



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Here we are Guys and Gals it's May and a real busy month at our Post. We kickoff with our Kentucky Derby Saturday a fun time but go easy on those Mint Juleps. Next up we are going to host the 2009 Joint Fifth District Memorial Banquet and Service at the post on May 16th with social hour at 6:30 and dinner 7:30 tickets are \$12.00 each with res-

ervation deadline May 5 no tickets sold at the door.

As most of you know the SAL has decided not to do the Legion Golf Tournament do to conflict with the state SAL convention at our post so the Legion has decided to hold a more subdued event with no dinner after golfing which will cost everyone less money. We decided to do this after many people voiced their displeasure that the outing was cancelled. So we have reserved Terra Verdi golf course for Sat. the 23rd of May. There will be prizes awarded for 4 different age groups---Open= Any Age Group Mid Seniors age 59 to 69 Seniors age 70 and up-----Ladies Foursomes---we think the prizes will appeal to everyone with Strombolis being the new restaurant at Terra Verdi. The cost will be \$40.00 per golfer for 18 holes with

cart there will be noshes at the turn with beverages available in the clubhouse and on the course from the mobile beverage cart. This is a 4 person scramble which should be a lot of fun. Sign up your teams with Andy at the bar.

The following Monday is Memorial Day the 25th we will kick that off with breakfast at the post at around eightish for the marchers and the workers with the parade down Washington to start around 9:00. After the parade there will be a service at the waterfront stadium following that will be honors at the Eternal Flame. Let's have a good turnout.

In closing I would like to print something that Ben Stein was asked in an article that I read last week. He was asked how he liked living near the stars in Malibu and Beverly Hills and he said those people to me are not the real stars. The real stars are fighting in Fallujah, Baghdad, and Kirkuk' and Ar-Ramadi and Mosul, and they're not wearing clothes from Armani. They're wearing battle dress uniforms over body armor, and they're getting shot at and killed, and blown up, and losing their arms and legs for \$1500. a month. Those people are the real stars, and those are the people we should be honoring. I think that fits in for Memorial Day. How about you?

Also I would like to welcome the following new Members Bob Demencius--Joe Vadas--Ken Clark--Gene Woodman WELCOME ABOARD

Til Next Time Dick



### Honor Guard

Members of the honor guard had special training with Sgt. Jason Abbott from the Army National Guard. Post 28 will be certified as an Authorized Provider in Military Funeral Honors.



### 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!

### 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 is 6 PM. Please call me so I can get a count on how many will be at the luncheon. 616-402-2206 2nd Vice Commander David L. MacKellar

# AUXILIARY



**"NEWLY REVISED UNIT HANDBOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE:** The cost is \$10.00 + postage and handling. If you are interested, let Ann Kammeraad or me know. We can pick them up at Department Convention for \$10.00.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS** and report them 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 putting together a cookie recipe booklet. If you wish to submit recipes (and we sure hope you do), e-mail them to her at mstetts@chartermi.net or leave them in the Auxiliary Mailbox.

**MAY 4 – POPPY WORK BEE – 9:30 a.m.:** Char MacKellar, Poppy Chairman, needs volunteers to assist with this activity. It consists of stuffing envelopes for mailing out poppies. If you can help for an hour or all morning, please give her a call at 638-8665. This is a great way to be of service and to meet people and bond friendships

**MAY 16 – 5TH DISTRICT MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Post 28 is hosting this. More info elsewhere in this newsletter.

**MAY 25 – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND WATERFRONT CEREMONY:** Breakfast for those participating will be served at the Post at 8:00 a.m. The Parade starts at 9:00 a.m. Anyone wanting to ride the trolley in the parade should meet at the Post. Red, White and Blue attire is strongly encouraged. The Auxiliary will serve a light lunch after the parade for a small fee.

**MAY 26 - INITIATION POT LUCK - 6:00 p.m.:** Members please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Members being initiated do not have to furnish a dish or their own table service. Hostesses are Cleo Phipps, Peggy Vermeer, Ann Kammeraad and Gerry VanStratt.

**MAY 26 - REGULAR MEETING and INITIATION - 7:00 p.m.**

**MAY 31 - GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION - 2:00 P.M.** Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend this program.

**JUNE 18-21 - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN LANSING**

**JUNE 23: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Ruth Kelly, Installing Officer. Hostesses: Ina Kauffman and Micky Slater.

Remember the "The American Legion Story" and "Hot and Cold Holding" DVD's are available in the Auxiliary Mailbox for your viewing. We encourage you to watch both of these. We will practice the Honor System.

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 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+



### QUILTING FRIENDS

Kathy Straatsma, Coral Wiles, Yvonne Sparling and Shirlee Start, showed quilts to the membership at the April meeting. They make quilts for our wounded men and woman. Also make quilts for family's that have lost a family member. They are looking for your support. If you can help please contact Kathy at 231-780-9403 or E-mail, kstraats@hotmail.com

### SATURDAY MAY 16, 2009 5TH DISTRICT BANQUET & SERVE

Cocktails 5:30pm ~ Dinner 6:30pm  
\$12.00 per person. Available at the bar.  
Must be purchased by May 5th.

### NOTICE

## American Legion Post 28 Officers for 2009 - 2010

At our May meeting, the following officer candidates will be voted on.

