

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## American Legion Officers

David L. MacKellar "Mack", Commander  
Phil Smith, 1st Vice Commander  
Ron Bauer, 2nd Vice Commander  
Butch Balk, Adjutant  
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer  
Chris Tanke, Chaplain  
Hugh Hyde, Judge Advocate  
Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Ken Kelly, Carl Lori and Adam Shumaker,  
Service Officers  
Jack Gardner, Historian  
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman  
Executive Board at Large  
Dale "Rick" Chittenden, Past Commander

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

April is here and spring is around the corner I hope. Our snow birds will be coming back soon. We have missed you all, welcome back. Now it is time to get the deck chairs and tables back out and start enjoying the nice weather on our great deck.

Our Legion 92nd Birthday party was a great success. It is always nice to get everyone together and celebrate our Legions wonderful achievements. I want to thank Cindy Cagle, the Auxiliary and SAL for the wonderful dinner they prepared for us. The birthday cakes were donated by our very gracious Auxiliary Past Presidents and special donations were made by the Auxiliary, SAL and our 8 & 40 Salon. Thank you all very much. I also want to thank our guest speaker for the night Past Commander Bill Kaufman, great job taking us down memory lane of your military service at Arlington. It is members like you and the rest of our Legion Family that make our post the best in the state.

At our March post meeting we had a Great turn out for 1st Vice Commander Phil Smith first Post meeting being in charge for the evening. Great job Phil I know you are going to do a good job as Commander. I also want to thank my 2nd Vice Commander Ron Bauer for the nice award he gave me at the meeting. I will cherish the "Coat Hook" award. I have it hanging over my picture at the Legion so stop in and see my award and certificate. Our 50/50 was won by Paul Rose.

During our May 3 post meeting we will have the initiation of new members. This is a short ceremony to welcome new members. Please add this to your calendar. See you at the Post. God Bless America.

Commander Post #28 David L. MacKellar "Mack"



## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 funerals. Sgt Nicholas Gerfen from the Army National Guard and his Honor Guard Team helped with funerals for: John Bloemers, William Wiebenga, Fred Todd, Jr. and Allen 'Zank' VanZantwick. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Michael N. Parks, LCDR Robert E. Hemp and members of the Coast Guard CPOA and VFW took part in funeral for William 'Boonie' Boonstra.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: John Bilski, Dale Carlton, William Peak, Dale Stapel, II, Roger Dreikorn, Larry Sheffield and John Burns.

Taps were played for members: John Bloemers, Gary Ward, William Wiebenga, Fred Todd, William 'Boonie' Boonstra and Allen 'Zank' VanZantwick.



## WWII Veterans

"Legion Flight 311 is a project of Walter Durkee American Legion Post 311 in Grand Rapids to take World War II veterans to visit their World War II monument and other memorials in Washington, DC." Legion Flight 311 out of Grand Rapids, May 11, 2011

More information contact:  
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Past Commanders Vernon Rowan, Bill Kaufman and Honor Guard member Allen VanOort were presented awards at the 92nd Legion Birthday party. Vernon Rowan and Allen VanOort were presented the 60 Year Continuous Service Certificate and pins. Member Donald Brouwer could not make the party, his 60 Year Certificate and pin will be sent to him. Past Commander Vernon Rowan also was presented with a Life Time Membership pin. Past Commander Bill Kaufman was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Commander MacKellar for the recognition and outstanding service that "Bill and Ina Kaufman" have done for the American Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and Country.



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Spring is in the air! Cindy, our chef, prepared a Prime Rib dinner for the American legion Birthday with the help of our Auxiliary and a few fantastic men from the SAL group. We hosted the Fifth district in March. Jean Wolniakowski was chef that night with the help of the Auxiliary. Thanks to all. In April we are hosting the V.F.W. for dinner. A new slate of officers will be announced at the April meeting. April 10th is the Auxiliary Birthday. President Cleo Phipps

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, *President*  
Ruth Kelly, *1st Vice President*  
Diane Jarmac-Kirk, *2nd Vice President*  
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*  
Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*  
Jean Wolniakowski, *Past President*  
Lisa Davis, *Parliamentarian*  
Peggy Vermeer, *Chaplain*  
Charlene MacKellar, *Sgt. At Arms*



