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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Taps were played for Lloyd Foster , Wilford Miller , Paul Gingras , and U. S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Schwartz of Traverse City, KIA , Afghanistan.



COMMANDERS COMMENTS



My fellow Legionaries: What wacky weather this winter. One day in January or February your out walking down town or on the boardwalk then the next your slip sliding on snow and ice. Well here we are in March spring is right around the corner and baseball is starting' everything is gooooooood. Chili cook off was a great success again this year. I want to thank my co-chairman Mike Zeef for the great job he did alone since I was out sick, Thanks Mike. Andy and his crew for handling all the beverages, Bruce Chase and his crew for taking care of

our great raffle, Julie and her JUDGES, Ed Smith and Grand Transformers for the Grill raffle. A big thank you to one of our members who donated 4 front row seats for the Red Wings. And of course our very own MC Big Bill Kauffman. I hope everyone had a great time. Well with the warmer weather coming we can expect the road work to start up again. I'm sure there will be signs, but there should not be a problem getting to our Post like we had in the fall. Coming up in March is the Legion Birthday Party on the 17th. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 tickets are available at the bar. Next month our First Vice Commander Ron Bauer will conduct his first meeting as is tradition at Post 28. Please come out and support him. Our next District meeting is March 8th at Grandville Post 179, I hope to see some of you there. Until next month, I'll see you at the Post. Phil Smith Commander Post# 28.

GENE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the American Legion Gene Rothi Scholarship for 2012 are available at the counseling office at Grand Haven and Spring Lake High Schools and also the American Legion Post #28.

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

MARCH 7TH

CHOPS' MEATLOAF,
BAKED POTATO, VEGGIE (L)

MARCH 14TH

ZESTY SPAGHETTI
ALL YOU CAN EAT, SIDE SALAD (L)

MARCH 21ST

COUNTRY STYLE
PULLED PORK DINNER,
MASHED POTATO, VEGGIE (LR)

MARCH 28TH

SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK,
MASHED POTATO,
LEGION GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE(L)
The Dinner Committee would like to thank
all the great dinner guests for their
patronage this Winter.



Pictured L-R. Dave MacKellar, Brooke Eastwood, Diane & Jack Van Weelden and Nathan Van Kampen At the "Chili Cook Off", USMC Veterans Past Commander David MacKellar and Historian Nathan VanKampen presented Auxiliary member Brooke Eastwood granddaughter of Diane and Past Commander Jack Van Weelden with a Marine Corps flag and pins. Brooke will be going to USMC Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC. A "Blue Star" pin & American Legion/USMC pin was also presented to Diane to show that they have a family member in the service. Members of the American Legion wish Brooke the very best in her new career. Semper Fi



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

We need help. It is time for new officers, please let me know if you are willing to take an office or will take chairmanship of a committee. On March 20th, we will be hosting the 5th District Dinner Meeting. We need help on table setting and decorating. The State President's Motto: "Presents are special, but a gift of time is priceless." We are honoring our State President and Past Presidents. The Legion's 93rd Birthday Party is on March 17th with cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. The Auxiliary is selling tickets for a hand made quilt on Memorial day. One half of the proceeds goes to help make more quilts for the veterans, the other half will go to the Goodfellows for the children. Tickets are \$5.00 each, please get them at the bar or from Auxiliary members. President Cleo Phipps (846-6932)

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, *President*
 Ruth Kelly, *1st Vice President*
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 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*



Andy's Draught

Post Birthday Dinner tickets are available at the bar. It's Saturday March 17th. 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 10th we will be hosting another Vegas Night. It will be run very similar to our SAL Vegas Night in January with gambling on both floors and food being served from the kitchen. The gambling will go from 6pm until midnight.

Our Healing Waters Program has changed it's name to Healing Heroes. It still has the same goal as before, helping disabled Vets. We are looking to take this program another step by adding other activities besides fly fishing to help those in need.

Keep your 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

8&40 Salon 499

The 8&40Salon 499 has a promise we recite at the end of each meeting. In it we state our aim to promote good fellowship and assistance in the prevention and control of lung diseases in children.

Recently the requirements to belong have changed which would allow the wives of the SAL members to become partners. Some have expressed an interest and aslo been helping at the Post. If you have an interest, contact me or Char Mac Kellar (616-638-8665). Chapeau, Ann Kammeraad

Friday 13th Club

The next Friday 13th Club meeting will be at the Grand Haven American Legion Post #28 on April 13, 2012. This is for Past Commanders only. The dinner will start at 7 PM and will cost \$10.00 each. Past Commander Garrett Veihl will be doing the dinner for the night. There will be more information in the April newsletter. Please call or e-mail Past Commander David MacKellar so we can get a count on how many Past Commanders will be at the meeting.
 616-402-2206 mackeda1@aol.com



HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 4 funerals. Army National Guard helped with funeral for Melvyn Dalman.

Past Commander's Garrett Veilh , Dave MacKellar and Service Officer Adam Shumaker went to Indiana for the funeral of American Legion member Wilford Miller, Adam's Grandfather. They helped fold the Flag and were part of the Honor Guard from the Angola American Legion. A "Special Thank You" goes out to the Angola American Legion for allowing our team members to be part of their funeral program. Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett



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.

This year the Michigan American Bowling Association 76th Annual Tournament will Be held at Colonial Lanes in Flushing, MI. This year This is a Handicap Tournament and is open to all Bonafide members of the Michigan American legion, Michigan Sons of the American Legion and the Michigan ladies Auxilary. Weekends April 14, 21 & 28th. Doubles and single events on Saturday and Team Event on Sunday. If interested In participating, please contact Michele Yasenak 616-405-1970 or myasenak@sltravelleaders.net



SAL COMMENTS

We have been blessed with a mild Winter this year. Hopefully, Spring is just around the corner as the ground hog did not see his shadow this past month. March Madness will be upon us within the next several weeks. Be sure to support your local Girls and Boys Basketball teams. Let the second season begin!!!

I want to thank Tom Glockzin for his work on Vega Night. He enlisted all of the dealers and set the two shift schedule of workers that made this a great event. It was well organized and we appreciated the many hours he devoted to this event.

This past month we had 11 new members and 1 transfer and they are as follows, respectfully: Anthony Ellis, Kenneth Lahey, Eric Silvis, Paul Tejchma, Tom Levand, Jim Twa, Dennis Nickels, Jeffery Vantdl, Tony Devecht, Steven Vanderwerp, Duke Miller, and Lee Schuitema.

It is time to renew your membership. Please send your check to either Mike Brown or drop it off at the post. We want to maintain our past year's membership which was over 630 members. Membership dues are now \$25.00.

The Annual SAL Memorial Day Golf Scramble will be held May 26th at West Ottawa Golf Course. Begin making plans with your golf buddies to be part of this great event. Details will be coming in future newsletters so watch for more details. Please consider being a Tee Sponsor.
TL Lowe – SAL Commander

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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

BELL RINGING

This past Christmas season, Post 28 veterans rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart and Orchard Market. We collected a total of \$1,089 which helped make Christmas a little brighter for many families. A big thank you to all who braved the cold for this very worthwhile cause.

Bill Kaufman, Senior Bell Ringer



1st Place Winners, Tom Strengh, Casey Howell & Ed Strengh of the Team 5-0.

Chili Cook Off Winners

- 1st Place: 5-0
- 2nd Place: Good Old Boys
- 3rd Place: Hiway Inn

Best Display: Double Flush Chili