Commander..... Rick Chittenden  
1st Vice Commander..... David MacKellar  
2nd Vice Commander..... Phil Smith  
Adjutant ..... Butch Balk  
Finance Officer ..... Jim Thayer  
Service Officer ..... Jim Walton & Ken Kelly  
Historian ..... George Bryant  
Chaplain ..... Chris Tankie  
Sergeant of Arms..... Ed DeKoekkork  
Executive at Large..... Ray Ribbink & Jack VanWeelden  
Judge Advocate.....

Installation of new officers will be on July 7, 2009.

### Honor Guard

This past month we had 3 Funerals.  
Two Funerals were Full Military.  
Army National Guard, SGT Scott S.  
Kinney helped with one Funeral.  
Rifle Team Lead  
David L. MacKellar

### Sick Call List

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

## Friday Night Hamburgers

6-8pm.

Singles burgers \$3.00  
Doubles burgers \$4.00

## Andy's Draught

On tap for this month we have the Kentucky Derby Party Saturday May 2nd. We will have our Derby raffles, mint juleps, the ladies fancy hat contest, karaoke & new this year is the Plantation Stakes with live jockeys. As always we ask you to bring a dish to pass.

Saturday May 16th, we will be hosting this years 5th District Memorial Banquet & Service. Cocktails start at 5:30 & dinner will start at 6:30. Chops will be cooking up the dinner. Tickets are available at the bar for \$12 each & must be purchased by May 5th. There are only 180 available, so they will go fast.

Thursday the 21st from 7-9pm is our last Trivia Night of the season. We will pick it up again the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The VFW here in Grand Haven will be having their Rib Fest May 22nd & 23rd with free admission to all Post #28 members. You must have your current Post #28 card on you for free admission.

Saturday May 23rd we will be hosting another Memorial Golf Outing. This year it will be held at Terra Verde Golf course. Sign up sheets are available at the bar.

Memorial Day the bar will be open from noon – 6pm. Memorial Day also kicks off our summer hours. Monday – Friday the post will be open from 1 – 10pm, Saturdays Noon – 10pm & Sundays 1 - 7pm. These hours will continue up to Labor Day.

Don't forget to watch the calendar for our upcoming events & dinners. May drink specials: \$3 Cosmopolitans & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday

Cheers Andy



Greetings,

First and foremost the Grand Haven Sons of the American Legion would like to thank all involved with the benefit for Tom and his family at the post. The money raised will go a long way to help Tom get around his home.

The S.A.L. will have burger duty on May 1st, so please sign up at the bar to assist.

The State installation of officers for the Sons of

the American Legion will be held on May 7th at Post 28 at 7:00 PM.

The joint 5th District meeting will be held at Post 28 on May 16th. This will include Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members. Tickets will be available soon at the bar. The cost is \$12.00 with social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

If anybody has access to some portable plastic fencing please contact Willis. We may have to rent some but we would prefer to borrow it if possible.

That's it for now. Have a great and safe May.

Brad Chittenden  
Commander S.A.L.

### CONVERTABLES NEEDED

When: Monday, May 25th  
For: Memorial Day Parade

Each year the American Legion and the VFW work on the organization of the Memorial Day services, parade and waterfront service held in Grand Haven. We use convertibles to carry dignitaries and other people in the parade and we are always looking for volunteers to help out and drive their convertibles in the parade. It's a great way to help out on a day we remember our departed loved ones and comrades. Please contact Rich Kelly at (616) 846-1649 or leave your name and phone number at Post 28 (616) 842-5310 and we'll get in touch with you.



### To all Members of Legion Post 28

Becky and I can't thank everyone enough for the out pouring of donations. All the hard work from all my friends and family for the wonderful benefit Saturday April 11, 2009 here at the Legion.

This will let me be able to use my house again. The cards and Letters helped me through this.

Thank you again! Tom Glockin

### KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Even though it's not Churchill Downs, Post 28 is the next best place to be on Derby Day, Saturday, May 2nd. The fun starts around 2 p.m. and goes all day. There will be a derby hat contest for the ladies with prizes for the best hat. Something new this year will be the "Plantation Stakes" with (6) live jockeys competing. And I reckon Derby Day wouldn't be complete without mint juleps and genuine Kentucky cuisine (Kentucky burgoo and Derby pie). Just bring a dish to pass or some snacks and y'all come on down for some good Southern hospitality. And, if that ain't enough fun, Karaoke follows at 6 p.m.

### 2ND ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE/CAR SHOW

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



### 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](http://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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MAY DRINK SPECIALS: \$3 COSMOPOLITANS		MAY 2009				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 6pm BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Jazz Band	<b>2 Kentucky Derby</b> 6 - 11pm Karaoke
<b>3</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>4</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>5</b> 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>6</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>7</b>	<b>8 V-E Day 1945</b> 6pm BURGERS 8pm Silvertones Band	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Mother's Day</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>11</b> 7:30pm SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>12</b> 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>13</b> 5pm Spaghetti Dinner	<b>14</b> 7pm Legion Riders	<b>15</b> 6pm Burgers 8pm Silverado Band	<b>16 Armed Forces Day</b> 5pm 5th Dist. Mem. Banquet & Service
<b>17</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>18</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>19</b> 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>20</b> 5pm Roast Pork Dinner	<b>21</b> 7pm Last Trivia Night	<b>22</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>23</b> 8am Mem. Golf Outing
<b>24</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>25 Memorial Day Observed</b> Noon - 6pm Post Open \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>26</b> 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>27</b> 5pm Swiss Steak or Liver & Onions	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>JUNE 1</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>2</b> 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>3</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>4</b>	<b>5 SAL State Conv.</b> NO BURGERS	<b>6</b> 6 - 11pm Karaoke