

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



At our May Post meeting we had a great turn out with over 90 members and guests. We had 33 new members for our initiation. Our 50/50 drawing was won by Nathan VanKampen and he donated it to the "Fallen Heroes Memorial." The FHM fund is still in need of your help. Please donate if you can.

On May 7, 2011 we had a special program at our post honoring Charles A. Conklin. It was 93 years on May 7, 1918 that Charles died of wounds in France. The sacrifice that Charles and his family gave for our freedom, I hope that we

can keep honoring Charles on this date every year.

We had our Kentucky Derby Day and what a great time. Thanks to our Post manager Andy, Phyllis Yonker, Ken Ennenga, Randy Jackson and many, many more volunteers that helped make this a lot of fun.

This year the 5th District Memorial Program was at our post. One of our Service Officers Adam Shumaker was the Guest Speaker. Great job Adam, you gave a very moving account of your military career and we could all tell by your story the love you have for "God and Country." God Bless you. I also want to thank members from the Grand Haven Coast Guard, John Todd and John Connolly for helping with the POW/MIA ceremony and Flag Folding Ceremony. Great job to our Ladies Auxiliary for a wonderful dinner.

Remember Flag Day is June 14, please join us at the "Water Front Stadium" for a program conducted by the members from the Elks, program starts at 6 PM. After the waterfront program join us at the Legion for a Flag Burning program about 7 PM.

Remember Fathers Day is June 19. Take some time to say thanks to dad and come on down to the Legion and enjoy an afternoon on our wonderful deck. Hope to see you at the Post. Please take time to thank a Veteran and our active duty Service men 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 7 funerals. Army National Guard helped with 5 funerals. Legion Honor Guard and the Army National Guard attended funeral for Edward Clark one of the last members of the 14th Army Air Corp "Flying Tigers" from the China-Burma Theater.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

Notice

American Legion Post 28 Officers for 2011-2012

CommanderPhil Smith
1st Vice CommanderRon Bauer
2nd Vice CommanderEd DeKoekkoek
AdjutantButch Balk
Finance OfficerJim Thayer
Service OfficersKen Kelly,
Carl Lori, Adam Shumaker
HistorianNathan
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ChaplainChris Tanke
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.....Bill Kaufman
Judge AdvocateHugh 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.



Winners of the "Kentucky Derby Hat" contest. 1st Place: Cheryl Myaard, 2nd Place: Terri Vipon, 3rd Place: Ann Kammeraad, Winner of the "Conklin Stakes", Grand Prize: The Roses went to Ruth Kelly and Ann Kammeraad.



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

The rain makes the flowers bloom, summer is here. I attended my first Kentucky Derby at the post and it was a blast. Hope next year to see you all at the run for the roses and wearing a beautiful hat.

Several of the Auxiliary members were invited to hear Rep. Huizenga speak. He was very interesting, as was hearing more about the Fallen Heroes Monument. It was interesting to hear several of our veterans talk about their experiences overseas.

Post 28 hosted the 5th District Memorial Banquet and Memorial on May 14th . A delicious dinner was served by our chef, Cindy, followed by a very impressive service. On May 15th, we hosted the Girls State Orientation. May 24th was the initiation potluck. May 29th was the Memorial Service and on May 30th was the Memorial Parade.

June 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th is the state Convention in Grand Rapids. On June 28th we will have the installation of new officers.

On June 30, 1922, 95 ladies signed the Charter for the American Legion Unit 28 of Grand Haven, Michigan. We now have over 800 members. We sure have grown. Happy Birthday to all members of the Auxiliary unit 28. President Cleo Phipps

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

Our Friday night burgers have become quite the event. Our burgers are so good that it has even attracted a few celebrities. Bad Bad LeRoy Brown, Moe & Curley, John-Boy, Willie Wonka, Justin Beiber & Bathsheba are just a few. If you don't know the routine, you fill out a burger slip with your name on it. When its done the kitchen will call out your name. Some other good ones are "My lights are on", "What's on that plate" and my favorite "Oh my God". Oh my God... your burgers are done.

Burgers are served from 6pm to 8pm (unless we run out). We average about 200 per night. Our record is 380... 380! That's more than 3 burgers being served every minute for 2 hours! Impressive! I don't think I have seen that crew back here since.

We are always looking for crews to cook burgers. A crew should consist of about 6 people, maybe a couple more during the summer. We have experienced crews that will help train any new crew interested in helping. It's a great time, a great way to help the Post & a great way to get involved.

We have added a chicken breast sandwich to our burger night menu. They are \$4 each. The single burgers are \$3 & the doubles are \$4. They are served with a bag of chips, a plate & a smile. The condiments are for the burgers only. They are not for making salads! Any complaints can be brought to the bar. We'll put you to work in the kitchen.

Keep your eye on the calendar for the dinners, bands & events.

June drink specials: \$2 Justice (2 shots & a splash of water), \$2 U-Call-Tall every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday

Cheers! Andy

Notice

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 Officers for 2011-2012

President..... Cleo Phipps
1st V. President Ruth Kelly
2nd V. President Diane Kirk
Secretary Ann Kammeraad
Treasurer Romayne Althaus
Chaplain Peggy Vermeer
Historian Michele Stetts
Sgt-At -Arms..... Barb Kelly
Executive Board Molly Pippis
..... Char MacKellar
..... Sharron MacConnack
House Committee..... Peggy Vermeer
..... Ruth Kelly
..... Kay Dougall
Past President..... Jean Koehs

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: Michael W. Minier, Joseph J. Rafferty, David E. Barber, Jonathon A. MacKellar, Dennis E. Muellerleile and David Seibold.

