

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



As I look out my window the sun is shining and we just had one of the worst snow storms in years. Reminds me more of the days when I was a lot younger and we had lots of snow. March is a wonderful month for the Legion we have our 92nd Birthday Party on March 12. So get your tickets and come down for a wonderful Prime Rib dinner put on by our Ladies Auxiliary, they always do a great job. Bill Kaufman will be our Guest Speaker for the evening.

The night of our February Post meeting we had the big snow storm. I want to thank everyone who braved the weather for coming out and the 50/50 was won by our Sgt at Arms Sue

Metzler. At our March Post meeting our 1st Vice Commander Phil Smith will be in charge of the meeting. So come on out and cheer Phil on.

We have a new Friday night burger crew training to help us out, they are the members of the CPOA "Chief Petty Officers Association" from the Coast Guard. I want to welcome all of you to our great Post. It is volunteers like you and all of our members that make this the one of the best American Legion in Michigan.

If you are interested in serving our post as a officer or on one of our committees, please come to our post meeting and talk to our officers. Next meeting is March 1st.

See you at the Post. God Bless America Commander: 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 2 funerals. Sgt Nicholas Gerfen from the Army National Guard and his Honor Guard Team helped with funeral for Kenneth Erickson. Members of the Honor Guard presented Awards to Sgt. Benjamin Thomas Glockzin.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and transfers: James O'Brien, Arthur Sinjen, Jr., Henry Wynsma, Robert Archer, Gary Eidson, D. James Toppen and Sgt. Benjamin Glockzin.

Taps were played for members: Joseph P. Fricano and Kenneth G. Erickson. Please Support our Troops.



NOTICE

The applications for 2011 American Legion, Gene Rothe Scholarships are available at Grand Haven and Spring Lake High School Counseling Office's and at the American Legion Post 28

DINNER COMMITTEE

Had some tough Wednesday dinners recently. Mother Nature hasn't been kind. Let's hope March turns things around. Come on down and join us.

March: 2nd Perch (Heroes Monument)
9th Spaghetti (Legion)
16th Pork (Legion Riders)
23rd Swiss Steak (Legion)
30th Soup & Salad (Ladies Aux)

You can see the Legion "Family" is hard at work. Volunteers recently treated themselves to a wonderful dinner at Stable Inn. We could have fed a few more! C'mon down and volunteer. Thanks



Commander MacKellar presented "American Legion Special Commendation" Awarded to Sgt. Benjamin Thomas Glockzin for his service in Iraq. Commander also presented Ben with a American Legion "Thank You" coin and pins "America is #1 Thanks to our Veterans" and US Army. Commander MacKellar also presented the parents Tom and Becky Glockzin with special "Blue Star" pins that show that they have a family member in the service.

SERVICE OFFICER

Recent significant financial reductions in the Veterans Service Officer program with the American Legion of Michigan has resulted in greatly reduced hours of availability of our Division Service Officer. Our post service officers must support the weight of this burden and we ask for your continued support and patience. We encourage everyone to contact our local State Representative to let her know that Michigan veterans deserve better. Ms. Amanda Price, District 89/Holland. Phone (toll free): 888 238-1008 or the address Rep. Amanda Price N-1193 House Office Bldg. P.O. Box 30011 Lansing, MI 48909 email: AmandaPrice@house.mi.gov. Also note that our Veterans Service Officer, Martha Wieland will be now visiting the Post on the 4th. Thursday of each month, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. From Ken, Adam and myself, we thank you for your support of our program. Carl Lori



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

The American Legion Auxiliary was organized in 1919 and our mission is "Serving Veterans, Their Families, and Their Communities." Auxiliary unit 28 assists the American Legion, S.A.L., and the Legion Riders.

We help the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, spending time and money on the Christmas Gift Shop and on a yearly bingo game. We donated to Boys State and Girls State, Fallen Heroes Monument, Jaycee's flag program, District President's special project (Gilda's Club), Salvation Army, Love, Inc, and Cancer Relay for Life (Track Sponsor). We mailed poppies to all Legion members and used the proceeds to buy items for the veterans. One of our largest programs is Goodfellows. We shop for clothing for children and help to wrap boxes. We also make collage scholarships available to daughters/sons, granddaughters/grandsons, great granddaughter/great grandsons of Veterans who served in the Armed Forces. If Veterans, or their family's, need help, call the Auxiliary.

We have Chef Cindy so we are able to do any catering event.

The Legion's 92nd Birthday Party is March 12th. Get your tickets at the bar. The Fifth District Dinner is March 15th, please plan to attend.

At the Jan meeting I was elected Interim President, Ruth Kelly; 1st V. President, Diane Jarmac-Kirk; 2nd V. President, Lisa Davis; Parliamentarian. They will hold office until our next election in May. The new slate of officers will be announced in April.

