

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Our Memorial Day Programs went "Great." I want to thank everyone for coming out to the parade, waterfront program, Eternal Flame and Lake Forest Cemetery programs. I think this was the largest crowd I can remember. I want to thank all the Boy and Girl Scouts, volunteers, marchers and riders for the parade. Thanks goes out to our SAL and volunteers for a wonderful Golf Outing, it was a lot of fun. Thanks Garrett Veihl and Cleo Phipps and your volunteers for a great breakfast and lunch. Ann Wagonmaker and your family thank you for taking care of the crosses and flags in front of the Legion. A special thank you to Pastor Haupt for being part of our Water Front

Program and the Sunday Evening Service at St. Johns Lutheran Church.

I will be attending the American Legion Convention on June 25, where I will be accepting the "Post Website Award". This will be the 3rd time Post 28 has won this award. Congratulations to our Webmaster Michael Zumbach for making this possible for Post 28.

At our June Post meeting we had a good turn out. A special award and American flag from post 28 was presented to Eagle Scout Jordan Parisian by Commander Mack and Boy Scout Liaison Dewie Jordan. Our 50/50 was won by James Porenta who donated it to the Fallen Heroes Memorial. Thanks James.

We have our "Boardwalk Bash" on July 1st & 2nd come on down and have some fun.

This will be my last newsletter as Commander of Post 28. I want to thank everyone for a "Great" year and as other Commanders have said, "I can't believe the year is over". It has been a "Great Honor" to be your Commander. Thanks to all the Volunteers, Officers of the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Legion Riders. To Andy and his wonderful bar staff who are on the front line here at the post, heading off lots of the problems and taking care of all the new membership questions. Thanks to all my committees without all of you things would not have gone so smoothly. I also want to thank our Army National Guard that come out and help us with funerals. Our Coast Guard neighbors for helping out with burger nights and all of our other Teams that help with Wednesday night dinners and burger nights. I hope I have not overlooked thanking everyone.

Legionnaires join us at our July 5th Post meeting where the new officers will be installed. Congratulations to Phil Smith and all the new officers for 2011-2012, I know you will do a great job.

Hope to see all of you at the Post. Please take some time to thank our servicemen and women. God Bless America.

Commander Post # 28 David L. MacKellar "Mack"

## American Legion Officers

David L. MacKellar "Mack", Commander  
Phil Smith, 1st Vice Commander  
Ron Bauer, 2nd Vice Commander  
Butch Balk, Adjutant  
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer  
Chris Tanke, Chaplain  
Hugh Hyde, Judge Advocate  
Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms  
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 4 funerals. Army National Guard helped with 1 funeral. Legion Honor Guard and VFW attended funeral for Albert Weigel. Legion and VFW members also attended a "Patriot Hall Memorial Program" at Ferry School.  
Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## Notice

### American Legion Post 28 Officers for 2011-2012

Commander .....Phil Smith  
1st Vice Commander .....Ron Bauer  
2nd Vice Commander .....Ed DeKoekoek  
Adjutant .....Butch Balk  
Finance Officer .....Jim Thayer  
Service Officers .....Ken Kelly,  
Carl Lori, Adam Shumaker  
Historian .....Nathan  
.....VanKampen  
Chaplain .....Chris Tanke  
Sergeant at Arms .....Sue Metzler  
Executive at Large .....Hugh Hyde and  
.....Bill Kaufman  
Judge Advocate .....Hugh Hyde  
Installation of new officers will be on  
July 5th, 2011

## Announcing the American Legion, Post 28, "BOARDWALK BASH"

July 1&2 2011. Live entertainment, dancing, food, fun, and spirits! Come down and join your friends. Fri. night band will be a local favorite the "BARNDOGS" and Sat night we will be having a super band from Flint. They are the "MAJIC 5" They are a premier variety dance band and have played scores of venues on the east side of Mi. from Detroit to Saginaw. They play a wide range of music from Classic Rock, Blues, Blues Funk, Country, Soul, and Reggae. They are looking forward to their first appearance in West MI. So come on down and enjoy the festivities.



