



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Well Legionnaires here we are in the middle of November with Thanksgiving dead ahead and Christmas right on it's heels. I hope we get a good turnout of members to help with the "Good Fellows" Christmas gifts for the kids in our area. That is what Christmas is all about.

We had a nice turnout of Vets for the Veterans Day dinner and the food was Excellent. Our speaker for the evening was our Congressman from West Michigan Peter Hoekstra. He did a great job. With everybody saying good things about his talk for the evening.

The morning Memorial at the Eternal Flame had a small glitch with a flag that refused to go to half mast. But we got by that all right. Our Chaplain Ed Jaworowicz went to the hospital the night before and a timely offer to do the prayer

was given by an Ex Air Force Chaplain who did a stellar job.

The night of the dinner we also awarded 3 Honorary Life Memberships to Mr. Derk Doornbos, Mr. Al VanOort and Mr. James VerDuin, congratulations to those men.

Second Vice MacKellar and I attended the 5th District Meeting at the Holland Post. We saw a 20 min. slide show about sending a band to France to play at the Anniversary of D-Day Invasion. They are to play at many Word War II sites, Normandy Beaches, St. Lo, Bastogne and others. We invited them to our January Post meeting. Try to attend to see these slides and maybe help support them.

I would also like to welcome new members Ronald J. Muller and Daniel R. Phipps, welcome aboard.

Pat and I are finally in our new house but it's all confusion right now and no computer or printer as of this writing, so Mack is going to E-mail it for me.

That's all I have for now so I'll sign off. I hope you have smooth sailing.

Dick

Honor Guard,

This past month has been very busy. We have had 6 funerals this month.

Friday Nov. 7, we went to 2 schools in Holland, Glerum & Lakewood Elementary. The kids were great. We told them about the flag and the 13 folds and which star on the flag is for Michigan. Taps was played and we presented the schools with a flag. At Glerum we went outside and showed the students how to change the flag, we put a new flag up for them. Pictures are on the web site. www.grandhavenlegion.org.

Saturday Nov. 8, 8 am, we had our USMC 233 Birthday Party at the Eagles club in Grand Haven. Members of our Color Guard and the VFW Color Guard posted the flags.

Saturday Nov. 8, 11 am, we had a program at the Grand Haven High School, Hall of Fame. To Honor Charles A. Conklin the namesake of our Legion Post. It went very well, lots of compliments.

Monday Nov. 10, 3 members went to White Pines Middle school in Grand Haven to talk to students for Veterans Day. Ken Kelly, Jake Westra and Larry Kuiper were the speakers.

Tuesday Nov. 11, 8 am, 5 members went to Spring Lake High School and talk to the students for Veterans Day. Ken Kelly, Jake Westra, Larry Kuiper, Dave MacKellar and Jim Pond were the speakers. At 10 am we had our Veterans Day program at our Eternal Flame in Grand Haven. At 7 pm we had our Veterans Day Dinner at the Legion.

2nd Vice Commander  
David L. MacKellar



At our Veterans Day dinner Ray Ribbink presented Honorary Life Membership to Jim VerDuin, Derk Doornbos and (not pictured) Al VanOort.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE CORNER

There are just a few items to report this month. #1 We are still looking for Friday night burger teams. #2 The New Years Eve party that was to be held here at the post has been CANCELLED.

### 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 Parties
  - 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
- 4th Tuesday
  - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 1st Saturday
  - Karaoke
- Every Wednesday
  - Dinner 5-7pm
- All Fridays
  - Burgers 6-8pm

Membership News  
Welcome our new SAL Members/Transfers!  
Roger Dahlman, David Hough, Richard Meads, Max Reikse, Michael Sayers, Richard Tangredi, James Warrick, Joseph Waters, David Wendt, Harry Wynne-Parry Jr., Richard Misner

*Happy Holidays*



# AUXILIARY



I trust that everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with family, food and fun. Now we have to think about Christmas. But there are still a few things we have to think about before

Christmas.