Our newest project is Boxes for Heroes. We have two military members that we have adopted to receive packages for the next 3 months. Our prayers and thought are with Helen Vanoordt and her family. She is at Sanctuary At the Shore, room #67. Last call for 8 and 40 dues. Please come out and join us at our March meeting on March 22, 2011. Sincerely, Pres. 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*



WWII Veterans

"Legion Flight 311 is a project of Walter Durkee American Legion Post 311 in Grand Rapids to take World War II veterans to visit their World War II monument and other memorials in Washington, DC." Legion Flight 311 out of Grand Rapids, May 11, 2011

More information contact:

legionflight311.com

Bob Becker, Legion Flight 311

4144 Cannon Hills Ct.

Ada MI, 49301/ 616-874-7403 or

Commander MacKellar 616-402-2206

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

College Scholarships are available for daughters/sons, granddaughters/grandsons, great granddaughters/great grandsons of Veterans who served in the Armed Forces. Information can be obtained at www.michalaux.org. Scholarships available are "The National President's Scholarship" (due March 1), "The Memorial Scholarship" (due May 15) and the "Medical Career Scholarship" (due March 15). Also available is a "Non Traditional Student Scholarship" (due April 1). The NTSS is available for students over the age of 22. Someone returning to college after an interruption or student attending a vocational or trade school. Available to Jr. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary is the "Spirit of Youth Scholarship". Check the website for all information, guidelines and applications or call Jean at 842-8237.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first Memorial Day Meeting will be Monday, March 14th at 7 PM. We will meet at the VFW this year. Committee members, if you have questions or can't make it, please call me at 616-402-2206 or e-mail me at mackeda1@aol.com. Looking forward to a great Memorial Day. Commander David MacKellar



Healdsburg
Chardonnay
and
Cabernet
\$3.25 per glass
and \$13.00
per bottle.

Andy's Draught

Post Birthday Dinner tickets are available at the bar. It's Saturday March 12th. It will be a Prime Rib dinner with all the fixings for only \$8. Cocktails start at 6pm and dinner will be start at 6:30.

Saturday March 19th we will be hosting a benefit for Aaron Biros. Aaron is 10 years old and suffers from ataxia-telangiectasia (or AT). AT is a rare genetic disease that attacks 1 in 40,000 kids. It is a disease that affects their coordination, immune systems and predisposes them to fatal cancers. Kids with AT usually lose their ability to walk by the age of 10, many may not survive their teens and rarely survive their twenties.

We will be serving a spaghetti dinner from 5-7pm. We have 250 dinner tickets available. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12 and kids under 5 eat for free. There will also be a beer and wine tasting and an ice cream bar. Upstairs there will be raffles, 50/50s and all sorts of auctions. The proceeds will help fund specific research to find life-improving therapies and a cure for AT.

The Post will be open to the public. Please come down to show your support for one of our own SAL families. For more information about AT check out their website at www.atcp.org or call them at (800)543-5728.

I added this quote to last years newsletter and feel its so good I wanted to add it again. "A Veteran is someone who at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America', for an amount up to and including their life." Thank you, Veterans.

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

March drink specials: \$3 KJ Special, \$2 U-Call talls every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday. Cheers Andy

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

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

The long cold winter days are beginning to take their toll as we look forward to warmer weather and sunshine. To help us through the rest of the winter season - March Madness is just around the corner. With the Boys Basketball district games being held at Grand Haven High School, take time to support your local favorite teams. It should be an interesting district.

A big Thank You goes to the committee that help deliver a very successful Vegas Night. We were able to accomplish this task by committee without a chair. It was one of the most successful nights for both the Legion as sales were up and the SAL for the great fund raising event. We had a large group of volunteers to make this a successful event.

Trivial will be coming to an end in April so make sure you come down on for one of the last 2 nights of fun. It is held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. There is some discussion of having one more night in May but this has yet to be determined.

The SAL will be sponsoring a Memorial Day Golf Scramble again this year. It will be held at West Ottawa Golf Course. Begin talking with your golf partners to be part of this great event. Details will be coming in the future newsletters so watch for more details. Rich Kelly is chairing this event. We are always looking for Tee Sponsors so begin thinking about helping us out in this area.

We had 6 new members and 1 transfer member join the SAL in February. Alec Smith, Chris Mendels, John MacKay, Adam Garvey, and J Fields Halsey and Ron Hammond (transferred from Post 459 Grand Rapids). Sincerely TL Lowe

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

LUSH BUS TO MANISTEE

April 23, 2011 ~ Noon - 9pm
1st stop American Legion Post 10
Manistee,
transportation provided to
Little River Casino.
Seats \$20. per person.
Questions call Phil at 402-8904.

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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MARCH DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 KJ Special							MARCH 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	2 5PM FALLEN HEROES PERCH DINNER	3	4 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	5 6pm Karaoke							
6	7 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	8 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	9 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	10 7pm Riders Meeting	11 6PM BURGERS AND FISH 8pm Guys Next Door Band	12 							
13 Daylight Savings Begins	14 \$2 U-Call Tall	15 American Legion B-day 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	16 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER	17 St. Patrick's Day 7pm Trivia Night	18 6PM BURGERS AND FISH 8pm Silverado	19 6pm Beer & Wine Tasting							
20	21 \$2 U-Call Tall	22 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	23 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	24	25 6PM BURGERS AND FISH 8pm Steve Edge	26							
27	28 \$2 U-Call Tall	29 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	30 5PM AUXILIARY DINNER	31	April 1 6PM BURGERS AND FISH	2 6pm Karaoke							