



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDER



Legion Family:

Have you noticed the nip in the air? The changing of color on the trees? The frost on the

grass? If you have then you know as I do we are into November. November also brings Veterans' Day. That means we will be having a Veterans Dinner, cost \$5.00 a ticket, tickets on sale at the Post. This year Veterans can bring their better half if they would like. So don't drag your feet on getting your tickets, we will be able to seat about 175 if needed. The meal will be turkey and all the fixings that go with it. At this time I would like to thank A B Kerns for donating the money to buy the turkeys, not only for this year but for all the years in the past that A B has done this. We have 4 turkeys that will be raffled off during the dinner. Our guest speaker for the dinner is Dan Rooney. Dan is a F16 fighter pilot in the Oklahoma National Guard, a Veteran of war in Iraq. But there is a chance that Dan won't be able to make it, he may be called to duty. In the event this happens Dan is going to have a stand in speak about his program to help the widows and orphans of our combatants in this war.

Don't forget on Veterans day we have a few things to do. Our Honor

Guard, Color Guard, and Rifle teams will be honoring all our Veterans, we would like to do this in two locations, the WWI monument in central park, and at the eternal flame. And remember to thank a Vet for his or her service to our fine country.

November 21 we start a new year of trivia, so get your teams ready and let the games begin.

Legionnaires: On July 26, 2007 U. S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S. 1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that a veteran and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag. As you can see by this passage you now are able to salute the flag in or out of uniform. The salute of the flag is a form of honor and respect, representing pride of one's service to their country, and we all know that the flag is a simple of our fine country.

Thank You,

Garrett Veihl
Post 28 Commander

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

IRSParty
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

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

House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only
Post 7pm

Every Monday

Building & Grounds 9am

2nd Monday

SAL Meeting 7:30pm

2nd Tuesday

8 & 40 Meeting 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



Auxiliary

Since my August letter was not sent to the printers I would like our Auxiliary members to know that I went to the 5th District meeting in Cedar Springs at which our Auxiliary took home 5 awards also Ina Kaufman received 1 award and Ann Kammeraad received 3. Jeanne Wolinakowski has assumed our 2nd vice post and Pat Best has replaced her as Delegate at Large.

The Auxiliary donated \$150.00 to the Women's Club for mammograms for uninsured women.

Also a donation of \$100.00 for emergency fund & Spectrum Hematology Research. The Auxiliary also purchased \$2000.00 worth of clothing and accessory items for the Grand Rapids Veterans Hospital.

Let's hope that we can keep up the good work.

See you at the meetings.
Pat Vander Stel---Pres.

House Committee Corner

The Summer of 2007 will be remembered as steamy, sunny & successful. The post was busier than ever and even more so during Coast Guard week. The deck and patio have become very popular and are used a lot. The new pizza menu has gone off the charts. Team Pizza was formed several weeks ago. We have four fine American gentlemen (Charlie, Phil, Jimmy & Butch) who spend one morning a week making between 40 and 80 pizzas, depending on the need. They volunteered (WITHOUT HESITATION) when approached to do the task. Be sure to thank them when you see them around the post.

Membership News

Welcome to our new members and transfers!

Kirk Lebica,
Pat Morrissey,
Phillip Polyak,
Dennis Swartout,
Christian Schaumann,
Phillip Barbrick,
James Donnelly,
Jack Jansma

TAPS played for:

Marvin Poel,
Peter Boon Jr.,
Thomas Wagasky.

8 & 40 NEWS

Attention 8&40 Partners:

November 13, we will meet at J.W's at 6:00 PM for dinner.
Afterwards we will return to the Post for dessert and a social time.

Ann Kammeraad, Secretary



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William Kaufman, *Past Commander*

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Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski
Helen Hinds
Mary Dorman

POST HOURS

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

BAR HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm

Andy's Draught

The next couple of months are going to be busy for everyone. So to save you precious time this Holiday Season this will be my "No fluff, just the facts." newsletter.

