 - Independence Day
- August
 - Coast Guard Festival
 - Enlisted Men's Party
 - BBQ Chicken
- September
 - American Legion Picnic
- October
 - 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!



American Legion Auxiliary and SAL prepared and serviced Dinner for 90 th Birthday Party

Every Month

- 1st Tuesday
 - House 6pm
 - Post 7pm
- Every Monday
 - Building & Grounds 9am
- 2nd Monday
 - SAL Meeting 7:30pm
- 2nd Tuesday
 - 8 & 40 Meeting 7:00pm
- 2nd Thursday
 - Legion Riders 7:00pm
- 4th Tuesday
 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 1st Saturday
 - Karaoke
- Every Wednesday
 - Dinner 5-7pm
- All Fridays
 - Burgers 6-8pm

WW II Veterans

We are planning a day to honor all WWII veterans. I have been in contact with the VFW and the Legion together would like all WWII veterans to meet at the Grand Haven waterfront stadium for the Flag Day ceremony on June 14, 2009. After the Ceremony we will be taking a group picture of all of our WWII Veterans.

The Legion Riders are planning on doing a luncheon for all WWII veterans and their spouses at the Legion after the group picture has been taken. The Legion Riders would like to escort the WWII veterans to the Legion from the waterfront stadium.

In case of rain we will be taking the picture at the Legion. The time for the Flag Day Ceremony has not been set yet, we'll let you know later.

2nd Vice Commander David L. MacKellar

AUXILIARY



LET'S ALL SING "IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE SPRING!" You know the tune!

The Legion Birthday Party was a huge success, and we thank all those who helped with the dinner.

We hosted the Fifth District Meeting (dinner meeting) on March 17, and there was a good turnout. Again, thanks to those who helped with the dinner.

And a big thank you to all the Committee Chairmen for turning in your Annual Reports.

At the February and March meetings, Ruth Kelley, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the Slate of Officers for 2009/2010. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Be sure to have the consent to serve of the person you are nominating.

COOKIE RECIPES: Michelle Stetts is putting together a booklet of cookie recipes. If you wish to submit recipes, you can e-mail them to her at

mstetts@chartermi.net or leave them in the Auxiliary Mailbox.

APRIL 2: We will be hosting the VFW Auxiliary for a light dinner and games.

HOSTESSES: April 28 will be Helen Swinehart and Fran Hushyn.

APRIL 28: Regular meeting. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 25: We need girls and/or boys, ages 9-12 years, to ride in the Parade and then ride the Coast Guard boat to throw flowers on the water. Call Ruth Kelly if you have daughters, sons or grandchildren who want to participate.

MAY 26 – INITIATION POT LUCK – 6:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 23: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Remember to view the DVD entitled "The American Legion Story." Also, food handlers please view the DVD entitled "Hot and Cold Holding." Released by the Ottawa County Health Department Environmental Health Services, it deals with proper food handling. Both of these DVD's will be in the Auxiliary Mailbox for your use. We will practice the Honor System.

Jean Koehs, President



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Officers

Dick Vander Stel, *Commander*
Rick Chittenden, *1st Vice Commander*
Dave MacKellar, *2nd Vice Commander*
Phil Slater, *Adjutant*
Chris Whalen, *Finance Officer*
George Bennett, *Chaplain*
Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*
Ed DeKoekKoek, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jim Walton, Ken Kelly, *Service Officers*
Doug Telenhof, *Historian*

Post #28 SAL Officers

Brad Chittenden, *Commander*
T.L. Lowe, *1st Vice Commander*
Charles Yonker, *2nd Vice Commander*
Rick Kelly, *Finance Officer*
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*
Rob Wolinowski, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jeff VanderVeen, *Historian*
Alan VanDam, *Past Commander*
Howard Mattson, *Post SAL Chairman*
Mike Mattson, *Membership Chair*
"Dutch" VanderVeen, *Adjutant*

Post #28 Auxiliary

Officers

Jean Koehs, *President*
Jeanne Wolniakowski, *1st Vice President*
Linda Gieske, *2nd Vice President*
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*
Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*
Veloce Hansen, *Chaplain*
Cleo Phipps, *Historian*
Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Ruth Kelly, *Junior Pas President*
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

Mary Dorman
Pat Best
Ruth Rescorla

Post Hours

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

SAL "Tom Glockzin Benefit night"

Saturday April 11, 2009

2pm - 11pm

Come join us for a benefit being held for SAL member Tom Glockzin

This event is open to the public, and will be held on both Floors of Post 28. The event starts with greetings at 2pm, and a roast chicken dinner will be served from 4pm - 7pm. We will then have live music featuring "Just Joe" from 8pm - 11pm. Tickets will be on sale at the bar for \$10.00 per person.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Applications for the 2009 American Legion Post 28 Gene Rothi Scholarship are available at Grand Haven and Spring Lake Counseling offices and also at the Legion Post 28, office. Applications are due April 17th, 2009.

Thank You, Scholarship Committee



Legion birthday party guest speaker, Chris Tanke.

