



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Hello Legion Family:

Let me say right up front what an honor and a privilege it is to be the Commander of the finest Post in the great state of Michigan. How can you top our S.A.L., Ladies Auxiliary, and Legion Riders?

Our location here, where the Grand meets Lake Michigan is second to none. Be very proud of your Post, and encourage others to join. More members generate more revenue, which is what our Post needs to navigate these troubled waters.

Next, I would like to take my Navy cap off to Dick VanderStel for the great job he did this past year. I know I can count on him as well as all the past Commanders for help and advise. I also want to thank our spouses, for without their support we can "forget about it".

Every year the new Commander gets baptized by fire with the U.S. Coast Guard Festival. Fun stuff. With Chops at the helm and all our wonderful volunteers, we've got this week down to a science. Hope you came down to the



waterfront and enjoyed your Post. Thanks to everyone who helped.

I would like to see 50 members at our next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August. It starts at 7pm. Meetings rarely last an hour, we have a 50/50 drawing, take care of business, have a nice lunch and \$1 pops afterwards. Great way to support our Post. Please make an effort to attend.

New Members and Transfers  
Keith Arteaga, John Bastek, David Boyce, Larry Caster, Loren Fair, Henry Kveton, Anthony Fiore, Jr., Philip Lewis, Jerry Meeuwenberg, Gene Roberts, Armand

Story, Mike Tudor, Frederic Vandenberg, John Green, Charles Thomson, Bruce Schuitema, Michael Capman, William Gray, Peter Ziegeler.

Taps:

Barnard "Bernie" Schultz, Howard Brown, Scott Shuman, Roger Harold Middag, Earl "Curly" Bowman.

Till next month, thanks again, and see you at the Post, Dale "Rick" Chittenden

### Boys State 2009

The American Legion Boys State 2009 was held June 15th thru the 21st. It is time to acknowledge the local sponsors who contributed in sending 11 local high school juniors to Northwood University. We at Charles A. Conklin Post 28 would like to thank: **Grand Haven Bank, Stanco Metal Products, Grand Haven Eagles # 925, Fritz Auto Body, Spring Lake Rotary, Shape Corp, Sons of the American Legion Post # 28, Mona Shores Optimist Club, West Michigan Auto Body, JSJ Corp.** If you or your organization would like to sponsor a delegate next year please contact Dale Chittenden at 616-837-6549, or drop a business card off at the American Legion Post #28 on Harbor Ave. with "Boys State" written on the back. Thanks again to this year's sponsors.

### 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!



**Swearing in of New Legion Officers for 2009-2010**

### 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

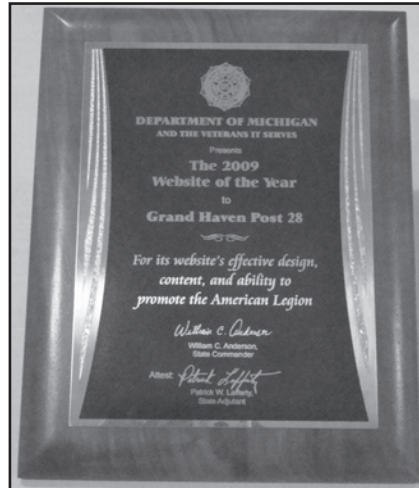




**2009 PICNIC**

For the good of the Legion,  
 This year's American Legion picnic is Sunday, September 13th from Noon to 6pm. In will be held on the front lawn of our beautiful Post on the Grand. Our S.A.L. knows how to have a good time and is again hosting this year's event. The Post will be providing dogs, corn on the cob, and a cold draft. All we ask is that you bring a dish to pass and good weather. If you're a football fan, Andy will have the games on inside. If Bingo is your thing, Commander Rick will be calling the numbers and handing out great prizes. Tell all the Legion members you know and let's make this year's picnic the biggest ever.

See you there,  
 Commander Rick Chittenden



Web site Award 2009



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Post #28 American Legion Officers

- Dale "Rick" Chittenden, *Commander*
- David MacKellar, *1st Vice Commander*
- Phil Smith, *2nd Vice Commander*
- Butch Balk, *Adjutant*
- Jim Thayer, *Finance Officer*
- Chris Tanke, *Chaplain*
- Hugh Hyde, *Judge Advocate*
- Ed DeKoekKoek, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
- Jim Walton, Ken Kelly, *Service Officers*
- George Bryant, *Historian*
- Ray Ribbink & Jack VanWeelden, *Executive Board at Large*

Post #28 SAL Officers

- TL Lowe, *Commander*
- Rob Wolniakowski, *1st Vice Commander*
- Charlie Yonker, *2nd Vice Commander*
- Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*
- Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*
- Tom Greensberg, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
- Jeff VanderVeen, *Historian*
- Alan VanDam, *Past Commander*
- Howard Mattson, *Post SAL Chairman*
- Mike Mattson, *Membership Chair*
- Jeff VanderWeen, *Adjutant*

Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

- Jean Wolniakowski, *President*
- Cleo Phipps, *1st Vice President*
- Linda Gieske, *2nd Vice President*
- Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*
- Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*
- Veloyce Hansen, *Chaplain*
- Ann Kammeraad & Cleo Phipps, *Historian*
- Char Mac Keller, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
- Jean Koehs, *Past President*
- Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*
- Mollie Pipp, Pat Best & Ruth Rescorla, *Executive Board*

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



**Donation for 25th Anniversary of Boardwalk**

On behalf of the S.A.L. Post 28 Grand Haven we wanted to donate to Ken Formsma for the G.H. Area Community Foundation \$500.00 to help with the updated work on the Boardwalk to help preserve this icon for many years to come.

