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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We had another very successful Coast Guard Week, thanks to the help we received from all you volunteers. First and foremost, thanks to Rick Chittenden and his team of 'usual suspects' plus many new volunteers, including (1) the Kitchen Crew, who worked many hours preparing and serving over 200 well-received grilled chicken dinners to the Coast Guard Enlisted men and women and to the public on Friday and Saturday. They include Fran, Arlene, Betty, Sharon, Nancy, Dave M, Dave C, Ron, Rick, the "Kuck Crew", and

the "Coopersville Boys" - Doc, Don, Rip and Tony, (2) the Parking Crew: Darryl, Bill, Mack, Chuck, Brownie, T.L., Rich, George B, Joe and John; and (3) the Head Table team of Ken, Phil Y, Phil S, and Phyllis. We also owe special thanks to Andy and his crew and to Darrel and his Building and Grounds men who worked throughout the week cleaning and setting up furniture, equipment, bringing in supplies, etc. to make sure our Post was a welcoming place (or oasis), ready and able to provide our many hundreds of guests with necessary provisions to help them keep up their strength and endure our unusually hot summer weather. And, we are grateful to many other Members of the Post, SAL, Auxiliary and Legion Riders not named here who helped make our Coast Guard Week ceremonies and services such a success.

During the Coast Guard Enlisted Dinner, we were honored to be visited by the two most senior Coast Guard officers at the Festival - Vice Admiral Robert Parker, Commander U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area ("from the Rockies to the Persian Gulf") and Rear Admiral Michael Parks, Commander Ninth Coast Guard District. They came to greet our Enlisted Dinner guests, the son and grandson of Ray O'Malley (last survivor of the USCG Cutter Escanaba, lost in 1943), and former crew members of the USCG Cutter Woodbine. The Admirals made a special point of thanking Post 28 for all we have done and continue to do throughout the year for our Coast Guard Guests and Members.

In September, we have many other activities (see Calendar below). We hope you will attend as many as possible. They include: On Thursday, September 6, 6:00 PM, our Auxiliary will be hosting a 90th Auxiliary Birthday Party for its members and their guests. The Auxiliary is hoping to have their Past Presidents attend this special occasion. In response to their request and as a service cheerfully given to the Auxiliary, a prime rib dinner will be prepared and served by "the men" of the Post. But fear not! We have some pretty good male cooks, servers and kitchen helpers amongst us! On Sunday, September 9th, 12:00 PM, rain or shine, we hold our Annual Picnic at the Post. The Post will provide hot dogs, sweet corn, draft beer and pop. Please bring a dish to pass to help round out our menu. There will be NFL Sunday Football, bingo, and games for the kids! On Tuesday, September 11th, 10:00 AM, we will hold a brief ceremony at the Post to honor those who lost their lives and performed so bravely on September 11, 2001. On Sunday, September 16th, we will hold our 5th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show where we will be serving a pancake breakfast (9 to 11 AM) and "Hot Dogs and Hamburgers" (12 noon to 2:00 PM). All proceeds will go to support American Legion Programs, including Boys and Girls State.

Finally, we have an aging cadre of volunteers who perform so much of the tasks necessary to fulfill Post 28's mission. We need others as well who are younger and better able to fulfill the physical tasks we need to do! For example, even an hour or two a month to help us unload and setup equipment for a Blood Drive at a local church would be invaluable. But we need all kinds of talent. If you don't know what or how you can contribute, just ask a Post Veteran, Auxiliary, SAL or Legion Rider officer, Committee Chairperson, or Andy, our Club Manager. If we don't know, we will find someone who does.

And, thanks again to all the volunteers who do help! The Post literally could not function, serve and succeed without you!

Ron Bauer, Commander, Post 28

American Legion Officers

Ron Bauer, Commander
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Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers
Nathan VanKampen, Historian
Butch Balk and Bill Kaufman
Executive at Large
Phil Smith, Past Commander

Calling all bowlers this years Bowling starts Sept. 8. Anyone wanting to bowl please contact Garrett at 616-546-0047. You Need not be good,

but you must like to have fun. We bowl every Monday night, and we bowl into April. So please come out and have some fun. If enough sign up we can have two or more teams, out of our Post. P.S. if you are a good bowler that is a plus, and we can use you.



