



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDER



On March 17th, we will be celebrating the 88th birthday of the American Legion at Post #28. The Charles A. Conklin Post, Grand Haven, Department of Michigan was named in honor of the first serviceman from Grand Haven to make the supreme sacrifice in World War I. He served with the Rainbow Division and died May 7, 1918. You can read the entire story of Charles A. Conklin on our website ([www.grandhavenlegion.org](http://www.grandhavenlegion.org)). Our charter

was issued at National Headquarters in Indianapolis and is dated August 1, 1920. Meetings were first held in the Armory, then the basement of the library, then in rooms over the Kroger store, and in 1936 in the Oakes Building. The present site at 700 S. Harbor was purchased in 1937. By the Spring of 1938, meetings were held in this new building. Happy Birthday!

Bill Kaufman  
Commander, Post 28



Post 28 Rifle Team

Seated L to R: George Bryant, Jim Walton, Ray Ribbink, Dale Chittenden, Ed DeKoekkoek.  
Standing L to R: Dave MacKellar, Doug Telgenhof, Bill Kaufman, Hugh Hyde, Garrett Veihl, Dan MacKellar.

### BUS TRIP

Post 28 is planning a tour of other American Legion Posts by bus on Saturday, March 3, 2007. We will meet at our Post at noon with the bus leaving at 1:00 p.m. We will visit the Holland Post, Dorr Post, Kentwood Post, Grandville Post, and then back to Post 28 around 8:00 p.m. We will have an optional meal at one of the Posts. This is open to all Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary members and the cost is \$15 per person payable at sign-up to cover the bus charge. A sign up sheet will be posted in the bar on a first -sign-up basis. The bus holds 56 passengers.

### 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  
Texas Hold 'Em

#### April

IRSParty  
Armed Forces Day

#### May

Memorial Day  
Kentucky Derby Party  
Legion Memorial Golf Outing

#### June

Flag Day

#### July

Auxiliary Flea Market  
Independence Day

#### August

Coast Guard Festival  
Enlisted Men's Party  
BBQ Chicken

#### September

American Legion Picnic

#### October

Steak & Shrimp  
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

B & G 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only  
House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only  
Post 7pm

#### 2nd Monday

SAL Meeting 7:30pm

#### 2nd Tuesday

8 & 40 Meeting 7pm

#### 4th Tuesday

Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

#### 1st Saturday

Karaoke

#### Every Wednesday

Dinners 5-7pm

#### 1st Friday

Lake Perch or TBA 5-7pm

#### All Other Fridays

Burgers 6-8pm

## Andy's Draught

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming sympathy & support with the recent loss of my Father. I would especially like to thank our Color Guard, Honor Guard & Rifle Team for honoring my Father at his memorial. Words cannot express my gratitude.

On a lighter note... we know how to throw a party! Despite the weather, the S.A.L. Vegas Night was a great time & the Chili Cook-Off had its best year ever! Thank you to all the volunteers. Its because of our volunteers these parties are so successful. We couldn't do it without you. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the upcoming parties, let me know. Speaking of parties, we have a new one this year. Thursday, June 21st from 6-9pm is our first annual Race Night Celebrity Serve. We are going to have the Crews & theirs cars from Berlin Raceway here at our Post! Bring the kids. They will be able to see the cars up close, hear the motors roar & get autographs from the Drivers. There will be food, booze & raffles. Saturday, June 23rd is Legion Night at Berlin Raceway. We have the deck rented, so you can watch the Drivers you just met. It will be a lot of fun for everyone. March drink specials: \$2 Sangria & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

*Cheers,  
Andy*

## Adjutant's Advice

I would like to paraphrase a colleague of mine, whom I've never met. In his newsletter he discusses some things that I think we should be aware of. Our Bar/Banquet Room is a fundraiser and benefit of our membership. It is NOT a right of passage or guarantee of cheap drinks. Nor does it exist to satisfy guests and members of other clubs over the desires of Post 28 members.

Our social activities are governed by our House Committee, with the ultimate approval of the Executive Board. These committees exist because a few members volunteer to hold office and to volunteer their time, effort, and skill, with the goal of making Post 28 a better place. These committees review our past and future functions and events. They also review our financial status. Minutes of these meetings can be and are periodically reviewed at the general membership meeting.

