



Post 28 Newsletter

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POST 28 COMMANDER

Winter's not done yet, but the light is at the end of the tunnel. Thus far it has been an old time winter, like in the good old days.

But those of us who have been hanging around the Post have seemed to survive. Here we are marching into March, not knowing what's in store for us with the snow and the cold. But we do know what's in store for us, here at Post 28. This month it's our birthday, we will be having a party on March 15, please come and enjoy. There is a nice plate of PRIME RIB waiting for you! Look at the ads inside for more details on this and other events. Don't forget to stop in on March 17, this is St. Patrick's Day, if you wear green Andy has a something in store for you. Lets see whats up Andy's

sleeve.

It isn't too early for you ladies to start putting your Kentucky Derby Hats together. Don't forget the LUSH BUS 3 trip on April 12. We will have our food drive on April 18, with a chicken dinner, served from 5pm to 7pm.

I would like to thank all our helpers around the Post. Without you fine people, all we would be is a building overlooking the Grand River. But with you we are a GRAND PLACE to have a good time, with family and friends, THANK-YOU.

Garrett Veihl
Post 28 Commander

BELL DINGERS

The American Legion and Auxiliary from the Charles A. Conklin Post #28 of Grand Haven helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year. They were at Orchard Market in Spring Lake, Wal Mart and D&W of Grand Haven. The American Legion helped raise over \$950 this year for the Salvation Army of Grand Haven. Thank you to everyone for making this a special year.



A couple of our dingers, Larry and Lucille Kuipers rang bells at the D&W.

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2008-2009

Commander - Dick VanderStel
1st Vice - Rick Chittenden
2nd Vice - Dave MacKellar
Adjutant - Phil Slater
Finance Officer - Perry Delille
Service Officers - Jim Walton and Ken Kelly
Chaplain - Ed Jaworowicz
Sgt at Arms - Ed Dekoekkoek
Historian - Doug Telgenhof

Executive Comm at large (2) - Chris Whalen and Ray Ribbink

We will vote on this ballot at the May meeting and install at the June meeting.

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

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

House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only
Post 7pm

Every Monday

Building & Grounds 9am

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



Auxiliary

As I sit here and write this article for the newsletter it is the middle of Feb. and the Chili Cook Off was last Sat. What a great party it was and a big Well Done to Phil Slater and Jim Montgomery for putting on another great bash. A big pat on the back to all those that helped out also.

This year Helen Hinds was in charge of Girls State and she had twelve girls from Spring Lake and three from Grand Haven come down to the Post and be interviewed by Kelly VanderHoek and Jill Vander Stel these two Gals attended Girls State when they were in High School so it was determined they would make good persons to do the interviews. Orientation will be held Sunday April 27th at the Legion.

We are going to be hosting the Fifth District meeting at our Post on the evening of Mar. 18th. Let's have a big turnout.

The Auxiliary really needs help in the kitchen, if you can come down and serve in the kitchen and help out where needed for up coming events call Norma Brazda. Let's everybody think spring and sunshine. We need it.

Now for the hard part of this article. As of Feb. 5th I have resigned my position as President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Due to my short time as a member of the Auxiliary I feel that I do not have enough experience to lead the Auxiliary and implement new ideas and ways of doing things that are so badly needed to attract new and younger members to the organization. When a organization or any entity becomes stagnated in its thinking it stymies growth. Therefore I have decided to take this action.

I enjoy and will continue my membership in the Auxiliary and will be available to help in any way I can.

Thank you for understanding.
Pat Vander Stel

MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Day Association will meet here on the April 7, 21 May 5, 12, 19, and a wrap up date of June 2. All meetings will take place at 7pm.

CHILI DAY

Once again the Chili Cook-Off has come and gone! It was a very long day for the Committee, volunteers, and of course, Andy and his staff. I would like to thank all those who participated, volunteered, and worked so diligently that day! And again we had a very successful day as we raised monies for the American Legion Post #28. It truly was a wonderful party!! With that being said, here are the winners of the Chili competition.
1ST PLACE: "DOUBLE FLUSH" Chris Whalen, Mark Rinkevich, Tony Beurkens, and Andy Nowack.
2ND PLACE: "THE HOTTIES" Paul Kubicek, Phil Young, Dan Smart, and Scott Bennett
3RD PLACE: "CHICKEN CHICKS" Kim Whalen and Tracy Easton

Congratulations to the teams that placed and again thank you to the teams that participated, because without you this event doesn't happen!! Keep tweekin' those recipes and we'll see you at next year's event.

