



Post 28 Newsletter

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Post 28 Commander

The Veterans Day dinner was a big success and we had a great meal prepared by volunteers from the Auxiliary and S.A.L. It was nice to see veterans of all ages participating. We had veterans ranging from the Persian Gulf to World War II. And a big thanks to those who won the 4 raffled turkeys and donated them to the Goodfellows/Salvation Army program.

The Post 28 website is up and running and the address will be listed on the cover of all future newsletters. If you haven't done so yet, check it out.

The address is www.grandhavenlegion.org. Many thanks to Michael Zumbach for putting it together.

As always, December will be a busy month at Post 28. Check the calendar for all events. Since New Years Eve is on a Sunday this year, there will be no New Years Eve party and the Post will be closed on that day.

Another reminder to get your dues in by the end of the year before the price goes up. In closing, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Bill Kaufman
Commander, Post 28

IT'S CHILI TIME!

That's right, it's time to start thinking "CHILI COOK-OFF"

Our sign up starts December 9, 2006

Based on first 12 teams.

\$25.00 MUST accompany your entry

See bartender for entry forms

The CHILI COOK-OFF is on the calendar for February 10, 2007

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9, 2006 – Noon till 2 pm
Sign-up will start Nov. 1st thru Nov. 25th
You can sign up at the bar.

The festivities will also include something new this year featuring "Bruno the Clown" magic show. Treats and prizes will be given out. The Post will be non-smoking from 11:30 am – 3 pm the day of the party.



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**
Auxiliary Flea Market
Independence Day
- August**
Coast Guard Festival
Enlisted Men's Party
BBQ Chicken
- September**
American Legion Picnic
- October**
Steak & Shrimp
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**
B & G 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only
House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only
Post 7pm
- 2nd Monday**
SAL Meeting 7:30pm
- 2nd Tuesday**
8 & 40 Meeting 7pm
- 3rd Tuesday**
Post 7pm
- 4th Tuesday**
Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 1st Saturday**
Karaoke
- Every Wednesday**
Dinners 5-7pm
- 1st Friday**
Lake Perch or TBA 5-7pm
- All Other Fridays**
Burgers 6-8pm



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 LAKE PERCH 5-7pm <i>Steve Edge 8pm</i>	2 Army vs. Navy 11am Gene Rothi Mem. Fish Fry 1-4pm Karaoke 6-11pm
3	4	5 House Post 6pm 7pm \$1 Beers	6 SWISS STEAK 5-7pm \$6	7	8 BURGERS 6-8PM <i>Silvertones 8-11</i>	9 Children's Christmas Party 12-2pm Chili Cook-Off Sign Up Begins
10	11 S.A.L. 7:30pm	12 Exec Comm 7pm \$1 Beers	13 CHICKEN 5-7pm \$6	14	15 BURGERS 6-8PM <i>Steve Edge 8pm</i>	16
17	18	19 Muskegon Fury Bartenders Steve Edge Music \$1 Beers	20 SOUP & PORK BBQ 5-7pm \$5 Trivia 7pm	21 Goodfellows Wrapping Party 7pm	22 CHRISTMAS BUFFET 5-7:30PM	23 Goodfellows Delivery 9am
24	25  Merry Christmas	26 Auxiliary 7pm \$1 Beers	27	28	29	30
31 POST CLOSED	POST CLOSED					

Manager Andy

I am very excited about my new position and want to thank everyone for having the confidence in me as your new Post Manager. I have some new ideas which I'll let you know over the next few months. If you have any ideas or things you would like to see or do here, let me know. We are also looking for new volunteers to help out with burgers, dinners, decorating and a few other areas as well. It's a great way to meet people and show your support for our Post.

Saturday, December 2nd, will be a fun filled day. Things will kick-off at noon with the Army/Navy game. This is a potluck, so bring a dish to pass. Then at 2 pm we will be hosting the Gene Rothi Memorial Fish Fry. Chops will be busy in the kitchen frying up fish and chips with the proceeds going towards the new Gene Rothi Scholarship fund and the Champions of Character Program. Finally, Jessica will be here at 6 pm for karaoke. We will have a public license, so bring your friends and neighbors. I'm already exhausted just writing about Saturday.

We are starting a "Celebrity Serve Night". We are getting local celebrities to bartend for us & the tips generated will be donated to a charity of their choosing. The Muskegon Fury will be here bartending and signing autographs on Tuesday December 19th from 5 - 8 pm., so bring the kids to meet the players. Also, check the display case for new merchandise, including our brand new embroidered baseball hats, shirts & coats. They would make great Christmas gifts.

Please be prepared to show your membership card, even if you are a "regular". As you all know, the Liquor Control Commission says that any person who purchases drinks must be a current card-holding member of the Legion, SAL or Auxiliary. In addition, we will be verifying that everyone's membership is current. We will laminate your card for free upon request.

