



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDER

This month, there will be a few changes and welcome additions to our Post. At our last membership meeting, we voted to change our meeting times from "twice" a month to "once" a month. We were the only Post in the 5th District meeting twice a month and one of only three in the State. The only monthly meeting will be held the 1st Tuesday of the month starting in February. Hopefully, this will attract some new people to our meetings. The same 20-30 members attend the meetings every month out of approx. 1,200 total members. If you haven't yet attended a meeting, we encourage you to do so. It's a nice night out and a chance to meet fellow vets.

We are also looking at adding

advertising sponsors to the monthly newsletter in order to pay for the printing and mailing costs. If we get enough people interested in placing an ad, we will consider it. If you are interested, please call the Post for more information.

We now have free coffee in the lounge for those interested. This has been requested by several members so we will give it a try. Another change you will soon see is the addition of a new information board at the entrance to the lounge. This will have a listing of the officers of the Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary as well as other pertinent information.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Bill Kaufman
Commander, Post 28

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BUS TRIP

Post 28 is planning a tour of other American Legion Posts by bus on Saturday, March 3, 2007. We will meet at our Post at noon with the bus leaving at 1:00 p.m. We will visit the Holland Post, Dorr Post, Kentwood Post, Grandville Post, and then back to Post 28 around 8:00 p.m. We will have an optional meal at one of the Posts. This is open to all Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary members and the cost is \$15 per person payable at sign-up to cover the bus charge. A sign up sheet will be posted in the bar on a first -sign-up basis. The bus holds 56 passengers.

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

Andy's Draught

Our Celebrity Serve Night with the Muskegon Fury was a success. The Fury tended bar, signed autographs, had their pictures taken & helped raise more than \$120 for Every Woman's Place, an organization in Muskegon that houses battered women. Congratulations to Mike Mattson for winning the autographed jersey.

"Gentlemen, start your engines." Race Night Celebrity Serve is coming this June. I will give you more details in the weeks to come.

This months drink specials are \$2.00 Post Punch (Malibu Rum, Captain Morgan, Amaretto, pineapple & cranberry juice) & \$1.00 12oz can beer on Tuesdays.

Cheers,
Andy

Adjutant's Advice

Just a reminder on how the membership renewal system works. Each calendar year the National (not Post 28), sends out renewal forms five[5] times. They are mailed to each member in July, October, January, March, and May. If a member sends in a dues check along with the renewal form that was received in July, no other dues monies are needed, even though you will continue to receive a renewal notice. Just toss them into file 13! This will greatly help us with postage on checks that may have to be returned. Thank you for your membership and support of Post 28!!

Phil Slater, Adjutant



**American Legion
POST 28**
6th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Doors Open @ Noon
Music @ 8:00



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S.A.L.

Greetings:

January was a good month around the Post, a lot of good activities, Vegas Night (Thank you Jeff "Dutch" VanderVeen and Scott Kelly for chairing the event), GHBOPA dinners went well and Trivia was fun, thank you all for your support.

February is shaping up to be a busy month, with the Chili Cook-Off on the 10th and the Hawaiian Luau featuring Soul'd Out on the 24th (Don't forget to buy your tickets early either at the bar or call Mike Mattson @ 616-638-2590. Saturday, March 24th we will be hosting a Texas Hold'M Tournament at the post, registration at the door and more information to follow, so tell your friends the public is welcome.

During the January meeting we voted in 13 new members, congratulations and welcome to the SAL and Post 28. The new members include Chad Bush, Robert Oosterbaan III, Brian Keenan, Jeff Simmons, Michael Secory, Ryan Pringnitz, John Zaskiewicz, Aaron Moterberg, Raymond Jarceski, James DePrekel, Jeff Swanson, Warren Snyder Jr., and transfer Matt Kroll from Warsaw Indiana, once again welcome and we hope to see you at the Post. As most of you know the VFW in grand Haven celebrated its 75th birthday in January and the SAL acknowledge them with a monetary donation to be used as needed.

Mike Mattson
Commander, Squadron 28



Membership News



Please welcome
New members:

Ronald Cochran
Brent Ewing
Paul Young
Terry Grotemat
Albert Perry

Stephen DeWilde
Larry Meyer
Robert DePrekel
Christopher Jarvis
Freddy Smith
William Richardson
Jerry Langlois

Taps were played for:

Bruce Brand
Bill Campbell

TEXAS HOLD'M TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH
NOON - MIDNIGHT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
A training class will be held
contact Mike Mattson 638-2590

HAWAIIAN LUAU



Saturday February 24th
6:00 Cocktails
7:00 Dinner
Music: Soul'd Out at 8:30
Tickets available at the bar or
contact Mike Mattson 638-2590





Auxiliary

Happy Valentines day!

