

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



LEADERSHIP (Webster) "That ingredient personality which caused individuals to become a team."

I along with many others from our post attended The Leadership College held at Post 28 on January 11. I found out that there is no "I" in team and as a leader you must lead and not drive. Also cultivate a sense of humor and remember that every action is a reaction. "honor is given but respect is earned" Much can be learned spending a few hours of a Saturday to learn leadership qualities at the State leadership College.

Thanks to the SAL who came through with a \$800.00 gift to complete the cost for the Sound Abatement program which is scheduled to begin very soon. Remember this is your post and we are here to serve veterans and their families, so get involved.

Advance notice: the Legion birthday party is scheduled for Saturday March 15 for all legion member, Auxiliary, SAL, and their spouses. Commander Ed DeKoekoek

American Legion Officers

Ed DeKoekoek, Commander
David Carlson, 1st Vice Commander
Bob Wydeck, 2nd Vice Commander
Rick Chittenden, Adjutant
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer
George Bennett, Chaplain
Garrett Veihl, Judge Advocate
Nathan VanKampen, Sergeant-At-Arms
Adam Shumaker, Service Officers
David MacKellar, Historian
Butch Balk and Chris Whalen
Executive at Large
Ron Bauer, Past Commander



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
Bob Wydeck
Vince Antonich
Dave Meints
Doug Telgenhof



Color Guard Members: Dan MacKellar, Dave MacKellar, Harold Weaver, Bill Kaufman and Ray Ribbink, were at Northway Lanes in Muskegon. For opening ceremony for the Michigan State USBC Bowling Association. On Saturday January 11, 2014.





AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Greetings Auxiliary Members, Winter has settled in, but Spring is right around the corner (hopefully!).

The Leadership Class on January 11th was well attended & very informative & engaging. Attendees included Auxiliary Department President Sandra Snyder & Unit 28 members Kathy Edwards, Barb Herron, & Michele Stetts, as well as many SAL & Post 28 Legionnaires. I encourage our members to participate and volunteer, whether for events at the Post, within our community, or at the Veterans' Home. Enjoy the activities at the Post

during February and the coming year. Our next General Meeting is February 25th at 7:00 p.m. Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/unit28ALA); you can check for upcoming events & meetings & view photos of activities.

2014 Membership News: As of January 13th, 895 members have renewed for 2014. Your 2013 membership card expired on December 31, 2013. If you have not renewed your membership for 2014, there's still time. You can mail your \$25 dues to the Auxiliary c/o Post 28. Respectfully, Michele Stetts, President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Michele Stetts, President
Charlene MacKeller, 1st Vice President
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President
Gloria Honey, Secretary
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
Barbara Herron, Historian
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain
Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly
Ann Kammeraad, Past President



WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

FEBRUARY 5TH

CHOP'S MEATLOAF DINNER

Scalped potatoes, green bean casserole, roll.
The "A" Team.

FEBRUARY 12TH

ALL-YOU-CAN EAT ZESTY SPAGHETTI

Salad, garlic toast (Coopersville Boys)

FEBRUARY 19TH

COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, corn bread. (Legion Riders)

FEBRUARY 26TH

Succulent Swiss Steak

Mashed, green bean casserole, roll.
The "A" Team

MARCH 5TH

Ash Wednesday

Maybe a surf and turf... Stay tuned...

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR POST.

Andy's Draught

Alright Everyone! You now can get your Legion fix 7 days a week all year long. We will be open every Sunday throughout the year. This time of year our Sunday hours are from 1-7pm. Once the warmer weather starts to settle in we will be extending our Sunday hours. Draft Miller Lite and Bud light are still only \$1 (Sundays only). We are looking for volunteers whip up some chili to serve. Feel free to bring a dish to pass or our Post Pizzas will be available.

We will be open for the Super Bowl with extended hours.

Our 13th Annual Chili Cook Off is Saturday the 8th. This is an adult function only. No minors allowed. The Post opens at noon, tastings will start around 3pm with the winners being announced around 6pm. Raffles will be going on throughout the day.

Saturday the 22nd the SAL will be hosting the Hawaiian Luau from 6-12am. This is a ticketed event and in always sells out. This is a great time with great people and a great band. Don't miss out.

