



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDER

Thank you fellow legionnaires for trusting and giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commander.

Would you all please give Bill a pat on the back for a job well done as our outgoing Commander. I tip my hat to you Bill.

I am sure as I navigate through the upcoming year, I may hit troubled waters. I am sure my fellow legionnaires will throw me a lifeline and put me back on course. For all you Past Commanders, I'll be hitting you up for advice from time to time.

We are very lucky at Post 28. Not only do we have a great building with even a better view but also have a strong supporting cast. Our Aux. and SAL are second to none. We also have a Legion Riders' organization and their numbers are growing. "I wonder, should I buy a cycle?" Our Riders have a bright future ahead. As strong as our club is, there is room for improvement. So I am challenging each member to SIGN UP ONE NEW MEMBER. Let's once again be the largest Post in the state. Again thank-you from the depths of my heart for giving me the chance to serve you!

Garrett

## 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

Steak & Shrimp  
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

B & G 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only  
House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only  
Post 7pm

### 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



Follow the Boardwalk to the

# American Legion

## Post 28

700 S. Harbor



Saturday,  
August 4, 2007  
Noon 'til 7 PM

Adults \$7<sup>00</sup> per plate

Children \$4<sup>00</sup> per plate

Drive Up  
Take Out Available  
PUBLIC  
WELCOME!  
First Come,  
First Served

Scottville  
Clown Band  
Appearing after  
the parade.

# CHICKEN BAR-B-Q





## Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion Convention held in Dearborn was attended by 3 of our members. They came back with the following news:

Girls State: Unit 28 recognized for donation of \$250. Ina Kaufman was recognized for her Community Service. Ann Kammeraad certified for her narrative and report for community service. Membership: District 5 took 5 out of 7 honors. Unit 28 recognized for 29 consecutive years of meeting goal and for having the largest gain since last year! Publication: Ann Kammeraad/Unit 28 won honorable mention for her entry of our newsletters and narrative. The house has requested volunteers to sell 50/50 raffle tickets on Friday evenings at the post. Anyone interested please call Butch Balk 616-847-1497. They would also like volunteers once or twice a month to put pizzas together, including boxing and freezing. If interested please call me 616-842-5704 or let us know at our meetings.

We are looking for a liaison person to met once a month with the house committee the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm and then report back at our Auxiliary meeting.

For your information the fall conference will be held September 14 thru 16th this year.

President, Barb



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### Post #28 American Legion Officers

Garrett Veihl, *Commander*  
Dick Vanderstel, *1st Vice Commander*  
Phil Slater, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Chris Whalen, *Adjutant*  
George Bennett, *Finance Officer*  
Don Hinds, *Chaplain*  
Ed Jaworowicz, *Judge Advocate*  
Jim Walton, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Doug Telgenhof, *Service Officer*  
Mike Zeeff, *Historian*  
William Kaufman, *Past Commander*

### Post #28 SAL Officers

Mike Mattson, *Commander*  
Alan VanDam, *1st Vice Commander*  
Brad Chittenden, *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*  
Michael Brown, *Membership Chair*  
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

### Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

Barbara Kasmauski, *President*  
Jean Koehs, *1st Vice President*  
Pat Vanderstel, *2nd Vice President*  
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*  
Romaine Althaus, *Treasurer*  
Veloyce Hansen, *Chaplain*  
Cleo Phipps, *Historian*  
Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Ruth Kelly, *Junior Past President*  
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

### Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski  
Helen Hinds  
Mary Doranan

### POST HOURS

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

## LEGION RIDERS UPDATE

Well, things are a bit windy this month, so bear with me - a lot has been happening. The Riders are about to pass the 30 member mark, and things are growing well, and the ride to the future is bright. Doc, Ken, Glen and I rode to Nashville, Tn. for the 2007 Riders Romp at Post #88 in Donelson, Tennessee July 5 - 8.

