

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

My fellow Legionaries: Well the New Year is here and what great weather we're having. As I'm typing this it's about 45 degrees and not a cloud in the sky. I wish it would stay this way until Spring but we all know that won't happen. The New Year's Eve party was a smashing success, thank you again SAL. Next up this Month is Chili Cook off on February 11, at noon. Great gifts to be won, and great chili to taste. I know it takes a little while to get back into the swing of things after the Holidays, but now that they're over it's time to get back down to the Post for our meetings, Wednesday night dinners, and Friday night burgers. Don't forget our 93rd American Legion Birthday Party on March 17th with cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. This event is open to all Legion members and spouses. Tickets will be available at the bar the last week of February. Well enjoy the snow were getting now I guess old man winter finally caught up to us. Hope it isn't to bad. So until next month, I'll see you at the Post. Phil Smith Commander Post # 28.

## American Legion Officers

Phil Smith, Commander  
Ron Bauer, 1st Vice Commander  
Ed DeKoekoek, 2nd Vice Commander  
Butch Balk, Adjutant  
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer  
Chris Tanke, Chaplain  
Hugh Hyde, Judge Advocate  
Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers  
Nathan VanKampen, Historian  
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman  
Executive Board at Large  
David L. MacKeller "Mack", Past Commander

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers; John Bar, Jr., Evan Ingalls, Lee King, Robert Matthews, Warren Collins, Joseph Ellis, and James Van De Verie.

Taps were played for ; Charles J.

Hannesen, U.S.

Army PFC Jackie

Lee Diener II of

Boyne City, KIA

Afghanistan,

U.S. Marine Staff

Sergeant Vincent

J. Bell of Detroit, KIA

Afghanistan, and U.S.

Congressman Howard Wolpe.



At our Post meeting Commander Phil Smith, Past Commander Ken Kelly and Max Riekse. Max presented Ken Kelly with a American Legion Commemorative Plate for all his work as Co-Chair for the Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument.

## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 3 funerals. Army National Guard helped with funerals for Donald Twiss, William Whittaker and Charles J. Hennesen.

In 2011 the Honor Guard did 52 funerals, Rifle Team did 44 funerals and 7 Special events. This last year we lost one of our Honor Guard Members Bernard Kraai, Sr.

Special Commendation Ceremonies for serving or supporting in Iraq and Afghanistan PFC Ron A. Drake and (Fiancé) Allison E. Miller. Steven Avram, Jason Smith, Ken Kelly, Matt Pelak, Ben Glockzin, Michael VanDam, Scott and Joseph MacKeller.

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 Glerum Elementary, in Holland and 7th grade class at White Pines Middle School, in G.H. (With members from the V.F.W.)

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## WEDNESDAY'S MENU

**FEBRUARY 1ST**  
MEATLOAF, BAKED POTATO,  
VEGGIE (L)

**FEBRUARY 8TH**  
ZESTY ALL YOU CAN EAT  
SPAGHETTI, SALAD (L)

**FEBRUARY 15TH**  
COUNTRY STYLE PORK,  
MASHED

POTATO, VEGGIE (LR)

**FEBRUARY 22ND**  
SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK,  
MASHED POTATO, VEGGIE (L)

**FEBRUARY 29TH**  
CHICKEN DINNER (AUX)

Brave the "elements" and help support our dinners. If it's Wednesday, we're serving dinner! Dinner Committee.



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please, anyone who has not paid your 2012 dues, send your money to Myrna Puse, Membership Chairman, 700 S. Harbor Dr, Grand Haven MI 49417, or drop the dues off at the Legion. If you have any Problems call Myrna at (616) 607-8008. Thinking ahead, it is time to think about ordering and selling Poppies. They remind us of Veterans' past sacrifices and continuing needs. On Wednesday, February 29th the Auxiliary will be serving chicken dinner. On March 20th we will be hosting the 5th District Dinner Meeting. The Legion and the S.A.L. will each be celebrating their birthdays in March. Our next meeting is February 28, 2012.  
President Cleo Phipps

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, *President*  
 Ruth Kelly, *1st Vice President*  
 Diane Kirk, *2nd Vice President*  
 Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*  
 Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*  
 Michele Stetts, *Historian*  
 Peggy Vermeer, *Chaplain*  
 Barb Kelly, *Sgt. At Arms*  
 Molly Pippis, *Char MacKellar,*  
 Sharron MacConnack, *Executive Board*  
 Peggy Vermeer, *Ruth Kelly, Kay Dougall,*  
 Lisa Davis, *Parliamentarian*  
 Jean Koehs, *Past President*



## 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 trivia & bands for those with boogie fever. Whatever it is we have the cure for what ails you.