I would like to take a minute to share with you something that I learned last weekend. We were able to host the Legion's Leadership College Saturday January 11th. This Leadership

College is put on by the Legion's State office as well as National. They go all over the state of Michigan teaching Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members how to be great leaders and what the Legion does. We are much more than a local watering hole. We give back to our community, take care of our Veterans and instill Americanism in everything we do.

Throughout this 8 hour class they used our Post as an example of how a Legion should be run. From our Honor Guard teaching school kids proper flag etiquette and funeral services they provide for a fallen Veteran, to the overwhelming support we give the our community through Boys State and Girls State, to the membership recruiting and so many other things. We should be very proud of who we are and what we do. I know I am.

By the way, there will be a wine feature for this month. I just don't know what it is yet. I can tell you it will be \$3 per glass or \$10 for the bottle.

February drink specials: \$3 Post Punch, \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday & \$1 drafts every Sunday.

Cheers
Andy



Post # 28 hosted the Michigan American Legion Leadership College in January.

- 97th Commander.....Dave Carlson
- First Vice.....Bob Wydeck
- Second Vice.....
- Adjutant.....Rick Chittenden
- Finance Officer.....Jim Thayer
- Service Officers.....Adam Shumaker
- Service Officer.....
- Historian.....
- Chaplain.....George Bennett
- Sergeant At Arms.....Nathan VanKampen
- Executive At Large.....Chris Whalen
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- Judge Advocate.....Garrett Veihl
- Past Commander.....Ed DeKoekoek

If you are a member in good standing and would like to inquire about ANY of these positions contact Rick Chittenden, Dave MacKellar, or Ron Bauer. For the Good of the Legion.

- April 2014....Proposed Nominees
- May 2014....Election of new officers
- June 2014....Initiation of new members
- July 2014....Swearing in of new officers



SAL COMMENTS

Well, it's obvious that Winter is here in a big way, but we are tougher than it is! Now that we've survived the Polar Vortex (whatever the heck that was), and dug out from all the snow, it's time to have some fun! February is a really fun month for the Post 28 SAL.

On Saturday, February 15 from 6pm-8pm, we will hold an SAL Open House to highlight all the good things your SAL does throughout the year. We want to encourage you to attend and learn more about the various activities we participate in, the charities and causes we donate to, ways

you can get involved, and the fun and satisfaction we get from helping our Veterans. We will be providing FREE BEER AND PIZZA to all SAL members who attend the Open House. We will also announce the recipient of the new 'Tom "Cap'm" Glockzin Volunteer of the Year Award'. So no more excuses, c'mon out and join us for FREE BEER AND PIZZA, and find out more about how you can get involved in your SAL!

The following Saturday, February 22 is Hawaiian Luau time!! Our biggest and most popular event of the year, this one always sells out...so get your tickets early (\$20 at the Legion Bar)! Cocktails start at 6:00pm, then we'll have a delicious pork dinner at 7:00pm, followed by dancing to the classic tunes of the Beach Bashers. It's a great break in mid-Winter and a fun time, so get out your coconuts, Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts and join us for some umbrella drinks!

I'm looking forward to meeting all our new (and old) members at the SAL Open House!

Tom Greenberg, SAL Commander

SAL OFFICERS

Tom Greenberg, Commander
Mike Zolik, 1st Vice Commander
Tom Shultz, 2nd Vice Commander
Rich Kelly, Finance Officer
Al VanDam, Chaplain
Chuck Yonker, Sergeant-At-Arms
Brock Rogers, Historian
Carl Lori, Legion Advisor
Mike Brown, Membership
Paul Kubicek, Adjutant
TL Lowe, Past Commander

8&40 Salon 499

Happy Valentine's Day, our next meeting will be on February 11, 2014, 7:00 pm at our beautiful post. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can do it at that time. Thank you ladies for supporting the children with Cystic Fibrosis and other respiratory diseases, may a cure be found soon. Chapeau, Char MacKellar

8 & 40 OFFICERS

Char MacKellar, Chapeau
Barb Kelly, Demi Chapeau Premier
Barbara Herron, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire
Peggy Vermeer, La Cassiere
Cleo Phipps, L'Archiviste
Veloce Hansen, L'Aumonier
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate
Ann Kammeraad, Le Pouvoir

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 6 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with 4 funerals and Navy helped with 1 funeral. We want to thank the VFW Rifle Team for helping us out with the funeral for Robert Gardner, Sr.

