



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



I would like to start this newsletter column by thanking everyone who worked on and was involved in the Memorial Day activities. A lot goes into this with breakfast in the morning by "Chops" and the crew, the luncheon put on by the Auxiliary, the staging of the Parade, and the setup of the waterfront by the Kelly clan. It went off very nice and once again

B&B Beverage, Merchandise Equipment, Maple Island Golf Range, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Fruitport Golf Range. Folks if you have occasion to need their services please remember them with your business.

This is going to be my last newsletter as Commander of Post 28 and I want to say I feel privileged to have had this year as Commander. I have been fortunate to have had a GREAT bunch of Officers to work with and also some darn good committees to support our Post. Thanks to ALL of YOU. I would also like to congratulate our new Commander Rick Chittenden and wish him well in the upcoming year.

I would like to welcome to Post 28 the following New Members and Transfers, Duane Bowditch, Kyle Brady, Charles Grace, Danial Judge, Scott Kinney, Michael Kirby, William Munch, Roger Davis, Robert VanGeest, Keith Cole, James Coughlin, Don Dahl, Thomas Hammontre, Scott Johnson, Peter Laman, Roman Marciniak, Rudi Stock, Robert Wright, David Carlson, Davd D'Arcy, and Randal Hylarides. Our Post is growing by leaps and bounds!

Now on a sad note TAPS for departed VETERANS.
Orrie Meyer Rich Howe Ted Rycenga
Doug Martyn Bill Munch William Gardner

I would like to sign off now with a special Thanks to Jack VanWeelden who helped me out and saved my "bacon" quite often this year.

See Ya at the Post Dick.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

Once again our Post has been selected as The American Legion Department of Michigan Web site Award WINNER. That's two out of the last three years and says a lot about our web site designer Michael Zumbach. Great job Mike. That award will be presented to us at the up coming State Convention

On Sat. May 23 we had a Legion golf scramble at Terra Verdi golf course which I thought went off very well with some nice prizes going to the division winners. I would like to thank the following people and businesses for their donation of prizes and time and effort. Phil Smith and the gang at Terra Verdi, Mervene Beverage, Kent Beverage,

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!



68 WWII Veterans came to the Flag Day Program June 14, 2009 at the waterfront stadium in Grand Haven, MI.

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, I would like to thank the following sponsors of the 2009 Girls' State delegates: American Legion Post 28, Legion Riders, SAL, Rotary of Spring Lake, Grand Haven Bank, JSJ Corporation, Shape Corporation, and Counterpart. Without the support of these organizations and local businesses, we would not be able to sponsor so many delegates each summer. The following young ladies will represent Unit 28 when they attend Girls' State June 21-27 at Michigan State University:

From Grand Haven High School: Jordan Chusid, Courtney Cotter, Katherine Martin, Veronica Renauldo, and Alyssa VanderStel. From Spring Lake High School: Grace Fricano, Lauren Gagnon, Emma Gilbertson, Maureen Mallas, India Peek Jensen, Emily Zacek, and Avery Zyniewicz. Congratulations!

Again, thank you to our sponsors. Even in these difficult economic times, we are pleased to have the financial support to further the leadership education of local high school juniors. Thank you also to Ann Kammeraad for her help throughout the selection and registration process, and to Jill VanderStel and Jean Koehs for their help with interviews. We look forward to hearing back from our delegates at our August membership meeting.

Until then- Kelly VanderHoek, Unit 28 Girls' State Chairperson

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



AUXILIARY



Welcome to a new year for the Auxiliary. First I would like to thank the Officers of 2008 - 2009. A job well done. My goal this year as President is to get more of our over 700 members involved. If every Auxiliary Member

who reads this would come forward to volunteer for just one event a year, we would have too many volunteers! Call Norma at 842-2509 to help out. Past President Jean Koehs did a great job of keep-

ing meetings under one hour and I plan to continue with the same. I look forward to the continued mutual work and support from and with the Legion and SAL members. June - Thank you to the girls who served breakfast for the SAL Convention and those who served at the funerals. Thanks to Ann Kammeraad and Kelly Vander Hoek on their work with "Girls State" interviews. July - Carnival at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans on the 25th. Next Auxiliary meeting on the 28th. Looking forward to a great year and hoping to see some of our newer members at our meetings. Thank You.