### Chili Cook Off 2011

1st Place "FAT CHIX" Garrett Veihl, Chris Mendels, Rich Monroe, John Williams  
2nd Place "BLACK JACK CHILI" Mark "Jake" Jacobson, Simon Snoeyer, Kevin Behm, Adam Samp  
3rd Place "THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE CHILI" James Toogood, Jeremy DenHoe, Scott Kelly  
BEST DRESSED TABLE "CHILLOLITES" Paul Kubicek, Phil Young, Dan Smart, Scott Bennett

### Notice American Legion Post 28 Officers for 2011-2012

At our May meeting the following officer candidates will be voted on:

Commander.....Phil Smith  
1st Vice Commander.....Ron Bauer  
2nd Vice Commander.....  
Adjutant.....Butch Balk  
Finance Officer.....Jim Thayer  
Service Officer.....Ken Kelly, Carl  
.....Lori, and Adam Shumaker  
Historian.....Nate VanKampen  
Chaplain.....Chris Tanke  
Sergeant at Arms.....Sue Metzler  
Executive at Large.....Hugh Hyde  
and.....Bill Kaufman  
Judge Advocate.....Hugh Hyde

Installation of new officers will be on  
July 5th, 2011

### LUSH BUS TO MANISTEE

April 23, 2011 ~ Noon - 9pm  
1st stop American Legion Post 10  
Manistee,  
transportation provided to  
Little River Casino.  
Seats \$20. per person.  
Questions call 842-5310.



### WINE FEATURE

Woodbridge Moscato and a  
Robert Mondavi \$3.25 per glass  
or \$12.00 bottle.

## Andy's Draught

Congratulations to Post #28! We were voted the winner of the 2011 People's Choice award for best Fish Fry. Thank you to everyone who voted. This is a big deal for us because this is our first People's Choice award. Thank you to Ray and your hard working crew for putting this dinner on.

For those of you that have not seen inside the kitchen during a perch dinner, I'm going to give you a little insight. This is our most labor intensive dinner. It requires 15-20 volunteers in two shifts. The first crew comes in early to clean and prep the fillets. Then during the dinner the kitchen is a flurry of hot fries and steaming perch. I was able to help once breading the fish. It was back breaking labor. I have a new found respect for those volunteers. Everyone had their job to do and that kitchen ran like a finely tuned machine.

We are still taking names and email addresses if you would like to receive your newsletter via email. Just email me at andyvpst28@yahoo.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line. Other paperless options would be to check out our website at www.grandhavenlegion.org or look us up on Facebook (Charles A Conklin American Legion Post 28).

The first Saturday in May is the Kentucky Derby. Saturday, May 7th come down for great food (bring a dish to pass), great hats (Ladies crazy hat contest), mint juleps, K.D. raffles & our very own Post #28 Derby. If you are interested in being a live jockey let me know. Come down for the race & stay for karaoke.  
April's drink specials: \$3.00 Legion Lemonade & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers Andy

### Special Commendation Ceremony

During the wedding reception for PFC Ron A. Drake and Allison E. (Miller) Drake on February 5, 2011, 1st Vice Commander Phil Smith, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Bauer, Past Commander Bill Kaufman, Past Commander Ken Kelly, Honor Guard Leader George Bennett, Chaplain Chris Tanke and Honor Guard Member Nathan Van Kampen were in attendance.

Members presented Ron with a Special Commendation "American Legion" Certificate and American Legion "Thank You" Coin for his service in Iraq. Members also presented Allison with a "Blue Star" pin. The bride and groom were also presented an American flag. With a special Marriage Blessing by our Chaplain and a closing prayer.



