



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDER

From the
Commander:

Hello to one
and all; we have
reached the end of
another year. This

is the month that we all have lots of
things to do and little time to do it. As
the holidays approach, there are lots of
things going on here at the post. And if
you have time, we could use your help,
we would love to have you here to enjoy
in the activities. Come and help, you
could find your having lots of fun, and
doing just a little work.

Last month at our VETERANS
DINNER we had a great turn out, and as
in the past the Auxiliary and S.A.L. did a
bang up job on the dinner. Thank-You
goes out to the 5th District Commander
Dave Buist, for coming to our aid when
the guest speaker canceled. His speech

was a very good one, short, to the point
and interesting. We also had the honor,
to pass out three Life Memberships,
to the following hard working men;
Perry De Ville, Bob Farmer, and
Ken Lawrence. When you see these
three thank them for they have earned
it.

In closing I ask please take a
close look at this months calendar, and
special posting within the news letter,
for up coming events and activities. We
hope you are able to take part in the
fun. And most of all please be all have a
very safe and fun filled time.

Thank You,

Garrett Veihl
Post 28 Commander

VOLUNTEERS

ATTENTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS:

Take a break from the stress of the holidays and enjoy an evening with great friends. We will be
getting together on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00pm upstairs at the Legion.
Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

Remember... if you volunteer on the Wednesday
night dinners or the Friday night Fish Fries please come.

Any questions please call Jean at 842-8237.
Thank you.

THANKS

The volunteers on the Wednesday night dinner and Friday night Fish Fry want to thank everyone for
their continued support. With your tips, the volunteers were able to go out for dinner in October
and enjoy a meal that they didn't have to work on or clean up after!! The volunteers put in many
hours to put on the dinners and are deserving of your appreciation.
Thank 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
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



Auxiliary

By the time everyone receives this Thanksgiving will have passed and I hope that everybody had a wonderful holiday.

We had a large turnout for the Veterans Day Dinner and thanks to Myrna and her crew the dinner was great. We owe Myrna a heap of thanks for all the time and effort she puts in at the post.

Again this year the Goodfellows will be working on the Christmas project at the post. Dec. 20th there will be a wrapping party upstairs and afterwards a lunch will be served for all wrappers and participants.

There will be no meeting in Dec. due to the busy schedule of the holiday season. The gals that would like to ring a kettle bell for the Salvation Army please contact Ina Kaufman. It's for a good cause.

I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pat VanderStel, President

Membership News

Welcome to our new members and transfers!

Richard E. Crow, George I. Doherty, Kenneth P. Weesles, Gerald M. Young, and Fred Janusch.

TAPS played for:

James C. Coffey, Don Wessel, Arthur Cashler, Albert Draeger, and Larry 'SMURF' Veihl.

GOODFELLOWS - WHAT DO THEY DO?

For over 60 years, the American Legion Post 28 Goodfellows program has worked to make sure that the needy children for the area have a good Christmas. We furnish each child with new clothes, along with toys, games and candy.

The Goodfellows Committee is made up of Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members. We shop for clothes and specialty items, then pack all items in a family box, wrap and deliver to their homes. Shoppers will need to pick up their list on December 6, 2007 at the Post and shopping must be completed by December 15, 2007.

Wrapping party is on Thursday, December 20th, at 7:00 pm, and delivery will be on December 22nd, at 9:30 am, with breakfast for the delivery people at 8:30 am.

Thank you everyone - The Goodfellows Committee

GOODFELLOWS

Goodfellows time is rapidly approaching. If you don't have a chance to give to the firemen's "Crusade for Toys" on December 1st, you may send your donation to:

Goodfellows, c/o American Legion Post 28
700 Harbor Ave.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

We are anticipating a greater need this year for toys and clothing for the needy children who are referred to us by the Salvation Army, which serves as a clearinghouse.

Get your money ready to come down and beat the dealers at Black Jack or Seven Card Stud on January 26th. The S.A.L. will once again be holding a Vegas Night on this date. A sign-up sheet will be in the bar a little later on in December so think about signing up to deal or just to help out. More info to come in January Newsletter.

SAL Vegas Night



January 26th, 2008
Public Welcome 6pm-1am
Sign up sheet coming soon to the bar!

Thank you,
Jeff (Dutch) VanderVeen,
Scott Kelly
Co-Chairs



American Legion
POST 28

7th Annual

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Doors Open @ Noon
Music @ 8:00

Sign up begins Dec 15th



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Dale Chittenden, *2nd Vice Commander*
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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*

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Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski
Helen Hinds
Mary Dorman

POST HOURS

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

BAR HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm

Andy's Draught

Have you renewed your membership card yet? They all expire the 31st. No 2008 card, no drink. We will be checking everyone's card beginning next month, so be prepared to show it. We will laminate your 2008 card for free, if you ask nicely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Now, let's get to the fun stuff. Please bear with me. This is a busy month.

