



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDER

I have some really good news to report this month. We have exceeded our goal for new members for the year. We now have

a Legion membership of 1,278 compared to 1,264 for last year. If we reach our goal of 1,277 set by the State by May 15th (which we have), we will receive \$6 for each new member from State Headquarters. We signed 75 new members this past year which amounts to \$450. That's quite an accomplishment given the fact that we raised the dues this year. A special thanks to Phil Slater, Annette Lock, and Butch Balk of our Membership Committee for doing such a great job. Just think. If every member recruited just one new member next year we would by far have the largest Post in the State. Let's work on that.

You have probably noticed that the names from the old membership board in the lounge have been removed and a new bulletin board is in its place. We will be starting something new with this space. It will be a place for pictures of sons and daughters of our members who are serving in the military and will be titled "Our Military Family". If you have a son or daughter serving in the military, give us a wallet size picture (preferably in uniform) along with their name, branch of

service and parents' names and we will display them. A special thanks to Dave MacKellar for putting this together. Dave is also responsible for the new photo display at the entrance. It has the names and photos of the officers of the Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. This will also include a directory of members in the future. And also thanks to our historian, Doug Telgenhof who spent many hours getting people together for the pictures.

Memorial Day is May 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday evening at 6pm at the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Dan Anderson presiding. We will start Memorial Day with breakfast at the Post at 8 a.m. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the waterfront program and then to the eternal flame on Harbor Drive for a brief ceremony. It will end with lunch back at the Post. Every member is encouraged to attend and march in the parade. We will have a trolley for those unable to walk the distance. Please try to participate if you can.

There are a lot of fun activities coming up. So check the calendar and come on down and join in the fun.

Bill Kaufman  
Commander, Post 28

## 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**
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| <b>1st Tuesday</b>       | B & G 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only |        |
|                          | House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only |        |
|                          | Post 7pm                    |        |
| <b>2nd Monday</b>        | SAL Meeting                 | 7:30pm |
| <b>2nd Tuesday</b>       | 8 & 40 Meeting              | 7pm    |
| <b>4th Tuesday</b>       | Auxiliary Meeting           | 7pm    |
| <b>1st Saturday</b>      | Karaoke                     |        |
| <b>Every Wednesday</b>   | Dinners                     | 5-7pm  |
| <b>1st Friday</b>        | Lake Perch or TBA           | 5-7pm  |
| <b>All Other Fridays</b> | Burgers                     | 6-8pm  |

## 8&40 FLEA MARKET

Friday, July 13, 2007  
9 am - 3 pm



## Auxiliary

Welcome to Spring I think and maybe summer!

Our Auxiliary is a Super Goal Unit as of Jan. 23, with 623 members 32 over goal - great Going.

Auxiliary events for May and Later -

May 22 Potluck 6 PM this will be initiation of new members.

If you have not received your Auxiliary pin, now is the time to let us know.

May is also Poppy month, we will be having a work bee to assemble the mailing to all the Legion families. this will consist of a letter and poppies also a return envelope.

Memorial Day memorial service will be Sunday May 27, 6PM at Spring Lake Presbyterian church.

Monday May 28 - Breakfast for all parade participants.

Lunch will be served after parade and other events.

Auxiliary will do the lunch.

Sat May 19 Pig Roast honoring Department Commander and Department Auxiliary President.

American Legion Post 381 NewaygoMi - Reservations due May 12 - info available from me.

5th Dist Memorial Banquet at Boat and Canoe Club May 18

Some events at grand Rapids Home for Veterans:

Golf Outing at Gracewill Golf Club - fri June 1

Whitecaps Game Thursday July 12 7 PM

These events are sponsored by Sons of Amvets Post 23

Info - Tom Armock phone 616-551-7706 or after May 10 616-364-5416

Carnival Sat July 28 11 AM - 3 PM workers always needed.

Legion and Auxiliary Department Convention June 14 -17

Dearborn Hyatt Regency.