Honor Guard

This past 2 months the activities have slowed down, since our last newsletter we have had 4 funerals.

Rifle Team Lead
David L. MacKellar

Sick Call List

Paul Rose is recuperating at home and is getting better every day. Hopes to be back with us soon.

If you would like your name in the Newsletter to be remembered. Please call the Legion Chaplain George Bennett. 616-842-6302



Adjutant Phil Slater receives "Certificate of Appreciation" from Commander Dick Vander Stel

At our May meeting we will be voting on our new Officers for Post 28.

Andy's Draught

Keno's here. We have had it up and running for a month now & hopefully we have worked all the bugs out.

For those of you that have signed up to receive your newsletter via email you will be receiving an email from me that will help streamline things. If you have not signed up to receive your newsletter via email yet & would like to do so, send me an email at andy-post28@yahoo.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line. Those who are receiving it via email have really like it.

This month is pretty quiet with exception to Tom Glockzin's benefit on Saturday April 11th. Come down for a great party & show your support for Tom & his family.

The first Saturday in May is Kentucky Derby Day. Saturday, May 2nd come down for great food (bring a dish to pass), great hats (Ladies crazy hat contest), mint juleps & K.D. raffles. Come down for the race & stay for karaoke.

April's drink specials: \$3.00 Legion Lemonade & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers
Andy



At the 90 TH Birthday Party of the American Legion, Ray Ribbink presented James Bartels with his 60 year pin and Certificate. Not pictured Nordahl Voshel was to get his 50 year pin.



David L. MacKellar Presented American Flag and Certificate to Commander Dick Vander Stel on behalf of Legion member Terry Feenstra. His son Thomas Feenstra received the flag while stationed in Iraq.

34 TH EXPEDITIONARY BOMB SQUADRON
LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THIS FLAG WAS FLOWN ON A COMBAT MISSION ONBOARD A
B-1 BOMBER IN HONOR OF
GRAND HAVEN, MI. POST 28
IN COMBAT SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING / IRAQ FREEDOM FROM
14 NOVEMBER 2008 TO 21 JANUARY 2009.



HOUSE COMMITTEE CORNER

The house committee is still looking for ways to decrease the cost of the newsletter. We are open to any and all suggestions. One avenue of thought is to sell advertising to help defray cost. Some of you may recall this was done in the early nineties. Don't forget your post for good food, good times, \$1.00 beer, Keno, Rippies etc. etc. etc.

2009 BOYS STATE

It's that time of the year when homeroom teachers at the local high school names turns names into the guidance counselor's office for possible delegates for Boy's State. Forty-six names has been given to Post 28 for consideration. Hopefully, we will find fifteen to twenty high school juniors who are fired up to spend a week at Northwood University June 15th thru the 21st.

To sponsor a delegate costs \$310. American Legion Post 28, with S.A.L., and the Auxiliary, usually sponsors about six students as well as provides transportation. If you or your business would like to sponsor a delegate, please contact Dave MacKellar at 616-402-2206 or Dale Chittenden at 616-837-3810. If you would like more information, log onto www.michiganboysstate.org. Any help would be greatly appreciated and you or your business would be recognized in a future newsletter.

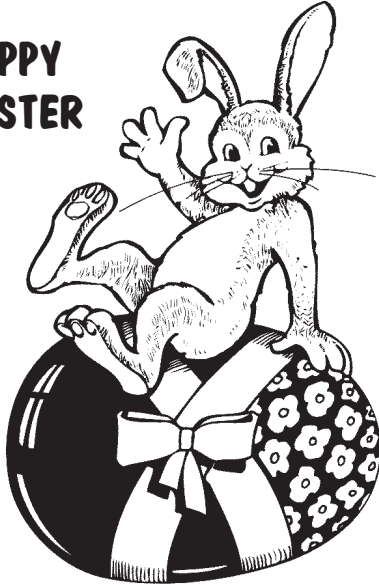
Thank you, Dale Chittenden First Vice Commander




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**HAPPY
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APRIL DRINK SPECIALS: \$3 LEGION LEMONADE							APRIL 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	2	3 6pm BURGERS & FISH	4 6 - 11pm Karaoke							
5 1- 6pm Post Open	6 US Entry WWI 1917 \$2 U-Call Tall	7 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	8 5pm Spaghetti Dinner	9 7pm Legion Riders	10 Auxiliary Birthday 6pm BURGERS & FISH 8pm Silvertones Band	11 2pm Tom Glockzin Benefit							
12 EASTER Post Closed 	13 7:30pm SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	14 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	15 5pm Roast Pork Dinner	16 7pm Trivia	17 6pm Burgers 8pm Silverado Band	18							
19 1- 6pm Post Open \$2 U-Call Tall	20 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	21 7pm Exec. Comm. Liver & Onions	22 5pm Swiss Steak or	23	24 6pm BURGERS	25							
26 1- 6pm Post Open	27 \$2 U-Call Tall	28 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	29 5pm Aux Dinner	30	May 1 6pm BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Jazz Band	2 Kentucky Derby 6 - 11pm Karaoke							
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