## Joint Memorial Service and Banquet at Charles A. Conklin Post #28

State Commander William Hafeman, Post #28 Service Officer Adam Shumaker, and Masters of Ceremonies David Buist. Guest Speaker Adam Shumaker

05/14/2011



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Summer is here the flowers are blooming. Thanks to everyone who helped with the poppy mailing. On May 24, 2011 we initiated twelve delightful ladies, Lisa J. Davis, Jessica M. Desnayers, Jo A. Griffin, Barbara Herron, Terri Kragt, Michelle S. Potter, Jessica R. Rycenga, Renee L. Rycenga, Dawn M. Stevens, Joanne L. Van Dyke, Karen A. Young, and Gloria Honey. On June 23, 24, and 25, the State Convention was held in Grand Rapids, our own Myrna Puse accompanied the choir on the keyboard. June 28th we had Installation of Officers, our honored guest were the men of the Legion, SAL, and the Riders. Thanks to Michele Stetts for 6 years of hard work as Chairman of Membership. Happy 4th of July, President



Commander MacKellar and wife Char thanked the members of the Legion bar staff and family's. We had a lasagna dinner prepared by Past Commander Garrett Veihl and his helpers Adam Shumaker and Mack. Commander MacKellar was honored when they all showed up with moustaches.

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, *President*  
 Ruth Kelly, *1st Vice President*  
 Diane Jarmac-Kirk, *2nd Vice President*  
 Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*  
 Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*  
 Jean Wolniakowski, *Past President*  
 Lisa Davis, *Parliamentarian*  
 Peggy Vermeer, *Chaplain*  
 Charlene MacKellar, *Sgt. At Arms*



## Andy's Draught

Good news for all you trivia buffs. Trivia will continue through the summer and possibly all year long if we can keep up our attendance. It will remain on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-9pm. It only costs \$3 per person. No cell phones may be used to look up answers.

The 2011 Post #28 can coolers are now available. This year they are green and white and are only \$2. They are available at the bar.

Summer Shanty is now available in a 12oz can. They are only \$2 and even though they are in a can they are not \$1 on Tuesdays. Sorry.

Due to Coast guard week and all the festivities that comes along with it, the Post Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday August 9th.

Thank you Mr. Snufalupagus for coming here for burgers last week. Keep your eyes on the calendar for upcoming meals, bands and entertainment.

July drink specials: \$2.00 Cream Soda (vanilla vodka & root beer), Monday's \$2 U-Call tall and Tuesdays \$1 12oz can beer.

Cheers! Andy

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: Robert Blackmer, Kevin Caldwell, Paul Carlson, Donald Dillenbeck, Jr., Mark Dudek, Drew Edwards, Paul Eggerding, Jason Geoghan, John Hansen, Ronald Kolean, Stephen Smith, Nicholas Stebbins, Gage Westerhouse, James Gould, Geoffrey Voshel, Larry Melville, Richard Poel, Wesley Spyke, Michael Tamm, Lawrence Timmer, Loren Carlson, Timothy Howell.

Taps were played for members: Albert Weigel, Thomas Heiner, Paul Young, Milburn Jenkins, Leon Nienhouse, USMC L/Cpl Dominic Ciaramita of South Lyon, Mi. KIA Afghanistan; Army PFC Robert Friese of Harrison, Mi. KIA Iraq; USMC S/Sgt. David Day of Gaylord, Mi. KIA Afghanistan; Army S/ Sgt. Ergin V. Osman of Harrison Township, KIA Afghanistan; Army PFC. Thomas C. Allers of Plainwell, KIA Afghanistan. Please Support our Troops.

## JULY WEDNESDAY DINNERS

**July 6th Perch Dinner (Legion)**  
**July 13th Zesty Spaghetti (Legion)**  
**July 20th Pulled Pork (Legion Riders)**  
**July 27th Succulent Swiss Steak (Legion)**

Dinners are served from 5pm till 7pm or until the food runs out.