Taps were played for members: Charles Michael, Edward Clark, Gregory Mulder. Navy Hospitalman Benjamin Rast, from Niles, Killed in Afghanistan. Kalamazoo Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata. God Bless all of you. Please Support our Troops.



SERVICE OFFICER NOTES

One of the most important responsibilities of the American Legion is assisting veterans, be it a simple helping hand or to help build a home for a veteran and their family. One of those services that we provide here at our Post is to transport our veterans that have no other source of transportation to their medical appointments at the veterans hospitals and clinics in Michigan. I cannot stress the importance of this service and if perhaps you might like to be a volunteer and be involved in this, please contact myself, Carl Lori at (616) 842-8294 or leave contact information at the Post. The only requirements are a licensed driver that has a safe and dependable vehicle that has comfortable access. Capability of driving to the VA hospitals in Ann Arbor and Battle Creek is strongly desired at this time along with the clinics in Muskegon and Grand Rapids.

JUNE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

June 1st.....Perch Dinner (People's Choice Award) (Legion)
June 8th.....Zesty Spaghetti (Legion)
June 15th....Pulled Pork (Legion Riders)
June 22nd... Succulent Swiss Steak (Legion)
June 29th....Ham Dinner (8 & 40)
Nothing makes the Dinner Committee and the wonderful volunteers happier than to see hungry people show up for dinner on Wednesday nights. This time of year grab a seat up on our beautiful deck and dine. Nice view. We make plenty of food during the Summer months, so come on down. Thanks

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

A big Thank You goes out to the Memorial Day volunteers who helped set up the chairs down by the waterfront and the podium for the program.

The SAL held another successful golf outing on Memorial Day weekend. Rich Kelly, Chair, and his committee organized a great fund raising event for the Fallen Heroes Monument. Many volunteers donated their time and energy setting up, putting out signs for the Tee Sponsors, providing morning Bloody Marys, jello and pudding shots, appetizers for the turn, Hole-in-One tee watchers, and cooks for the incredible dinner after the golf outing. If you did not participate this year, you should plan on attending next year's annual event.

Trivia will continue through the Summer months, if we have enough people continue to come in on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next gathering will be on June 16th. It is a lot of fun to spend with your friends and family trying to be the overall winner for the night. After buying a round for the participants at the end of the contest, the rest of the money is donated to a charity of the winners choosing.

You should consider having your monthly newsletter sent to you by email vs mail. This can save the Post a tremendous amount of money by reducing mailing costs and duplicate mailings. Contact Andy with your email to make this a reality. You can, also, send Andy any announcement that you would like to be included in the monthly newsletter.

The following new members were approved for membership in May: Larry Miller, Adam Chase, Dean Vanderstelt, and Paul Veach. Again the SAL has met the membership goal for the year.

Please find time in your busy schedule to come down to the Post to enjoy the great view of the water on or below the deck. It is a great place to be in the summer months.

Finally, there will be an Entertainment Tent on July 2nd and 3rd held at the Post. If you are interested in working this event, there is a sign-up sheet at the bar. It can be a lot of fun working with your friends while having an enjoyable evening listening to great music and enjoying the lively atmosphere.

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

June 25th Marine Corp. Steak Dinner

12oz Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Dinner Roll and Cake all for \$12. It is open to the public and will be served from 5pm until we run out.

WINE FEATURE

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



A BRICK TO REMEMBER THEM BY "FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL"

Contribute to the memorial by purchasing an inscribed brick. May we suggest using the identity of the donor or something similar because the name of the hero will be inscribed on the memorials.

A donation of a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$999.00 with a maximum of 28 characters will purchase a 4"x8" brick.
A donation of \$1,000.00 or more will purchase a 8"x8" brick with a maximum of 56 characters. This size is good for groups, etc.
(example - "In Honor of Robert Hodel," 24 characters)
(example - "The Ken Kelly Family," 20 characters)

Please send check or money order for

\$ _____
payable to **"FHM-BRICKS"**

My name is:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

For clarification, information or questions, call
Jack Gardner (The Brick Man)
P.O. Box 43
Spring Lake, MI 49456
(616) 607-7265.

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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

JUNE DRINK SPECIALS: \$2.00 Justice (2 shots & a splash of water)						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5PM PERCH DINNER	2	3 6PM BURGERS	4 6pm Karaoke
5	6 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	7 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	8 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	9 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	10 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones	11
12	13 \$2 U-Call Tall	14 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	15 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER	16	17 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado	18
19 FATHER'S DAY	20 \$2 U-Call Tall	21 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	22 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	23	24 6PM BURGERS 8pm Steve Edge	25 5pm Marine Corp League Steak Dinner
26	27 \$2 U-Call Tall	28 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	29 5PM HAM DINNER	30	July 1 6PM BURGERS 6PM ENTERTAINMENT TENT	2 6PM ENTERTAINMENT TENT