

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

As we head into a new year 2011. I want to take some time to thank all the volunteers. All of your time here at Post # 28 makes us a better organization. I want to thank Santa, Mrs. Claus and all the wonderful volunteers with the Kids Christmas Party, our Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army, the shoppers, wrappers and delivery teams for Good Fellows. I am always amazed to see all the toys and clothing that is donated here at our post to help families in the area.

At our December Post meeting we had about 30 members show up even with the bad weather that night. Jack Gardner was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and donated it to the Fallen Heroes Memorial. Our next Post meeting is January 4, 2011 so come on down and join us.

This past month the Legion has lost two of our Post members. Howard Mattson and Ina Kaufman both have been great mentors to all of us. We are going to miss you and we will continue with your wonderful leadership and friendship to all that we meet in our daily lives.

A reminder that on January 1, 2011 you need to have your 2011 membership card.

During this time of the year please remember our Troops and God Bless America.

Happy New Year      Commander Post # 28      David L. MacKellar "Mack"

## American Legion Officers

David L. MacKellar "Mack", Commander  
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Ken Kelly, Carl Lori and Adam Shumaker,  
Service Officers  
Jack Gardner, Historian  
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman  
Executive Board at Large  
Dale "Rick" Chittenden, Past Commander

## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 funerals. Army National Guard came to Funerals for Past Commander Howard Mattson and William Wolovlek. Commander David MacKellar, Past Commander Garrett Veihl and SAL Past Commander Brad Chittenden were Color Guard for the Jingle Bell Parade. Honor Guard members attended funeral for Ladies Auxiliary member, Officer Parliamentarian Ina Kaufman.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: Henry DeVeht, Mark Kelley, Christopher Murdoch, Edward Nys, William DeVette, Kyran Mackey, Thomas Cliff, Donald Miller, Ronald Bishop, Gregory Kiekintveld, Martin Czinder, Ron DeGraaf, John Kibele and Norman Smith.

Taps were played for members: Past Commander Howard Mattson, William Wolovlek, Peter Bonny, Donald Melrose, PFC Shane Reifert of Cottrellville KIA Afghanistan and Army Specialist Shane Ahmed of Chesterfield Township who died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Also remembering those who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. Please Support our Troops.



Members of the GHSP made 244 Christmas cards for the Troops. Commander Dave MacKellar and Service Officer Carl Lori accepted cards that will be sent to Bravo Company. They are a Michigan Army National Guard Aviation Company currently deployed to the Middle East.

## "LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VETERANS"

Ever consider running for Post 28 Commander? Let me explain it to you.  
616-837-3810. Rick Chittenden.  
Nominating Committee.



## Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee

C/O American Legion Post 28

700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

The FALLEN HEROES committee is starting 2011 with a financial goal of \$43,150.00 to be reached by April 2011.

This is the amount we will need to pay the final cost for the final 1/2 of the monument and eagle as well as the foundation and captioned bricks.

We are embarking on another mail solicitation to North Ottawa businesses and commercial operations but we still look to our Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Rider membership for personal donations to supplement those received from the mailing.

So, we are asking for personal donations from the members for their financial support at this time as well.

Co-Chair: Ken Kelly Phone: 616-846-2329 Co-Chair: Max Riekse Phone: 231-865-3238



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Happy New Year to all. In December we had many projects that we were involved in. We rang the bell for the Salvation Army, fruit plates were put together and delivered to area nursing homes for the Veterans and spouses, shopped and wrapped gifts for the Good Fellows. Many hands make light work. Thank you all. 5th District Meeting is January 18th at 7:00 in Wyoming. Our thoughts are with the family of Ina Kaufman, She was loved and respected by all. The 8 and 40 will not be meeting in January. 1st Vic 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



2nd Vice Commander Ron Bauer and Members from the VFW.



Commander Dave MacKellar and Butch Balk Ring Bell for Salvation Army.



Legion Member Dave Meints



## 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

Winter is now upon us with the recent heavy snowfall in Grand Haven. As I write this, we are only two weeks away from Christmas day. By the time you receive this I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season as we have much to be thankful for.