Its a great opportunity to grab a plate and eat outdoors.

Round up some friends and come join us.

Its a tasteful way to support your Post. Thank you, Dinner Committee

## SERVICE OFFICER NOTES

Good news for veterans this month as we again have a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) assigned to our area. Mr. Tommy Simpkins, our new VSO will be visiting our Post on every third Friday each month from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. As always, please have your DD-214 with you when requesting assistance. Mr. Simpkins is also at the Muskegon County OVA Office at 165 E. Apple Suite 201 every Monday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. And he will be at the Grand Rapids CBOC from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays. Always call prior to visiting The Muskegon and Grand Rapids locations to assure that he will be available at your arrival there. He can be contacted by either telephone or email: Tommy Simpkins, VSO  
 Cell Phone: 269 330-6539  
 Email: simpkinst@michiganlegion.org  
 The VSO can assist with claims preparation, presentation, and appeal counsel in veterans' benefits, services and activities.

## 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, Wine Tasting  
 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

Time has flown by this year, it is hard to believe summer is upon us. Hope you were able to make it to Broadway Bash that was held on July 1st and 2nd. It was a well planned event that provided great music and a festive atmosphere leading to 4th of July.

A big Thank You goes to Dale Chittenden and Betten-Baker Chevrolet Buick of Coopersville for providing a car for the Hole-In-One hole at our annual Memorial Day Golf Scramble. Last year the car was won but again Betten- Baker Chevrolet Buick returned to this year to provide this opportunity for another lucky winner. Unfortunately, no one was able to claim this incredible prize this time.

In our June meeting we installed our new Officers and they will begin their duties in July. We wish them success and will work with them to continue making the SAL a vibrant part of the American Legion. The following people were, also, appointed to fill the following positions: Finance Officer - Rich Kelly, Chaplin - Tom Glockzin, Adjutant - Paul Kubicek, Historian - Tom Greenberg, and Membership Chair - Mike Brown.

This past month we added 14 new members: George Huff, Jason Lintjer, Daniel Muellerleile, Brian Nisbet, Stanley Balkema, Ian Foltz, Eric Brown, Joseph Koziol. Ron Nuismer, Eli Misner, Terry Casey, Troy Stevens, Paul Wilford, and Mike Wilford.

A reminder that we will continue to have Trivia on the 3rd Thursday of the month until further notice. We encourage you to come and participate. If you don't have a team, you are more than welcome to join one that currently exists.

A early reminder of the Salmon Festival that will be held on September 16th. The cost for the dinner will be \$10.00 this year. The tentative times for the dinner are from 4:30 - 8:00 pm. Be sure to plan to attend this event. The food is incredible and music entertainment is provided.  
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 Greenberg, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Tom Greenberg, Historian  
Brad Chittenden, Past Commander  
Carl Lori, Post SAL Chairman  
Mike Brown, Membership Chair  
Paul Kubicek, Adjutant

**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST #28 HARBOR AVE.  
CHICKEN BAR-B-Q  
PUBLIC INVITED  
FRIDAY AUG. 5TH  
5:30 - 7PM  
(After Coast Guard personnel  
have been served)  
SATURDAY AUG. 6TH  
NOON TILL 7PM  
(First come, First serve)  
ADULTS \$7.00 A PLATE  
CHILDREN \$4.00 A PLATE  
SCOTTVILLE CLOWN BAND  
APPEARING AFTER THE PARADE**



### WINE FEATURE

Woodbridge Moscato and a Robert Mondavi \$3.25 per glass or \$12.00 bottle.

**At our Memorial Golf Outing,  
one of the Teams from  
Coopersville having  
lots of fun.**

### American Legion Memorial Golf Tournament

What a Great day! The weather was a little cool but everyone still had a wonderful day on the course. We had 30 teams come out and test their skills at West Ottawa golf course that was in great condition.

We had a familiar team once again stake their claim to the Open division crown this year. Terry Draeger, Zac Draeger, Rich Peel and Morie Follen carded a solid score of 8 under 62 to win their division.