Honor Guard for the 2013 year did 66 funerals, Rifle Team attended 59 of the funerals with 4 special events. 37 WWII Veterans, 10 Korean War Veterans, 18 Vietnam War Veterans and 1 Gulf War

Veteran.

This last year we lost one of our Honor Guard, Rifle Team members Past Commander Hugh Hyde he will be missed by us all.

Members of Legion and VFW did programs "Patriot Hall" at Ferry School, Veterans Day program at 7th grade class at Lakeshore Middle School, in G.H. and 2 programs with Hospice.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first Memorial Day Meeting will be Monday, March 3rd at 7 PM. We will meet at the Grand Haven American Legion this year. Committee members, if you have questions or can't make it, please call me at 616-402-2206 or e-mail me at mackeda1@aol.com. Looking forward to a great Memorial Day. Past Commander David MacKellar



LEGION RIDERS

This month always seems like the coldest month of Winter except for this year. I think we have had enough already. I know by the time you get this newsletter we will be on the downhill side of Winter, sliding into March. I always feel that March is the turning point. I can maybe get the bike out for a short cold ride here and there.

Okay, I need to quit dreaming. Back to February. At this month's Riders meeting we will be having nominations for our 2014 officers. Yes, it is that time of year again. We want

to get our new officers in place so they have time to plan for the new riding season. At the March meeting we will elect officers and they will take over in April. March will be my last Riders meeting as your ALR Director.

As for our Winter get-togethers we have had great turnouts. It has been fun to see and talk and laugh with everyone. I am planning the last two get-togethers. We will be going to Whitlows on February 8th at 5pm and Vic's on March 8th. I will send out emails to remind everyone.

Also the Riders will be doing hot dogs and chips on the 4th Tuesday in February and March. In April we will start Bike Night up again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays through September. We will serve 1/4 lb hot dogs or brats with potato salad, baked beans and a \$1.00 drink ticket.

We have a lot to look forward to and warmer weather is one of them. Think Spring. Ride safe.

Toby Ross, ALR Director

SAL OPEN HOUSE

6pm - 8pm

Feb. 15

**FREE BEER
AND PIZZA**

to all SAL members
that attend.

LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Toby Ross, Riders Director
Mike Stressman, Sergeant-at-Arms
John Kemme, Secretary
Larry Foose, Treasurer
Bob Wydeck, Assistant Director
Robert Butcher, Chaplain
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair
Burl Newbill, Ride Captain



**Our 13th Annual
CHILI COOK-OFF
Feb 8, 2014.
11AM - 6PM**

Remember this is an adult function only, no one under 21 please.

| FEBRUARY DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 POST PUNCH | | FEBRUARY 2014 | | | | | February ~ Chili Cook-Off, Hawaiian Luau March ~ American Legion Birthday Party, Annual Food Drive, St. Patrick's Day Party |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
| | | | | | | 1 6pm Karaoke | |
| 2 \$1 Draft | 3 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall | 4 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER | 5 5PM CHOP'S MEATLOAF DINNER | 6 7pm ALR Meet | 7 6PM BURGERS | 8 11AM CHILI COOK OFF | |
| 9 \$1 Draft | 10 \$2 U-Call Tall | 11 7PM 8& 40 MEETING \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER | 12 5PM ALL-YOU-CAN EAT ZESTY SPAGHETTI | 13 | 14 6PM BURGERS | 15 6PM SAL Get Together | |
| 16 \$1 Draft | 17 \$2 U-Call Tall | 18 7pm Executive Board \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER | 19 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER | 20 7pm Trivia | 21 6PM BURGERS | 22 6pm SAL LUAU | |
| 23 \$1 Draft | 24 \$2 U-Call Tall | 25 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER | 26 5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER | 27 | 28 6PM BURGERS | MAR. 1 6pm Karaoke | |