

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman
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Dale "Rick" Chittenden, Past Commander

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

April is here and spring is around the corner I hope. Our snow birds will be coming back soon. We have missed you all, welcome back. Now it is time to get the deck chairs and tables back out and start enjoying the nice weather on our great deck.

Our Legion 92nd Birthday party was a great success. It is always nice to get everyone together and celebrate our Legions wonderful achievements. I want to thank Cindy Cagle, the Auxiliary and SAL for the wonderful dinner they prepared for us. The birthday cakes were donated by our very gracious Auxiliary Past Presidents and special donations were made by the Auxiliary, SAL and our 8 & 40 Salon. Thank you all very much. I also want to thank our guest speaker for the night Past Commander Bill Kaufman, great job taking us down memory lane of your military service at Arlington. It is members like you and the rest of our Legion Family that make our post the best in the state.

At our March post meeting we had a Great turn out for 1st Vice Commander Phil Smith first Post meeting being in charge for the evening. Great job Phil I know you are going to do a good job as Commander. I also want to thank my 2nd Vice Commander Ron Bauer for the nice award he gave me at the meeting. I will cherish the "Coat Hook" award. I have it hanging over my picture at the Legion so stop in and see my award and certificate. Our 50/50 was won by Paul Rose.

During our May 3 post meeting we will have the initiation of new members. This is a short ceremony to welcome new members. Please add this to your calendar. See you at the Post. God Bless America.

Commander Post #28 David L. MacKellar "Mack"



HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 funerals. Sgt Nicholas Gerfen from the Army National Guard and his Honor Guard Team helped with funerals for: John Bloemers, William Wiebenga, Fred Todd, Jr. and Allen 'Zank' VanZantwick. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Michael N. Parks, LCDR Robert E. Hemp and members of the Coast Guard CPOA and VFW took part in funeral for William 'Boonie' Boonstra.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: John Bilski, Dale Carlton, William Peak, Dale Stapel, II, Roger Dreikorn, Larry Sheffield and John Burns.

Taps were played for members: John Bloemers, Gary Ward, William Wiebenga, Fred Todd, William 'Boonie' Boonstra and Allen 'Zank' VanZantwick.



WWII Veterans

"Legion Flight 311 is a project of Walter Durkee American Legion Post 311 in Grand Rapids to take World War II veterans to visit their World War II monument and other memorials in Washington, DC." Legion Flight 311 out of Grand Rapids, May 11, 2011

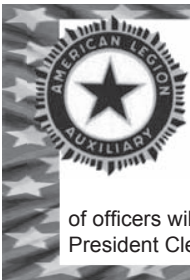
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Past Commanders Vernon Rowan, Bill Kaufman and Honor Guard member Allen VanOort were presented awards at the 92nd Legion Birthday party. Vernon Rowan and Allen VanOort were presented the 60 Year Continuous Service Certificate and pins. Member Donald Brouwer could not make the party, his 60 Year Certificate and pin will be sent to him. Past Commander Vernon Rowan also was presented with a Life Time Membership pin. Past Commander Bill Kaufman was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Commander MacKellar for the recognition and outstanding service that "Bill and Ina Kaufman" have done for the American Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and Country.



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Spring is in the air! Cindy, our chef, prepared a Prime Rib dinner for the American legion Birthday with the help of our Auxiliary and a few fantastic men from the SAL group. We hosted the Fifth district in March. Jean Wolniakowski was chef that night with the help of the Auxiliary. Thanks to all. In April we are hosting the V.F.W. for dinner. A new slate of officers will be announced at the April meeting. April 10th is the Auxiliary Birthday. President Cleo Phipps

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, *President*
Ruth Kelly, *1st Vice President*
Diane Jarmac-Kirk, *2nd Vice President*
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*
Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*
Jean Wolniakowski, *Past President*
Lisa Davis, *Parliamentarian*
Peggy Vermeer, *Chaplain*
Charlene MacKellar, *Sgt. At Arms*



Chili Cook Off 2011

1st Place "FAT CHIX" Garrett Veihl, Chris Mendels, Rich Monroe, John Williams
2nd Place "BLACK JACK CHILI" Mark "Jake" Jacobson, Simon Snoeyer, Kevin Behm, Adam Samp
3rd Place "THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE CHILI" James Toogood, Jeremy DenHoe, Scott Kelly
BEST DRESSED TABLE "CHILLOLITES" Paul Kubicek, Phil Young, Dan Smart, Scott Bennett