Therefore, those of you that decide not to attend meetings or hold office, have consented to the rules and procedures that are resolved from these committees and meetings, You have abdicated your responsibility by not participating. We here at Post 28 could use some quality people to volunteer with our work!! Give it some thought, won't you??

Phil Slater, Adjutant



## S.A.L.

### Greetings:

February has come to a close and March is sprinting in like a Lion, wow, what a cold stretch we have endured.

A recap of January, the Vegas Night was a success both for the SAL and the bar, it was busy all night and a good time. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible, without volunteers the post would not be what it is. Thank you also to the Auxiliary for serving food all evening.

February started off with a bang with the annual Chili Cook-Off. SAL would like to congratulate the Chili committee, volunteers and all the cooks for a great job. What a good time ..every year! The other big event for February was the Hawaiian Luau, I'll talk more about that next month.

The month of March sees the SAL hosting the ALL in TEXAS HOLD'EM tournament, Saturday the 24th, we will have satellite games, cash games and 2 tournament games. Satellite and cash games will begin at 11:00 am and continue until midnight, with the tournament games at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Players and volunteers are needed. For more information you can contact Mike Mattson at 616-638-2590. Hope to see you all there.

The February meetings saw the SAL voting in 6 new members, they are MICHAEL RANT, DOUG VANDERWALL, JAY STEVENS, DENNIS E. KOVACS, JASON LEDERMANN and PAUL HOPE, congratulations and welcome, we hope to see you around Post 28.

Have a great month,  
Mike Mattson  
SAL Commander Squadron 28



## Membership News



Please welcome  
New members:

Andrew Zalsman  
Kenneth Brand

Lawrence Loth  
John Herrema  
Howard Stormzand  
Edward Nowak  
William Ellingboe

Taps were played for:

Raymond  
VanderHoek  
Howard Botbyl

## AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY

The 88th American Legion Birthday Party  
Saturday, March 17, 2007  
Dinner Tickets available at the bar until March 13th for \$7.50 each.  
Limit 170 people.  
Social hour - 6 p.m., Prime Rib dinner at 7 p.m.  
Speaker will be Rev. Dan Anderson, Pastor of Spring Lake  
Presbyterian Church and S.A.L. member.  
Attendance limited to Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members with  
spouse or guest.

## TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH  
NOON - MIDNIGHT  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
A training class will be held  
contact Mike Mattson 638-2590



## Auxiliary

It's great to be a part of the best Legion family in the state. They are a very caring, supportive family. Thanks for caring so much.

There is no regular Auxiliary meeting in March but there are a couple of special events-- Tuesday, March 20th we are hosting the 5th District Dinner meeting at 6:30 pm. I hope many of you can attend and/or help in the kitchen. Then, on Thursday March 29th the VFW Auxiliary will be our guests at 6 pm for dinner.

8 & 40 meeting will be Tuesday, March 13th. Also we have the Legion birthday on Saturday, March 17th. Tickets for this must be purchased by March 14th. (I think it's time WE had a birthday party.) The date of our charter is June 30, 1922.

Girls State delegates will have been selected by the time this newsletter is out and we'll list them next month.

Our condolences go out to Bar Manager Andy and his family.

A slate of officers was presented at the February meeting and our election will take place at the April meeting.

Thanks to all who took over the January meeting while I was in the hospital. Sorry ladies, I heard you did an outstanding job on such short notice. My new hip is coming along nicely.

I've had a couple of mailings from our Department President that we have reached goal in membership. Good Going, Michele. At the last meeting we were reported to be at 603 Auxiliary members.

Your crippled President Ruth

## House Committee News

Well, here it is March and our Wednesday dinners are back in swing. We will be trying some new menus and our plan is to have two main entrees to choose from. I would like to thank our retiring volunteers from the dinner committee, Don "Chops" Rescorla, Hugh and Marge Hyde. May you enjoy your "retirement". It's going to be hard to replace you fine people. I must also put out a S.O.S. for more volunteers for the dinner crew and all other activities. We will be going to the hockey game with the Muskegon Fury on March 25th. Game time is 2 p.m. and the cost is \$6.00. All you need to do is show your Legion card at time of purchase.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers at Post 28. No matter how small or large the task, it is you who make our Post work. We just had a very successful Chili Cookoff, and as in years past, it was you who made it happen. So from the person who took out the trash to the committee members of all activities, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is why I enjoy our Post and it's members. I would like to name each and every volunteer we have, but I won't for fear of missing one or two. You know who you are, so smile, give yourself an "attaboy" or "attagirl", and please keep on helping. We need each and every one of you.

