



Post 28 Newsletter

Published monthly by Post 28 of the American Legion
700 Harbor Avenue • Grand Haven, Michigan 49417
www.grandhavenlegion.org

Issue #1041

POST 28 COMMANDER



Well here it is one year that we have been having only one meeting a month, and things are going fine. Our Officers are better rested and full of, you fill in the blank. We

have a busy month in store for all to enjoy.

But before I get to what's coming I must put out a few thank-yous. First I would like to thank our SAL members for helping out and throwing a very good New Years Eve, party. You guys do a bang up job. I would like thank all of you who have paid your 2008 membership, for those of you who have not yet done so, lets get her done! Let's keep signing up new members also. We are at 87% of our goal for this year.

This month we have the CHILI COOK-OFF on the 9th. then there is our night at the beach with the LUAU on the 23 come one come all to both events and have some fun. Check the calendar for other events. Do forget next monts Legion birthday dinner March 15.

Please be understanding with the construction going on at the Post. I know it is a little unnerving at times but we are looking toward the light ant the end of the tunnel. When the A/C is all done and working you will be liking it.

Garrett Veihl
Post 28 Commander

BUS TRIP

The "LUSH BUS" is ready to roll again. Once again, we will tour the countryside visiting other American Legion Posts. Since the first tour took us south and the second one north, "Lush Bus #3" will head east. The date is Saturday, April 12th. We will meet at our Post at noon with the bus leaving at 1:00 pm. The tentative schedule is to visit the Cedar Springs Post, Greenville Post, Rockford Post, Comstock Park Post and then back to Post 28 around 8:00 pm. We will have an optional meal at one of the Posts. This is open to all members (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL) and guest. The cost is \$15 per person payable at sign up to cover the bus charge. The bus holds 56 passengers and has a restroom. You may bring a cooler and alcohol is permitted on the bus, but no glass bottles. A sign up sheet will be posted at the bar. Sign up early to get a seat!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS - POST 28

American Legion Riders meet the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. February's meeting will be moved to the 7th. Chili cook-off is on the 9th, with the ALR having a team. The ALR will be hosting a dinner on the 20th. We are starting to plan rides, if you have a good idea bring it with you to any meeting. February closes our Charter Membership, so join or renew at the next meeting.

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

Andy's Draught

Are you suffering from cabin fever or the winter blues? You might want to try a dose of our Chili Cook-Off or maybe a Luau for those with a weaker stomach. If those don't work we also have a Valentine Steak Dinner, trivia & bands for those with boogie fever. Whatever it is we have the cure for what ails you.

Thank you to every one for being patient with the progress for the new ventilation system. Things are progressing slower than we had anticipated, but in the long run it will be well worth the wait.

Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners, dates & dancing.

February drink specials: \$2.50 Love Potion #9 & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!
Andy

BOPA THANK YOU

The band and orchestra parents would like to thank everyone who attended our January Dinner. Once again without the help of the Legion, this would not be possible. We will also be hosting a dinner Feb. 27th and we will be doing burgers (maybe outside) so I would like to invite you down. Once again thank-you for supporting.

Thank You,

Jeff & Joanne VanderVeen, (GHBOPA Parents)

GENE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The American Legion Gene Rothie Scholarship applications are now available at Grand Haven and Spring Lake High Schools counseling office and the American Legion, see manager. All applications must be received at Post 28 on or before the third Friday of April (April 18th, 2008) to be eligible.

VEGAS NIGHT THANK YOU

A big thank you to all of you that helped out on the SAL Vegas Night. Once again without your help this event would not be able to go on. The event was a good time had by all and thank you to the Aux. for doing the food.

Thank you,

Jeff (Dutch) VanderVeen & Scott Kelly
Co-Chairs



S.A.L.

Greetings Post 28 Legion Members;

Well, "Winter" is here and the weather seems to be changing in the direction of snow and ice. I look forward to each year that the strange formations of ice that ends up deposited on our shorelines. Your Legion post has lots of activities scheduled so keep your newsletter close to your calendar, as we will still have the Wed. Night dinners, and Fri. Night burgers. Special activities upcoming is the chili cook off, and the SAL Luau party with "Soul'd Out" performing

The SAL "Las Vegas Nite" was held on January 26, 2008, from 6:00 PM to 12:00 midnight, and everyone had a good time. We are in the final planning stages of the SAL Luau party which will be held on Feb 23, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to the event, and tickets will be available at the bar, or from Phill Young. We will also be looking for volunteer help to set up, and tear down for the event. This event will take up the main floor, and the bar area. The upstairs bar will be open for people not attending the special event on the main floor.

The SAL was contacted by Fifth District personnel that the Grand Rapids Veterans Home was looking for many donations this year, The membership at the meeting voted to send a sizable check directly to the Veterans Home for any use the administration deemed necessary.

