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American Legion Officers

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Chris Tanke, Chaplain
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Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms
Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers
Nathan VanKampen, Historian
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman
Executive Board at Large
David L. MacKeller "Mack", Past Commander

COMMANDERS COMMENTS



My fellow Legionaries; First I would like to congratulate our new Post Officers for 2012-2013; Commander Ron Bauer, 1st Vice Commander Ed DeKoekoek, 2nd Vice Commander David Carlson, Adjutant Rick Chittenden, Finance Officer Jim Thayer, Service Officers Ken Kelly and Adam Shumaker, Historian Nathan VanKampen, Chaplain Chris Tanke, Sergeant at Arms Sue Metzler, Judge Advocate Hugh Hyde, and Executive at Large Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman. I'm sure all of you will do a wonderful job, welcome aboard. Installation of our new Officers will take place at our July 3rd meeting. Well when this news letter goes out the road in front of the Legion should be all done. I guess we will have one more day in May that the road will be closed for 24 hours, glad it is all over. This month on June 5th we will have initiation of our new members, the Adjutant told me he sent out 142 invitations, I hope they all show up. Also in June is our State Convention being held in Kalamazoo from June 28th to July 1st. I hope some of our members can attend. On June 14th we will have Flag Day Ceremony. The Elks does a program at the water front, then we return to the Post for our solemn ceremony of retiring the flags. It's a very moving ceremony in our parking lot. Please try to attend. Until next month, I'll see you at the Post, Phil Smith, Commander Post #28.



During the Lakeshore Big Band at the Legion Friday night May 4, there was a Ceremony honoring Colonel L. Bryan Shelburne US Army Retired. For his Military service as a conductor of the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" based out of Washington D.C. Colonel Shelburne took part in the Lakeshore Big Band playing the trombone for one of the music sets. Awards handed out were "Special Commendation Award", "American Legion Thank you coin", "US Army Pin" and "America is number one thanks to its Veterans" pin. Officers 1st Vice Commander Ron Bauer, 2nd Vice Commander Ed DeKoekoek, 2nd Vice "elect" Dave Carlson and Past Commander Dave MacKeller presented awards to Colonel Shelburne.



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

I have enjoyed writing to you for the last year and a half but my time is done and our new President will be installed June 19th. I would like to thank all of the Legion members, S.A.L., Riders, and Auxiliary members who have helped me during my term of office as president.

It was an exciting month of May, we celebrated the lives of our Veterans and their families. June 28th - July 1st is the Department Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo. On June 30, 1922, 95 ladies signed the Charter for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 of Grand Haven, Michigan. We now have over 900 members. We sure have grown. Happy Birthday to all members of the Auxiliary Unit 28. See you at the Legion Post. President Cleo Phipps

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS Welcome to our new members and transfers: Nicholas Anderson, Robert Connelly, Jerry Hamberg, Gustavo Mancilla, John Queen, George Back, Gregory Hendricks, Daniel Nagalski, David Gingras, William Ellingboe, and David Dejonge. Taps were played for the following members; Jack Norton, and Matthew Bakale.



HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 2 funerals. U.S. Navy helped with funeral for Matthew Bakale.

Past Commanders Ken Kelly, Tom Streng, Ray Ribbink, Dave MacKellar, with 1st Vice Commander Ron Bauer and Honor Guard Leader George Bennett attended Private funeral for Jack Norton at Rosedale cemetery in Standale.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

8&40 Salon 499

At our May meeting we initiated three new partners into our Salon. Those receiving their pins were Kay Dougall, Barbara Herron, and Pat Vadas. At our June 12, meeting the slate of officers will be read and voted on. Plan to join us for this evening. I hope many of you took part in the Memorial Day activities and some of the partners plan to join in the Cystic Fibrosis Walk. From now into October our meetings will be upstairs to leave more room for those in the bar. Enjoy the nice weather we are having. Chapeau, Ann Kammeraad

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

JUNE 6TH
PEOPLE'S CHOICE
PERCH DINNER,
Fries and slaw (L)

JUNE 13TH
ZESTY SPAGHETTI
All you-can-eat,
along with garlic bread, salad (L)

JUNE 20TH
PULLED PORK
DINNER,
Mashed, gravy, veggies and
dinner roll. (LR)

JUNE 27TH
SUCCULENT
SWISS STEAK,
Mashed, gravy, veggie
& dinner roll. (L)

Dinners are served from 5-7pm.
Prepared by volunteers with
loving care. Just ask Fran.

