



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST #28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Welcome to the January newsletter. Where in the heck did Autumn go? As Legion membership is of the upmost importance to me and we're looking to set membership records this upcoming year, I must ask you please to get your dues in and encourage others to do the same. "For the good of the Legion."

The December Post Meeting had close to fifty members attend. OUTSTANDING. Bill Haynes gave a very informative talk on the Legion Riders. Their upcoming Legacy Run may pass through Grand Haven this Summer. Bill was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in securing the Michigan Viet Nam Veterans Moving Wall this Summer during Coast Guard week. Thanks Bill. 50/50 was hauled down again by Ray Ribbink and given again to Goodfellows. Our next Post meeting is January 5th. Please mark it on your calendar and join us upstairs. The meetings are upbeat, respectful, and full of Legion tradition. Best of all, Andy serves \$1 brewskis and lunch afterwards.

Please support your Post by attending the upcoming News Years Eve party, Las Vegas Night, as well as the Wednesday dinners and Friday burgers. Thank you.

Congratulations to new members: David L. Herdegen, Rick Dupius, Terry Potter, Robert Cowan, Chad P. Miller, and Howard R. Beam

Taps were played for: Laverne Krupp, Bernard "Ben" DeVito, and Army Sergeant Daniel A. Frazier of St. Joseph, Mi. who paid the ultimate price for freedom in Zabul Province, Afghanistan. Our prayers for their families.

Be a part of Post #28's growth and prosperity in the upcoming decade and join our Legion Family. It's fun and it gives back to the community.

Happy New Year Everyone,
Commander Rick Chittenden

Post #28 American Legion Officers

Dale "Rick" Chittenden, Commander
David MacKellar, 1st Vice Commander
Phil Smith, 2nd Vice Commander
Butch Balk, Adjutant
Jim Thayer, Fiance Officer
Chris Tanke, Chaplain
Hugh Hyde, Judge Advocate
Ed DeKoekKoek, Sergeant-At-Arms
Jim Walton, Ken Kelly, Service Officers
George Bryant, Historian
Ray Ribbink & Jack VanWeelden
Executive Board at Large
Dick VanderStel, Past Commander



CHAPLAINS CORNER

*A New Year's Prayer
Another year is dawning
With the chance to start anew.
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,
In all I say and do.*

*Not so caught up in selfish gain
That I would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee.*

*The warm, kind word that I can give,
The outstretched hand to help,
The prayers I pray for those in need--
More precious these than wealth.*

*I know not what may lie ahead
Of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
That You are walking near.*

*I'm thankful for this brand new year
As now I humbly pray,
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
Each step along the way.*

*by Kay Hoffman
Happy New Year to all members
of Post #28!*

Chaplain Chris



NEW MEMBER FOR HONOR GUARD

Commander Rick Chittenden presented Honor Guard pin to Nathan VanKampen (Iraq War Veteran) with Sgt-At-Arms Ed DeKoekkoek assisting

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS COMMENTS



Happy New Year to all. In December we had many projects to be involved in. We worked at the GRHV to help the Veterans do some Christmas shopping, rang bells for the Salvation Army, fruit plates were put together and delivered to area nursing homes for Veterans and spouses, shopped for and wrapped gifts for the Good fellows, and our girls served a wonderful Lasagna dinner for those who did the gift wrapping. It's great to see so many give up their time when we are all so busy with our own holiday festivities. Thanks again and hope to see you all in January.

President
Jean Wolniakowski

Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

*Jean Wolniakowski, President
Cleo Phipps, 1st Vice President
Linda Gieske, 2nd Vice President
Ann Kammeraad & Cleo Phipps, Historian
Char Mac Keller, Sergeant-At-Arms
Jean Koehs, Past President
Ina Kaufman, Parliamentarian
Mollie Pipp, Pat Best & Ruth Rescorla,
Executive Board*



Commander Rick Chittenden presented Bill Haynes with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his help with the Legion Riders getting the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival.



CHILI COOK-OFF
FEBRUARY 13, 2010
MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH



**ATTENTION
SNOWBIRDS
DUE TO LARGE AMOUNTS OF
MAILINGS
YOU
ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY AND ALL
CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.
EITHER SPRING OR FALL.**

Hawaiian Luau

February 27th, 2010 - Tickets \$15.00 per person
Band - Souled Out - Limited 200 tickets