The GR Veterans Home gifts have been taken care of, and I want to give a "big thank you" to Pat Best and all of her helpers.

We still have the fruit plates to prepare for the veterans in local nursing homes. If you can help with this project, please contact Pat Best.

We also have the Goodfellows "children's gifts" to purchase and wrap. If you can help with purchasing or with wrapping gifts, please contact Barb Kelly at 846-1649.

We have been requested to "Ring the Salvation Army Christmas Bells" at D&W on Wednesday, December 17, from 10am to 6pm. Please contact

Ina Kaufman at 842-4477 for more info.

At the October meeting the following new members were initiated and received their membership pins: Mardi Billingham, Phyllis Blake, Kathy Bos, Kelly Greene, Beatrice Kendrick, Norma Lambert, Deborah Perry, Evelyn Queenan, Mary Steinbach, Donnie Summer, Helen Vannoy and Aletha Anderson. We welcome you and hope you will actively participate in the many "good works" that we do for our veterans and for our community.

On Saturday, February 21, a "Spotlight on Leadership School" will be held in Lansing. Also, the National President, Desi Stoy, will be there on Friday, February 20. Over cookies and coffee she will have a question and answer session. If anyone is interested in attending these activities, please talk with Ann Kammeraad.

**MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY CHRISTMAS  
SEASON BE WITH EACH OF YOU  
THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR**

President Jean Koehs

## Goodfellows Deliveries

As you know, the Goodfellows group of our post has been making Christmas a more pleasant time for tri-cities area children whose families are experiencing difficult times and have been doing this for many, many years.

Preparations are in full swing again this year, and we hope to once again provide a large number of children with a very Merry Christmas.

Unfortunately, it was once said "the only thing permanent is change" and we will be making a change to an area that has been very satisfying to most of us that have been the pleasure of experiencing it.

The group we receive our family information from, the Salvation Army has had a change in policy regarding direct contact with their clients, and anyone that will be coming in direct contact with their clients must have had a background check and training.

The Goodfellows have decided that this would not be a reasonable request to make of our delivery volunteers, so we will not be delivering presents to homes any longer.

We will be having the families come down to Post 28 on Saturday Dec. 20th starting at 8am and still need volunteers to help load the presents the families are coming to pick up. There will be a sign up sheet in the bar and we will be having breakfast at Sporty's at 7am on pick-up day. So please come on down and lend a hand.

Rick Kelly (Goodfellows) Questions  
(616) 846-1649

*As always meals and pop are open to the public, but only members can buy alcohol.*

### Taps

Michael J. Hood, Alvin E. Jacobson,  
Ben R. Card & Albert J. Durocher

## Friday Night Hamburgers

are from 6-8pm.  
Singles burgers are \$3.00  
Doubles burgers are \$4.00

### GOODFELLOWS

Goodfellows time is rapidly approaching. If you don't have a chance to give to the firemen's "Crusade for Toys" on December 6th, you may send your donation to:  
Goodfellows: c/o American Legion Post #28,  
700 Harbor Ave.  
Grand Haven, MI 49417.

We are anticipating a greater need this year for toys and clothing for the needy children who are referred to us by the Salvation Army, which serves as a clearing house. The Goodfellows. What Do They Do?

For over 60 years, the American Legion Post #28 Goodfellows program has worked to make sure that the needy children of the area have a good Christmas. We furnish each child with new clothes, along with toys, games and candy. The Goodfellows Committee is made up of Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members. We shop for clothes and specialty items, then pack all items in a family box, wrap and deliver to their homes.

Shoppers will need to pick up their list between 6:00 and 8:00 pm on December 4, 2008, at the Post and shopping must be completed by December 13, 2008.

Wrapping party is on Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm,

Thank you everyone – The Goodfellows Committee.  
Please sign up for delivery in the Lounge.



