



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Here we are Ladies and Gentlemen it's June and the start of our summer activities at the Post. We have Flag Day coming up on the 14th and then the following months we are into the Entertainment Tent and Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Mens party, followed by the Legion Picnic in Sept.

By the time you all read this the Memorial Day observance will be over but let me tell you that being involved for the first time this year I never realized how much work and effort goes in to pulling this thing off. The

people that do this deserve a big pat on the back. On behalf of the American Legion I thank you.

I can't believe that this is my last full month as Commander it seems like only a short while ago that I standing up in front of the guys at my first meeting and trying to fumble my way through it. Now I still fumble around but with a tad more confidence.

The Post usually does a Flag burning ceremony on Flag Day but due to the need of having every available parking space and area for parking for the WWII Vets activities we are going to put that on the back burner for a few weeks.

Guys and gals get out and come down and enjoy your Post and if you can find time offer to help out from time to time. Volunteer help is what keeps this Post running for the most part.

I guess that's it "KIDS" see you at the Post

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!



Jockeys from the Kentucky Derby Party



Kentucky Derby Party Hat winners Left to right: 2nd place Jody Nelson, 1st place Ann Kammeraad, 3rd place Joyce Russell



### 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

### Kentucky Derby Hat Contest



# AUXILIARY



**NEWLY REVISED UNIT HANDBOOKS:**  
Ann and I can pick them up at Department Convention for \$10.00. Let us know.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:**  
Remember to turn in your

service hours to Linda Gieske. Leave them in the Auxiliary Mail Box in the office or e-mail them to her at jarlin2008@yahoo.com.

**COOKIE RECIPES:** Michelle Stetts is still working on a cookie recipe booklet and would like to receive a few more recipes. Please e-mail your recipes to her at mstetts@chartermi.net or leave them in the Auxiliary Mailbox.

**POPPY WORK BEE:** Char MacKellar, Poppy Chairman, did a wonderful job of organizing the work bee and a good time was had by all who came. Some stayed an hour or three and some stayed several hours. Thanks Char and Crew.

**INITIATION POT LUCK:** The food was good, and we initiated several new members. Thanks to all who made this another very successful evening.

**GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION:** As this letter goes to press, we do not have an exact count, but we should have a good representation.

**JUNE 18-21 - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN LANSING:** Ann Kammeraad and Jean Koehs plan to attend. If anyone else is interested, please let us know.

**JUNE 23: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Ruth Kelly will install the following officers: President – Jean Wolniakowski; 1st VP – Cleo Phipps;

2nd VP – Linda Gieske; Sec’y – Ann Kammeraad; Treas – Romayne Althaus; Chaplain – Veloyce Hansen; Junior Past President – Jean Koehs; Sgt. At Arms - Charlene MacKellar; House Committee – 1 Yr., Louise Svoboda; 2 Yr., Peggy Vermeer; 3 Yr., Marian Kurburski; Executive Committee: Ruth Rescorla, Pat Best & Molly Pipp. All members are sincerely urged to come out and support the new officers and the many and varied programs the Auxiliary participates in.

**JUNE 23 HOSTESSES:** Ina Kauffman and Micky Slater.

**JULY 28 HOSTESSES:** Ann Parchert and Louise Svoboda

**8 & 40: 8 & 40** is a subsidiary to the American Legion Auxiliary and is primarily concerned with the research and treatment of Cystic Fibrosis and other lung diseases in children. We meet once a month for a short business session and a period of fellowship and fun. If you are interested and have 36 consecutive months of membership, please give Ann Kammeraad a call.

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL:** Serving as your President these last seventeen months has been both challenging and rewarding. I won't deny it has been hard work, but the rewards are unbelievable. And, the people you work with and those who support you at all times are a joy beyond compare. Every venture has an ending, and my time as your President is now ending. I will miss the intense activity, but another door is opening somewhere for me to be of service.

I sincerely urge all members of the Auxiliary to become active. The joy you derive by helping others is immeasurable. The smile on the face of a Veteran or a child cannot be described in words. Come experience it for yourself.