WEDNESDAY'S MENU

SEPTEMBER 5TH
PERCH DINNER,
Fries, slaw & roll (Ray's Gang)

SEPTEMBER 12TH
"ALL YOU CAN EAT"
ZESTY SPAGHETTI
garlic bread, salad (Coopersville Boys)

SEPTEMBER 19TH
COUNTRY STYLE PULLED
PORK DINNER,
Mashed, gravy, veggies and roll. (LR)

SEPTEMBER 26TH
SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK,
Mashed, gravy, veggie & roll. (The A Team)

Special thanks to all our great volunteers during the Summer months AND Coast Guard weekend. My hat's off to all of you. Dinner Committee.



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Our big news this month is the Auxiliary 90th birthday party put on by the men of the Legion and the SAL on September 6, at 6:00 They do appreciate us. Attendance will be limited to about 120 and open to Auxiliary members and spouses only. Come to the August 28 meeting for more information or call Cleo Phipps at 846-6932. We are invited to be guests of the VFW Auxiliary on October 2, at 5:30pm. If you cannot sign up at the next meeting call Gloria Honey at 846-0334 if you plan to go. Our Fall conference will be in Boyne Highlands on Sept. 21-23rd. PPP will have an annual meeting on Sept. 24, in Cedar Springs. We will be planning the hostess booklet so please cooperate if Melodie calls for you to make an serve dessert and coffee at one of our meetings .
President Ann Kammeraad

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Ann Kammeraad, President
Michele Stetts, 1st Vice President
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President
Gloria Honey, Secretary
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
Molly Pippis, Historian
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain
Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly
Cleo Phipps, Past President



Andy's Draught

Summer is over. Fall is near & this is one place you will not find any back to school sales. We do not carry the last Sponge Bob Square Pants lunch boxes or apparel, but what we do have are our cozy navy blue Post #28 sweat shirts in crew neck or hooded. Just perfect for those cool fall evenings.

After Labor Day we go back to our Fall hours. Monday – Friday the bar is open from 2pm to 10pm & Saturdays noon to 10pm. Sundays we will be closed after the Legion Car Show on the 16th. So please make note of the new hours.

Thank you to the pizza crew for your dedication to assembling such delicious pies. In the last 5 years we have sold more than 7400 pizzas & at this pace we could be over 10,000 in less than 2 years. Not too shabby.

We will be hosting the Legion picnic here at the Post Sunday the 9th from noon-6pm. We ask everyone bring a dish to pass. The Post will provide hot dogs, beer and pop.

It is not too early to renew your dues. Feel free to renew at the bar if you don't get a renewal reminder in the mail. You must have your card on you to renew as well as purchase drinks. Don't take offence if the bartender asks to see your card. Be proud to show it. The bartenders are only trying to protect your Post. We are still looking for a few Veterans to participate in our Healing Heroes/ Flying Heroes Fishing program the end of this month. This program is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of our Veterans through fly fishing. Wednesday the 26th we will be taking our group down the PM. Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners, bands & events.

September drink specials: \$2 Summer Breeze, \$2 U-call talls on Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday. Cheers! Andy

5th ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The American Legion Post # 28 will be putting on it's 5th annual Car & Motorcycle Show on Sept 16th , 2012 here at the Post. There will be a pancake breakfast at 9 AM to 11AM, we will also be serving "Hot Dogs & Hamburgers" from 12 noon to 2 PM. All proceeds go to Legion Programs, part will be used to send one boy and one girl to the Boys & Girls State in 2013. Help us reach our goals. Registration 9AM to Noon, \$10.00 Fee. Dash Plaques to first 100! Awards Ceremony at 3 PM.



HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with one funeral.

Members of the Honor Guard attended the "Celebration of Life" for Bradley Chittenden at Post #28. Bradley was a Navy veteran and Past Commander of the SAL, Post #28..

Rifle Team members went to Holland and helped US Army members from Fort Knox, with Memorial service for Army veteran Sgt. Forrest Shuck. Forrest had received 3 Purple Hearts and 1 Silver Star with "V" for valor for his service in Vietnam.

Honor Guard members and Legion Riders of Post #28 attended funeral in Holland, Mi. for Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Price killed in Afghanistan.