The Chili Cook-Off Committee is: Jim Montgomery, Co-Chair, Phil Slater, Co-Chair, W. Bruce Chase, Carolyn Wiebenga and Ed Smith.

AUXILIARY HELP NEEDED

Attention All Auxiliary Members! We are desperate to have a little help from a lot of people. As you know we had an irreplaceable person running all of our funerals, luncheons and parties. She has decided to move on and enjoy life (good for her). Now we all have to step up to the plate and do our part. We are forming many teams to share the load of shopping, preparing and serving for our events. I need to receive a call from each and every member. Tell me where you can do your part. If we can't get the help from everyone, we won't be doing any events. If we don't have events, we have no funds. This is a crucial time for the Auxiliary. If you are a new member and haven't come to a meeting, this is your time to get your foot in the door. We have a great time and you could find you have some great friends down here. Please make a call and help us out. Many hands make for little work. Call Jean at 842-8237

Membership News

Welcome to our new members and transfers!

Robert L. North Jr.
Richard H. Rouwhorst
Steven W. Skodack Jr.
Rishard J. Tanis
Warren L. Bender
Stanley K. Johnson
Phillip C. Jordan
Patrick W. Perry

TAPS played for:

William Booth II and Owen Fett.



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Post #28 American Legion Officers

Garrett Veihl, *Commander*
Dick Vanderstel, *1st Vice Commander*
Dale Chittenden, *2nd Vice Commander*
Phil Slater, *Adjutant*
Chris Whalen, *Finance Officer*
Ed Jaworowicz, *Chaplain*
Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*
Ed DeKoekkoek, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jim Walton, Ken Kelly, *Service Officers*
Doug Telgenhof, *Historian*
William Kaufman, *Past Commander*

Post #28 SAL Officers

Alan VanDam, *Commander*
Brad Chittenden, *1st Vice Commander*
T.L. Lowe *2nd Vice Commander*
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*
Charlie Yonker, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Jeff VanderVeen, *Historian*
Mike Mattson, *Past Commander*
Howard Mattson, *Post SAL Chairman*
Mike Mattson, *Membership Chair*
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

Pat Vanderstel, *President*
Jean Koehs, *1st Vice President*
2nd Vice President
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*
Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*
Veloce Hansen, *Chaplain*
Cleo Phipps, *Historian*
Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*
Ruth Kelly, *Junior Past President*
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski
Helen Hinds
Mary Dorman

POST HOURS

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

BAR HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm

Andy's Draught

This month's specials are snow cones & slushies. We have enough snow to have this special run through April. I hope you like them.

Just to clarify, Labor Day to Memorial Day the bar opens at 2pm Monday - Friday (right Mike R?) & noon on Saturdays. Memorial Day to Labor Day the bar opens at noon everyday. I am here by 9am on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays & noon on Wednesdays & Fridays. If you have any business you would like to take care of while I am here & before the bar opens the kitchen door on the east side of the Post will be open.

As you already know there has been a lot going on down here. The new ventilation system is done & the main lounge area has been repainted. What a change! Come see/smell it for yourself.

Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners, dates & dancing.

March drink specials: \$2.50 Leprechauns & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday. Don't forget Mondays we have \$2 U-Call-Talls, \$6 homemade pizzas & free pool.

Cheers!

Andy

BUS TRIP

The "LUSH BUS" is ready to roll again. Once again, we will tour the countryside visiting other American Legion Posts. Since the first tour took us south and the second one north, "Lush Bus #3" will head east. The date is Saturday, April 12th. We will meet at our Post at noon with the bus leaving at 1:00 pm. The tentative schedule is to visit the Cedar Springs Post, Greenville Post, Rockford Post, Comstock Park Post and then back to Post 28 around 8:00 pm. We will have an optional meal at one of the Posts. This is open to all members (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL) and guest. The cost is \$15 per person payable at sign up to cover the bus charge. The bus holds 56 passengers and has a restroom. You may bring a cooler and alcohol is permitted on the bus, but no glass bottles. A sign up sheet will be posted at the bar. Sign up early to get a seat!

HONOR GUARD 2007

We had 52 funerals in 2007. The Rifle Team did 41 of the funerals.