We have more Post 28 sweatshirts available in either hooded or crew neck. The hooded are \$25 and the crew neck are \$22. I'm currently working on getting Post 28 baseball caps. I'm still working on the design.

The date has been set for our first Post #28 Wild Game dinner. It will be Saturday December 1st. The Post will provide some food but we will be asking the attendees to bring a dish to pass of something you have caught. More details will follow in the months to come.

We have added a new item to the bars extensive menu. Along with chips, popcorn, pizza and nuts you also find cheese and crackers available. The Schuler's cheese spread comes in a 2oz re-closable portion cup and comes with 6 packages of cracker sticks for only \$2.

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

February drink specials: \$2.50 Love Potion #28 & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers Andy

## 8&40 Salon 499

This month we resume our regular meetings at 7:00 PM at the Post. It is time to vote on the donations for the Jewish Health Organization, a hospital for children with lung diseases and a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Also be sure your dues are paid so you are not dropped from our roster. Get them in before you forget. Happy Valentines Day! Chapeau, Ann Kammeraad



Commander Phil Smith, Carl Lori, and 1st Vice Commander Ron Bauer at the Christmas Party for the employees of JSJ Corporation in Grand Haven. JSJ employees sent over 300 Christmas cards, and decorations to our troops in Afghanistan in December.



## SAL COMMENTS

The weather has been amazing so far with virtual no snow to date but that is likely to change within a short period of time. Only time will tell if we will receive the record snow fall that they have predicted for this winter.

### Up and Coming Events:

Chili Cook Off - February 11th - Taste 12 unique Chili recipes and see if you can pick the top three winners  
Hawaiian Luau - February 25th - Tickets at \$17.50 per person (Band is Soul'd Out - limited to 200 people) Dinner at 7:00 Band from 8:30 -

12:30

A big Thank You goes out to Mike Brown and his committee for another successful Vegas Night. It was great nights for both the Legion as sales were up this year and the SAL as a great fund raising event. Again, we had a large group of volunteers to make this a successful event.

The SAL will be sponsoring a Memorial Day Golf Scramble again this year. Details will be given in up coming newsletters. Now is the time to talk to your golf partners so you can be part of this great event. We are always looking for Tee Sponsors so begin thinking about helping in this year by sponsoring a hole. A steak dinner will be held after the event at the Post. Snacks will be provided at the turn on the course.

As the old popcorn machine gave out, the SAL purchased a new commercial model to meet the daily demand of this desired snack. Take time to enjoy a bag and donations are requested to help restock the popcorn, oil, and bags.

We approved 9 new members and 2 transfers last month and they are as follows: Patrick Heins, Michael Charny, Nicholas Flore, Christopher Flore, Keith Mast, Craig Arends, Kevin Galbavi, Gregory Oleszczuk, Kirk Edwards and transfers William Conlen and Jack Steinmetz.  
TL Lowe - SAL Commander

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TL Lowe, *Commander*  
Tom Greenberg, *1st Vice Commander*  
Jack DeMaar, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*  
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*  
Mike Zolik, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Tom Greenberg, *Historian*  
Carl Lori, *Legion Advisor*  
Mike Brown, *Membership*  
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*  
Brad Chittenden, *Past Commander*



Members Char MacKellar, Nancy and Ron Bauer, Ron and Angie Bacon enjoyed the Post 28 Christmas Buffet.

Members of the SAL, standing Paul Kubicek, Chuck Yonker, William "Willis" Kerridge and sitting Tom Glockzin and Phil Young were some of the members that helped set up and prepare the Post 28 Christmas Buffet. Great job by everyone.



Everyone had a great time at the New Years Eve party put on by our Post 28 SAL. Another "Great Job" by our SAL Members.



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**Hawaiian**  
**Luau**  
**February**  
**25th,**  
**2012**  
 Tickets at  
**\$17.50**  
 per person  
 (Band is Soul'd Out  
 limited to 200 people)  
 Dinner at 7:00 Band  
 from 8:30 - 12:30

FEBRUARY DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.50 Love Potion #28							<b>FEBRUARY 2012</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>5PM MEATLOAF DINNER</b>	2	3 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	4							
5	6 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	7 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	8 <b>5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER</b>	9 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	10 <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	11 Chili Cook Off 6pm Karaoke							
12	13 \$2 U-Call Tall	14 7pm 8&40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	15 <b>5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER</b>	16 7pm TRIVIA	17 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> 8pm Silverado Band	18							
19	20 \$2 U-Call Tall	21 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	22 <b>5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER</b>	23	24 <b>6PM BURGERS &amp; FISH</b>	25 SAL Hawaiian Luau							
26	27 \$2 U-Call Tall	28 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	29 <b>5PM CHICKEN DINNER</b>	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									