Jean Wolniakowski President



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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*
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Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*
Veloce Hansen, *Chaplain*
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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+

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.

Entertainment Tent
July 3rd & 4th (Noon - Midnight)
Bands : Just Joe, Amalgamated Sound, Off the Record & Igmoobrothers.
Volunteer Sign up sheet will be at the bar



Boys State 2009 Delegates

WWII Veterans

I want to give a special thanks to Mike Lankes chairman of the Elk's Flag Day committee for allowing us to share Flag Day with our WWII Veterans. Thank you to everyone for helping out, we had a great day. The Legion Riders did a wonderful job escorting the WWII Veterans to the Post and providing a great meal to over 130 people.

Thanks to the city of Grand Haven for the use of a trolley and the Eagles for use of their bus. With their help this truly was a great day.

On behalf of the American Legion and members from the VFW. I want to thank all of our WWII Veterans. Its men and women like you that have made our country a great place to live in. You all are and will always be part of the "Greatest Generation Ever."

God Bless all of you.
David L. MacKellar

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

I personally want to thank the members of Post 28 for helping with the 2009 SAL State Convention which was held at Post 28 on June 5, 6 and 7th, 2009. It was nice seeing the cooperation from the SAL, regular Legion members, Auxiliary members, and Legion Rider members.

As the person chairing the food part of the event I wish to recognize the following for their assistance:

The Post 28 Ladies Auxiliary for serving two early morning continental breakfasts.

The following assisted with the picnic held on Saturday, Jack Van Weeldon, Melanie Van Weeldon, Glen Bullock, Kenny Hinchman, Mike Keefe, and who can ever forget Garret Viehls fried egg breakfast?

On Saturday evening we had a boat ride up the river, and the following helped me with the food snacks, Debbie Kelly, and Sue Brown.

I could not of accomplished anything without these people, again THANKS!, Past Commander Alan Vandam.

Friday Night Hamburgers
6-8pm.
Singles burgers \$3.00
Doubles burgers \$4.00

Andy's Draught

For your beverage cooling needs we now offers state of the art Post #28 logo can koozie. They are \$2 a piece and are available at the bar.

Also available at the bar are our Coast Guard raffle tickets. Each ticket offers you a chance at winning a prize of \$500. The winners will be drawn Friday July 31st. You do not need to be present to win.

Don't forget we will be having another entertainment tent over the 4th of July weekend. It will be Friday July 3rd and Saturday July 4th. It will be open from noon to midnight both days and will be open to the public. We have a great line up of bands including our very own Just Joe and the Amalgamated Sound. I would also like to say that the Amalgamated Sound is starting their "World Tour". There is a sign up sheet posted at the bar if you would like to volunteer.

Coast Guard week is the end of this month and Chops has once again come forward to offer his services to organize the festivities. We look forward to all the excitement that this week brings. If you would like to volunteer there will be a sign up sheet at the bar for this too.

Keep your eye on the calendar for our up coming meals, bands and entertainment.

July's drink specials are \$2.50 Stars and Stripes \$1 can beer every Tuesday and Bucket-O-Beer for \$10 (any 6 bottles).

Cheers Andy

**2ND ANNUAL
MOTORCYCLE/CAR SHOW**
September 20, 2009. More information to follow in later newsletter.



Greetings,

Welcome to July. Maybe the gardens will start to grow now.

First I would like to say thank you to all that helped out during the State Convention. It was a big undertaking, but it went smooth with all the help we had. Thank you to Jack, Garrett, Ken and Jack's daughter for making the picnic a real treat. Thank you to the Legion Color guard for posting and retrieving the colors before and at the end of the convention. And mostly thank you to all Legion members for allowing us to hold this event in Grand

Haven. I was told that it was the largest S.A.L. convention to date and many people said that they would definitely come back for another visit. Thank You!

The S.A.L. will be cooking burgers on July 17th. Any body interesting in help should just show up. We have 10 new members to report. They are Gil Segovis, Joe Klein, David Steele, Ken Emmenga, Bruce Ingersoll, Russ Bolitho, Dave Poel, Michael Megna, Adam Megna and Ken Orr. Welcome.

Finally I would like to say that it has not been an easy last 6 months for me. Thank you from Christy and I for all the support from the entire Post 28 family.

Brad Chittenden
S.A.L. Commander

The American Legion Riders and the Eagles Riders escorted the WWII Veterans through Grand Haven to the Legion. A estimated 130 dinners were served courtesy of the Legion Riders to the WWII Veterans and their guests.



Honor Guard

This past month we had 8 funerals, all Funerals were Full Military. Funeral for Bernard Schultz was provided by the American Legion and the VFW Post 2326. Army National Guard , Sgt. Scott Kinney helped with Funeral for Scott Shuman. Honor Guard helped with Joint Memorial Service and Banquet. "Patriot Hall" Program at Ferry School with members from VFW Post 2326. Memorial Day observance at North Holland School. Memorial Day Programs were provided by American Legion and VFW Post 2326.

Sick Call List

Paul Rose is coming along and should be back with the Honor Guard soon. If you would like your name in the Newsletter to be remembered. Please call the Legion Chaplin George Bennett. 616-842-6302

Greetings to ALL members of the Post 28 Family

June has come and gone and by now you probably have heard that your local Sons of American Legion, Squadron 28 hosted the state convention back on June 5, 6 & 7, 2009. The convention weekend was a success, having the most squadrons (53) represented and the most individual paid attendees (300) ever seen at the SAL convention in Michigan.

The weekend was a culmination of 3 years of hard work and cooperation between the members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and the bar staff.

First and foremost I would like to thank Post 28 and the Legionnaires for allowing us to have full use of the facility for the weekend including setting up the picnic area on the front lawn, and changing the lounge hours for the sake of the meetings. Thank You we could not have done it without your support and approval.

The Post's Honor Guard presented and retired the colors for the convention, Dave MacKellar, Garret Veihl, George Bryant, Dale Chittenden, Jim Walton and Bill Kauffman did a wonderful job. The state and national officers in attendance (including Bill Anderson state commander of the American Legion) took notice and were thoroughly impressed. Great Job and Thank You Gentlemen.

The Ladies Auxiliary including Jean Wolniakowski, Phyllis Yonker, Barb Kelly, Judy Fischer, Judy Ennenga, Bades Pellegrom, April Holmes, and Cleo Phipps, for doing a fantastic job with the continental breakfast, coffee, juice and water everyone appreciated the food and caffeine. Thank You for all you do.

To Jack Van Weelden and crew thank you for a wonderful picnic lunch and pulled pork and smoked salmon were awesome. Garret, I know it was only 3 dozen eggs and not 300 like the old days, but thank you very much for the bacon, eggs and hash browns Saturday morning for the workers, it was unexpected but very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Blue Dog Taxi, the Eagles, City of Grand Haven as well as Michael Smith and the Coast Guard Festival Committee.

Finally, thank you to all who helped with the convention preparations and the running of the event; it would not have been the success it was without your help. Those involved include, but not limited to; Al & Gloria Van Dam, Scott & Deb Kelly, Mike & Sun Brown, Brad & Christy Chittenden, Rich and Barb Kelly, Tom Glockzin, Dan Smart, Judy Swiftney, T.L. Lowe, Mike Zeeff and Becky Mattson.

Thank You all and I apologize if I missed anyone.

The convention time was a big weekend and the post showed well and impressed our fellow members from around the state, they all wanted to know if & when we would host it again.

Thank You again to all in the Post 28 family, Mike Mattson, SAL 2009 State Convention Chairman



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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.

JULY DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.50 STARS AND STRIPES							JULY 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5pm Lake Perch Dinner	2	3 12pm Beer Tent NO BURGERS	4  Independence Day 12pm Beer Tent							
5 1- 6pm Post Open	6 \$2 U-Call Tall	7 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	8 5pm Spaghetti Dinner	9 7pm Legion Riders	10 6pm BURGERS 8pm Silvertones Band	11 6 - 11pm Karaoke							
12 1- 6pm Post Open	13 7:30pm SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	14 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	15 5pm Roast Pork Dinner	16	17 6pm Burgers 8pm Silverado Band	18							
19 1- 6pm Post Open	20 \$2 U-Call Tall	21 7pm Exec. Comm \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	22 5pm Swiss Steak or Liver & Onions	23	24 6pm BURGERS	25							
26 1- 6pm Post Open	27 End of Korean War 1953 \$2 U-Call Tall	28 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	29 5pm Lasagna Dinner	30	31 6pm Enlisted Men's Dinner	AUGUST 1 12pm Chicken Dinner							
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