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Post #28 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 and Carl Lori, Service Officers
Jack Gardner, Historian
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman
Executive Board at Large

Dale "Rick"
Chittenden,
Past
Commander



POST #28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



I want to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to be your Commander of Post #28.

I would like to thank Dale "Rick" Chittenden for his service as Post Commander last year. I will try and carry on this great tradition that has been placed on me. A special thanks also goes out to outgoing Officers Ed DeKoeckoeck, Jim Walton, George Bryant, Ray Ribbink and Jack Van Weelden. Our Post is a success because of your leadership. Welcome to new officers Ron Bauer, Sue Metzler, Carl Lori, Jack Gardner Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman. Thanks to the officers continuing their service for the upcoming year.

Coast Guard Festival will be in full swing soon. With the passing of "Chops" Rescorla who had been an outstanding leader at our Legion during Coast Guard week, Past Commander Rick Chittenden has taken over the helm. With all the "Great Volunteers" to help, I know we will have an awesome Coast Guard week.

We are very fortunate here at our post with great volunteers in our Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders organizations. Thanks to all the volunteers. There is a sign up sheet at the bar if you would like to help out.

This year we have the "Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall" returning to our post during Coast Guard week. Please stop in and take some time to talk to the men and women in charge of this great Memorial.

David L. MacKellar "Mack" Commander, Post #28

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our New Members and Transfers: Harold Balkema, Gene Sickerman, Daniel VanderWall, Joseph Montella, Roderic Ferguson, Jason Locascio, Thomas Hendershot, Richard Albrecht, Thomas Poll, Kevin Anderson, George Graves, Fred Krause, Terry Witherell, Levoy Dave, Jeffery Bradbury, David York, Harold Fleming, Lawrence Wich, Jackie DeCamp, George Adams

Taps were played for: Carl S. Herman, Harold Bretschneider, Stewart A. Rickert, Sr., Joseph P. Sedlock, David L. Tenbrink



Navy Fireman 3rd Class Gerald George Lehman who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. Marine Lance Corporal Anthony A. DiLisio died in Afghanistan, Air Force 1st Lieutenant Joel C. Gentz died in Afghanistan, Marine Cpl. Jeffrey R. Standfest died in Afghanistan, Army Specialist Joseph D. Johnson died in Afghanistan, Marine Cpl. Daane A. DeBoer died in Afghanistan. Please Support our Troops

Swearing in of New Legion Officers for 2010-2011



Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee C/O American Legion Post 28 700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

The FALLEN HEROES fund drive is moving along nicely. We have now received commitments to contribute more than \$55,000.00 toward the \$130,000.00 cost for the completed monument. Many of the contributions are from Legion members or associated members. The committee has committed to working the perch dinners on the first Wednesday of every month thru Veterans Day in November with the proceeds going to the monument fund.

The committee is also working on putting on a golf outing at Terra Verde golf course on September 18 with these proceeds also going to the Monument Fund. More information on the outing will be in September newsletter.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Jean Koehs, President
Cleo Phipps, 1st Vice President
Ruth Kelly, 2nd Vice President

Ann Kammeraad, Secretary
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
Jean Wolniakowski, Past President

Ina Kaufman, Parliamentarian
Mollie Pipp, Pat Best & Ruth Rescorla,
Executive Board

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

At our July meeting our new officers assumed their duties. Some of the Chairmen have been chosen, but we need people for the following: Legislative, Jr. Auxiliary, Americanism, Community Service, Leadership and Music. The duties of each are available by calling Jean Koehs at 846-8664. None are very demanding and it is way to get involved in the unit and meet new people.

The 5th district meeting will be on August 13, in Cedar Springs so we hope to have some of our members attend to support Jean Koehs as she is installed as the District 2nd Vice President.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on August 24th and the girls we sponsored to Girls State have been invited to speak about their experiences while attending Michigan State to learn about government. Please come to the meeting to support these young women.

Secretary, Ann Kammeraad.

LIMITED EDITION**“Remembering Chops”**

T-shirts will go on sale
Coast Guard week. \$12.
Proceeds towards the
Enlisted Men’s Dinner.
See Andy.

MICHIGAN MOVING WALL TO RETURN TO WEST MICHIGAN

The Michigan Moving Wall, a memorial to the men and women from Michigan who lost their lives in the Viet Nam war is returning to Post 28 during the Coast Guard festivities.