The Senior division was captured by a team that has also been in the winner's circle before. The team of Jim Labron, Joann Labron, Robert Marod and Larry Casemier shot a fine score of 7 under 63 to take the senior crown.

The Couples division was tightly contested group this year, but the team of Terry Vipond, Vic Vipond, Barb Bracket and Pat Bracket came out victorious with a score of 5 under 65.

No one claimed the hole-in-one car this year (and with the way gas prices keep climbing we may have to ask Betten Baker about one of those new fangled electric cars next year), but a big thanks to Dale Chittenden for offering the car and we hope to see one again next year.

This year's tournament was a great success and I'm very happy to report that we were able to raise \$3,370.00 for the Fallen Hero's Memorial project.

A Huge thanks goes out to all the Tee sponsors and everyone who helped at the course and back at Post 28 for the steak dinner. These events can't happen without the wonderful volunteers that come out and give their time to make them a success.

Until Next Year,  
Rich Kelly Tournament Chairman



### Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee

C/O American Legion Post 28  
700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

THE FALLEN HEROES MONUMENT fund is continuing somewhat slowly but we have achieved a major milestone in its progress. The funds donated in our association with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation have gone over the \$100,000.00 mark. This has been achieved since our association with the Foundation in March 2010.

With the available funds we had raised prior to our association with the Foundation we still need \$25,000.00 to be raised to achieve our goal of \$130,000.00.

We have continued to work in progressing physically with the Monument. Last month (May) we had the concrete foundation poured in Central Park. So if you walk through the park area you will see where the Monument will be located.

Our Monument supplier has advised us of a delay in the Monument delivery. They had earlier advised us it would be here in April or May but after having cut 3 granite slabs for it out of the quarry the supplier discovered two of them had cracks in them and couldn't be used. So they had to cut new ones and they are advising us delivery of them is early fall.

As a result of the new delivery schedule the committee has now tentatively set the dedication date as Veterans Day, (November 11, 2011).  
Ken Kelly Co-Chair 616-846-2329



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# Boardwalk Bash

AT THE AMERICAN LEGION  
 700 S. HARBOR DR. GRAND HAVEN (NEXT TO BUTCH'S BEACH BURRITOS)

**Friday & Saturday  
 July 1st & 2nd**

**Friday Night:**  
**Barndogs**  
 Oldies & Rock & Roll band from Grand Haven

**Saturday Night:**  
**MagiQ**  
 Classic Rock, Blues & Pop band from Flint

Live Music 7:30pm to 11:30pm  
 Food Available!

- \* Doors open at 6pm
- \* 21 & up to enter
- \* Photo ID required

All Profits Benefit American Legion Charities

JULY DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.00 Cream Soda (Vanilla Vodka and Rootbeer)						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> <b>6PM ENTERTAINMENT TENT</b>	2 <b>6PM ENTERTAINMENT TENT</b>
3 <b>1pm Sunday</b> Hours 1-7	4 <b>7:30 SAL Meeting</b>  \$2 U-Call Tall	5 <b>6pm House Comm.</b> <b>7pm Post Meeting</b>  \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	6 <b>5PM PERCH DINNER</b>	7	8 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> 8pm Silvertones	9
10 <b>1pm Sunday</b> Hours 1-7	11  \$2 U-Call Tall	12 <b>7pm 8 &amp; 40 Meeting</b>  \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	13 <b>5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER</b>	14 <b>7pm Legion Riders Meeting</b>	15 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> 8pm Silverado	16
17 <b>1pm Sunday</b> Hours 1-7	18  \$2 U-Call Tall	19 <b>7pm Exec. Comm.</b>  \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	20 <b>5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER</b>	21 <b>7pm Trivia</b>	22 <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	23
24 <b>1pm Sunday</b> Hours 1-7	25  \$2 U-Call Tall	26 <b>7pm Aux Meeting</b>  \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	27 <b>5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER</b>	28	29 <b>6PM BURGERS</b> 8pm As Is Band	30