We learned quite a bit in a few days, especially that the ALR is the fastest growing segment of the Legion family with over 600 chapters and well over 20,000 members nationwide! The numbers also show that when a Legion Post adds a Riders' chapter, it will show an increase in membership, activity and income. (I'd call that quite an incentive).

Our ALR has also been offered an opportunity to be included on the Post 28 web site, [www.grandhavenlegion.org](http://www.grandhavenlegion.org), and with this in mind, the membership decided at it's July meeting to hold nominations for officers for the 2007 - 08 year, with elections to be held at our Aug 9th meeting. The following nominees were selected: Director: Jack Van Weelden, Ass't Director: Glen Bullock, Secretary: Chris Brown, Treasurer: Ken Hinchman, Membership: Al Van Dam, Historian: Paul Kubicek, Run/Event Coordinator: Greg Meyers, Chaplain: John Kemme.

We also hosted the 1st annual USCG Festival Run with approx. 125 entries. This was a poker run to raise funds for the USCG Festival and was able to raise several thousand dollars for this event.

On August 3 & 4 the Legion is putting on the annual chicken BBQ with the enlisted banquet on Friday and public sales on Saturday. We need some Riders to help with the BBQ in a variety of positions, so if you're available for a few hours that weekend, this is a great chance to provide much needed help to a great project and get some very positive exposure for our new group. If interested, check the sign-in sheet at the Post. Until our next meeting at 7:00 on August 9th, keep it between the lines, and seeeeeya at the Post.

## BOYS STATE 2007

All of us at the Post would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who contributed to sponsor a young man to Boy's State 2007 at MSU.

Thanks to Butch's Beach Burritos, Grand Haven Bank, JSJ Corporation, Mona Shores Optimist Club, Rotary Clubs of Grand Haven and Spring Lake, Shape Corporation, Stanco Metal Products, West Michigan Auto Body, Kevin & Kathleen Donlin, George & Laura Morstadt and Mr. Dave Schoendorff. Also our Legion Threesome (Legion-SAL-Auxiliary) without all of their support we would not be able to fund this endeavor so when you have occasion to do so please support them with your business.

Thanks , Dick V.S



## Andy's Draught

Our First Annual Race Night Celebrity Serve was a hit. Through raffles, the simulator, food & auctions we raised \$1000 for Harbor Hospice. Thank you to Bruce Chase & all the Drivers that made this event a success. Look forward to a bigger & better event next year.

This year I have a completely new perspective on Coast Guard Festival. The tourists, the parade, the Enlisted Men's Dinner, the fireworks, the Scottville Clown Band, Steve Mehal & the C.G. Pipe Band, the Chicken Dinner... Kandy, I'll see you & the kids the second week in August. I'll miss you.

Coast Guard Festival does not equate to the end of summer! We still have two months worth of Sunday afternoons to spend up on the deck. This month's Sunday drink specials are: \$2 Bloody Marys & \$2.50 Post Punch. These specials are good only on Sundays. Blended drinks are also a possibility, if Chris Whalen volunteers to man the blender.

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

August drink specials: \$2.50 Melon Margaritas (on the rocks only) & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

*Cheers!*  
*Andy*

## SALMON FESTIVAL

Volunteers Needed for Salmon Festival, Friday Sept 14, 9:00 am at Grand River Sailing Club to prepare food. Also, Friday evening 5:00 pm-10:00pm at the Municipal Marina parking lot to serve food and beer. Can work short shifts.

Sign up at the Post or contact Willis @ 616-292-4113  
Mike Mattson

## HOWARD MATTSON



Howard has filled many positions within the Post. He is a Past Commander, but what caught my eye was Howard's dedication as our Athletic Committee, Howard has held this position since the

1981 - 82 year. Howard has also served on the S.A.L. committee since 1990 - 91. Howard, job well done keep up the good work, you are what the Legion is about.  
~ Garrett

## S.A.L.

Greetings Legion Members:

I find it hard to believe that a year has past and my time as the SAL commander has come to an end. I would like to thank all of the Legion, Auxillary and SAL members who helped me through the year, it is all about communication within the organization and helping everybody around you, team work is the key to success, and that's why Post 28 is so successful. Thank you.