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January ~ Happy New Year!, Las Vegas Night	November ~ Veteran's Day Dinner, Saturday Football Parties,
February ~ Chili Cook-Off, Hawaiian Luau	Trivia Begins, Happy Thanksgiving!
March ~ American Legion Birthday Party,	December ~ Goodfellows Toy Drive, Children's Christmas
Annual Food Drive, St. Patrick's Day	Party, Christmas Buffet, New Year's Eve Party,
Party, Texas Hold' Em	Merry Christmas!
April ~ IRS Party, Armed Forces Day	Every Month
May ~ Memorial Day, Kentucky Derby Party,	1st Tuesday ~ House 6pm, Post 7pm
Legion Memorial Golf Outing	Every Monday ~ Building & Grounds 9am
June ~ Flag Day	2nd Monday ~ SAL Meeting 7:30pm
July ~ Independence Day	2nd Tuesday ~ 8 & 40 Meeting 7pm
August ~ Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Men's	2nd Thursday ~ Legion Riders 7pm
Party,	4th Tuesday ~ Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
BBQ Chicken	1st Saturday ~ Karaoke
September ~ American Legion Picnic	Every Wednesday ~ Dinner 5-7pm
October ~ Oktoberfest Party	Every Friday ~ Burgers 6-8pm

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 Funerals, all full Military. Sgt. Scott Kinney from the Army National Guard -Honor Guard Team attended the funeral for Woodrow Aldridge. The VFW Honor Guard members attended the funeral for Phil DuShane.

Dec. 5, Jingle Bell Parade, Color Guard Members, Commander Rick Chittenden, Past Commander Bill Kaufman, Past Commander Garrett Veihl, Service Officer Jim Walton and Honor Guard member Dan MacKeller led the parade.

Honor Guard Leader George Bennett

SAL COMMANDERS COMMENTS



The New Year is upon us. How long will it be before we break one of our New Year Resolutions? With a new year we will face new challenges, new beginnings, and a renewed opportunity to be an active member at our Legion Post #28. Let's us continue together to make the Grand Haven Post the "place to be" for the 2010 year and beyond.

The SAL has the following activities coming up in the next few months and we would love to see you there:

Vegas Night: January 30th - Dealers needed
(Contact Dutch Vander Veen)

Hawaiian Luan: February 27th - Tickets \$15.00 per person
- Band - Souled Out - Limited 200 tickets

SAL Birthday Party: March 20th - 20 years re-activation Party.
Watch for details to follow in the next several months.

This past month we had 4 transfer members: Warren Bender II (#381 Croton), Brian Kostus (#102 Rockford), Steve Main (#102 Rockford), and William Benson (#13 Grand Blanc) and 13 New Members: Thomas Gerber, Matthew Snyder, Loren Pitsch, Ralph Skaio, Charles Zimmerman, Andrew Reenders, Rodney Rouwhorst, Anthony Jastrzembski, Thomas Holler, Thomas Van Ofen, Michael Urbanczyk, Dennis Boon, and Kenneth W Brown. Let's make our new member to our Post feel welcomed.

A reminder that the Chili Cook Off is just around the corner. Please plan on attending and tasting a variety of delicious Chili recipes and see if you can pick the winners of this exciting contest. Who will the winner of this years contest? Will the White Chili make it into the top 3 again this year - be there to find out.

A final reminder to to the SAL members that your member dues are now due. Take a minute to write your check for your dues and drop them off in an enclosed envelope to the Post in care of Mike Matson, Membership Chairman. We would like to remain as the largest SAL in Michigan.

Have a great year and see you at the Post.

TL Lowe
SAL Commander

THANK YOU from THE GOODFELLOWS

The American Legion Goodfellows thanks everyone for making the 2009 Crusade for Toys a success. We were able to make 158 families with 370 kids a Merry Christmas. We also gave stuffed animals to 150 Special Ed students who ride Grand Haven and Spring Lake buses. Also the Salvation Army toy store was happy to receive toys for another 250 kids. Again, thank you everyone for your time and generous donations.

We have a very special, hard working crew who gets the job done in a very special and busy time of year. Thank You Everyone!

The American Legion Goodfellows Committee Firefighters Crusade for Toys.



Legion Members Ring Bell for Salvation Army Jim Walton and Doug Telgenhof

Post #28 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
Jeff VanderVeen, Historian
Brad Chittenden, Past Commander
Howard Hattson, Post SAL Chairman
Mike Mattson, Membership Chair
Jeff VanderWeen, Adjutant

Andy's Draught

Happy New Year! 2009 is finally behind us and 2010 looks to be much better.

January kicks off a great first quarter for us, starting with the SAL Vegas Night the 30th, then the Chili Cook-Off two weeks later and two weeks after that is the SAL Hawaiian Luau. These parties are a great way to cure your winter blues.

If you haven't renewed your dues yet you are expired. Be ready to show your 2010 membership card because we will be checking everyone.

Keep your eye on the calendar for our upcoming dinners, bands & events.

January drink specials: \$3 Snowflake Martini & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday
Cheers
Andy