2007 Winter meeting - formerly Spring meeting - Feb 15-17, 2007 Holiday Inn South - convention center Lansing.

March is Community Service month - be sure to keep a list of your volunteer hours and give or send to Ann Kammeraad. If you have a question as to which ones count, just contact Ann and she will know.

There is a Great Lakes National Cemetery at Holly, MI - Burial includes Veterans, spouse or eligible dependent. I have information on this.

Over 700 members at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans took advantage of the Gift Shop. 1,915 packages were wrapped, 647 packages were shipped at a cost of \$3,613.18. 41 units donated gifts at a value of \$20,162.00. Members at the home who don't receive a pension. These are non-pensioners and the District provides a gift of money. This year there were 49.

As of December 28, 2006 we only need 26 more members to make goal. One new member as of 1/4/07 - Ellen F. Moteberg, Welcome.

Now for a little Holiday humor. According to the Alaska Dept of fish and game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November or mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen had to be a girl. We should've known, only women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost!

Let's make sure the Auxiliary keeps the Legion Family working together.

Flea market is in July - start saving those goodies. More info later.

Auxiliary district meeting is here March 20, 2007. Let's have a good turnout.

NOTE: 8 & 40 meeting is Tuesday February 13, 2007 - 7 pm.

PPP Thursday February 15, 2007 - 1 pm at Jacks.

President Ruth

House Committee News

February is going to be an active month at the Post. We have our Wednesday dinners, and don't forget the Valentines Day dinner and dance on February 14th with Steve Edge providing the music. On February 28th, our dinner will be lasagna and we will have both beef and vegetable style. In March, the dinner committee will be back in force for our regular Wednesday dinners. Also, March 25th is a Sunday hockey game with the Muskegon Fury for just \$6.00 per ticket. Tickets can be picked up at the L.C. Walker Arena ticket office. All you need to do is show your Legion, S.A.L., or Auxiliary membership card. Come and enjoy the game. Regretfully, the February 17th Grand Rapids Griffins night has been cancelled due to lack of American Legion interest.

POST 28 BAR RULES

1. Only members are allowed to buy drinks
2. Members are responsible for their guests.
3. Profanity will not be tolerated.
4. All persons under 16 must be out by 11 pm
5. Persons under 18 shall not be allowed to sit at the bar.
6. Voice your complaints at the meeting, not at the bar.
7. Disorderly persons will be removed.
8. Remember, this is your Post.
Please Don't abuse it.



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Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*
Ed Jaworowicz, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jim Walton, *Service Officer*
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Mike Zeeff, *Past Commander*

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Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

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Ruth Rescorla, *Historian*
Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Myrna Puse, *Junior Past President*
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski
Helen Hinds
Kathleen Jackson

POST HOURS



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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 BURGERS 6-8PM <i>Borgie on Piano 5-7:30</i> <i>Silvertones 8pm</i>	3
4	5	6 House Post 6pm 7pm \$1 Beers	7 DINNER 4:30 GHBOPA	8	9 TACOS 6PM	10 <i>6th Annual</i> Chili Cook-Off  Karaoke 6-11pm
11	12 S.A.L. 7:30pm	13 Exec Comm 7pm 8 & 40 7pm \$1 Beers	14 VALENTINE'S DAY STEAK DINNER 5pm <i>Steve Edge Music</i>	15 Trivia 7pm	16 BURGERS 6PM <i>Steve Edge Music</i>	17
18	19	20 \$1 Beers	21 BAKED FISH OR HAM DINNER AUX - 8&40	22	23 SEA FOOD BASKET 6PM	24 <i>S.A.L. Hawaiian Luau</i>  Cocktails at 6:00pm Dinner at 7:00pm Band @ 8:30pm Tickets \$15.00
25	26	27 Auxiliary 7pm \$1 Beers	28 LASAGNA 5pm JERRY ADAMS	1 March	2 PERCH & SHRIMP 5PM <i>Music By Borgie</i>	3
4	5	6 House Post 6pm 7pm \$1 Beers	7 DINNER 5PM	8	9 BURGERS & FISH 6PM <i>Silvertones 8pm</i>	10 Karaoke 6-11pm