*UofM @ MSU – Saturday Nov. 3rd – Come watch the game/bring a dish to pass

& Karaoke to follow

*Veteran's Day Dinner – Saturday Nov. 10th. Get your dinner tickets

*Trivia kick-off – Wednesday Nov. 21st – 7pm. NO dinner will be served.

*Thanksgiving – Thursday Nov. 22nd – The Post will be closed

*Navy @ Army – Saturday Dec. 1st – Come watch the game /bring a dish to pass

& Karaoke to follow

*Kids Christmas Party – Saturday Dec. 8th – Sign up @ the bar

*Renew your membership

Due to Hall rentals & annual events we are unable to commit to a regular weekend Euchre Tournament. Sorry.

Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners & bands.

October drink specials: \$3 Apple Pie & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!
Andy



S.A.L.

Greetings Post 28 Legion Members; Well fall has sprung upon us all of a sudden, and winter is approaching on the door step. The Legion has plenty of activities planned for those that brave the Michigan unpredictable weather, so stick around if you can!

The SAL is planning a "Texas Hold Em" to be held on November 21, 2007 tentatively set for the Norton Shores Race Track (location may change), and all are invited to participate. The Legion will still offer the Wed. Night dinners, and of course the burger nights will continue on Friday nights thru the winter months.

A very important holiday is fast approaching, November 11th, 2007 is "Veterans" day. Please remember all of the veterans past and present in your prayers and thoughts for that day. The Legion will be hosting a Veterans Day dinner to be held on Nov. 10, 2007, with a guest speaker invited. For details on the event contact Commander Garrett Veihl.

With winter approaching the Legion will again be involved with the "Good Fellows" program, and we will be looking for volunteers to help with the project. Stay tuned for news of the annual wrapping party, and the ultimate experience of delivering the packages to children in the surrounding "tri-cities" area.

As a reminder, all SAL members, and especially the new ones are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, held on the second Monday of every month at the Legion building starting at 7:30 PM. Most meetings only last about an hour, and are very informal.

As the SAL Commander I welcome any thoughts or ideas for the future, for the good of the Legion or the SAL. I can be contacted at 616-566-1178, or e-mail at alanv744@sbcglobal.net

Alan Vandam
SAL Commander

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 8, 2007 – Noon till 2 pm

Sign-up will start Nov. 1st thru Nov. 25th

You can sign up at the bar.

Treats and prizes will be given out.

The Post will be non-smoking from 11:30 am – 3 pm

the day of the party.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DRINK SPECIAL \$3.00 "Apple Pie"		†1 Can Beer		1	2 LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	3 U of M @ MSU Karaoke 6pm
4	5 FREE Pool	6 House Post 6pm 7pm †1 Can Beer	7 STEAK DINNER 5-7pm	8 Legion Riders Meeting 7pm	9 BURGERS 6PM <i>Silvertones 8-11pm</i>	10
11	12 S.A.L. 7:30pm FREE Pool	13 Exec Comm 6pm 8&40 (@ JW's) 6pm †1 Can Beer	14 SPAGHETTI 5-7pm	15	16 BURGERS 6-8PM <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i>	17 OSU @ U of M
18	19 FREE Pool	20 †1 Can Beer	21 NO DINNER Trivia Kick Off 7pm	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING POST CLOSED	23 NO BURGERS <i>No Band</i>	24
25	26 FREE Pool	27 Auxiliary 7pm †1 Can Beer	28 ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES with one portion scrambled eggs & sausage 5-7pm	29	30 BURGERS 6PM <i>Stony Roads Band</i>	1 December NAVY @ ARMY 12pm Karaoke 6pm
2	3 FREE Pool	4 House Post 6pm 7pm †1 Can Beer	5 LIVER & ONIONS or SWISS STEAK 5-7pm	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day 1941 LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	8 Children's Christmas Party