

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Here we are going into February, as I am writing this we have about 6" of snow, the sun is out and its 18 degrees outside. Of course we know what is coming more snow and colder weather. I know our "Snow Birds" like to hear this.

At our January Post meeting we had a good turn out. Special awards were handed out to Perry Delille for his outstanding work with the Honor Guard. Our 50/50 was won by Jake Westra and he donated it to the Fallen Heroes Memorial. February is a busy month here at the post so come on down and take part in the Chili Cook-Off on the 12th and the Hawaiian Luau on the 26th, both are always a lot of fun.

We will be having our Legion's 92 Birthday Party on March 12th so mark it on your calendar. This is open to all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members.

During February we need to promote Americanism our individual obligation to our community, state and nation. If you are interested in serving our post as an officer or on one of our committees, please come to our post meeting and talk to our officers. Our next Post meeting will be February 1st.

Hope to see you at the Post,
God Bless America.

Commander: David L. MacKellar "Mack"

HONOR GUARD

2010 the Honor Guard did 37 Funerals. The Rifle Team did 31 of the Funerals and 4 special events. Honor Guard attended Funerals for Post Officers, Past Commanders: Donald 'Chops' Rescorla, Fred Miller, Howard Mattson and Ladies Auxiliary Parliamentarian Ina Kaufman. Members did a program "Patriot Hall" at Ferry School with members from the V.F.W. During the week of Veterans Day, the Honor Guard did programs at Lakewood Elementary and 7th grade class at White Pines Middle School, in G.H. (With members from the V.F.W.) Members also this year attended a Wounded Warriors Project (WWP) at the Grand Haven Stadium.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

Goodfellows / Firefighters' Crusade For Toys

A Big Thank You to everyone who gave their support to the Firefighters' Crusade for Toys: It was a great year of giving in a time of need.

Thank You to all the local Fire Departments for their tremendous effort to make this program succeed.

We also want to thank all the schools who participated in collecting toys and cash for the Crusade Program. You all did a fantastic job.

A special thank you to the G H Eagles for their fund raising & donations, and to the GH Lions Club, the VFW, the American Legion Post 28, and to WGHN Radio. And to the shoppers, packers, wrappers, delivery and lunch people. We are blessed to live in such a caring community.

We served 174 families and 390 children in the northwest Ottawa County area this year. Each child got \$35.00 worth of new clothing, and toys, games and candy. We also supplied the Salvation Army Toy Store with our extra toys. Also, we gave the Grand Haven & Spring Lake Special Education Buses stuffed animals for each child, which numbered 130. Hopefully, we made Christmas a much happier time for these children.

We hope that in the future these children will be made better citizens and pass the good times on.

May you have a Prosperous and Happy New Year.
American Legion Goodfellows Committee

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: B. Hardy Bedford, Martin C. Jones, William H. Palermo, Kenneth D. Kragt, Leon H. Daane.

Taps were played for: All of our Veterans, Service men and women who we have lost in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world during 2010.

Please Support our Troops.



Commander MacKellar and Perry Delille, "It is a "Honor" for me to present you with the "Certificate of Appreciation" and Bugler Patch and Pin from all of us at Post #28. You bring a special meaning to our American Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and Country."



Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

I would like to thank you for your help this year with our Annual Salvation Army Bell-ringing Campaign. Your efforts were important to us and helped us to raise funds to help the less fortunate in our community not only at Christmas but throughout the year. The funds helped provide food for 403 families at Christmas, with gifts for over 800 children and will continue to support our emergency and transitional housing, food pantry and many other programs throughout the year. Captain Jay Davis, Corps Officer.

This year the American Legion and VFW helped raise over \$1633.00. Thanks for all your help with the Salvation Army Bell-ringing Campaign. Bill and Ina Kaufman

SERVICE OFFICER

If you are a veteran currently receiving VA benefits, you may be entitled to additional pay if:

You have a very severe disability or loss of limb(s).

You have a spouse, child(ren) or dependent parent(s).

