

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



July 4th, 2014---Congress on July 2nd, 1776 secretly voted for independence from Great Britain and two days later on July 4th, 1776 The Declaration of Independence was first published. The first public reading was on July 8th, 1776 and delegates began to sign it on August 2nd, 1776. In a letter John Adams wrote to his wife on July 3rd, 1776 he described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4th, 1826 exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration. Take some time to reflect on the importance of this day and remember the many who fought and died to make this country free.

## American Legion Officers

Ed DeKoekoek, Commander  
David Carlson, 1st Vice Commander  
Bob Wydeck, 2nd Vice Commander  
Rick Chittenden, Adjutant  
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer  
George Bennett, Chaplain  
Garrett Veihl, Judge Advocate  
Nathan VanKampen, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Adam Shumaker, Service Officers  
David MacKellar, Historian  
Butch Balk and Chris Whalen  
Executive at Large  
Ron Bauer, Past Commander

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members voted on at our June Meeting were David O. Aker, Gary L. Bofysil, Christopher J. Elderkin, Graham J. Howe, David B. Kelly, A. John Lobbezoo, Kyle A. McCool, (Active Duty), Steven A. Miller, Donald C. Wohlin, Chris D. Carr, Aaron A. Cobb, and Todd Sowards, (Active Duty)

Transfers voted on at June Meeting were Stephen A. Andersen, Barry A Bittrick, Kenneth E. Cott Jr., Gerald G. Griesbach, Marvin E. Howard, James E. Loman, Steven L. Hosmer, and James L. Westerhuis. Welcome to American Legion Post 28! Welcome also to the members who were initiated at our June Meeting.

Taps were played at the June Meeting for Lawrence W. DeKoekoek, Army Korea, Lyle L. Lampson, Navy WWII, Jackie D. Treat, Air Force Korea, Clayton Trinker, Navy WWII, Tony Madl, Army WWII, Jack VerMurlen, Army Korea, Jack Mastenbrook, Army WWII, Edward Bytwerk, Army Air Corps WWII, Joseph J. Filipiak, Navy WWII, Henry DeVecht, Navy Korea, James F. de Spelder, Past Post Chaplain & 5th. District Chaplain, Navy Corpsman with the Marines WWII, and Frederick W. Zallman, Navy WWII. Rest in Peace Fellow Comrades.



## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 11 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with 2 funerals, Air Force helped with 1 funeral and Navy helped with 5 funeral.  
Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett



This year Post # 28 had 24 new members sworn in as Legionnaires at our June post meeting.



Dale "Rick" Chittenden, Adjutant and member of American Legion Post 28 of Grand Haven presents a check for \$1800 to 5th District Commander Catherine Buckley to present to Operation Comfort Warrior. Hats off to Betten Baker Chevrolet of Coopersville for this donation. OCW takes care of returning veterans and their families who are in need of certain creature comforts.



2nd Vice Commander Bob Wydeck had 17 boys go to 'Boys State' in Midland, Mi. Post #28 again had the most boys going to this wonderful program.



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Greetings Auxiliary Members,  
Happy Fourth of July...celebrate our independence and have a great summer! Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Auxiliary events/activities at the Post or in our community during June. At our June 24th meeting, we installed new officers for 2014 – 2015. Three

Auxiliary members who attended the Department Convention in Livonia on June 26th – 29th will be giving their reports at the July 22nd meeting. National will be sending membership renewal notices for 2015 in September. Check the Post newsletter and our Facebook page (facebook.com/unit28ALA) for more activities/events coming up. Continue to volunteer...and pass it on!  
Respectfully, Michele Stetts, President

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Michele Stetts, President  
Charlene MacKeller, 1st Vice President  
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President  
Gloria Honey, Secretary  
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer  
Barbara Herron, Historian  
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain  
Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly  
Ann Kammeraad, Past President



## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

**JULY 2ND**

### PERCH DINNER

Fries, slaw and roll. (Legion)

**JULY 9TH**

### ALL-YOU-CAN EAT ZESTY SPAGHETTI

Salad, garlic toast. (Legion)

**JULY 16TH**

### COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, corn bread. (Legion Riders)

**JULY 23RD**

### Succulent Swiss Steak

Mashed, veggie, roll. (Legion)

**JULY 30TH**

### NO DINNER

### COAST GUARD WEEK

**AUG 1ST**

### ENLISTED MEN'S DINNER

Charcoaled Chicken Dinner. Open to the public at 5:30pm.

**AUG 2ND**

### COAST GUARD SATURDAY

Charcoaled Chicken Dinner. Noon till 7pm. (Legion)

Hard to believe Coast Guard week is in sight. This is Charlie's week to shine. Ask if you can help.

Rick Chittenden W...616-837-3810.

## Andy's Draught

Happy Independence Day! The front yard will be fenced off for your firework viewing pleasure. We will not be open to the public, so only members will be able to purchase alcohol. Make sure you have your card on you. We will be asking for it.

I am excited to announce that Siren Amber is back on tap. We have upgraded our draft system and added two more tap handles. We also added Two Hearted IPA. So on tap we have Miller Lite and Bud Light for \$2 a pint or \$6 a pitcher and Angry Orchard Hard Cider, Oberon, Siren Amber and Two Hearted for \$3 a pint or \$10 a pitcher. Thank you to the SAL for covering the cost of the upgrade.

Tuesday July 29th we will have the Scottville Clown Band back again for another show from 7-8:30. This is a show for all ages and will be open to the public. This year they will be playing in the west parking lot. We are

asking everyone to bring your own chair and there will not be any parking here at the Post. Please make plans to walk, ride your bike or we are working with Harbor Transit about shuttle services. There will not be any cover but we will be asking for donations for Operation Comfort Warriors. OCW is a program started in 2007 by the American Legion to aid our wounded soldiers. 100% of the money raised goes to help our wounded.