SAL Chaplain Tom Glockzin

**Honor Guard**

This past month we had 4 funerals, all 4 funerals were Full Military. Jack Gardner and Dave MacKellar posted "Colors" at the Holiday Inn "Senior Activities Day." Honor Guard Lead George Bennett

**Sick Call List**

Al Van Oordt is in North Ottawa Hospital and should be home soon. Please keep Al in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like your name in the Newsletter to be remembered. Please call the Legion Chaplain Chris Tanke. 517-862-8623

**2010 Legion Membership Cards are now renewing.**

Please remember when you receive your 2010 card in the mail to hang on to it. This past year we've experienced lots of lost cards. Thank You.

**WWII Veterans**

Please stop into the Legion and pick up a picture and a list of the names of our Flag Day program. I want to thank everyone for coming out for the Flag Day Program. 1st Vice Commander David L. MacKellar

## Andy's Draught

Congratulations to all our new officers. We have had quite a few chairs change this year. I look forward to working with you all. That also includes you Commander Dale "Rick" Chittenden.

The last two years our Post has been awarded the Best American Legion Website in Michigan. Thank you to Michael Zumbach for all of your hard work. If you have not visited our site lately you can find it at [www.grandhavenlegion.org](http://www.grandhavenlegion.org). You can read about our history, browse through all of our newsletters, events and even other Post's websites. Michael has even added a spot on our website that will allow you to receive your newsletter directly from our website. Check it out.

Coast Guard Festival is over. For the rest of August it will be business as usual. September we will start our Collage Football Saturday Pot-Lucks, Labor Day is the 7th and our Legion picnic is the 13th. Watch your newsletter. I think Commander Rick-Dale has some changes planned for the picnic. This has been a great summer. The Post has been busy, the weather has been good (not great), the beer has been cold & I have been able to take sometime off this summer to enjoy it with my family. Thank you to all of our great bartender and barbacks. Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners, bands & events.

August drink specials: \$3 Post Punch, \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday & \$10 Bucket-O-Beer (any 6 bottles).

Cheers!  
Andy



I am honored and humbled as I begin my term as the Commander of the SAL. I did not full realize the normality of the task until I held my first meeting Monday night. I would first like to than Brad Chittenden for his leadership during this past year.

While dealing with a personal illness, her preserved to complete his obligation to his position and it was greatly appreciated.

There are several major events that we would like you to put on your calendar. These are wonderful opportunities to bond with member from the various groups within the American Legion Post 28 (Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL):

**Legion Picnic:** Sunday, September 13th  
(It will be held at the Post this year)

**Salmon Festival:** Friday, September 18th

**Steak and Shrimp Dinner:** Saturday,

October 24th

Detail to these events will appear in future newsletters.

The American Legion Softball team captured another softball title this summer and is getting ready for Fall season to begin.

On Monday, July 13th all Officers and Ap-point positions were inducted into their respective positions and they are as follows: Commander - TL Lowe, 1st Vice - Rob Wolniakowski, 2nd Vice - Charlie Yonker, Chaplain- Tom Glockzin, Adjutant - Jeff VanderWeen, Sergeant-at-Arms - Tom Greensberg, Historian - Jeff VanderVeen, Financial Officer - Rich Kelly, and Membership Chairperson - Mike Matson. I was relieved when the appointed officers elected to stay in their positions.

The SAL added seven new members since last month and they are as follows: William Vanhuizen, Bryan Houck, William Green, Anton Jerovseic, Christopher Girard, Ryan Hathaway, Buell Hawthway, and Christian Keast.

I look forward to the next 12 months working with the leadership groups at the American Legion as we continue to grow as a post. Working collaborative will help maintain the great traditions of our post.

Respectfully submitted,  
TL Lowe SAL Commander

### Motorcycle/Car Show

September 20, 2009

American Legion Grand Haven Post 28

Registration Opens 10am

**12 Noon - 3pm**

Top 10 cars, Top 10 Cycles. Voted on by entries!

Pulled pork, Smoked Turkey Legs, Coffee,

Fruit Drink. Post Open to Public.

U.S.C.G. Festival at the Legion Friday, July 31st.

5pm Dinner for USCG Active Enlisted Persons.

6pm Some dinners may be available for \$17.00



7pm Music by IG'Moo Brothers  
Members are welcome to take part.

**Saturday August 1st ~ 12 Noon - 7pm**

Dinner served at \$7.00

Clown Band appears after parade



PARKING (MEMBERS ONLY) NO MOTOR HOMES OR TRAILERS!

**All Week: \$500.00 Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**

Drawing Saturday August 1st. 8pm



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# CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

SAT. AUG. 1, 2009  
 NOON 'TIL 7PM

Take Out  
 Available



**Adults \$7.00**  
 per plate  
**Children \$4.00**  
 per plate

**PUBLIC WELCOME!**

First Come, First Served

**Scottville Clown Band**

Appearing after the parade.

**AUGUST DRINK SPECIALS:  
 \$3.00 POST PUNCH**

## AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 12pm Chicken Dinner
<b>2</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>3</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>4</b> 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>5</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>8</b> 6pm Karaoke
<b>9</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>10</b> 7:30pm SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>11</b> 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>12</b> 5pm Spaghetti Dinner	<b>13</b> 7pm Legion Riders	<b>14 V-J DAY 1945</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>17</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>18</b> 7pm Exec. Comm \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>19</b> 5pm Roast Pork Dinner	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6pm BURGERS 8pm Silverado Band	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>24</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>25</b> 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>26</b> 5pm Swiss Steak Dinner	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>31</b> \$2 U-Call Tall	<b>1</b> 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	<b>2</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6pm BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Jazz Band	<b>5</b> 6pm Karaoke