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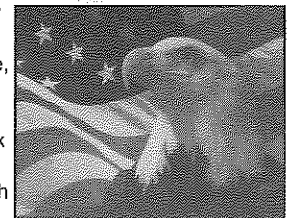
COMMANDERS COMMENTS

My fellow legionaries: Another New Year is here, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, I know I did. We had a great Kid's Christmas party again this year, we had twice as many kids this year than last, Andy you and the SAL members do a wonderful job of putting it together, thanks from all of us. Santa and Mrs. Santa looked exceptionally festive. Mrs. Santa is such a ham trying to get in all the pictures. A big thanks to the Auxiliary for a delightful breakfast on December 17, held prior to all of Santa's little Elves going out to deliver toys to all the

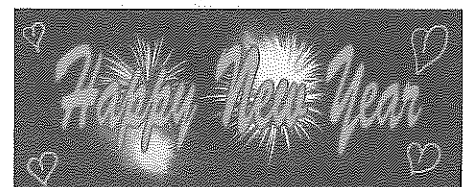
children in the Tri-cities area that might not have had a Merry Christmas if not for The Good Fellowes, Rays excellent group of workers, and the Elves. When you read this the New Year's party will be history and I'm hoping everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks SAL for putting on this party to ring in the New Year. Next up is the Chili Cook off on February 11, 2012. Sign up starts at 2:00 PM on January 2, 2012. If you have never been to the Chili Cook off please come down, it's awedome! Thanks so much to Phil Slater, and Jim Montgomery for running this event for so many years, through your hard work you have made Chili Cook off one of the best events at our Post. Enjoy the warm weather in February Phil. Until next month, I'll see you at the Post. Phil Smith
Commander Post # 28

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers, Seymour Geiersbach, Howard Keech, Thomas Kolenda, Harry Scott Jr., Rolf Bolt, Robin Brown, Nick Meints, Paul Van Tol, Kenneth David, Byron Carpenter, William Gray, Rodger McKay, Richard Race, Kenneth Simon, Philip Galbavi, Mark Knoph, Jonh Smith, Joseph Wall, Robert McAlpine. TAPS were played for Richard Gillard Jr., David Chittenden, Richard Boyce, and Senior Chief Petty Officer Heath Robinson of Petoskey Mi., KIA Afghanistan " SEAL TEAM SEVEN".



**Kids
Christmas
Party
December
10, 2011**



HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 4 funerals. Army National Guard helped with funeral for Clarence Poel. Honor Guard members Perry Delle and Ed DeKoekkoek went to funeral for Richard Gillard, Jr. in Muskegon.

Color Guard for the Jingle Bell Parade were Rick and Brad Chittenden, Bill and Dan Kaufman and Sue Metzler.

Members also attended the Fallen Heroes Memorial Dedication on Dec. 7, 2011.

Carl Lori & Dave MacKellar went to funeral for Richard Boyce in Mt. Pleasant.
Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett



SAL COMMENTS

Still waiting for the snow to arrive as I write this. We have had plenty of rain - which would have been a lot of snow. Hopefully, within a few weeks we will have a snowy Christmas day.

We are in the process of revising the SAL By-Laws. In the December meeting a draft was presented. The draft will be available for you to review on the American Legion website. We will discuss in January and make any changes that would be necessary at that time, and approve the new By-Laws at our February SAL meeting. We welcome your comments or suggestions to this process.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

VEGAS NIGHT - JANUARY 28th from 6:00 - 12:00. If you are interested in helping during this event, please sign-up at the bar or contact Mike Brown.

HAWAIIAN LUAU - FEBRUARY 25TH - Soul'd Out will be the band. Tickets will be \$17.50 per person. This event is limited to 200 people. The band will be playing from 8:30 - 12:30. Dinner will begin at 6:30. Plan on coming down and having a great time.

A big Thank You goes out to Willis's and his crew for set-up, preparing the appetizers, and decorating the Legion for the New Year's Eve Party. A great time was had by all.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped distribute Christmas gifts to the needy families in the Grand Haven area. In these difficult economic times, it is important to give back to those who are less fortunate. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

It is time to renew your membership. Please send your check to Mike Brown or drop it off at the post. Your membership fee is \$25.00. We look forward to your renewal and seeing you down at the Post.
TL Lowe SAL Commander

GOODFELLOWS / FIREFIGHTERS CRUSADE FOR TOYS

We, as the Goodfellows Committee, along with the 225 families, including 514 children, wish to thank everyone for their tremendous effort to make this a great Christmas for all. With your generous donations, we were able to purchase clothing for each child and pack a family box with a generous amount of toys and games for all.

A special thank you to Post #28 and the crew who came in daily to pack the boxes and keep everything in order. Also the Wrapping Party on Thursday night and especially all who came on Saturday to deliver all the presents to the children's homes.



Our goal is to make a great Christmas for these children and pray that in the future these children will be made better citizens and pass the good times on.

May you have a prosperous and happy New Year.

American Legion Goodfellows Committee Post #28, Grand Haven, MI



LEGION RIDERS

Wow, can it really be January already? Only 5 more months and we can ride again.

In the meantime we'll be planning our summer riding season so bring your ideas to the meetings this winter so we can get them planned. June 16th will be the tentative date for the national cook off (north south shoot out). here at post 28. The guys from post 593 in Texas are sure to come with a vengeance and try to take back the trophy for brisket that we (jack) won from them last year.