Just in case you didn't know already the Scottville Clown Band will not be here after the parade Saturday August 2nd. Our BBQ chicken dinners will still be available.

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

Cheers! Andy

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 lead and keep all of them in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chaplain: George Bennett  
Greg Meyers  
Vince Antonich  
Charles Davis  
Doug Telgenhof  
Roman Marciniak  
Bill Kaufman



Elk's Flag Day program in Spring Lake. American Legion Post Commander Ed DeKoekkoek and VFW past Commander Al Schmidt were guest speakers at this years program.

# SCOTTVILLE

Show for all ages  
Open to the public  
Hot Dogs



## JULY 29 2014 - 7PM

# CLOWN BAND

Donation Welcome  
Bring your own chair





## SAL COMMENTS

In June a number of our members attended the SAL Convention in South Haven where we had an informative and enjoyable weekend. There we were presented the Dept. of Michigan Scrapbook of the Year Award. Kudos to Brock Rodgers! FYI. South Haven's friendly Post 49 sits high on a bluff with great views of the Big Lake and the busy Black River Marina...worth a visit. F.Y.I. For all servicemen and women, Quality Hardwood Floors will purchase a guitar and

Dave Palmer will give once-a-week lessons. For more information contact Dave at: walkthebeatdave@gmail.com

We welcome these new SAL members: Thomas A. Vanderwall, Jeffrey L. Vandyke, Erik L. Nelson, Dan R. Westhoff, and Edward D. Sherman.

Remember to celebrate the 4th with gusto and relish!

"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty." Louis D. Brandeis, U.S. Supreme Court



## LEGION RIDERS

Here it is July we have a lot to look forward to. Riders Bike Night Dates are 7/8/14 & 7/22/14. We will be serving our 1/4lb hot dogs, brats, potato salad, and baked beans from 6 to 8 pm. Our famous Pulled Pork Dinner will be served 7/16/14 from 5 to 7pm.

July 29th, from 6 to 8 or ? regular sized hot dogs and chips for \$3.00 dollars. This is during the performance of the Scottville Clown Band.

Our prayers go out to Greg Meyers and family, and Mike Petznik as they are on our sick list. Get well soon its been a long road of recovery for both.

Ride Safe, Bob Wydeck ALR Director

## SAL OFFICERS

Mike Zolik, Commander  
Tom Shultz, 1st Vice Commander  
Jack DeMarr, 2nd Vice Commander  
T.L. Lowe, Finance Officer  
Al VanDam, Chaplain  
Ross Rigoli, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Brock Rogers, Historian  
Carl Lori, Legion Advisor  
Scott Kelly, Membership  
Paul Kubicek, Adjutant  
Tom Greenberg, Past Commander

## LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Bob Wydeck, Riders Director  
Fred Smith, Assistant Director  
Mike Stressman, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Diana Arens, Secretary  
Larry Foose, Treasurer  
Ryan Atkins, Chaplain  
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair  
Burl Newbill, SR. Road Captain  
Larry Lambert, Grab-an-Run

## 8 & 40 OFFICERS

Char MacKellar, Chapeau  
Barb Kelly, Demi Chapeau Premier  
Barbara Herron, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme  
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire  
Peggy Vermeer, La Cassiere  
Cleo Phipps, L'Archiviste  
Veloce Hansen, L'Aumonier  
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate  
Ann Kammeraad, Le Pouvoir

## 8&40 Salon 499

Our 8 & 40 group pledges to assist in the prevention and control of lung and respiratory diseases in children.. Our next meeting, on July 8 will be a potluck starting at 6 PM, please bring a dish to pass. We will also be installing our new officers for the year. Thank you to everyone who helped me the past two years as Chapeau I really appreciated your help. We have a wonderful group of ladies who work to help the children. Char MacKellar, Chapeau



Commander Ed DeKoekkoek and VFW Commander Ted Raggl place wreath at WWI Memorial. Also members of American Legion and VFW at Eternal Flame Memorial.



# CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

PUBLIC INVITED  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST**  
 5:30 - 7PM  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND**  
 12 NOON - 7pm  
 first come first served  
 ADULTS \$8.00 A PLATE

JULY DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.00 CREAM SODA		JULY 2014			August ~ Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Men's Party, BBQ Chicken September ~ American Legion Picnic	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	2  <b>5PM PERCH DINNER</b>	3  7pm ALR Meet	4  <b>NO BURGERS</b>	5  6pm 
6  OPEN 1PM - 9PM \$1 Draft	7 8am Building and Grounds 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	8  6pm Rider Hot Dogs 7PM 8& 40 MEETING \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	9  <b>5PM ALL-YOU-CAN EAT ZESTY SPAGHETTI</b>	10	11  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	12
13  OPEN 1PM - 9PM \$1 Draft	14 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	15  7pm Executive Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	16  <b>5PM ROAST PORK DINNER</b>	17  7pm 	18  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	19
20  OPEN 1PM - 9PM \$1 Draft	21 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	22  6pm Rider Hot Dogs 7pm Aux. Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	23  <b>5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER</b>	24	25  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	26
27  OPEN 1PM - 9PM	28 8am Building and Grounds <b>PARADE OF SHIPS NOON</b>	29 <b>Scottville Clown Band 7pm</b>	30  <b>NO DINNER</b>	31  7pm ALR Meet	AUG 1. ENLISTED PERSON CHICKEN DINNER 5:30PM GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER <b>NO BURGERS</b>	2 <b>GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER NOON-7PM</b>