This past November we set a record for the number of people participating in Trivia. The winners generously donated \$340.00 to the Legion Annual Christmas Party.

Mark your calendars for JANUARY 29th - VEGAS NIGHT. We are always looking for volunteers to help during this event. If you have skills as a dealer we really can use your assistance. There will be a sign-up sheet in the bar if you can donate your time.

HAWAIIAN LUAU - FEBRUARY 26TH - Soul'd Out is the band. Tickets will be \$17.50 per person. This even is limited to 200 people. It is always a great time.

This past month we had 8 new and they are as follows: Michael Eastwood, Bernard Lamancusa, Brent Balkem, Dennis Deal,,David Baldwi, ronald Northman, Lyle Rycenga, and Benjamin Rycenga. We had one transfer from the Post #153 St Johns - Robert Ferden.

It is time to renew your membership. Please send your check to either Mike Brown or drop it off at the post. We want to maintain our past year's member ship which was over 630 members.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who help distribute Christmas gifts to the needy families in Grand Haven area. In these difficult economic times it is important to give back to the community and your efforts in this regard was greatly appreciated. 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  
Jeff VanderVeen, Historian  
Brad Chittenden, Past Commander  
Howard Mattson, Post SAL Chairman  
Mike Brown, Membership Chair  
Jeff VanderWeen, Adjutant

## Andy's Draught

Happy New Year!

This year we are starting a new special for all you wine lovers. Each month we will feature two different wines, one red and one white. These wines can be purchased by the glass or by the bottle. Any opened, unfinished bottles of wine can be recorked and taken home. These featured wines are more expensive than our house wines, but will still remain at a price you would come to expect at the Post. These wines per glass will run between \$3 and \$3.25 and the bottles will be \$12 - \$15. This month's wine features are Callaway Merlot and St. Gabriel Spatlese Reisling.

Be ready to show your new 2011 card because we will be checking. If you haven't renewed yet you're delinquent. Shame on you.

Make sure you watch the calendar. We will be busy the next couple of month. It all starts with Vegas Night, then Chili Cook Off, then the Luau and a beer and wine tasting in March. We're just trying to help to cure those winter blues.

January drink special: \$2 Aunt Pams, \$2 You Call Tall every Monday and \$1 canned beer every Tuesday.

Cheers Andy



**Kids Christmas Party 2010**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We had about 350 Christmas cards come in from local schools and businesses. 100 cards were sent to some of our Post family members serving active duty overseas and state side.

I want to thank everyone who helped with Christmas cards. Ferry School, New Holland School, Holmes Elementary and GHSP and from our Kids Christmas Party.

Thanks for all the hard work from our students and volunteers.

Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"



**SERVICE OFFICER**  
Happy New Year fellow Veterans! The program continues to be a busy one and we hope that everyone is receiving the help they need. Veterans Service Officer Martha Wieland will be at the Post on 28 JAN 2011 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM to assist anyone with the filing of VA Claims. Tip of the Month: Wartime veterans in need of temporary emergency financial aid can contact Mr. Russell Hopkins in Holland at (616) 494-8854. Aid is subject to review by a county committee. In addition, the Agent Orange issue is finally getting the respect that it is due and if you believe that you have a Service Related issue connected with this there may now be help where there was none previously. And if you require employment assistance, this is available through the State of Michigan Veterans Hotline at (616) 455-5228.



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JANUARY DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.00 Aunt Pams		<b>JANUARY 2011</b>				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NEW YEARS DAY - POST CLOSED
2 1pm Lions vs Minnesota	3 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	4 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	5 5PM HOT CHICKEN SANDWICH	6	7 6PM BURGERS	8 6pm Karaoke
9	10 \$2 U-Call Tall	11 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	12 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	13 7pm Riders Meeting	14 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones	15
16	17 \$2 U-Call Tall	18 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	19 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	20 7pm Trivia	21 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado	22
23	24 \$2 U-Call Tall	25 7pm Aux Meeting	26 5PM SWISS STEAK	27	28 6PM BURGERS	29 6pm SAL Vegas Night
30	31 \$2 U-Call Tall	\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER				