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Dick VanderStel,
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Commander



POST #28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



The June membership meeting came one night after Memorial Day and we still had a good turn out. The new faces were real encouraging. I applaud the "old" faces that attend every meeting. These make up the back bone of our Post. They are not just the WWII guys, but are from every war and conflict the U.S. has been involved in. Attending meetings is the basic foundation of our Post, whether it be Legion, SAL, or Ladies Auxiliary. It all starts there. Please try and attend one. Check your newsletter calendar. Thanks

As this is my last newsletter I would like to thank a hundred people for the past year....but I know I'll leave someone out. My wife Joann and my family. She won't miss my venting. The past commanders and their wives. That's a given. Mack, Butch, Jim, Hugh, the Color/Honor Guard and the Rifle Squads. What they do is what its all about. It's the reason I joined the Legion six years ago. Thank you. I'd like to thank Andy and his "misfits", T.L. and his Gang, and Jeannie and her

wonderful ladies. Finally, the Kelly's, Phyllis, Fran, Phil, Darrell, Paul, Tom, Jan, 2 Georges, 3 Kens, 2 Chris's, and Tina. And finally, the many good friends and veterans that passed on my watch: Chops, Uncle Hank, Philsie, Tom, Fred, Doc Garrison, Burdette, Dave, and many, many more. Thanks, guys.

Your new Commander is David "Mack" MacKellar. It's been a long time since we've had a Marine in charge so cut him a lot of slack. Seriously, Mack will do an awesome job. Step up and volunteer for him and your Post.

New members and transfers: Steve Skodack, Soren Nissen, Jack Burke, Russell Weeks, Richard Potter, Carl Kuzyk, Richard Phillips, Richard Leist, Owen Rottschafer, and Clinton Kavanagh.

Taps were played for: Frederick Westra, Wallace "Wally" Matthews Jr., Timothy Quaine, and Chops May these and all the departed rest in peace knowing that they served their country well.

Its been a real pleasure, Rick Chittenden



Memorial Day

American Legion Commander Dale "Rick" Chittenden and VFW Commander Al Schmidt place wreath at the WWI Memorial.

Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee

C/O American Legion Post 28

700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

The donations for the Fallen Heroes Memorial are coming in quite well. One of the things your committee is doing is offering an inscribed 4" X 8" brick for \$100.00 donation that provides space for two 14 character lines (counting spaces) on it. They will be placed on the ground around the Monument. If you want a larger brick for more inscription you can make a \$1,000.00 or more donation for an 8" X 8" brick. There are forms at the American Legion and the VFW that you can use for your desired inscription and enclose your donation. The forms are made as a pre-addressed envelope that can be mailed to our brick expert Jack Gardner.

Another thing the committee is doing is putting on a dinner on Wednesday July 7 (menu to be determined). The dinner will cost \$8.00 per person and all proceeds will go to the Fallen Heroes fund. The dinner will be served from 5 to 8 PM.



Commander Rick Chittenden welcomes Coast Guard member Clinton L. Kavanagh to Post 28. Clinton was voted in as a Legion member at last Post meeting.

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
Mollie Pipp, Pat Best & Ruth Rescorla,
Executive Board

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Congratulations to our newly initiated members that participated in the ceremony at our May meeting. Welcome to all. As summer gets started we have many activities that need volunteers. On July 29 – 31 the Veterans home in Grand Rapids will hold their annual rummage sale. Donations can be dropped off between the 26th and 28th at the Comstock Park Post on 4 Mile and West River Drive. On July 31st volunteers are needed to push veterans in chairs for the annual Carnival. Call Pat at 842-0749. On Aug 19 our Post will host the monthly bingo for the Veterans in Grand Rapids. Again, assistance is needed with wheel chairs. Contact Pat at 842-0749. Congratulations to our President, Jean Koehs on her election to 2nd Vice President to represent our District. Way to go Jean! 8 & 40 will install new officers this month. Looking forward to the attendance of our Department President. Our next meeting will be July 27th. Hope to see everyone there. In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Auxiliary members for your support while I was in various different offices and most recently as your President. Many of the long time members (you know who you are) gave me such support and so much information that I never could have done this without you. You are a very special group of women. Good luck to the new officers and members, keep in mind that "Many hands make light work". Support your Auxiliary.

President Jean Wolniakowski

MICHIGAN MOVING WALL TO RETURN TO WEST MICHIGAN

The Michigan Moving Wall, a memorial to the men and women from Michigan who lost their lives in the Viet Nam war is returning to Post 28 during the Coast Guard festivities.

Its a message saying, "We will not forget" those who did not come home from Southeast Asia. A place to honor those who have received the Flag as the words "on behalf of a proud and grateful nation" have been spoken.

Through the invitation of Post Commander Chittenden, the Legion Riders are extremely proud to sponsor this display once again at 700 Harbor. The Wall will be on display in front of the Post from July 30 thru August 8th, and will be escorted to the Post on Thursday, July 29th by the Riders and units from the Michigan National Guard.

Books that travel along with the Wall hold pictures and articles of many of these fallen heroes. Friends and family of the men and women from Michigan who gave their lives in Viet Nam are encouraged to bring pictures, articles, or any information to the to the Vets of Chapter 154 to copy and display. Lets give them a face and identity, not just a name on a wall.

We thank the men and women of Viet Nam Veterans of America, Chapter 154 for dedicating themselves to bring to light, and honor our fallen brothers and sisters. Please give them a warm Grand Haven welcome when they arrive. See you there,

Billy Haynes, Rider's Director

**Flag Day "Flag Disposal Ceremony"**

Ray Ribbink part of the Flag Detail, places worn out Flags in fire for Disposal.

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 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 Matson, Post SAL Chairman
 Mike Matson, Membership Chair
 Jeff VanderWeen, Adjutant

**SAL COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

It is hard to believe July is just around the corner. What a great time to be in Michigan. Be sure to plan to come to the entertainment tent on July 2nd and 3rd. Be sure to check the schedule to see what the events are for the day. There will be great musical entertainment both nights.

The Son of American Legion State Convention was cut short last month. Strong winds or possibly a tornado hit the motel we were staying at. Fortunately, no one injured but we were forced to leave the motel at 2:20 am. The rest of the convention was canceled but it was a great opportunity to meet SAL members from across the state.

This past month we had six new members: Doug Snyder, Kevin Baldus, Gordon Hellberg, Stephen Cotton, Joseph Sabo, Patrick Sutton and one transfer member: James Roberts. We continue to be the largest SAL in the State of

Michigan.

The annual golf outing was a great success. 28 teams participated, the weather was ideal, and a great dinner was provided. We had our first hole-in-one winner and a car was won. I will let you know who the lucky winner is in the next newsletter.

Our next SAL meeting will be held on July 12th as July 5th will be used as a holiday to celebrate the 4th of July.

TL Lowe SAL Commander

8TH Annual Legion Memorial Golf Scramble

We had another great Legion Memorial golf outing with a picture post card day and the staff at West Ottawa golf course a wonderful host.

The turnout was strong with 28 four person teams entered in three divisions.

The respective champions for each division were Couples with a score of 62 Jim LaBron, JoAnne LaBron, Robert Marod, Dori Hall, Senior division with a score of 60 Brian Vining, Pat Hood., Dwayne Bloomers Brad Bartols, Open division with a score of 59 Terry Draeger, Brian Draeger,

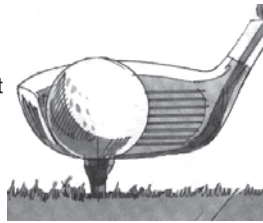
Rich Peel, Maurie Follen.

This year we were treated to a very special event with Bob Marod scoring a hole in one on number 8 that won him a 2010 Chevy Cobalt from Baker Betten in Coopersville. Congratulations Bob!

We want to thank ALL of the volunteers and everyone that helped make this another successful Legion event.

Scott Kelly Co-Chair

Jeff "Dutch" VanderVeen Co-Chair

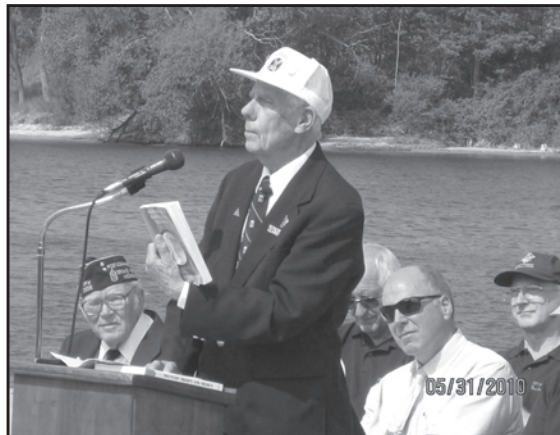
**HONOR GUARD**

This past month we had 5 funerals. Army National Guard came to 2 of the funerals, one for Douglas Wezeman and Legion member Carl "Sarge" Herman. Legion members and VFW Members went to Ferry School for a "Patriot Hall Day" program.

Honor Guard Leader George Bennett

Congratulations to Cleo Phipps, the winner of the Memorial Quilt. Quilts of Valour donated the quilt. A portion of the proceeds went to the Fallen Heroes Monument in the name of the Rescorla Family. Bricks will be ordered.

Thanks to all who participated in the raffle.

**Memorial Day**

Harold Humble was the Guest Speaker at the Waterfront Program with a fly over by the "Hooligans Flight Team".

Andy's Draught

My Farmers Almanac read that this is going to be a HOT summer. At least warmer than last year. So far May was right on, nice and hot. June on the other hand, not so much. If July holds true like May, expect to see the return of Deck-E-Oke Wednesday nights depending on the weather. Watch for dates and times on our Facebook page or call me here at the Post and I'll fill you in.

Our 2010 Post #28 can kooxies will be available this month. They are \$2 each and are available at the bar. I have to say I'm not a fan of this year's colors, but they are the Legion's colors. Maybe next year I'll make them green and white.

Friday, July 2nd and Saturday, July 3rd we will be having our 3rd Annual 4th of July Entertainment Tent. It will be open both days from 6pm – Midnight. The band Clik will be performing 7pm – close both nights. This is a 21 and older event, everyone must show a pictured ID and it is open to the public. COAST GUARD is August 1 – 7. We will be open to the public that whole week. Volunteer sheets will be available at the bar. Now the bad news. Due to recent price increases on our wine, wine is now \$2.50 per glass. Sorry Ken and Phil. My hands are tired.

Keep your eyes on the calendar for upcoming meals, bands and entertainment.

July drink specials: \$2.00 Sea Breeze (Vodka, grapefruit & cranberry juice), Monday's \$2 U-Call tall and Tuesdays \$1 12oz can beer.

Cheers!
 Andy



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JULY DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.00 Seabreeze						
JULY 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 6PM NO BURGERS BEER TENT	3 BEER TENT
4 POST OPEN	5 7:30pm SAL Mtg \$2 U-Call Tall	6 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	7 5PM PERCH DINNER	8	9 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones	10 6pm Karaoke
11	12 \$2 U-Call Tall	13 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	14 5PM SPAGHETTI DINNER	15	16 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado	17
18	19 \$2 U-Call Tall	20 7pm Exec. Comm \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	21 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	22	23 6PM BURGERS 8pm Steve Edge	24
25	26 \$2 U-Call Tall	27 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	28 5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER	29	30 6PM BURGERS	31