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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Our Legion preamble says "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;" We are saying in this way to teach by persistent instruction, and we have an obligation or duty to serve. After we removed our military uniforms for the last time we continued to look for opportunities to just keep on serving. When at our best, everyday we are bringing to life the American Legion motto, "Still Serving America."

Ninety-seven years ago, President Wilson outlined his 14-point peace plan for WW I. Saying, "What we demand in this war, therefore, is nothing peculiar to ourselves. It is that the world be made fit and safe to live in; and particularly that it be made safe for every peace-loving nation which, like our own, wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions, be assured of justice and fair dealing..." The war was to last another eleven months, and the peace setup conditions for WW II. Point number 12 concerning the autonomous development of lands under Turkish control led to the turmoil that exists to this very day in the Middle East. President Wilson's hope for WW I to be "a final war for human liberty" remains unfulfilled.

See you at the next Membership Meeting Tuesday, January 6th! We will be asking you for your suggestions concerning goals for 2015.

Dave Carlson, Commander Post #28.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

David A. Cargill, Active Duty Army
Donald L. Curtiss, Leb/Grenada Army
Randall L. Kirby, Vietnam Army
Dion D. MacCammond, Vietnam Air Force
Daniel Pjesky, WWII Army

TRANSFERS:

David C. Dean, Vietnam Army
Mike K. Swidwinski, Vietnam Army
Morris W. VanZanten, WWII Army
Terrence L. Weeks, Vietnam Marines

TAPS were played for John Logan, Jr. Navy WWII, Duane Reznay, Army Vietnam, Robert Roll, Navy Vietnam, Bruce Campbell, Army Vietnam and Robbert Tanis, Air Force Korea



AUXILIARY

"Now that it's all over, what did you really do yesterday that's worth mentioning?" ~Coleman Cox



THANK YOU to all Legion Family members who volunteered for December 2014 programs, activities & events. What they've done *is* worth mentioning!



VA&R Chairman Pat Best & the Auxiliary members put together & delivered over 300 fruit plates to veterans and wives of veterans in local assisted-living centers, nursing homes, or their own homes.

Legion Family members of the 5th District, including five from Unit 28, spent three days helping veterans choose & wrap gifts for their families at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Christmas Gift Shop. Units of the 5th District donated all the gifts.

Over 50 Auxiliary members volunteered for the Goodfellows program, purchasing warm clothes for over 300 children. Many also participated in the Wrapping Party.

2015 Membership: Your 2014 membership card expired on December 31, 2014. There's still time to renew. Membership Chair Kathy Edwards and I will be collecting dues & passing out membership cards at the Post on January 2nd, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Respectfully, Michele Stetts, Auxiliary President

LEGION RIDERS

By the time you read this newsletter the holidays will be over. I hope all had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!!!! This is the time of the year to be thinking of whom you want to nominate as your new ALR officers. Don't forget Post 28 is always looking for volunteers. The ALR Pulled Pork Dinner will be Jan. 14, 2015. If you have time please come down and help. The post is still looking for volunteers for Friday night Burgers as some of the Burger volunteers are snowbirds and have flown away for the winter. Our ALR meeting is Jan 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm.



Bob Wydeck, Post 28 ALR Director

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SAL

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson



The Sons of the American Legion is a service organization for our country, for our veterans, and for our community. Each year we look for new and old ways to support the ideals of citizenship. If you have some suggestions to add or to improve our current programs and activities, please join us at our regular meeting on the first Monday of each month. We need you and your participation to make Post 28 SAL not only the biggest but also the best in the state.

We welcome these new SAL members: William T. Munroe, Peter A. Orleskie, Jeff D. Wierenga, Jeff L. Vonsickle, Harold D. Crane, and Robert J. Kaminski.

FYI: Mark your calendars for Saturday, Mar. 21, 2015...The SAL 25th Anniversary and New Members plus Spouses Party.

FYI: The SAL and the Don Armstrong Family supplied the pantries at our Salvation Army and Love, INC with 10,000 cans of soups, vegetables, and fruits. Don and his wife, Vera, added new clothing, towels, and blankets to the contributions.

Mike Zolik, SAL Commander



HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard had five funerals from last Post meeting. Army National Guard helped with two funerals.

Legion Members and VFW Members went to Lakeshore Middle School for Veterans Day Program.