Jean Koehs, President



## The American Legion Newsletter

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### Post #28 American Legion

#### 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 Wolniakowski, *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*  
Veloyce 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+

### 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 light supper for all WWII veterans and their spouse or guest 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 is 6 PM. Please call or e-mail me so I can get a count on how many will be at the light supper. 616-402-2206, e-mail mackeda1@aol.com. 2nd Vice Commander David L. MacKellar

### 2ND ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE/ CAR SHOW

September 20, 2009.  
More information to follow in later newsletter.

### Honor Guard

This past month we had 3 funerals.  
Two Funerals were Full Military.  
Funeral for Orié Meyer was provided by the American Legion and VFW Post 2326  
Rifle Team Lead  
David L. MacKellar

### Sick Call List

Carl Qualmann is in Heartwood Care facility room #304. Carl was visited by incoming Chaplin Chris Tankie.  
If you would like your name in the newsletter to be remembered.  
Please call the Legion  
Chaplin George Bennett. 616-842-6302

### HOUSE COMMITTEE CORNER

We are nearing the end of the post year. I would like to thank the following gentlemen for faithfully serving on the house committee. They are: Phil Smith, Ron Bauer, Doc Waldie, Doug Telgenhof, Phil Young, Dale Vanzantwick, Paul Kubicek. Also thank you to our post manager Andy, for all of his help.

## Friday Night Hamburgers

6-8pm.

Singles burgers \$3.00  
Doubles burgers \$4.00

## Andy's Draught

This is shaping up to be a great summer here at our Post. We hosted the 5Th District Banquet & Memorial Service, last month. This month we are hosting the S.A.L. State Convention, next month is the 4Th of July & our beer tent & then its Coast Guard week. After that summer is all down hill. I am hoping for a dry hot summer & looking forward to logging a few hours up on the deck.

Thank you to Chops for providing a wonderful dinner for the 5Th District Banquet & to Dave MacKeller & our rifle team & Perry DeLille for playing taps & for making the memorial service so memorable. We had almost 180 in attendance from our district. Downstairs everyone was served a delicious dinner of swiss steak & chicken with all the fixings. After dinner everyone moved upstairs for the Memorial Service in the Commander's Ballroom where the rifle team did their volley & Perry played taps from the deck. I was moved by the service & was proud to have hosted it at our Post.

The first weekend this month we will be hosting the S.A.L. State Convention. That is Friday June 5Th, Saturday June 6Th & Sunday June 7Th. We are expecting attendance to be about 500 each day. They will be holding conferences downstairs each day. While the conferences are in session the bar downstairs will be closed, but the bar upstairs will be open. Friday evening the bar downstairs will be closed from 7-8:30pm & Saturday & Sunday it will not open until 2pm. The weather should be nice enough by then you will want to sit upstairs on the deck anyway.

For the rest of the summer we are having another 4Th of July beer tent. That will be Friday July 3rd & Saturday July 4Th. We have 4 great band scheduled to play between the two days & will be open to the public. Three weeks after that comes Coast Guard. We will be doing another raffle this year like we did in years past. We will be open to the public that entire week of Coast Guard.

One other thing we are working on for this summer is putting together a Lush Bus to go to a Tiger game in Detroit. As of right now we are looking at the game Sunday August 16Th against Kansas City. If you think you might be interested in going let me know. I will have more details next month.

One last note. The summer hours are Monday – Friday 1pm – 10pm, Saturday noon – 10pm & Sundays 1pm-6pm. These hours will continue until Labor Day.

Keep your eye on the calendar for the dinners, bands & events.

June drink specials: \$2.50 Anothers & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday & the buckets are back. That's 6 of your favorite bottles of beer for only \$10.00.

Cheers!  
Andy



Greetings,

As many of you know, the S.A.L. State Convention will be held at the Charles Conklin Post on June 5th, 6th and 7th. Obviously this will be a huge event for our post so all hands should be prepared to help out. Backing that up is

the fact that all of the rooms at the Holiday Inn have been booked. We need help on Thursday picking up extra chairs sometime in the early afternoon. We will be setting up fencing in front of the building for Saturdays picnic and again we will need help. For exact times, please contact Mike Mattson  
Congratulations to Scott Kelly who is now

the new 5th District Commander. After a grueling process, Scott was elected over several capable candidates.

Our slate of Officers for the upcoming year reads as follows: Commander, T.L.Lowe 1st Vice Commander, Rob Wolniakowski 2nd Vice Commander Charlie Yonker, Chaplin Tom Glockzin, Historian Jeff Vander Veen, and Sgt at arms Tom Greenberg. Thank you to all.

Once again our Squadron has the highest membership in the state. However it's always the same group of members at our meetings. Contrary to popular belief, our meetings are fun and interesting. Please make an effort to attend the next meeting on June 8th.

Thanks and have a great June.  
Brad Chittenden Commander S.A.L

Entertainment Tent July 3rd & 4th (Noon - Midnight)

Bands : Just Joe, Amalgamated Sound, Off the Record & Igmoo Brothers  
Volunteer Sign up sheet will be at the bar

### Coast Guard Festival Raffle tickets will be available mid June

6 for \$5. Proceeds will go to help pay for the Scottville Clown Band & Friday nights dinner for the Enlisted men & women of the Coast Guard

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO LEGION MEMBERS FROM THE POST 28 SAL

The Post 28 SAL will be sponsoring the state SAL convention at Post 28 in June from the 5th to the 7th. Your SAL members have been hard to work for two years planning for this event, and it is fast approaching. We are anticipating that about 250 to 300 people will be attending, so the legion building will be busy from Friday thru Sunday.

We anticipate making some changes in the normal routine of running the Legion building to accommodate that many guests, and we would like to warn the regular members of some of those changes. The convention itself will be taking up both floors, with meetings, so we have to make some changes to the bar. When the lower main bar is closed, the upstairs bar will be open for regular members to use. The upstairs bar will therefor be open on Friday and Saturday from 12:00 noon on. The lower regular bar WILL be closed to regular members use, as the state SAL requires it to be closed for the meetings being held on the lower floor. On Saturday we are hoping to open the lower main bar by 2:00pm, if the meetings are over.

With that many people attending, parking will also be a problem, and we will be having shuttle buses, and taxis operating to bring the attendees and their families from the Spring Lake Holiday Inn, to the Legion building. On Saturday the Post 28 SAL will be sponsoring an outdoor picnic for the attendees, and it will be held out front of the building, therefore the front driveway will be fenced off, for the event.

The SAL does not want to inconvenience any regular members, but this will be a big event for the Post, so this is a short explanation of what is happening that week end.

Submitted by: Alan Vandam Convention Chairman: Mike Mattson

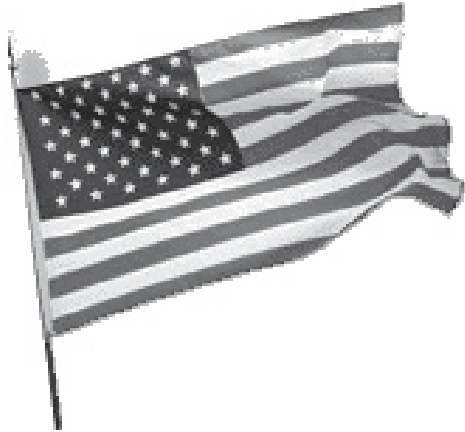


5th District Memorial Service



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<b>JUNE DRINK SPECIALS:</b>							<b>JUNE 2009</b>
<b>\$2.50 ANOTHERS</b>							
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	
	<b>1</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>2</b> 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>3</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>4</b>	<b>5 SAL-State Conv.</b> NO BURGERS	<b>6 D-Day 1944</b> 6 - 11pm Karaoke	
<b>7</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>8</b> 7:30pm SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>9</b> 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>10</b> 5pm Spaghetti Dinner	<b>11</b> 7pm Legion Riders	<b>12</b> 6pm BURGERS 8pm Silvertones Band	<b>13</b>	
<b>14 Flag Day</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>15</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>16</b> 7pm Exec. Comm <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>17</b> 5pm Roast Pork Dinner	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6pm Burgers 8pm Silverado Band	<b>20</b>	
<b>21 Father's Day</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>22</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>23</b> 7pm Aux Meeting <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>24</b> 5pm Swiss Steak	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>29</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>30</b> <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>JULY 1</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>2</b>	<b>3 12pm Beer Tent</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>4 Independence Day</b> <b>12pm Beer Tent</b> 6 - 11pm Karaoke	
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