



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDER



Post 28 family here we are in April, the time of year when new growth begins. The trees are budding, the flowers are

beginning to blossom. The sweet smell of nectar is in the air.

This month we have our third LUSH BUS TOUR of other Post, April 12, get a seat if they aren't all taken by now. The Memorial Day Association starts it's Monday meetings, here at the Post. The snowbirds are coming home to roost. The deck opens this month, only if the weather permits, lets all hope it does.

Ladies it's time to start getting your Derby Hats ready, Kentucky Derby

1ST. Saturday in May. Don't forget to check your News Letter for the up coming events and meals to be served, for your dinning pleasure. Remember April 15 is tax day stop into the Post for a good deal on HOT DOGS.

With the change in weather turning to the better, folks start going outside to enjoy their gardens, plant flowers, enjoy the sun etc. while your doing this please remember our troops, keep them in your thoughts .

Garrett Veihl
Post 28 Commander

IRS RECOVERY PARTY

Tuesday the 15th 5-7pm
\$0.25 hot dogs \$1 can beer \$0.50 pop
free popcorn & musical entertainment
50/50's & What does IRS mean to you contest.

CHICKEN DINNER BENEFIT

Wednesday 23rd 5-7pm - Proceeds to Benefit
Love Inc.

AUXILIARY HELP NEEDED

Attention All Auxiliary Members! We are desperate to have a little help from a lot of people. As you know we had an irreplaceable person running all of our funerals, luncheons and parties. She has decided to move on and enjoy life (good for her). Now we all have to step up to the plate and do our part. We are forming many teams to share the load of shopping, preparing and serving for our events. I need to receive a call from each and every member. Tell me where you can do your part. If we can't get the help from everyone, we won't be doing any events. If we don't have events, we have no funds. This is a crucial time for the Auxiliary. If you are a new member and haven't come to a meeting, this is your time to get your foot in the door. We have a great time and you could find you have some great friends down here. Please make a call and help us out. Many hands make for little work. Call Jean at 842-8237

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

We are in need of people to help with cooking & serving burgers on Friday nights. It's a great way to meet new people & get involved. Contact Andy for dates available.

SLATE OF OFFICERS – 2008-2009

Commander - Dick VanderStel
1st Vise Commander - Rick Chittenden
2nd Vise Commander - Dave MacKellar
Adjutant - Phil Slater
Finance Officer - Chris Whalen
Service Officer - Jim Walton & Ken Kelly
Historian - Doug Telgenhof
Chaplain - Ed Jaworowicz
Sgt at Arms - Ed Dekoekkork
Ex Commander at Large - Ray Ribbink & Open
We will vote at the May meeting & install in June.

Membership News

Welcome to our new members and transfers!
Kenneth Darwin, Kenneth R. Lampe, John Schrader, William Selgert
TAPS played for:
Allan Carpenter, Albert Deul, Robert Hood, Eugene Ott.

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



By the time you read this Easter will have come and gone. I trust each of you had a good day and that the Easter Bunny was "very kind!"

The Fifth District Quarterly Meeting was held at our Unit on March 18. There was a good turnout and many accolades for the food, the service, and the uniqueness of our Unit Home. Thank you to all who helped make this a success.

At the District Meeting we turned in our annual chairman reports for the various committees. Thanks to all the Chairmen for preparing these. It is requested that in the future Chairmen should make a note in their own records of any donations made to the various organizations and/or charities we support. You will then have this readily available when you complete your report and not have to call Romaine to get the information.

Membership! Wow! What a marvelous job Chairman Michele Stetts does keeping this moving smoothly. At the February meeting she announced that we had 627 paid members (our Quota is 645). Dues for 2008 were due and payable on December 7, 2007.

Also, at the May 27, meeting there will be an Initiation Ceremony. Any new member or long standing member who has not received her pin may participate in this ceremony. You must go through the initiation process to get your pin.

Many thanks to Helen Hinds, Ann Kammeraad, Kelly VanderHoek and Debbie VanderStel for handling the interviews for Girls State. They interviewed 16 girls. Letters had been sent to 22 possible sponsors, and four positive responses had been received at the time of our February meeting.

On Sunday, April 27, the 5th District Girls State Orientation Meeting will be held at Unit 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Due to health reasons, Helen Hinds has resigned from the Girls State Committee. Let's all give her three cheers for the work she has done and pray that her health will improve.

You will recall in the March, 2008, Newsletter, there was a black bordered request

Auxiliary

from Jeanne Wolniakowski for help with our funerals, luncheons and parties. These are our fund raising activities. We are still in need of help – lots of help. Please give Jeanne a call at 842-8237 to volunteer or to get additional information.