Members attended Veterans Day Programs at the Veterans Memorial and Veterans Day dinner at Post #28.

American Legion Honor Guard had members do the Color Guard for the Jingle Bell Parade.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

8 & 40

Happy New Year! The 8 & 40 does not meet in January. See you at the February 10th meeting at 7 p.m.

Linda Quaine, Chapeaux



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Tina's Tidbits

Thanks to everyone for making the Wild Game Dinner a huge success! Thank you for the generous donations by the Post and West Michigan Street Rod Association. All proceeds went to the Flying Heroes.

All who attended the Kids' Christmas Party had a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers for making it happen. The Post looked beautiful inside and out. Thanks to Kim, Tracy, Karen and Terri for the inside & Grand Haven Garden House for the outside decorations.



Posing with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Kids' Christmas Party.

January news. Mark your calendars there are a couple of changes. Karaoke will be on the 10th this month. Trivia will be on 15th. On the 17th Sweet Justice will be playing (7pm - 11pm).

Sign-up day for the Chili Cook-Off is Tuesday, January 6 at 2 p.m.

Come on down and try a Woo Hoo! It's the January Drink Special...\$3.00.

Sad but necessary news:

In order to maintain our current quality and keep pace with the rising costs (of everything), our hamburger prices will be increased by \$1.00 in January. It will be \$4.00 for a single and \$5.00 for a double.

Looking forward to a great year. Thanks, Tina

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 led, and keep all of them in your prayers. Respectfully submitted by George Bennett, Chaplain

Vince Antonich
Charles Davis
Doug 'Tony' Telgenhof
Larry Kuipers
Darrel Myers
Dick Vander Stel
Leslie Ennenga



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American Legion State Commander, Jim Wallace, and Post 28 member, Ray Ribbink, discuss the Goodfellows Christmas program. For many years, Ray has gladdened the hearts and lifted the spirits of many needy children through the distribution of toys and clothes.

GOODFELLOWS FIREFIGHTERS CRUSADE FOR TOYS

We, as the Goodfellows Committee, along with the 132 families, including 304 children, wish to thank everyone for their tremendous effort to make this a great Christmas for all. Also give a big thanks to the local Fire Departments for their tremendous efforts to make this program succeed. With your generous donations, we were able to purchase clothing for each child and pack a family box with a generous amount of toys and games for all.

A special thank you to Post #28 and the crew who came in daily to pack the boxes and keep everything in order. Also to the participants at the Wrapping Party on Thursday night, and especially to all who came on Saturday to deliver all the presents to the children's homes.

Our goal is to make a great Christmas for these children and pray 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
Post #28, Grand Haven, MI

VETS' BENEFITS CORNER

These are two of the authorized endowment fund organizations supported by Post #28.

[Patriot Fund](#)

[Grand Rapids Home for Veterans](#)

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Thank you to the Legion Family members who rang the bells for the Salvation Army during the Holiday Season. Well done!



Dave Mackellar



Tom Taylor



Don Veeneman



Harold & Joyce Weaver



Leo DeGram

Drink Special WOO HOO! \$3.00 **JANUARY 2015** *February – Chili Cook-Off; Hawaiian Luau*
March – Legion Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year!	2 5pm – 8pm Collecting 2015 Membership dues 6 pm Burgers	3
4 OPEN 1 – 7pm \$1 Miller Lite or Bud Lite Draft	5 8am Building & Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	6 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting 2 pm Chili Cook-Off Sign-up \$1-12 oz. CAN BEER	7 5 PM CHOP'S MEATLOAF	8 7pm ALR Meeting	9 6pm Burgers 	10 6pm 
11 OPEN 1 – 7pm \$1 Draft 	12 8am Building & Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	13 8&40 no meeting this month \$1-12 oz. CAN BEER	14 5 PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI	15 7 pm 	16 6pm Burgers 	17 7pm-11pm Band Sweet Justice
18 OPEN 1 – 7pm \$1 Draft	19 8am Building & Grounds Martin Luther King Day \$2 U-Call Tall	20 7pm Executive Committee \$1-12 oz. CAN BEER	21 5 PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK	22	23 6pm Burgers 	24
25 OPEN 1 – 7pm \$1 Draft 	26 8am Building & Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	27 7pm Aux. Meeting \$1 -12 oz. CAN BEER	28 5 PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK	29	30 6pm Burgers 	31