Thank You,

Garrett Veihl, House Committee Chair

## CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

1st Place: **BLACK JACK CHILI** - Mark Jacobson, Kevin Behm

2nd Place: **CAMP BEAR PAW CHILI** - Mike Mattson, Brian Mattson, Howie DeGram, Gary Kattsburg

3rd Place: **BACK ROOM CHILI** - Paul Kubicek, Dan Smart, Scott Bennet, Phil Young

Best Table Presentation: **DEVIL'S DELITE** - Rich Sibley, Bob North, Bruce Rindquist, Mark Seeback

## LEGION RIDERS PROGRAM

The Post has approved and is interested in forming a Legion Riders Program within Post 28. This is an enjoyable Post activity for all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members who enjoy motorcycle riding together and supporting the Legion programs and goals.

Membership requirements are as follows: (1) A current member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion, and (2) You must own a motorcycle of at least 350c.c. in size or be the legal spouse of an owner who is an A.L.R. member.

An informational meeting will be held at Post #28 on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. If you can't make it that night, or need more information, contact Jack VanWeelden at 846-8965 or go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and click on the American Legion Riders Program tab under Programs/Events.



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### Post #28 American Legion Officers

William Kaufman, *Commander*  
Garrett Veihl, *1st Vice Commander*  
Dick Vanderstel, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Phil Slater, *Adjutant*  
Chris Whalen, *Finance Officer*  
George Bennett, *Chaplain*  
Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*  
Ed Jaworowicz, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Jim Walton, *Service Officer*  
Doug Telgenhof, *Historian*  
Mike Zeiff, *Past Commander*

### Post #28 SAL Officers

Mike Mattson, *Commander*  
Alan VanDam, *1st Vice Commander*  
Brad Chittenden, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*  
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*  
Charlie Yonker, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Jeff Vanderveen, *Historian*  
Scott Bennett, *Past Commander*  
Howard Mattson, *Post SAL Chairman*  
Michael Brown, *Membership Chair*  
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

### Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

Ruth Kelly, *President*  
Barbara Kasmauski, *1st Vice President*  
Jean Koehs, *2nd Vice President*  
Norma Brazda, *Secretary*  
Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*  
Ann Kammeraad, *Chaplain*  
Ruth Rescorla, *Historian*  
Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Myrna Pose, *Junior Post President*  
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

### Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski  
Helen Hinds  
Kathleen Jackson

### POST HOURS


Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm+  
Sat Noon - 10pm+



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## MARCH 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* MONTHLY SPECIAL - \$2 <sup>00</sup>			SANGRIA		1 2 <b>PERCH &amp; SHRIMP</b> 5PM <i>Borgie Tickle Ivories 5-7:30</i>	3 <b>Bus Trip</b> Noon-8pm
		4 House Post 6pm 7pm  +1 Beers	7 <b>HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES</b> 5pm		9 <b>BURGERS &amp; FISH</b> 6PM <i>Silvertones 8pm</i>	10 <b>Karaoke</b> 6-11pm
	11 S.A.L. 7:30pm	13 Exec Comm 8 & 40 7pm 7pm  +1 Beers	14 <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 5pm		16 <b>BURGERS &amp; FISH</b> 6PM	17 <b>Post Birthday Party</b> 6pm
		18 Auxiliary 5th District 6:30pm  +1 Beers	21 <b>STUFFED CABBAGE STUFFED BELL PEPPER</b> 5pm		23 <b>BURGERS &amp; FISH</b> 6PM	24  <b>Texas Hold'em</b> Noon-Midnight
		25   +1 Beers	28 <b>ITALIAN MEATBALL SANDWICH ITALIAN ROAST BEEF SANDWICH</b> 5pm	29 VFW Auxiliary Guest Dinner 8pm	30 <b>BURGERS &amp; FISH</b> 6PM <i>Silverado 8pm</i>	31
1 April		2 House Post 6pm 7pm  +1 Beers	4 <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 5PM	5	6 <b>BURGERS &amp; FISH</b> 6PM	7 <b>Karaoke</b> 6-11pm