Ladies remember to report Volunteer hours - Also there are Member benefits thru your membership card.

Auxiliary Officers for the year 2007 2008 - Pres. Barb Kasmauski, 1st Vice - Jean Koehs, 2nd

Vice - Pat Vanderstel, Secretary Ann Kammeraad, Treasurer - Romyne Althaus, Chaplain

- Veloyce Hansen, Sgt At Arms - Mary Low Zysk, Member at large - Jeanne Wolniakowski.

Helen Hinds and Mary Dornan.

House Committee Ann Parchert, Marion Smart, Louise Svoboda.

That's about it for this time-

President, Ruth



St. John's Lutheran School 60 year Celebration flag donated by Auxiliary, presented by Legion Honor Guard.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 28 • SLATE OF OFFICERS 07-08

Commander:	Garrett Veihl	Executive Committee	
First Vice Commander:	Richard VanderStel	Members at large:	Dave MacKeller
Second Vice Commander:	Phil Smith		
Adjutant:	Phil Slater	(Vote for two)	Ray Ribbink
Finance Officer:	Chris Whalen		Paul Rose
Service Officer:	Jim Walton/Ken Kelly		Howard Mattson
Historian:	Doug Talgenhof		Jim Thayer
Chaplain:	Ed Jaworowicz	We will be voting on these positions at the May 1st	
Sgt. At Arms:	Ed DeKoekkork	membership meeting.	



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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 Zeeff, *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*  
 Romyne Althaus, *Treasurer*  
 Ann Kammeraad, *Chaplain*  
 Ruth Rescorla, *Historian*  
 Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
 Myrna Puse, *Junior Past President*  
 Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

#### Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski  
 Helen Hinds  
 Kathleen Jackson

#### POST HOURS

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

## Andy's Draught

Welcome home to all you Snow Birds. It's nice to have you back. That applies to you too, Rich & Riff-Raff.

Taxes are filed, checks are spent (if you got one back) & our pseudo Sinatra has come & gone. We are all sick of April's winter showers so let's move on to May. Due to the overwhelming support we will continue Free Pool Mondays & \$1 12oz can beer on Tuesdays. As for the rest of the month keep your eye on the calendar for the dinners, bands & events

Thursday June 21st, is our first Celebrity Serve Race Night. Bring the kids to the Post to see the race cars from Berlin Raceway, meet the Drivers & test your skills in the David Stremme NASCAR simulator. We will have dogs to eat, things to drink & raffles going into the night. Proceeds from this event will go to benefit Harbor Hospice Poppen Residence.

May drink specials: \$2.50 Summer Sky & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

*Cheers,  
Andy*

## House Committee News

Here it is May already, time flies when your having fun. Our parking lot is going to be used by a group of special needs students from the Grand Haven Schools. They will be using the parking lot on the following dates, their cars will be removed by noon on these dates, May 11,17,18, and 24. The group of students and their parents will be fishing along the channel, the event is called "Getting Hooked".

May 5 is Kentucky Derby Saturday, so come to the Post for race day. You Ladies wear your best and fanciest hats, there will be prizes for the best hats worn. Yes there will be Mint Juleps, Derby Pie, and of course Kentucky Burgoo, so you-all come down for Post time.

Oct. 27 is the date for our next BUS trip, this time we are headed north. This was the date we were going to plan a Halloween Party, so now it will be a Halloween Bus to our sister posts to the north. Let the House Committee know what you think of this idea, good, bad, or indifferent.

## KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2PM  
KENTUCKY BURGOO  
DERBY PIE  
MINT JULIPS  
LADIES HAT CONTEST  
KARAOKE AT 6PM  
Y'ALL BE THERE



## S.A.L.

Greetings, Post Members;

Well another month has passed and many are wondering what happened to spring? With a snow storm in the middle of April, and more cold weather ahead, we need some warm sunny days. I noticed the other day that a SAL work crew was busy working on the patio, and all were bundled up to protect themselves from the raw wind. Speaking of the new patio it is progressing thanks to all of the volunteers that give their time and effort to make our Legion the best in the state. If you would like to help and volunteer, please check on the sign up sheet at the bar, or show up on Saturdays at 12:00 noon to help.