*Saturday the 1st Navy @ Army – Kick-off is at noon & karaoke starts at 6pm. Come watch the game /bring a dish to pass & stay for karaoke.

*Saturday the 8th from noon -2pm is the Kids Christmas party. The Post will be smoke free until this party is over.

*Tuesday the 18th the Muskegon Fury are back for another Celebrity Serve. They will be here from 5-8pm signing autographs, selling raffle tickets, serving drinks & making pizzas. We will have a public license, so everyone is welcome.

*Wednesday the 19th starting after dinner is Trivia.

*Thursday the 20th is the Goodfellows Wrapping Party. That starts at 7pm & goes until everything is wrapped.

*Friday the 21st from 5-7pm is our Christmas Buffet. Chops will be once again serving up this free dinner to our Legion members only. This dinner is not open to the public.

*Christmas Eve the Post will be closed at 6pm & will remain closed Christmas day.

*Wednesday the 26th no dinner will be served.

*The SAL will be hosting a New Years Eve Party the 31st .

*New Years Day the Post will be closed.

*The 10th, 11th & 12th of January the main lounge will be closed due to the installation of our new heating, cooling & smoke eater system. The Post will remain open during regular business hours, but we will be serving from the back bar in the main ballroom. Watch for drink specials that apply only to these three days.

December drink specials: \$2 tall call mixed drinks & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Merry Christmas!
Andy

CHRISTMAS BUFFET

For members of the Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L.
Friday, December 21, 2007 serving 6pm



S.A.L.

Greetings Post Legion Members:

Well "Old Man Winter" is upon the door step and the weather seems to be changing in that direction. Post 28 will still have activities planned to carry the members thru the winter months so stay tuned to the newsletter for upcoming info.

The Legion hosted a Veteran's Day dinner on Saturday night November 10th and we want to thank the Legion and Commander Garrett for the cordial invitation to attend the event. I want to thank our SAL representative First Vice Commander Brad Chittenden and his wife Christine to attend on very short notice.

The SAL held a "Texas Hold Em" event that happened on Nov 21, and it was held at Rafferty's restaurant on the waterfront in Muskegon. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with the event. December also means that it will be the "Goodfellows" toy drive, and we will be looking for donations. The Christmas wrapping get-together will be on Thursday 12/22/07. The Children's Christmas party will be held on December 8th and there is a sign up list at the bar.

Due to the newsletter article having to be early this month, the SAL meeting notes will have to be posted within next months newsletter.

As a friendly reminder to ALL SAL members, your 2008 dues are due now, so reup as soon as possible. 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 of 616-566-1178 or e-mail at alany744@sbcglobal.net.

Alan Vandam
SAL Commander

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 8, 2007 the Post will be having the Kids Christmas Party from 12 noon - 2 pm.

SALVATION ARMY NEEDS HELP

The American Legion Auxiliary has been asked to have volunteers ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 12, for 1 hour per person. The hours are between 10:00AM and 6:00PM at either the D&W store or the Orchard Market. Call Ina Kaufman at 842-4477 if you are able to help.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

We will be having a New Years Eve Party at the Post this year on Monday December 31st. The Post will be open for members use until 8pm.

After 8pm you MUST have a New Years Party ticket to be able to remain, enter or partake in the party.
Thank You.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DRINK SPECIAL \$2.00 Tall Call Mixed Drinks						¹ NAVY vs. ARMY Karaoke 6pm
²	³ FREE Pool	⁴ House Post 6pm 7pm \$1 Can Beer	⁵ SWISS STEAK or LIVER & ONIONS DINNER 5-7pm	⁶	⁷ LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i> PEARL HARBOR DAY 1941	⁸ Children's Christmas Party
⁹	¹⁰ S.A.L. 7:30pm FREE Pool	¹¹ \$1 Can Beer	¹² SPAGHETTI 5-7pm	¹³ Legion Riders Meeting 7pm	¹⁴ BURGERS 6-8PM <i>Silvertones 8-11pm</i>	¹⁵ Chili Cook-Off sign up begins
¹⁶	¹⁷ FREE Pool	¹⁸ Muskegon Fury Celebrity Serve 5pm Exec Comm 7pm \$1 Can Beer	¹⁹ CABBAGE ROLLS 5-7pm Trivia 7:30pm	²⁰ Goodfellows Wrapping Party 7pm Panama Operation "Just Cause"	²¹ CHRISTMAS BUFFET 5PM <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i>	²² 7:30am Goodfellows Toy Delivery & Breakfast
²³	²⁴ CHRISTMAS EVE Post Closes @ 6pm FREE Pool	²⁵ <i>Merry Christmas</i> POST CLOSED	²⁶ No Dinner	²⁷	²⁸ BURGERS 6PM	²⁹
³⁰	³¹ New Years Eve Party 8pm	1 January 08 Happy New Year! POST CLOSED	² No Dinner	³	⁴ LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	⁵ Karaoke 6pm