At the February meeting the Nominating Committee, headed by Ruth Kelly, presented the following slate of officers for the 2008-2009 year:

President	Jean Koehs
1st Vice President	Jeanne Wolniakowski
2nd Vice President	Linda Gieske
Secretary	Ann Kammeraad
Treasurer	Romaine Althaus
Chaplain	Veloyce Hansen
Historian	Cleo Phipps
Sgt-at-Arms	Mary Lou Zysk
Parliamentarian	Ina Kaufman
Past Presidents	Ruth Kelly
Executive Board	Mary Dornan, Pat Best & Ruth Rescorla

The slate will be read again at the March 25, meeting. Election of officers will be held at the April 22, meeting. The Past Presidents Parley Luncheon will be April 3, at 1:00 p.m. at JW's. Please RSVP to Norma Brazda at 842-2509.

As mentioned earlier, we had 627 paid members as of the February meeting. If we get 25 members to a meeting, we are doing well. A special plea is being made to encourage more members to become active participants at meetings, food service activities, community activities, the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, etc. There are many areas where we can use many hands. Please think about becoming more active.

Hopefully by the time you read this, the snow piles will be basically gone, the sun will shine brightly a goodly percent of the time, and our spirits will be awakened with the thoughts of spring and summer and the beauty of the area in which we live.

So long for now, President Jean Koehs (pronounced Kays)



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Chris Whalen, *Finance Officer*
Ed Jaworowicz, *Chaplain*
Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*
Ed DeKoekKoek, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jim Walton, Ken Kelly, *Service Officers*
Doug Telgenhof, *Historian*
William Kaufman, *Past Commander*

Post #28 SAL Officers

Alan VanDam, *Commander*
Brad Chittenden, *1st Vice Commander*
T.L. Lowe *2nd Vice Commander*
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*
Charlie Yonker, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jeff VanderVeen, *Historian*
Mike Mattson, *Past Commander*
Howard Mattson, *Post SAL Chairman*
Mike Mattson, *Membership Chair*
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

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Ruth Kelly, *Junior Past President*
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

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Pat Best
Ruth Rescorla

POST HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm – 10pm+
Sat Noon – 10pm+

BAR HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm – 10pm

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 24, 2008

What a winter, we had just about every kind of weather and more snow than we've seen in a very long time. I don't know about everyone else, but I sure have seen enough for this year. As I write this, I'm really starting to get the itch to get the sticks out and get the old swing limbered up for another season of golf. By the time you receive this newsletter everything will be starting to come together for our annual Legion Memorial golf tournament. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of play in it in the past, it is a 4 person scramble format with three divisions: OPEN (any age), SENIOR (50 & over) COUPLES (2 guys & 2 gals). The cost is \$55/ person and \$220/team, which includes golf, electric cart, tee gift and steak dinner @ Post 28 following. The tournament will be held at West Ottawa Golf Course. We will be looking for Tee sponsors with a cost of \$75 for a sponsor sign. Please consider doing this as it's for a good cause. There will be an entry sign-up sheet and a volunteer sign-up sheet posted at the bar around the first week of April. Think spring and see you soon! Rich Kelly and Jeff Vanderveen

Andy's Draught

I have heard reports of robin sightings, but no snow birds. If you spot a snow bird let me know, because in my book that's the true first sign of spring.

Drum roll please... the winner of the Phil Slater & Miller High Life guy caption contest is... Software Dave! His caption was "Whiskey for my friends & beer for my homey." Thanks to everyone for their creative entries.

On tap for this month we have our IRS Recovery party, a benefit dinner for Love Inc, Lush Bus #3 as well as our weekly dinners, dancing & trivia.

Saturday the 12th Lush Bus #3 hits the road. Ask the bartenders if there are any seats available. You must pay \$15 to get your seat in a seat.

Our IRS Recovery party will be on Tax Day Tuesday the 15th. To help ease your financial woes we will be serving \$.25 hot dogs, \$1 can beer, \$.50 pop, free popcorn & the brilliant Borgie will be tickling the ivories for listening pleasure. You will also have a chance to get in on 50/50 raffles & a "What does IRS means to you?" contest.

Wednesday the 23rd, Chops will be serving his world renown chicken dinner, as he has done for so many years past. The proceeds from this dinner will be donated to Love Inc.. So, come down have a great dinner & help support a great local organization.

The first Saturday in May is Kentucky Derby Day. Saturday, May 3rd come down for great food (bring a dish to pass), great hats (Ladies crazy hat contest) & many chances to win tens of dollars in our own Post Pursuit & K.D. raffles. The festivities don't end after the race either. We still have a night of karaoke. We will also be hosting a Lush Bus visit from Post #459 in Grand Rapids during all the festivities. Get up!