### 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  
April ~ IRS Party  
May ~ Memorial Day, Kentucky Derby Party,  
Legion Memorial Golf Outing, Armed  
Forces Day  
June ~ Flag Day  
July ~ Independence Day  
August ~ Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Men's  
Party,  
BBQ Chicken  
September ~ American Legion Picnic  
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!  
Every Month  
1st Tuesday ~ House 6pm, Post 7pm  
Every Monday ~ Building & Grounds 9am  
1st Monday ~ SAL Meeting 7:30pm  
2nd Tuesday ~ 8 & 40 Meeting 7pm  
2nd Thursday ~ Legion Riders 7pm  
4th Tuesday ~ Auxiliary Meeting 7pm  
1st Saturday ~ Karaoke  
Every Wednesday ~ Dinner 5-7pm  
Every Friday ~ Burgers 6-8pm





## SAL COMMENTS

The snow is beginning to melt, the daylight is becoming longer, and it is beginning to get a little warmer - SPRING is just around the corner. We need to remember it is Michigan and weather changes are continuous, so don't get too excited yet.

The Hawaiian Luau was a great evening for those who attended. A big THANK YOU goes out to Willis Kerridge, Tom Greenberg, Chuck Yonker and their crew for preparing a great meal. Thanks to all of the volunteers who help set up, decorate, and tear down for this event. As always, the work of many made the jobs go smoothly and quickly. It was a sold out event so be sure to put it on your calendar and plan to attend next year. It is will be held on February 24, 2012.

This is the last month for Trivia so be sure to come down and have a great time. It is on April 21st and begins at 7:00 pm. Come with your team and see if you can win or see how often you will be stumped by some of the questions. It is a fun time by all of those in attendance.

There was no membership report for this month.

The SAL will be sponsoring two high school boys to attend Boys State and two high school girls to attend Girls State. This is a week long event that provides these young students an opportunity to learn how government works.

TL Lowe - SAL Commander

### SAL OFFICERS

TL Lowe, *Commander*  
Rob Wolniakowski, *1st Vice Commander*  
Charlie Yonker, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officers*  
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*  
Tom Greenberg, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Tom Greenberg, *Historian*  
Brad Chittenden, *Past Commander*  
Carl Lori, *Post SAL Chairman*  
Mike Brown, *Membership Chair*  
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

### DINNER COMMITTEE

**April 6th..Ray's Fish Fry**  
(Fallen Heroes Monument)  
People's Choice Award- Good  
**13th..Zesty Spaghetti** (Legion)  
**20th..Roast Pork Dinner**  
(Legion Riders)  
**27th..Succulent Swiss Steak Dinner**  
(Legion)  
Happy Spring....C'mon down and  
join us for dinner.

## A BRICK TO REMEMBER THEM BY "FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL"

Contribute to the memorial by purchasing an inscribed brick. May we suggest using the identity of the donor or something similar because the name of the hero will be inscribed on the memorials.

A donation of a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$999.00 with a maximum of 28 characters will purchase a 4"x8" brick.  
A donation of \$1,000.00 or more will purchase a 8"x8" brick with a maximum of 56 characters. This size is good for groups, etc.  
(example - "In Honor of Robert Hodel," 24 characters)  
(example - "The Ken Kelly Family," 20 characters)

Please send check or money order for

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
payable to **"FHM-BRICKS"**

My name is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

For clarification, information or questions, call  
Jack Gardner (The Brick Man)  
P.O. Box 43  
Spring Lake, MI 49456  
(616) 607-7265.

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APRIL DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 Legion Lemonade							<b>APRIL 2011</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>6PM BURGERS AND FISH</b>	2 <b>6pm</b> Karaoke							
3	4 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	5 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	6 <b>5PM PERCH DINNER</b>	7	8 <b>6PM BURGERS AND FISH</b> 8pm Silvertones	9							
10	11 \$2 U-Call Tall	12 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	13 <b>5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER</b>	14 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	15 <b>6PM BURGERS AND FISH</b> 8pm Silverado	16							
17	18 \$2 U-Call Tall	19 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	20 <b>5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER</b>	21 7pm Last Trivia Night	22 <b>6PM BURGERS AND FISH</b>	23 12pm Lush Bus to Manistee							
24 	25 \$2 U-Call Tall	26 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	27 <b>5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER</b>	28	29 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> 8pm Steve Edge	30							