You have a seriously disabled spouse. Veterans Service Officer Martha Wieland will be visiting the Post on Friday 25th. February from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Congratulations to Cindy for being our Chef for one year. You are doing a great job. Since the Auxiliary did not have a meeting in December, I do not have much to report. At our January meeting we will be electing a new president to replace Jean Koehs due to illness and resignation. Thinking ahead, it is time to think about ordering and selling Poppies. They remind us of veterans' past sacrifices and continuing needs. In March we will be hosting the 5th District dinner meeting. The Legion and the S.A.L will each celebrate their birthday in March. The 8 and 40 will have their first meeting of the New Year in February.

1st Vice President, Cleo Phipps

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Jean Koehs, *President*
 Cleo Phipps, *1st Vice President*
 Ruth Kelly, *2nd Vice President*
 Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*
 Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*
 Jean Wolniakowski, *Past President*
 Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*
 Peggy Vermeer, *Chaplain*
 Charlene MacKellar, *Sgt. At Arms*



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

College Scholarships are available for daughters/sons, granddaughters/grandsons, great granddaughters/great grandsons of Veterans who served in the Armed Forces. Information can be obtained at www.michaloux.org. Scholarships available are "The National President's Scholarship" (due March 1), "The Memorial Scholarship" (due May 15) and the "Medical Career Scholarship" (due March 15). Also available is a "Non Traditional Student Scholarship" (due April 1). The NTSS is available for students over the age of 22. Someone returning to college after an interruption or student attending a vocational or trade school. Available to Jr. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary is the "Spirit of Youth Scholarship". Check the website for all information, guidelines and applications or call Jean at 842-8237.

Americanism is an essential part of what the American Legion stands for. A shining example of this trait was found within a local family, the Rathsburg's.



Norton Shores residents, Bonny, Jerry and Kim have family deployed in our most recent conflict. LCPL Adam Dickie and other Marines are currently stationed in northern Afghanistan, where so much of the tough fighting is ongoing. When on patrol, these soldiers are away from their base camp for three weeks at a time. They fight the cold of the mountains of 8,000 ft with little or no contact with the outside world. The living conditions they encounter on patrol do not have running water, washing facilities, or much warmth. When Adam was deployed in September he and his unit requested a list of items to help them endure their time away from home. The items included are personal care items, snacks, socks, powdered drink mixes and hand warmers. The Rathsburgs have taken it upon themselves to ensure not only Adam - but the others serving with him had all they needed. Through personal purchases and small donations of items this family has sent 7 boxes to Adam and a few other soldiers they found were not receiving packages from home. Each package had a note of thanks for their service enclosed. When the holidays approached Kim reached out to her co-workers at Meijer to help. There was an overwhelming response - and the family was able to create 17 additional boxes from their remaining purchases and the co-workers contributions. With some help from Adam's mom - they acquired

more addresses - and have now sent packages to 13 different Marines serving in different areas of Afghanistan. The Rathsburgs have reached out to our Post for assistance to ensure their efforts can continue. We here at the Post will help as we can. Let us all remember all of our service men and women who are so very far from home and often in harms way. If you are interested in helping the Rathsburgs keep the boxes going, please contact any of the Officers within our Legion Post family. Thank You, Carl Lori Service Officer

Andy's Draught

As I wrote this article last year it was 40 degrees... huh. Not so this year. Morning temps in the teens. Come on spring!

Saturday the 12th will be our 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off. This event has become so popular that it is the busiest day of the year here at the Post. Even busier than any day during Coast Guard! Seriously. Another great event we host this month is our SAL Hawaiian Luau on the 26th. Both will be open to the public, but the Luau will be a ticketed event. We will only have 200 available and they will sell out. Don't wait or you will miss out on a great dinner and great band.

This months wine features are Tabor Hill Cranberry - a wine with a crisp, tart & pure Michigan cranberry flavor and Blue Nun Riesling - a medium bodied white wine from years past, that will compliment any of our dinners. Both wines can be purchased by the glass for \$3.50 or by the bottle for \$12.

Next month we will be hosting a party for the Legion, which turns 92, on the 12th and a beer and wine tasting on the 19th. Tickets will be available at the bar for the birthday party and the beer and wine tasting will be open to the public..