10th Annual American Legion Memorial Golf Tournament

Well, summer is coming on fast and it looks like everyone has been bitten by the golf bug. We filled the tournament field of 30 teams on May, 10th this year, which is the earliest that has ever happened. We are looking forward to a great time and all three divisions are well represented. We have some great hole-in-one prizes with the new car by Betten Baker and Dale Chittenden leading the way. We have also added Senior Tee's for anyone 55 and older playing in any one of the three divisions. Morning registration is at 7:30 to 8:30 and the shotgun start is at 9:00AM.

By the time this newsletter is out the tournament will more than likely be in the record books, and I'm sure we will all have had a great time. So take care and the tournament wrap-up will be in the next newsletter. Until then, Rich Kelly Chairman

Andy's Draught

Harbor Ave is finished, or is supposed to be as I'm typing this. I can't wait for those barricades, cones and crew to leave. The crew has done a great job making sure there was access to the Post. Sometimes more treacherous than others, but for the most part our business was not effected as badly as it could have been. Thank you to the crew and their hard work. You will not be missed.

As some of you may have noticed I have hired some new bands for our Friday nights dances. Don't worry the Silvertones will still be playing the second Friday every month as they have been for the last 20+ years and Woody and the Silverado Band will still be here the third Friday every month.

Some of the new bands you can look forward to seeing this summer will Azz-Izz, Murphy's Law and Sweet Justice. I'm going to try to get at least one of these bands in the rotation about once a month.

A note to go along with our dances, please do not use anymore dance wax! We recently spent a lot of money to have the floors stripped and refinished. That dance wax ruins the finish on the floor.

We will not be having another beer tent this year to celebrate to 4th of July. We will fence off the front lawn for our members for your firework viewing pleasure. We will not be open to the public. This year we will be open to members only. Keep your eye on the calendar for the dinners, bands & events.

June drink specials: \$3 Anothers, \$2 U-Call-Tall every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday
Cheers! Andy



SAL COMMENTS

A big thank you for all those who participated in the Memorial Day celebration. The parade, programs, breakfast, set-up and take down. Again the work of many made this a successful event.

The SAL elected their Officers and they are as follows: Tom Greenberg - Commander, Mike Zolik - 1st Vice, Tom Shultz - 2nd Vice, Brock Rodger - Sergeant of Arms, Rich Kelly - Finance Officer, Paul Kubicek - Historian, and Tom Glockzin - Chaplin. We wish them well and look forward to their leadership over the next year.

The SAL held another successful golf outing on Memorial Day weekend. Rich Kelly, Chair and his committee organized another great outing. Many volunteers donated their time and energy setting up, having a snack at the turn, putting out Tee Sponsor signs, Hole in One watchers, serving Bloody Marys on arrival, and the cooks for the delicious lunch after the golf outing. If you were unable to golf this year, please put it on your calendar for next year. It is always the Saturday prior to Memorial Day. Finally, a big Thank You goes to Dale "Rick" Chittenden and Batten-Baker Chevrolet Buick of Coopersville for a providing a car for the Hole-in-One opportunity.

The following new members were approved and they are as follows: Mark Easton, Scott Batchelder, James Hershberger, John Johnson, Joel Meeusen, and James Buttson.

With the warm weather beginning to be the normal rather than the exception, be sure to stop down to the Legion to enjoy the deck or patio with friends and family.

TL Lowe - SAL Commander

SAL OFFICERS

TL Lowe, *Commander*
Tom Greenberg, *1st Vice Commander*
Jack DeMaar, *2nd Vice Commander*
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*
Mike Zolik, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Tom Greenberg, *Historian*
Carl Lori, *Legion Advisor*
Mike Brown, *Membership*
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*
Brad Chittenden, *Past Commander*

UPCOMING POST MEETINGS

June 5th Meeting

Initiation of new members. Be at the Post at 6:30. We haven't lost one yet!

July 3rd Meeting

Swearing in of new officers.
Past Commander Phil is buying.



Winners of the "Kentucky Derby Hat" contest

1st Place Susan Vanderweg,
2nd Place Tina Davis,
3rd Place Kathy Parmer



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JUNE DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 ANOTHER		JUNE 2012				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July ~ Independence Day August ~ Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Men's Party, BBQ Chicken September ~ American Legion Picnic				1	2 6PM BURGERS	6pm Karaoke
3	4 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	5 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	6 5PM PERCH DINNER	7	8 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertone Band	9
10	11 \$2 U-Call Tall	12 7pm 8&40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	13 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	14 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	15 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado Band	16
17 FATHER'S DAY	18 \$2 U-Call Tall	19 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	20 5PM PULLED PORK DINNER	21 7pm Trivia	22 6PM BURGERS	23
24	25 \$2 U-Call Tall	26 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	27 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	28	29 6PM BURGERS 8pm Azz-Izz Band	30 6pm Karaoke