Andy attended our last meeting, and informed us that the lounge popcorn machine is broken, so he approached the SAL for assistance with either leasing or purchasing a new machine. We will be checking further to address this problem.

The SAL would like to welcome aboard our newest members that were voted upon at the April meeting, they are Jon Tejchma, Scott McKinstry, Robert Shumaker, Jeffrey Alward, Glen Bullock and Henry Bosma.

The Legion golf outing will be held on Saturday May 26, at the West Ottawa Golf Course. We are looking for "foursomes" to enter the event, and there are several divisions to enter. After the golf outing we are planning on a nice strek dinner back at the legion building. If you are interested with playing in the tournament please contact Rich Kelly or pick up an entry form at the bar. If you are not a golfer or just want to help, we always need volunteers not only on the golf course but back at the legion to help with the dinner. There will be a sign up sheet at the bar.

As a reminder to all, our meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM, mark your calendars and show up to attend. It is open to all SAL members, hope to see you there, especially our new members.

Any questions or comments please contact SAL Commander Mike Mattson at 616-638-2590 or e-mail at (mike@ghgardenhouse.com)

Mike Mattson  
SAL Commander Squadron 28

## Membership News

Please welcome	Michael Hood	Daniel Held
<u>New members:</u>	Len Kemp	Jack Jackson
Frederick Gable	Walter Wolff	Rodger McNees

Taps was played for Joe Stalec

## THE GHOST OF POST 28

Is there a "Ghost in the Post"? Some, including a few bar staff believe there is. There are reports of the elevator moving on it's own after hours during cleanup, and reports of someone walking across the upstairs hall when no one else is in the building. The ghost has appropriately been named "Charlie", after our namesake Charles Conklin. So, is "Charlie" roaming the building after hours? Well, if we are going to have a Ghost in the Post, I can't think of any ghost more deserving. And, as Post Commander, I am giving him permission to stay as long as he wants. After all, it is his home too.

**BOO!**



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<b>MAY 2007</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>May Drink Special</b> <b>SUMMER SKY</b> <b>\$2.50</b>		1 House Post 6pm 7pm Induction of new members \$1 Beers	2 <b>HAM DINNER</b> 5pm		4 <b>BLUEGILL DINNER</b> 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano 5-7:30</i>	5 <b>Kentucky Derby Party</b> <b>Karaoke 6-11pm</b>
	7 <b>FREE Pool</b>	8 & 40 7pm \$1 Beers	9 <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 5pm	10 5th District Meeting Post 28 7:30pm	11 <b>BURGERS 6PM</b> <i>Silvertones 8pm</i>	
	14 S.A.L. 7:30pm <b>FREE Pool</b>	15 \$1 Beers	16 <b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK</b> 5pm		18 <b>BURGERS 6PM</b> <i>Steve Edge 8pm</i>	19 <b>Armed Forces Day</b>
	21 <b>FREE Pool</b>	22 Exec Comm 7pm Auxiliary Pot Luck 6pm Initiation \$1 Beers	23 <b>LASAGNA</b> 5pm		25 <b>BURGERS 6PM</b>	26 Join us for  1st Annual American Legion Memorial <b>GOLF SCRAMBLE</b> Saturday, May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 West Ottawa Golf Club
27 Memorial Service S.L. Presbyterian Church 6pm	28 Memorial Day Parade <b>FREE Pool</b>	29 \$1 Beers	30 <b>PULLED PORK</b> 5pm		31 <b>1 June</b>	2 <b>Karaoke 6-11pm</b>
	4 <b>FREE Pool</b>	5 House Post 6pm 7pm \$1 Beers			8 <b>BURGERS 5PM</b> <i>Silvertones 8pm</i>	