April's drink specials: \$2.50 Woo-Woos & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!
Andy



Whiskey for my friends & beer for my homey.

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2008 Joint Fifth District MEMORIAL BANQUET AND SERVICE

Friday, May 16, 2008
5:30 pm Social - 6:30 pm Dinner

Merritt Lamb Post 102
330 Rockford Park Dr. N.E., Rockford

Tickets \$11.00 each
Reservation Deadline: May 9
No tickets will be sold at the door

Tickets available at Fifth District Meetings or from:
Mike Krieg (Grand Rapids) (616) 247-6850
Betty Rhodes-Machem (Grand Rapids) (616) 243-5873
Pam McVeigh (Grand Rapids) (616) 452-6311



S.A.L.

Greetings Post 28 Legion Members;

As I sit trying to finish the article, my gazing goes out the window to see bright sunshine, receding snow lines, bare grass, and best of all a clear driveway!. It has certainly been a long and snowy winter. We did stay busy, with many activities going on at the Legion building from the Wed. Night dinners, to burger and fish nights on Fri. Evenings.

The SAL would like to thank the Legion for the invitation to the Legion Birthday party, on March 15, 2008. The event was well attended, and I would like to thank the SAL and Auxiliary volunteers for preparing the dinner.

Upcoming events; the SAL golf outing will be held on Saturday May 31, 2008 with a dinner to be held after the event. This is a great event, and if you would like to attend plan on signing up early. The sign up list will be at the bar, or contact Rich Kelly for further info.

The following new members have been voted in to the SAL, Andrew Kemp, Shawn Billings, Farris Bruhn, Tony Dysema, Warren Stansberry III, Kendal Strohmeier. We also have one transfer from another post, Randal Tomaszewski.

As a friendly reminder to ALL SAL members, your 2008 dues are due now, the funds should be addressed to the attention of the Membership Chairman Mike Mattson

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

BUS TRIP

The "LUSH BUS" is ready to roll again. Once again, we will tour the countryside visiting other American Legion Posts. Since the first tour took us south and the second one north, "Lush Bus #3" will head east. The date is Saturday, April 12th. We will meet at our Post at noon with the bus leaving at 1:00 pm. The tentative schedule is to visit the Cedar Springs Post, Greenville Post, Rockford Post, Comstock Park Post and then back to Post 28 around 8:00 pm. We will have an optional meal at one of the Posts. This is open to all members (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL) and guest. The cost is \$15 per person payable at sign up to cover the bus charge. The bus holds 56 passengers and has a restroom. You may bring a cooler and alcohol is permitted on the bus, but no glass bottles. A sign up sheet will be posted at the bar. Sign up early to get a seat!

MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Day Association will meet here on the April 7, 21 May 5, 12, 19, and a wrap up date of June 2.
All meetings will take place at 7pm.

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday May 3rd Noon-6ish - Karaoke 7ish-Midnightish
Bring a dish to pass - Ladies Hat Contest
Post Pursuit, Race Raffles & Mint Juleps

GENE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The American Legion Gene Rothie Scholarship applications are now available at Grand Haven and Spring Lake High Schools counseling office and the American Legion, see manager. All applications must be received at Post 28 on or before the third Friday of April (April 18th, 2008) to be eligible.



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APRIL 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DRINK of the Month \$2.50 Woo Woo		1 House Comm Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Can Beer	2 STEAK DINNER 5-7pm	3 Past President Parley & JW 1pm	4 LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	5 Karaoke 6pm
	6 Memorial Day Association 7pm Happy Mondays	7 8 & 40 7pm ‡1 Can Beer	8 SPAGHETTI DINNER 5-7pm	9 Legion Riders 7pm	10 Burgers 6PM <i>South Bound Band 8-11pm</i>	11 Lush Bus #3 1pm
	12 S.A.L. 7:30pm Happy Mondays	13 IRS Recovery Party 5pm Exec Comm 7pm ‡1 Can Beer	14 SWISS STEAK DINNER 5-7pm	15 Trivia 6pm	16 Burgers 6PM <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i>	17
	18 St. Patrick's Day Happy Mondays	19 Auxiliary 7pm ‡1 Can Beer	20 BENEFIT CHICKEN DINNER 5-7pm	21	22 Burgers 6PM No Band	23
	24 Happy Mondays	25	26 LASAGNA DINNER 5-7pm	27 MAY 1 5th District SAL Meeting 7pm	28 LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	29 Karaoke 6pm
	30 Happy Mondays	31 House Comm Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Can Beer		1 Thursday All Day	2 Burgers 5PM	