The SAL elected a new board of officers, they are Commander Alan VanDam, 1st Vice Commander Brad Chittenden, 2nd Vice Commander Tom "T.L." Lowe, Historian Jeff "Dutch" VanderVeen. Sgt at Arms Charlie Yonker. Congratulations and welcome aboard, good luck.

Last month the SAL welcomed in 7 new members, they are; Luke Matthews, Perry Greene Jr., Joseph Garzelloni, Ryan McKay, William Cleveland, Ryan Cook, and Robert VerMurlen, welcome and we hope to see the new faces around the Post.

As a reminder ALL SAL members are welcome to sit in our monthly meetings, we meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30pm. The meetings are very informal and last only 1 hour.

Upcoming events include the Legion picnic Sunday September 9 at Pottawattomie Park and the Salmon Festival September 14 & 15. Volunteers are needed for the Salmon Festival Friday morning @ 9:00am to prepare food at the Grand River Sailing Club next to Chinook Pier as well as servers that evening at the Municipal Marina parking lot. Contact Bill "Captain Willis" Kerridge @ 616-292-4113 for more information.

Lastly our get well wishes go out to 2 of our SAL members Tom Glockzin and Bill Lanning, please say a prayer for them as they get better. Thank you all for a great year, it has been fun. and don't forget to support the Post.

Mike Mattson -  
Past SAL Commander

## LEGION PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 16th • Noon - 6pm  
@ Pottawattomie Park  
Please RSVP #842-5310  
This is a Family event, so bring the kids &/or grandkids

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS 07-08

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Veloyce Hansen	Chaplain
Ruth Kelly	Jr. Past President

Members at Large  
Jeanne Wolniakowski, Helen Hinds, Mary Doranan

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ann Parchert	1 year
Marion Smart	2 years
Louise Sovoboda	3 years





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<b>AUGUST 2007</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<sup>1</sup> <b>HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES</b> 5-7pm	<sup>2</sup> Steve Mehal & the C.G. Pipe Band 8pm	<sup>3</sup> Enlisted Men's Dinner	<sup>4</sup> Chicken BBQ 12pm Scottville Clown Band 3pm
83rd Coast Guard Festival // Happy 217th Birthday to the USCG						
<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> FREE Pool	<sup>7</sup> House Post 6pm 7pm ‡1 Beers	<sup>8</sup> <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 5-7pm Karaoke 7-11pm on the deck	<sup>9</sup> Legion Riders Meeting 7pm	<sup>10</sup> <b>LAKE PERCH</b> 5PM Silvertones 8pm	<sup>11</sup>
<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup> S.A.L. 7:30pm FREE Pool	<sup>14</sup> 8&40 Exec Comm 7pm 7pm ‡1 Beers	<sup>15</sup> <b>STEAK</b> 5-7pm	<sup>16</sup>	<sup>17</sup> <b>BURGERS</b> 6PM Silverado 8-11pm	<sup>18</sup> Karaoke 6-11pm
<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> FREE Pool	<sup>21</sup> ‡1 Beers	<sup>22</sup> <b>FRANKS &amp; BRATS</b> 5-7pm	<sup>23</sup>	<sup>24</sup> <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM	<sup>25</sup> Gene Roth Memorial Fish Fry 12pm
<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup> FREE Pool	<sup>28</sup> Auxiliary 7pm ‡1 Beers	<sup>29</sup> <b>CABBAGE ROLLS</b> 5-7pm	<sup>30</sup>	<sup>31</sup> <b>BURGERS</b> 6PM Tom "Sinatra" Patton & Band 7pm	<sup>1</sup> September
<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> Labor Day FREE Pool	<sup>4</sup> House Post 6pm 7pm ‡1 Beers	<sup>5</sup> DINNER 5-7pm	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup> <b>LAKE PERCH</b> 5-7PM Borgie on Piano	<sup>8</sup>