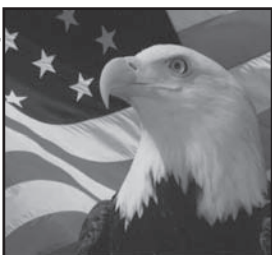
Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to New Members: Thomas Hamill, Edwin Holub, Chad Homberg, Harold Minnema,

Forrest Nicholes, Jr, David Olin, William Poulin, Michael Rudd, Darrell Steinke, Mason Workman, Michael Daigle, Rickey Burgess, Richard

Marquez, Jr, William Montgomery, Martin Johnson, James Lobue, John Scott, Louis Toering, Raymond Winkels, Steven Wozniak, John Connolly, Patrick Goldberg, Timothy Findlay, Donald McLane, and Transfers: Wayne Bobeldyke, Gary James, Thomas Valdez, Dennis Lynn, Larry Hartman, Bernard Beckett, Michael Thoma, Bradley Williamson, Thomas Nuyens, and John Goloversic. Taps were played for Fallen Members and Active-Duty Personnel: Bradley Chittenden, Arthur Rumsey, Walter 'Bob' Wayne, Marine Sgt Justin Hansen of Traverse City (KIA, Afghanistan), Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Leach of Ferndale (KIA, Afghanistan), and Marine Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Price of Holland (KIA, Afghanistan).



Thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for the cakes for the Coast Guard Enlisted Dinner.

8&40 Salon 499

I am looking forward to leading the 8&40 this year. Thank you to outgoing Chapeau Ann Kammeraad for her leadership and all she does for our group. She has taken over La Secretaire office for our unit. The new 2012-2013 partnership cards have arrived. The renewal is \$15.00 for next year which can be paid any time now. Our next meeting will be on September 11 at 7pm. Chapeau, Char MacKellar

8 & 40 OFFICERS

Char MacKellar, Chapeau
Barb Kelly, Demi Chapeau Premier
Michele Stetts, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire
Peggy Vermeer, La Cassiere
Cleo Phipps, L'Archiviste
Veloyce Hansen, L'Aumonier
Pat Vadas, L'Concierge
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate
Ann Kammeraad, Le Pouvoir



SAL COMMENTS

I want to thank the entire Legion family for the inspiring memorial service put on for our fallen Past SAL Commander, Brad Chittenden. The turnout was incredible, the service with full military honors was uplifting, the food by the Auxiliary was wonderful, and family and friends honored Brad's life just the way he wanted...with stories, cocktails, and camaraderie. Thank you all for your participation and kindness! In memoriam, the SAL has donated \$250 to the Legion Scholarship Fund in Brad's name.

The annual Coast Guard Festival just concluded with thousands of visitors coming to enjoy all that Grand Haven has to offer. One of the special events that we look forward to every year is the Enlisted Men's Dinner. SAL members helped feed the enlisted men from the local station plus the crews from the visiting Coast Guard ships. The SAL also served over 250 burgers on August 10 (thanks to Cap'm, Paul Kubicek, Bob and Matt Warne, Dave Baldwin, Mike Foley, Greg Meyers, and Pauline Melvin for your hard work!).

We'd like to welcome the following new members to the Post 28 SAL: Scott Williams, Warren Emery, Dennis Bennett, Jack Olthof Jr., David Sluiter, Doug Pimm, John Pimm, Doug Collison, Paul Withun, Ryan Withun, Charles Weaver, Rich Meyers, Garth Stafford, James Thompson, Paul Fulmer, Patrick Ryskamp, Craig Nicholes, Benjamin Prouty, Gregory Edwards, Jerry Goresch, Brian Batka, Kyle Damaska, Daniel Edwards, Thomas Snow, Michael Oosterhouse, Samuel Katt, Terry Svoboda, Bruce Gustafson, Larry Williams, and Michael Earl.

Coming up in September, we have the Ladies Auxiliary Prime Rib Birthday Dinner on Sept. 6. Tickets are available at the Legion bar with food by Chef Cindy (with the SAL kitchen crew assisting). This is our way of saying thank you to the Auxiliary for all that they do during the year. We also have the Salmon Festival coming up on September 21-23, which is always a great weekend-long event. On Friday evening, the SAL serves a fantastic Fresh Fish Boil dinner of salmon, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes and onions to almost 1000 people every year. Then on Friday and Saturday nights there is a beer tent with entertainment. There are volunteer sign up sheets at the Legion Bar. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the Salmon Festival a success. This is a great way for our new members to get involved, so please come and join us.