Notice American Legion Post 28 Officers for 2011-2012

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

Commander.....Phil Smith
1st Vice Commander.....Ron Bauer
2nd Vice Commander.....
Adjutant.....Butch Balk
Finance Officer.....Jim Thayer
Service Officer.....Ken Kelly, Carl
.....Lori, and Adam Shumaker
Historian.....Nate VanKampen
Chaplain.....Chris Tanke
Sergeant at Arms.....Sue Metzler
Executive at Large.....Hugh Hyde
and.....Bill Kaufman
Judge Advocate.....Hugh Hyde

Installation of new officers will be on
July 5th, 2011

LUSH BUS TO MANISTEE

April 23, 2011 ~ Noon - 9pm
1st stop American Legion Post 10
Manistee,
transportation provided to
Little River Casino.
Seats \$20. per person.
Questions call 842-5310.



WINE FEATURE

Woodbridge Moscato and a
Robert Mondavi \$3.25 per glass
or \$12.00 bottle.

Andy's Draught

Congratulations to Post #28! We were voted the winner of the 2011 People's Choice award for best Fish Fry. Thank you to everyone who voted. This is a big deal for us because this is our first People's Choice award. Thank you to Ray and your hard working crew for putting this dinner on.

For those of you that have not seen inside the kitchen during a perch dinner, I'm going to give you a little insight. This is our most labor intensive dinner. It requires 15-20 volunteers in two shifts. The first crew comes in early to clean and prep the filets. Then during the dinner the kitchen is a flurry of hot fries and steaming perch. I was able to help once breading the fish. It was back breaking labor. I have a new found respect for those volunteers. Everyone had their job to do and that kitchen ran like a finely tuned machine.

We are still taking names and email addresses if you would like to receive your newsletter via email. Just email me at andyvpst28@yahoo.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line. Other paperless options would be to check out our website at www.grandhavenlegion.org or look us up on Facebook (Charles A Conklin American Legion Post 28).

The first Saturday in May is the Kentucky Derby. Saturday, May 7th come down for great food (bring a dish to pass), great hats (Ladies crazy hat contest), mint juleps, K.D. raffles & our very own Post #28 Derby. If you are interested in being a live jockey let me know. Come down for the race & stay for karaoke.
April's drink specials: \$3.00 Legion Lemonade & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers Andy

Special Commendation Ceremony

During the wedding reception for PFC Ron A. Drake and Allison E. (Miller) Drake on February 5, 2011, 1st Vice Commander Phil Smith, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Bauer, Past Commander Bill Kaufman, Past Commander Ken Kelly, Honor Guard Leader George Bennett, Chaplain Chris Tanke and Honor Guard Member Nathan Van Kampen were in attendance.

Members presented Ron with a Special Commendation "American Legion" Certificate and American Legion "Thank You" Coin for his service in Iraq. Members also presented Allison with a "Blue Star" pin. The bride and groom were also presented an American flag. With a special Marriage Blessing by our Chaplain and a closing prayer.



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
April ~ IRS Party
May ~ Memorial Day, Kentucky Derby Party,
Legion Memorial Golf Outing, Armed
Forces Day
June ~ Flag Day
July ~ Independence Day
August ~ Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Men's
Party,
BBQ Chicken
September ~ American Legion Picnic
October ~ Oktoberfest Party, Wine Tasting

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
1st Monday ~ SAL Meeting 7:30pm
2nd Tuesday ~ 8 & 40 Meeting 7pm
2nd Thursday ~ Legion Riders 7pm
4th Tuesday ~ Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
1st Saturday ~ Karaoke
Every Wednesday ~ Dinner 5-7pm
Every Friday ~ Burgers 6-8pm



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APRIL DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 Legion Lemonade							APRIL 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6PM BURGERS AND FISH	2 6pm Karaoke							
3	4 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	5 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	6 5PM PERCH DINNER	7	8 6PM BURGERS AND FISH 8pm Silvertones	9							
10	11 \$2 U-Call Tall	12 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	13 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	14 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	15 6PM BURGERS AND FISH 8pm Silverado	16							
17	18 \$2 U-Call Tall	19 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	20 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER	21 7pm Last Trivia Night	22 6PM BURGERS AND FISH	23 12pm Lush Bus to Manistee							
24 	25 \$2 U-Call Tall	26 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	27 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	28	29 6PM BURGERS 8pm Steve Edge	30							