

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Our Legion preamble says "To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; and "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars." Americanism and memories are linked because WWI troops were sensitive to developments at home that seemed to endanger the values for which they risked their lives, and for which their friends lost theirs. They learned about the Bolshevik Revolution in November 1917 won with slogans of Peace, Bread, Land and all power to the soviets. Lenin declared workers were incapable of leading themselves. No wonder an early idea for the name of our American Legion was the Liberty League. We really appreciate all those who worked the many early and late hours to make our Veterans Day dinner so enjoyable; and special thanks to our generous SAL sponsor! We saluted one of our most distinguished Veterans at the dinner, Darrell Thornley, who served our country in three wars. Roger Bergman, Ottawa County Commissioner, presented a Proclamation honoring Darrell. See you at the next meeting! We will be voting on the Authorized Endowment Fund to support National, State and Community organizations benefiting Legion causes and goals.

Dave Carlson, Commander Post #28

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Butch Balk & Ray Ribbink Executive at Large
Ed DeKoekkoek, Past Commander

HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard had 3 funerals from last post meeting. Navy helped with 2 funerals and Coast Guard helped with 1 funeral.

Members attended Ferry School 100 year anniversary program.

November 6th we had a "We Honor Veterans" at Heartwood Lodge.. Had a great turn out from American Legion and VFW Honor Guards.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New members voted on at our November meeting were Michael W. Baauw, Kenneth J. Rom, John W. Sexton, Darwin L. Snyder. Transfers voted on at the November



meeting were William J. Foster, Steven C. Prysock, Delbert J. Baars. Taps were played at the November meeting for Past Judge Advocate Don Hinds, Army WWII, George Goalen, Navy, Lebanon/Grenada, Robert Taylor, Coast Guard, Vietnam.

The following members and friends of the Legion have had to face medical issues or deaths since we last met. Please reach out to them and their families if you feel so lead and keep all of them in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaplain: George Bennett

Vince Antonich
Charles Davis
Doug 'Tony' Telgenhof
Larry Kuipers
Darrel Myers
Jim "Jimbo" Land
Dick Vander Stel



Chili Cook Off is fast approaching. Saturday February 14, 2015 is next years date. Sign up is on Tuesday January 6/2015 at 2:00 PM at the post. A \$ 25.00 entry fee is due at sign up. Please see Phil Smith at the bar. Remember Chili Cook Off is an ADULT function only, you must be 21 years or older to enter the post.



AMERICAN LEGION GOODFELLOWS

Goodfellows time is rapidly approaching. If you don't have a chance to give to the Firefighters

"Crusade for Toys" on December 6th you may send your donation to:

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

We are anticipating a great need again this year for toys and clothing for the needy children who are referred to us by the Salvation Army, which serves as our clearing house.

The Goodfellows, What Do They Do? For over 70 years, the American Legion Post #28 Goodfellows program has worked to make sure that the needy children of 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 between 6:00 and 8:00 pm on December 4, 2014, at the Post and shopping must be completed by December 13, 2014.

Wrapping party is on Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm, with delivery on Saturday, December 20 with breakfast for Delivery Personnel at 8:30 am. Delivery will start at 9:30 am.

Thank you everyone – The Goodfellows Committee



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Greetings Auxiliary Members,
 Volunteers needed: Come join us at the Post on Thursday, December 16th at 2 p.m. to help us put together & deliver fruit plates for veterans in local assisted-living centers. Help the members of the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans shop for their families at the Fifth District's annual Christmas Gift Shop on December 2, 3, & 4. Please contact VA&R Chairman Pat Best at (616) 842-0749 if you can help at either of these events. Goodfellows Children's Clothes Shopping: Barb Kelly is passing out shopper cards & instructions on Thursday, December 4th at the Post from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2015 Membership Renewal: Your 2014 membership card is expiring on December 31, 2014. Membership Chair Kathy Edwards and I will be collecting dues & passing out membership cards at the Post on Wednesday, December 3rd from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 28th from noon to 3 p.m. You can also mail your \$25 dues to the Auxiliary c/o Post 28. If you leave your dues (without a renewal notice) at the bar, please print your name, address, & phone number on an envelope with your dues sealed inside. There is no meeting in December, but I hope to see you at some of the activities at the Post. Happy Holidays to everyone.
 Respectfully, Michele Stetts, President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Michele Stetts, President
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 Open, Secretary
 Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
 Linda Gieske, Historian
 Judy Fischer, Chaplain
 Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly
 Ann Kammeraad, Past President



WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

DECEMBER 3RD

SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK

Masked, green bean casserole, roll. Legion

DECEMBER 6TH

WILD GAME DINNER

DECEMBER 10TH

ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Salad, garlic toast. Legion.

DECEMBER 17TH

COUNTRY STYLE

PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, and corn bread.
Legion Riders

DECEMBER 24TH

NO DINNER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31ST

NO DINNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 7TH

CHOP'S MEATLOAF

Scalped potatoes, green bean casserole, roll.
Legion.

Your membership dues must be in by December 30th. Have a wonderful 2015. For the Good of the Legion.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ TINA'S TIDBITS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

We all are going to miss Andy. They are some really big shoes to fill! Thanks for all the support and words of encouragement.