Committee's for the event are being set up now so please come forward and give a hand to help make this a great event. Details will be passed on as they develop.

We will also be doing another ride to the old warrior's camp up in Curtis this spring or early summer and going to Indianapolis for the American legion legacy run Homecoming in August.

Also, anyone interested in doing the chili cook off in Feb. at the post let me know so we can get a team together.

Also, on behalf of the riders here at post 28, a big thank you to all involved for your hard work and dedication in making the fallen heroes memorial a reality. Job well done.

God bless our men and women who sacrifice so much to keep us free.

Billy, Riders Director

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The Kelley family gave Commander Phil Smith and 1st Vice Commander Ron Bauer over 400 cards to be sent to the troops from Holmes school SL and a local home school program.

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

JANUARY 4TH

MEATLOAF ala Chops (L)

JANUARY 11TH

ALL YOU CAN EAT
SPAGHETTI DINNER (L)

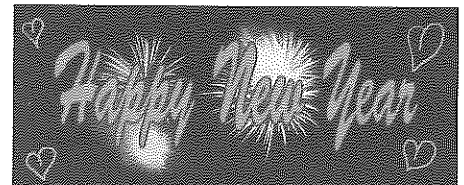
JANUARY 18TH

COUNTRY STYLE PORK (LR)

JANUARY 25TH

SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK (L)

The last time Andy canceled a dinner due to snow, the sun came out at 2pm. If you can get there... there will be food! Thanks for your support. Dinner Committee.



LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Billy Haynes, Commander
Freddy Smith, Assistant Director
Ed Mc Donald, Secretary
Larry Culbertson, Treasurer
Rev. Wesley Spyke, Chaplain
Michael Capman, Historian
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair
Glen Bullock, Past Director



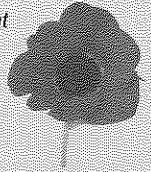
AUXILIARY COMMENTS

The year 2011 was a year of many fond memories. We have over 1,000 members. We had help shopping for, and wrapping gifts for, the Goodfellows. Myrna and her crew cooked breakfast for the delivery people. We went to Grand Rapids to help the Veterans shop for their families and we put together fruit plates for the veterans and spouses in area nursing homes. Thanks to Pat and Linda for shopping for the Veterans gifts we donated and organizing the fruit plates and Ken Kelly for delivering them. The dedication of the Fallen Heroes Monument was a very impressive service, it honored all veterans. Our next meeting is January 24, 2012. Presents are special, but a gift of time is priceless. Hope you all have a delightful year.

President Cleo Phipps

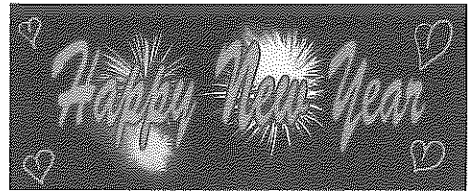
AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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 Jean Koehs, *Past President*



8&40 Salon 499

Just a reminder we do not have a meeting in January. Also, if you haven't paid your dues, please pay your \$11 to Char MacKellar at the Post so we can continue to have you as a partner. 8&40 is not just a social group, though we try to have some fun at our meetings. Our Salon is still supporting research for Cystic Fibrosis and other lung diseases in children. I hope to see many of you at our February 14, meeting.
 Chapeau Ann Kammeraad



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.

Though the power of technology I'm writing this newsletter from my cell phone. We are upgrading the office computer, the printer in the office downstairs and working on making the downstairs wifi accessible. I gave the computer guy the old computer to transfer our files to the new one before I was able to write my newsletter article. My thumbs are already tired.

New events to look forward to this year will be an additional Vegas Night in March, a Wild Game Dinner in December and a few more Liquor Tastings. The additional Vegas Night is a fundraiser we are hosting for the Grand Haven Baseball team. For the Wild Game Dinner we are looking for hunters that would be willing to donate a dish of something they have caught. It could be from something four legged, two legged or had no legs at all. The first bourbon tasting was so much fun we are looking to make this an event that we might do every quarter, but expand the tastings to include other liquors and possibly some retro beers.

Keep your eye on the calendar for our upcoming events, dinners and dancing.

This months drink specials are \$3 Snowflake martini, \$2 U-calls & \$5 Pizzas every Monday & \$1.00 12oz canned beer every Tuesdays.

Cheers Andy



Legion and VFW Members "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army at Walmart GH. and Orchard Market, SL.



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JANUARY DRINK SPECIALS: \$5 Snowflake Martini							JANUARY 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	3 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	4 5PM MEATLOAF DINNER	5	6 6PM BURGERS	7 6pm Karaoke	8	9 \$2 U-Call Tall	10 7pm 8640 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	11 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	12 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	13 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones	14
15	16 \$2 U-Call Tall	17 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	18 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	19 7pm TRIVIA	20 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado	21	22	23 \$2 U-Call Tall	24 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	25 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	26	27 6PM BURGERS	28 SAL Vegas Night
29	30 \$2 U-Call Tall	31 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	Feb. 1	February ~ Chili Cook-Off, Hawaiian Luau March ~ American Legion Birthday Party, Annual Food Drive, St. Patrick's Day Party April ~ IRS Party, Armed Forces Day									