The following new members were voted upon at the Nov. Meeting; Curtis Van Dyke, Bryan Morrissey, Al Berkompass, John Arminio, Mark Arminio, Patrick Arminio, Matt Arminio, Marvin Way, Jeff Cooper, Jeff Park, Timothy Park, Craig Erickson, Burton Taylor II, Chris MacKeller, Johnathon MacKeller, Donald MacKeller, John MacKeller, James Toogood, Joseph Prizzi, and Richard Terpstra. Voted upon at the December meeting was Bill Polanic, Jeff Richter, Steven Althaus, Matthew Leonard, and Ralph Shellner. Voted upon at the Jan. Meeting was Robert Johnson, Nathan Vannoy, Brad Vannoy, Steven Rescorla, Thomas Manderscheid, Robert Enell, Michael Weller, Beau Bramer, Matthew Malone, Gregory Weirsma, Dreyton Hardy, Hunter Jordan, and Randy Weirsma. We also have two transfers from other post, and they are James Bender, and Thomas Bender. Welcome aboard all of the new people, and we hope to see you at the meetings.

The SAL group would like to thank Mike Mattson (Membership Director), and his secretary for transferring all of the SAL membership names and address info onto computer discs, hopefully in the future it will help speed up the renewal process

As a friendly reminder to ALL SAL members, your 2008 dues are due now, so reup as soon as possible. The bar will be checking for new ID cards effective in January, per Manager Andy, and he has a free offer of laminating your card!! 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 at 616-566-1178, or e-mail at alanv744@sbcglobal.net

Alan Vandam,
SAL Commander



Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas with family and friends and are looking and are looking forward to a great New Year! in 2008.

The wrapping party for the Goodfellows was fun and went fast! We're getting to be quite the professionals! as usual the lunch afterward was tasty. Thanks to the gals that prepared it. We also should be proud of our Membership-we are well over our quota-83% have paid their 08 membership dues and we are hoping that we will be at 100% shortly.

See you at the next meeting!

Pat Vander Stel---Pres.



SAL Hawaiian Luau PIG ROAST

Saturday, February 28, 2008

Tickets \$15.00

Cocktails at 6:00pm – Dinner at 7:00pm

Band - **Soul'd Out** - 8:30pm

The event will be held on February 23, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 12:00 PM at the American Legion Post 28. Come see "Soule'd Out" perform Tickets will be on sale at the bar, or contact Phil Young. This event sells out fast so get your tickets ASAP Now is the time to wear the most colorful surfing shirt/skirt/or dress for the night. Raffle prizes all night, and music all night.
This event is open to all to enjoy.



American Legion POST 28

7th Annual

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Doors Open @ Noon

Music @ 8:00



The American Legion Newsletter
Charles Conklin Post #28
700 Harbor Avenue
P.O. Box 439
Grand Haven, MI 49417-1743
(616) 842-5310

Post #28 American Legion Officers

Garrett Veihl, *Commander*
Dick Vanderstel, *1st Vice Commander*
Dale Chittenden, *2nd Vice Commander*
Phil Slater, *Adjutant*
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*

Post #28 SAL Officers

Alan VanDam, *Commander*
Brad Chittenden, *1st Vice Commander*
T.L. Lowe *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*
Mike Mattson, *Membership Chair*
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

Pat Vanderstel, *President*
Jean Koehs, *1st Vice President*
2nd Vice President
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*
Romaine Althaus, *Treasurer*
Veloce 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 Dorman

POST HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm – 10pm+
Sat Noon – 10pm+

BAR HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm – 10pm



The American Legion
 Charles Conklin Post #28
 700 Harbor Avenue
 P.O. Box 439
 Grand Haven, MI 49417-1743
 (616) 842-5310

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 PERMIT NO. 129
 GRAND HAVEN, MI

FEBRUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DRINK SPECIAL \$2.50 Love Potion #9					1 LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	2
3	4 Happy Mondays	5 House Comm 6pm Post 7pm \$1 Can Beer	6 BLUEGILL DINNER 5-7pm	7	8 Burgers & Fish 6PM No Band	9  American Legion POST 28 75th Anniversary Chili Cook-Off Saturday, February 9, 2008 Doors Open @ Noon Music @ 2:00
10	11 S.A.L. 7:30pm Happy Mondays	12 8 & 40 7pm \$1 Can Beer	13 VALENTINE STEAK DINNER 5-7pm	14 Legion Riders Meeting 7pm	15 Burgers & Fish 6PM <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i>	16
17	18 Happy Mondays	19 Exec Comm 7pm \$1 Can Beer	20 CHICKEN DINNER 5-7pm	21 Trivia 7pm	22 Burgers & Fish 6PM No Band	23  S-A-L Hawaiian Luau PIG ROAST Saturday, February 23, 2008 7:00 PM CASA DE LA FAMILIA - 17700 W. 130th St. Newport, MI 48166
24	25 Happy Mondays	26 Auxiliary 7pm \$1 Can Beer	27 GH BAND & ORCHESTRA PARENTS DINNER 5-7pm	28	29 Burgers & Fish 6PM <i>South Bound Band</i>	1 March
2	3 Happy Mondays	4 \$1 Can Beer	5	6	7	8