Its a message saying, “We will not forget” those who did not come home from Southeast Asia. A place to honor those who have received the Flag as the words “on behalf of a proud and grateful nation” have been spoken.

Through the invitation of Post Commander Chittenden, the Legion Riders are extremely proud to sponsor this display once again at 700 Harbor. The Wall will be on display in front of the Post from July 30 thru August 8th, and will be escorted to the Post on Thursday, July 29th by the Riders and units from the Michigan National Guard.

Books that travel along with the Wall hold pictures and articles of many of these fallen heroes. Friends and family of the men and women from Michigan who gave their lives in Viet Nam are encouraged to bring pictures, articles, or any information to the to the Vets of Chapter 154 to copy and display. Lets give them a face and identity, not just a name on a wall.

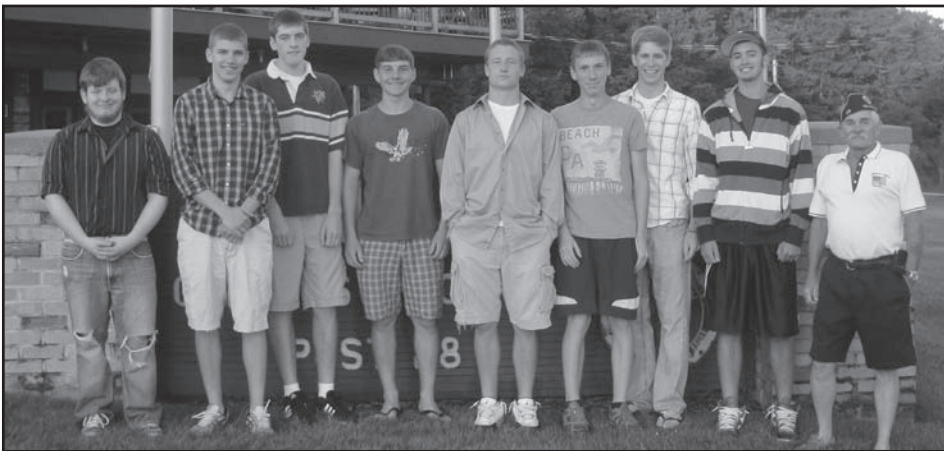
We thank the men and women of Viet Nam Veterans of America, Chapter 154 for dedicating themselves to bring to light, and honor our fallen brothers and sisters. Please give them a warm Grand Haven welcome when they arrive. See you there,

Billy Haynes, Rider’s Director

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 funerals. Army National Guard came to 2 of the funerals for Legion Members Harold Bretschneider and Stewart Rickert. Air Force Honor Guard came to funeral for Henry Van Hall. Navy Honor Guard came to funeral for Marian Lynch.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

**Boys State 2010**

The American Legion Boys State 2010 was held from June 20th until June 26th at Northwood University in Midland Mi. It was my honor as 2nd Vice Commander to chair this event. I would like to thank our sponsors that make this possible. Michigan Commerce Bank, JSJ Corporation, West Michigan Auto Body, SHAPE Corp, Rotary Club of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Area Jaycees, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, The Eagles, and Post 28 American Legion. We had 9 young men attend from Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Coopersville High Schools. Thank you to everyone, Phil Smith, Chairman Boys State, 2010

Service Officer Notes:

Hello everyone. I’m Carl Lori and I will be assisting Mr. Ken Kelly with Service Officer duties for the Post. Ken will be attending to those with benefit needs and I will be assisting those veterans unable to transport themselves with transportation to their medical appointments. I can be reached at 842-8294 for assistance with those needs. And some great news for those with questions on their veteran’s benefits. Ms. Martha Wieland, the VA Representative for SW Michigan will be at our Post on July 23rd. from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and then every 4th Friday of the month. I encourage anyone with VA Benefit questions to stop down to the Post at that time. Benefits are constantly changing and Ms. Wieland will have the latest/greatest information for you.

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, Armed Forces Day
May ~ Memorial Day, Kentucky Derby Party,
Legion Memorial Golf Outing
June ~ Flag Day
July ~ 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, 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 OFFICERS

TL Lowe, Commander
 Rob Wolniakowski, 1st Vice Commander
 Charlie Yonker, 2nd Vice Commander
 Rich Kelly, Finance Officers

Tom Glockzin, Chaplain
 Tom Greensberg, Sergeant-At-Arms
 Jeff VanderVeen, Historian
 Brad Chittenden, Past Commander

Howard Matson, Post SAL Chairman
 Mike Brown, Membership Chair
 Jeff VanderWeen, Adjutant

**SAL COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

I am honored to begin my second year as the Commander of the Son's of the American Legion. It was a privilege to work with the with Rick Chittenden, Jean Wolniakowski, the members of the Legion and the Auxiliary during this past year. We all worked for the betterment of the Post.