We have a lot going on in December. But first I would like to thank everyone for the hard work in making the Veteran's Dinner a success. I would also like to thank the SAL member for picking up the entire tab for the Veterans this year! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ok back to business. The Wild Game Dinner is Saturday, December 6th. Tickets are available at the bar. They are \$10.00 each. If you bring a dish to pass your ticket price will be refunded at the door. all proceeds go to the Flying Hero's program.

The kids Christmas Party will be Saturday the 13th from noon til 2. It will be similar to our party last year with games, crafts and cookie decorating for the kids. There will be Christmas cards to be signed and decorated for our troops. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here for pictures.

A light lunch will be served. We ask that each child bring a new unwrapped toy for the Crusade for Toys Campaign.

The Christmas buffet will be Friday the 19th. You may bring a dish to pass but it is not a requirement. Please come down and celebrate the Christmas with us!

December drink special is a Christmas Tini. Merry Christmas, Tina

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CHRISTMAS CARDS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Legion would like to send out Christmas cards again this year to our service men and women that are on active duty. I know Christmas is a few months

away, time seems to go by fast. I have also been in contact with two schools in the area to get names, so the kids can send Christmas cards. If you can send me your family members name and address so we can start

getting a list together that would be great. You can send it to the Post or you can E-mail me at mackeda1@aol.com or American Legion 700 Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, MI. 49417

Past Commander David L. Mackellar "Mack"



Auxiliary member, Pat Johnson, recited the poem. I SAW THE SOLDIERS MARCHING by Lawrence Vaincourt It ends with the solemn vow, "WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."





SAL COMMENTS

Here's December, the busiest and, sometimes, the shortest of months. So much to do and so little time. See the Post calendar for our many holiday events. Of course, the true meaning of this season is in the giving, so consider adding your favorite veteran and or your favorite veterans' organization (Wounded Warrior Project, Grand Rapids Veterans home, etc) to your gifting list.

We welcome these new SAL members: Thomas Jonker, Harry Tenbrink, Pete Vandyke, Jeff Riemersma, James Vantol, Ben Sanders Jr. and Jeff Beyer.

FYI: The SAL along with the Armstrong family will be stocking the food pantries at our local Salvation Army and at Love,. FYI: Special thanks to Chris Jarvis, Rocky Johnson, and crew for cleaning, scraping, sanding, sealing, and finish-coating the deck railings...they look great! FYI: The "D" in December is a good reminder that your SAL dues are due! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Sons of the American Legion.

Mike Zolik, SAL Commander

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Ryan Atkins, Chaplain
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair
Burl Newbill, SR. Road Captain
Larry Lambert, Grab-an-Run



LEGION RIDERS

What a great way to end the riding season with a Bash. It was alot of fun. We had 6 other ALR Chapters attending they came as far as Milford MI. Everyone said what a good time they had great comradery food was good and the music was good. All outside Chapters gave great comments on how great our post is. All were looking forward to next years Bash, hopefully more Chapters will get involved. Don't

forget our Post meeting Dec 2nd, at 7pm, our ALR meeting Dec 4th at 7pm. Hope to see you all there. Our Pulled Pork Dinner is Dec 17th at 5pm. So come on down and help us out of just enjoy the best Pulled Pork in town. If you have any free time remember the Legion is ALWAYS in need of volunteers.

Bob Wydeck Post 28 ALR Director

8 & 40 OFFICERS

Linda Quaine, Le Chapeau
Myrna Puse, Demi Chapeau Premier
Barbara Herron, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire
Michele Stetts, La Cassiere
Kathleen Edwards, L'Archiviste
Veloyce Hansen, L'Aumonier
Louise Svoboda, La Concierge
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate

8&40 Salon 499

Wishing all the 8 & 40 partners and their families a joyous Holiday Season! If you know of someone who would be interested in joining our fight to help the children battling respiratory diseases, please submit their name at our next meeting on February 10 2015. My best to all, Chapeau Linda Quaine

MERRY CHRISTMAS







Darrell Thornley being thanked by Jack Gardner

DECEMBER DRINK SPECIALS:
\$3.00 Christmas Tini

DECEMBER 2014

January ~ Happy New Year!, Las Vegas Night
February ~ Chili Cook-Off, Hawaiian Luau

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8am Building and Grounds 7:30 SAL Meeting ¢2 U-Call Tall	2 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	3 5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER	4 7pm ALR Meet	5  6PM BURGERS	6 WILD GAME DINNER
7 1pm Lions vs Tampa Bay OPEN 1PM - 7PM ¢1 Draft	8 8am Building and Grounds ¢2 U-Call Tall	9 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	10 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI	11	12  6PM BURGERS	13 NOON Kids Christmas Party 6pm 
14 1pm Lions vs Minnesota OPEN 1PM - 7PM ¢1 Draft	15 8am Building and Grounds ¢2 U-Call Tall	16 7pm Executive Comm. 7PM 3& 40 MEETING \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	17 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER 7pm TRAJA <small>8 Night</small>	18 Good Fellows Wrapping	19 CHRISTMAS BUFFET NO BURGERS	20
21 1pm Lions vs Chicago OPEN 1PM - 7PM ¢1 Draft	22 8am Building and Grounds ¢2 U-Call Tall	23 7pm Aux. Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	24 NO DINNER MERRY CHRISTMAS CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 NO BURGERS	27
28 1pm Lions vs Green Bay OPEN 1PM - 7PM ¢1 Draft	29 8am Building and Grounds ¢2 U-Call Tall	30 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	31 NO DINNER HAPPY NEW YEAR	Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2  6PM BURGERS	3