### The American Legion Newsletter

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### Post #28 American Legion

#### Officers

Dick Vanderstel, *Commander*  
Rick Chittenden, *1st Vice Commander*  
Dave MacKellar, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Phil Slater, *Adjutant*  
Chris Whalen, *Finance Officer*  
Ed Jaworowicz, *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 Hattson, *Post SAL Chairman*  
Mike Mattson, *Membership Chair*  
"Dutch" VanderVeen, *Adjutant*

### Post #28 Auxiliary

#### Officers

Jean Koehs, *President*  
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Cleophipps, *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+



### Kids Christmas Party

Dec 6th Noon - 2pm

Kids 1 - 8 years old

Sign up Nov 1st - Nov 29th

Sign up sheet is at the bar



## Andy's Draught

### Andy's Draught

Have you renewed your membership card yet? They all expire the 31st. No 2009 card, no drink. We will be checking everyone's card beginning next month, so be prepared to show it. We will laminate your 2009 card for free, if you ask nicely. Thank you for your cooperation.

The votes have been counted and the beer and wines Sunday sales ban has been fitted. The Post will now be open 7 days a week. Our Sunday hours are 1-6pm.

Our New Years Eve Party has been cancelled. The Post will still be open for business until 1am. I will make some hors d'oeuvres but encourage you to bring a dish to pass. There will be a champagne toast at midnight and free pop to the designated drivers.

In an effort to lower our Post's expenses and save a few trees we are asking if anyone would like to receive their monthly newsletter via email. We are working on setting up a system that would update our members electronically. If you would like to get our newsletter via email please email me at andyvpost28@yahoo.com with "Newsletter" as the subject line. Keep your eye on the calendar for our dinners, dances and events.

December drink specials: \$3 Christmas Martini & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Merry Christmas!  
Andy



Greetings Post 28 Legion members;

It now appears that the fall season is coming to an end, with winter approaching on the doorstep. If you don't have your leaves up yet, they may still be there next spring. Our Legion post has plenty of

activities planned to carry us thru till spring, so read your newsletter carefully. Please be aware that we are still looking for volunteers at both Wed. Night dinners (5pm - 7pm), and for the burger nights on Friday evenings (6pm - 8pm). If you can help come on down.

The SAL kicked off the annual "Trivia" night at the post on 11/26/08, and the next date for Trivia will be on 12/17/08. Come on down for a good night of guessing and competing with other teams. The Goodfellows group will be doing the Christmas shopping the first couple of weeks in December, and the annual wrapping party will be on Thursday night 12/18/08. There will not be any delivery of boxes on Saturday 12/20/08, as the recipients will have to come to the Legion to pick up the boxes. The kids Christmas Party will be held on 12/06/08, and there is a sign up list at the bar for the event. And lastly for this month is the annual Christmas

buffet for members, and that will be on 12/19/08, again we will be needing volunteers for this starting at 12pm, with the dinner at 5pm.

Upcoming events to place on your calendar is the SAL "Las Vegas" night at the Legion will be on 1/31/09. The "Past Commanders Dinner" will be held for the 5th District at Post 28, on 2/13/09. And finally the SAL "Luau" will be held on 2/28/09. For the Luau we will have the popular band "Souled Out" performing, along with a fantastic dinner. The attendance for the event will be held to 200 people, so get your tickets early (\$15.00 person), they will be available at the bar.

We would like to welcome new members Paul Debien, Michael Weavers, Carl Boven, and transfers Mark Van Domelen, Phillip Dezwaan, and Tighe Carter to the SAL family, all voted upon at the November meeting.

The SAL would also like to remind the members that their dues are due now, please have them enclosed in an envelope addressed to Mike Mattson, Membership Chairman, and they can be left in the SAL mailbox in the office.

Finally in closing, I would like to add that our thoughts and prayers are extended to our SAL Commander Brad Chittenden whom is contending with an illness at this present time.

Alan Vandam, Past Commander

Hi everyone;

On Saturday Nov. 8, we had a great day at the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame to honor our post namesake Charles A. Conklin.