There are several major events that we would like you to be thinking about and they are as follows:

*Legion Picnic and the Salmon Festival (3rd Friday -in September)

Both of these events will occur in September and details to these events will appear in the next newsletter.

On Monday, July 12th the Officers and Appointed positions were inducted into their respective positions: Commander:

TL Lowe, 1st Vice: Rob Wolniakowski, 2nd Vice Charlie Yonker, Chaplain: Tom Glockzin, Adjutant: Jeff VanderWeen,

Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Greensburg, Historian: Jeff VanderWeen, Financial Officer: Rich Kelly, and Membership Chair: Mike Brown.

The SAL added 15 new members i at the July meeting and they are as follows: Jurgen Runschke, Jeff Hinkle, Jeff Munford, Chris Girad, Kirk Way, Thomas Brown, Patrick Looman, Patrick Melcher, Stephen Arsulowicz, John Nametz, Randolph Rymal, Gary Perry, Stephen Young, Ted Jastrezemski, and Gary S Speer.

Just a friendly reminder - Please Do Not bring any coolers to the deck or patio areas.

I look forward to another exciting year working with the leadership at Post 28. We will continue to work collaboratively to keep Grand Haven as one of the finest posts in the State of Michigan.

TL Lowe SAL Commander

**Patriot Hall Day**

American Legion and VFW members went to Ferry School for a "Patriot Hall Day" program. There was 10 stations set up for Members to talk to the students about their time in the service. Also students learned history of the flag and were shown how to fold the flag. Poppy's were handed out and flag stickers. All the Veteran's had a lot of fun and are looking forward to next year.



Thanks Commander, for dropping in this morning and takin' a look at these campaign ribbon banners. I really think they will stimulate discussion, bring back "good ole memories" from some of our older members, and honor the courageous service of today's soldiers, sailors, air force, coast guard and marines.

These campaign ribbon banners were purchased at the website of WWW.VETBANNERS.NET <<http://www.vetbanners.net/>> should replacements ever be necessary.

The owner has confirmed that Post #28 is the first American Legion to display the campaign ribbon banners!!

Thanks again for showing up, and demonstrating your respect for veterans of all wars.

American Legion Riders Mick Capman

**FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER:**

Twelve young women from Grand Haven and Spring Lake High Schools recently attended Girls' State. This year's session was held at Michigan State University, June 27-July 3. While most of us were enjoying a relaxing holiday weekend, these girls were working hard, learning about local, county, and state government in a hands-on setting. Delegates representing Unit 28 this year were: Meghan Bouman, Allyson Brooks, Stephanie Brooks, Jill Dutmers, Sarah Faubert, Kelsey Fortier, Leighlyn Jacobs, Lauren Kelso, Carley Lavercombe, Sarah Lisman, Elizabeth McLaughlin, and Emily Peirce. Our twelve delegates have been invited to the August Auxiliary meeting, so please come meet them and hear about their experiences.

A special thank you is in order for our sponsors. The generous donations given by our sponsors allow us to send the delegates to Girls' State at no cost to them. This year's sponsors include our local Auxiliary, Legion, and SAL, Counterpart, Shape Corporation, JSJ Corporation, Pioneer Inc., Grand Haven Bank, and Mr. and Mrs. JT and Sarah McDonald. Thank you for your support of this wonderful program for young women!

Kelly VanderHoek Girls' State Chairperson

Andy's Draught

Post 28 is the greatest Post in the state. Sure my opinion is bias, but how can anyone argue. We have a fantastic location, beautiful building & great members. Over the years additions have been built, things have been moved & systems have been updated, yet with all that has changed there is one thing that has remained: its warm, welcoming & familiar atmosphere. From the cozy feel of the bar, to the welcoming members of our Post, visitors leave with positive memories of their time here.

We have much to be proud of. I know I am. Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners, bands & events.

August drink specials: \$3 Post Punch, \$2 You Call Tall Mondays & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday
 "For the good of the Post"

Cheers Andy