Our drink specials for the month of December are \$2 Bailey's Irish Coffee and \$1 canned beer on Tuesdays thru December.

Cheers!

Andy

CHRISTMAS BUFFET

Post #28 will have:

Meat Balls, Sausage, Mini Corn Dogs, Chicken Wings, Cocktail Sausage, Polish Roses
Members could bring Candy, Cookies, Cake, Snacks etc.

Service Officer

3 things this month:

1) Vietnam Service Medal recipients—

The US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims decision extends the presumption of service connection for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure to Vietnam veterans who served on vessels that sailed in the waters off of the Republic of Vietnam, even though they did not set foot on shore. You may want to get going on a claim. Everything is in the appeal process but claims are still being accepted. I can help.

2) I can also help if anyone wants to apply for all medals awarded during your service to our country.

3) If you are VA rated at 40% or more disabled and have had your house modified to accommodate the disability CONTACT me. You may be eligible for significant tax exemptions. My contact info is at Post28.

Supporting you thru service,
Jim Walton

Membership News

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Each Veterans Day, the Life Membership Committee has the honor of presenting life memberships to distinguished members who have graciously given their time to Post 28. This year the following members were presented with life membership.

Congratulations to:

Ed Lesar
Emery Thibdaue
Jim Vette



Taps were played for:

Ernest Grabman
Wallace Klempel
Peter Kemme
Art Vin

New members:

John Thompson
Larry Lambert
Carl Paganelli
Daniel Frazine
Herman Nuismer
Paul Mackety

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

On Tuesday, December 19th, we will have the first of hopefully several "Celebrity Nights". The Muskegon Fury hockey team will be bartending and waiting tables. All tips go to the charity of their choice. There will also be music by Steve Edge on that night.

On February 14th, we will have a "Valentines Day" party with a steak dinner and music by Steve Edge.

On Sunday, March 25th, we are planning a trip to the Muskegon Fury hockey game. Game time is 2:00 p.m. and tickets will be \$6 for members. You can purchase the tickets in advance if desired at the L.C. Walker Arena. Just show your membership card for the ticket discount.

More to follow in future newsletters.

Every Tuesday is "\$1 Beer Day". All can beer will be \$1 all day long.



Auxiliary

I missed welcoming Andy to the fold - so welcome Andy. We will miss Colleen she helped us in many ways. I'm sure Andy will do as well.

By the time this gets out we will be well into the Holiday Season. There are lots of events taking place at the Club. Kids party, Christmas buffet, Goodfellows shopping, wrapping and delivery. Also trivia, that's a lot of fun just watch for the dates in the calendar.

New Auxiliary member since the September newsletter. Mary Lou Landgren, Tina R. Perry, Sarah H. Best, Barbara E. Levandoski, Leia M. Strong, Esther Bouman, Linda K. Brink, Betty L. Folkertsma and Anne. Vanderhoek. WELCOME ladies.

We can still use knitted and crocheted hats and mittens for Goodfellows.

We had a great turnout for the October potluck, there were three District officers, Great food and lots of fun playing crazy bunco with prizes.

We are still collecting cancelled postage stamp and also manufacturers coupons which we send to Commissaries oversea for the servicemen and women and their families.

No meeting in December so will see you next year.

No 8 & 40 meeting until February.

Ruth, President

G.H.B.O.P.A.

Two of the Wednesday dinners in January will be put on by the Grand Haven Band & Orchestra Parents Association. The dates are January 10 and 24th. We will be seerving dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The proceeds from these dinners will go to the purchase of new Marching Band uniforms. The current uniforms are in dire need of replacement and the G.H.B.O.P.A. would like to have the students march into the Gene Rothi Stadium in the Fall of 2007 with new uniforms. Plan on attending one or both of the dinners in January and help support our students in the Marching Band. The dinners will be :January 10 - Spaghetti and January 24 - All you can eat Soup and Salad. Look for us again on February 7 with another dinner selection. Look in the January newsletter for details.

Thank you
 Jeff (Dutch) Vander Veen
 Vice President G.H.B.O.P.A.

STORIES WANTED

One of our newest members, Zachary Lienau, is doing a veterans history project for his studies at Grand Valley University. This will be a documentary on the experiences of military veterans. He would like to interview any veteran (not just combat veterans) who feel they have an interesting story to tell. If you want to participate, you can contact Zach at (989)529-1295 or email him at zchzc2002@aol.com.

S.A.L. VEGAS NIGHT

Bring you money & friends to the S.A.L. Vegas Night, January 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. We will need help with works so sign up in the bar on the sign up sheet of call Jeff Vander Veen at 842-0097 for more information

Thank you
 Jeff (Dutch) Vander Veen, Chair



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POST HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm+
 Sat Noon - 10pm+