Ken Kelly gave the command for the Honor Guard to march in and the Commander Dick Vander Stel gave the command to the Color Guard to post the flags (American, Legion and POW/MIA). He also read Resolution 288, the Empty Chair Program, a physical symbol of the POW/ MIAs. The Rifle Team got the command to fire three volleys and Perry Delille played taps. Our Honor Guard flag presenters George Bennett, Jack Gardner and Tom Streng presented the American flag to principal, Scott Grimes, in honor of Charles A. Conklin.

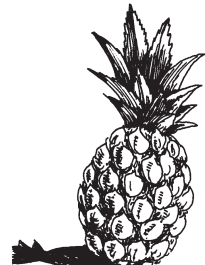
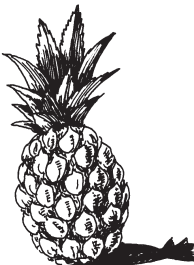
Later that evening at a Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, Post Commander, Dick Vander Stel accepted a plaque from Hon. Edward R. Post, Master of Ceremonies. This plaque is on display at the Legion, as well as pictures of the event. You may also view them on our web site at [www.grandhavenlegion.org](http://www.grandhavenlegion.org).

We would like to thank the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame committee and Lana Jacobson for honoring Charles A. Conklin.

2nd Vice Commander David L. MacKellar



**SAL Hawaiian Luau**  
**PIG ROAST & PARTY**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2009**  
**Tickets: \$15.00 each**  
**Cocktails starting at 6pm - Dinner at 7pm**  
**Band - Soul'd OUT - performs at 8:30pm**



This event will be held on February 28, 2009 from 6pm - 11pm at American Legion Post 28. Come enjoy a great dinner, and enjoy the band Soul'd Out perform the night away. Tickets will be on sale at the bar, and this event sells out fast (only 200 tickets). This event is the time to wear the most colorful surfing shirt/skirts or dresses for a spectacular night. There will also be raffle prizes being given away all night. This event will be open to all to enjoy.



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*Season's Greetings*

<b>DECEMBER DRINK SPECIALS: \$3 CHRISTMAS MARTINI</b>						
<b>DECEMBER 2008</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Jacksonville @ Houston <b>\$2 U-Call Tall</b>	<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</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>6</b> 12am Army vs Navy Kid's Christmas Party 6 - 11pm Karaoke
<b>7</b> <i>1941 Pearl Harbor Day</i> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>8</b> <i>Tampa Bay @ Carolina</i> 7:30pm SAL <b>\$2 U-Call Tall</b>	<b>9</b> 7pm 8 & 40 <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 Silvertone Band	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>15</b> <i>Bill of Rights Day</i> <i>Cleveland @ Philadelphia</i> <b>\$2 U-Call Tall</b>	<b>16</b> 7pm Exec. Comm. <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>17</b> No Dinner 7pm Trivia	<b>18</b> 7pm Goodfellows Wrapping Party	<b>19</b> 5pm Christmas Buffet 8pm Silverado Band	<b>20</b> <i>Panama "Operation Just Cause"</i>
<b>21</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>22</b> <i>Green Bay @ Chicago</i> <b>\$2 U-Call Tall</b>	<b>23</b> <i>No Auxiliary Meeting</i> <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>24</b> No Dinner Post Closes @ 6pm	<b>25</b> Post Closed Merry Christmas 	<b>26</b> NO BURGERS <i>Bob Lintjer Sr 80th B-Day</i>	<b>27</b> 8pm Amalgamated Sound Band
<b>28</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>29</b> <b>\$2 U-Call Tall</b>	<b>30</b> <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>31</b> No Dinner 7pm New Years Eve Pot Luck	<b>January 1</b> New Years Day Post Closed	<b>2</b> No BURGERS	<b>3</b> 6 - 11pm Karaoke
<b>4</b> 1- 6pm Post Open	<b>5</b> <b>\$2 U-Call Tall</b>	<b>6</b> 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting <b>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER</b>	<b>7</b> 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6pm BURGERS	<b>10</b>