Members of the Honor Guard attended 5 funerals for service men and women killed from around the area: Pfc Brett Witteveen, Shelby, Sgt Todd Singleton, Muskegon, Jennifer Lynn Anderson, Grand Haven, Sfc Daniel Schreiber, Muskegon, Corp Jason Thomas Lee, Fruitport. We lost 2 from our Honor Guard, Past Commander Henry Prys and Marvin "Moose" Poel.

We also lost Past Commander Don Wessel.

Members of the Honor Guard also did Veterans Day Programs at Glerum Elementary School in Holland and White Pines Middle School, GH (with the V.F.W.) We had members attend a program at Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

Rifle Team Lead
David L. MacKellar



S.A.L.

Greetings Post 28 Legion Members;

Well "Winter" is here and the snow is piled up, and everyone is talking that they can't wait for spring now. For the "snow birds" down south, just to let you know we may have set a new record for snow this winter. One newscast stated we have had in excess of 80 inches of snow already. Your Legion post has lots of activities scheduled so keep your newsletter close to your calendar, as we will still have the Wed. Night dinners, and Fri. Night burgers, plus fish now for the Lent season.

The SAL put on the annual "Hawaiian Luau" again (2/23/08), and it was a resounding success, with probably 200 plus people in attendance. Thanks to Willis Kerridge and his crew for preparing the dinner, and to Phil. Young for trying to control the ticket sales this year.

Membership Chairman Mike Mattson advises that we have about 429 members now with several members having not sent in their 2008 dues. We have also had several memberships returned due to the individuals moving without leaving a forwarding address.

The next 5th District SAL meeting is set for March 20, 2008 at Post 102, and the district will be voting for officers for the next year. Our own member Scott Kelly is running for 2nd Vice Commander.

I promised to keep this newsletter article short, so here it is.

As a friendly reminder to ALL SAL members, your 2008 dues are due now, so reup as soon as possible. The bar will be checking for new ID cards effective in January, per Manager Andy, and he has a free offer of laminating your card!! The funds should be addressed to the attention of the Membership Chairman Mike Mattson

As the SAL Commander I welcome any thoughts or ideas for the future, for the good of the Legion or the SAL. I can be contacted at 616-566-1178, or e-mail at alany744@sbcglobal.net

Alan Vandam,
SAL Commander

LEGION RIDERS

The ALR team won the award for best table decoration at the Chili CookOff. Great Job Greg!!
Please support your group and post by attending dinners that we host.
ALR Post 28 will host the Mt. Pleasant ALR's in August.
Next meeting is March 13, 2008.

LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY

American Legion Birthday Party, March 15 2008. Prim Rib dinner, Cocktails served at 5:30pm, dinner served at 7pm. Guest Speaker Jim Walton, our very own Service Officer. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 each. Tickets on sale at the bar.

GENE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The American Legion Gene Rothie Scholarship applications are now available at Grand Haven and Spring Lake High Schools counseling office and the American Legion, see manager. All applications must be received at Post 28 on or before the third Friday of April (April 18th, 2008) to be eligible.



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| DRINK SPECIAL \$2.50 Leprechaun | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Happy Mondays | 4 House Comm Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Can Beer | 5 SWISS STEAK OR LIVER & ONIONS DINNER 5-7pm | 6 | 7 LAKE PERCH 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i> | 8 Karaoke 6pm |
| 9 | 10 S.A.L. 7:30pm Happy Mondays | 11 8 & 40 7pm ‡1 Can Beer | 12 SPAGHETTI DINNER 5-7pm | 13 Legion Riders Meeting 7pm | 14 Burgers 6PM No Band | 15 American Legion Birthday |
| 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day Happy Mondays | 18 Exec Comm 7pm ‡1 Can Beer | 19 PULLED PORK DINNER 5-7pm | 20 Trivia 7pm | 21 Burgers 6PM <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i> | 22 S.A.L. Birthday |
| 23 | 24 Happy Mondays | 25 Auxiliary 7pm ‡1 Can Beer | 26 CHICKEN DINNER 5-7pm | 27 | 28 Burgers 6PM No Band | 29 |
| 30 | 30 Happy Mondays | APRIL 1 House Comm Post 6pm-7pm ‡1 Can Beer | 2 | 3 Thursday All Day | 4 Lake Perch 5PM <i>Borgie the Magnificent</i> | 5 Karaoke 6pm |