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

February drink specials: \$3 Love Potion # 28, \$2 U-Call Talls every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers Andy

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
 April ~ IRS Party, Armed Forces Day
 May ~ Memorial Day, Kentucky Derby Party, Legion Memorial Golf Outing
 June ~ Flag Day
 July ~ 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, Post 7pm
 Every Monday ~ Building & Grounds 9am
 1st Monday ~ SAL Meeting 7:30pm
 2nd Tuesday ~ 8 & 40 Meeting 7pm
 2nd Thursday ~ Legion Riders 7pm
 4th Tuesday ~ Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
 1st Saturday ~ Karaoke
 Every Wednesday ~ Dinner 5-7pm
 Every Friday ~ Burgers 6-8pm



SAL COMMENTS

We have blessed with a relatively mild winter so far. I hope this doesn't mean the worst is yet to come.

We had another successful New Year's Eve party. The event was sold out and everyone had a great time spending time with friends and family, eating and dancing to a great band. I would like to thank Willis Kerridge and his crew for providing excellent food and good entertainment. There were many volunteers

helping set-up, prepare and serve the food, and tear down afterward. The work of many makes the jobs a little easier.

Upcoming Events: Vegas Night - January 29th, Chili Cook-off - February 12th - Come down to see if you can pick the winners, Hawaiian Luau - February 26th - Tickets are \$17.50 per person (Band - Soul'd Out - limited to 200 people) - Dinner at 7:00 and Band from 8:30 - 12:30.

We had four new members join the SAL this past month and they are as follows: Steven Wood, Gary Seckler, Ryan Klouw, and Martin Czinder.

Another gentle reminder if you had not paid your membership dues, please send your check to Mike Brown at the Post or stop down to the Post. We would like to maintain our status as the largest SAL in Michigan and you can help in that effort.

Sincerely

TL Lowe - SAL Commander

SAL OFFICERS

TL Lowe, Commander
Rob Wolniakowski, 1st Vice Commander
Charlie Yonker, 2nd Vice Commander
Rich Kelly, Finance Officers
Tom Glockzin, Chaplain
Tom Greensberg, Sergeant-At-Arms
Tom Greensberg, Historian
Brad Chittenden, Past Commander
Carl Lori, Post SAL Chairman
Mike Brown, Membership Chair
Paul Kubicek, Adjutant

DINNER COMMITTEE

The volunteers doing Wednesday dinners and Friday burgers are doing a terrific job. We thank them for their help and enthusiasm. If you don't feel you can help cook, then help eat! Its all "for the good of the Legion". Coming up on Wednesdays in February we have: Chop's Meatloaf, Zesty Spaghetti, Tanga Country Style Pork, and Succulent Swiss Steak.

See you at the Post. Thanks

A BRICK TO REMEMBER THEM BY "FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL"

Contribute to the memorial by purchasing an inscribed brick. May we suggest using the identity of the donor or something similar because the name of the hero will be inscribed on the memorials.

A donation of a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$999.00 with a maximum of 28 characters will purchase a 4"x8" brick.
A donation of \$1,000.00 or more will purchase a 8"x8" brick with a maximum of 56 characters. This size is good for groups, etc.
(example - "In Honor of Robert Hodel," 24 characters)
(example - "The Ken Kelly Family," 20 characters)

Please send check or money order for

\$ _____
payable to **"FHM-BRICKS"**

My name is:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

For clarification, information or questions, call
Jack Gardner (The Brick Man)
P.O. Box 43
Spring Lake, MI 49456
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FEBRUARY DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 Love Potion							FEBRUARY 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	2 5PM CHOP'S MEATLOAF DINNER	3	4 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	5							
6	7 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	8 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	9 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	10 7pm Riders Meeting	11 6PM BURGERS	12  6pm Karaoke							
13	14  \$2 U-Call Tall	15 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	16 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	17 7pm Trivia Night	18 6PM BURGERS & FISH 8pm Silverado	19							
20	21 \$2 U-Call Tall	22 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	23 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	24	25 6PM BURGERS	26 							
27	28 \$2 U-Call Tall	MARCH 1 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	2 5PM PERCH DINNER PROCEEDS GO TO FHM	3	4 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	5 6pm Karaoke							