Thank you, Tom Greenberg SAL Commander

SAL OFFICERS

Tom Greenberg, Commander
 Mike Zolik, 1st Vice Commander
 Tom Shultz, 2nd Vice Commander
 Rich Kelly, Finance Officer
 Tom Glockzin, Chaplain
 Brock Rodger, Sergeant-At-Arms
 Paul Kubicek, Historian
 Carl Lori, Legion Advisor
 Mike Brown, Membership
 Chuck Yonker, Adjutant
 TL Lowe, Past Commander



It's September already? I'm still in August. Oh! that's right, I'm righting this in August. Whew, I thought that went all-full fast.

Any way it's September I guess we have to deal with it.

But first I want to thank every one for all the fun work (can I say that) that we had on the Bike nights so far. At the time of righting this news letter we have had two Bike nights, and we did pretty good. I heard good things from Legion members that they liked it. This is the last four weeks of fun Bike nights. I know you all will be sad. But there is always next year.

We still have Pork dinner night on the 19th of September to look forward too. And we still have stuff to do in September. Which are: the Dublin ride on 9-8-2012. If you didn't go last year you missed a fun ride. You don't want to miss it.

The Legion Car and Bike show on 9-16-2012. Just another fun day. And who knows what else might creep up. I am having fun being your Director, and the Post 28 Riders is a great club to be part of. I think we have a great bunch of people. I just want to thank you all for making the Post 28 ALR a fun club to belong too. Ride safe. Toby Ross (Post 28 ALR Director)



Boy Scout Jared Laughlin and Scout Leader Bruce Ostrow from Troop 165 presented Commander Ron Bauer and Boy Scout Liaison Officer Dewie Jordan with Troop 165 New Charter for 2012-2013



Scottville Clown Band played at the Legion during the Coast Guard Festival



Coast Guard Vice Admiral Robert C. Parker, American Legion Commander Ron Bauer and Coast Guard Rear Admiral Michael N. Parks meet on the deck of the American Legion during the Coast Guard Festival.



Commander Ron Bauer presented 100% Membership awards for 2011-2012 to Membership Recruiter & Past Commander Ken Ennenga and Past Commander Phil Smith. Award will also be presented to Past Adjutant Butch Balk at a later date.

LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Toby Ross, Riders Director
 Rick Phillips, Assistant Director
 John Kemme, Secretary
 Larry Foose, Treasurer
 Pastor Wes Spyke, Chaplain
 Sally Kemme, Membership Chair



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Reminder: September's newsletter will be the last newsletter mailed by Post 28, Grand Haven. To get your copy of the newsletter, here is what you can do:

- 1) Come down to the Post on Harbor Avenue and pick one up.
- 2) Go to our wonderful website at www.grandhavenlegion.org. Click on "Current Newsletter", on the right-hand side.
- 3) Have a friend or relative email or mail one to you.
- 4) If you would like to receive an email notifying you when the newsletter is posted to our website, feel free to email Andy at alpost28@gmail.com. This change has come about due to the extreme expense of printing and postage. The cost of the newsletter in 2011 was \$13,544.89. The Executive Committee apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause our readers. Thank you for your understanding.

SEPTEMBER DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.00 SUMMER BREEZE							SEPTEMBER 2012
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
October ~ Oktoberfest Party, Wine Tasting 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!						1 6pm Karaoke 7pm U of M vs Alabama	
2	3 Labor Day Open @ Noon 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	4 Bike Night Hot Dogs 6-8pm 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	5		7	8 3:30pm MSU @ CMU 3:30pm U of M vs Air Force	
9 Legion Picnic Noon - 6pm	10 \$2 U-Call Tall	11 Bike Night Hot Dogs 6-8pm 6pm 8&40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	12	13	14	15 3:30pm U of M vs Mass. 8pm MSU vs Notre Dame	
16 Legion Car Show Noon - 6pm	17 \$2 U-Call Tall	18 Bike Night Hot Dogs 6-8pm 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	19	20	21	22 MSU vs East. Mich. 7:30pm U of M @ Notre Dame	
23 30	24 \$2 U-Call Tall	25 Bike Night Hot Dogs 6-8pm 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	26	27	28	29 MSU Ohio State	
			5PM PERCH DINNER		6PM BURGERS 8pm Murphy's Law Band		
			5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	7pm Legion Riders Meeting	6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones Band		
			5PM COUNTRY STYLE PULLED PORK DINNER	7pm Trivia	6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado Band		
			5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER		6PM BURGERS		