

Andy's Draught

Big news this month! I would like to welcome Patty Hill as the Post's Assistant Manager. Patty comes to us with a great deal of experience in the food & beverage industry. She has worked as a cook, waitress, bartender & restaurant manager from Homer Alaska to Key West. She has been working diligently in the kitchen helping with our weekly dinners & preparing a Legion Lunch Menu. Lunches will be served from 11am - 2pm Monday - Friday starting now. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, polish dogs, rubeens & grilled ham & cheese to start out with & will be adding new items to the menu as business picks up. I will have a lunch menu printed up & posted in the next newsletter. So come down introduce yourself to Patty & have a grilled ham & cheese up on the deck or in the shade of the patio.

Don't forget to watch the calendar for our upcoming events & dinners. May drink specials: \$2.50 Legion's Lemonade & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

*Cheers
Andy*



S.A.L.

Greetings members, it appears that May is going to be rather a busy month for the post, with many events going on for members and all veterans.

On May 1, the Fifth District SAL will be holding the installation of officers for the upcoming year, and I encourage SAL members to be present for the ceremony, upstairs beginning at 7pm. Congratulations to our own Scott Kelly, whom will be installed as Second Vice.

On May 10, the Fifth District SAL "lush buses" will be making a stop between 2:15 to 3:30pm, stop on in and say hi to the 92 people participating.

May 17 is "Armed Forces Day", and there will be a "Veterans Dinner" served on Friday night May 16, 2008. The SAL "golf outing" is scheduled for May 24th, for info please contact Rich Kelly, and there is a sign up sheet at the bar. After the event the SAL will have a dinner set up for all of the players at the Legion Post.

And last of all, will be the Memorial Day activities to be held on Monday May 26. Members will be marching in the parade, there will be an event at the "Eternal Flame" honoring all veterans, and a "flag service" to be held at noon. This is the week end to thank all veterans for the service to their country! Be proud and fly the American flag at your home for this weekend especially to honor those past and present. 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 email: alanv744@sbcglobal.net

Alan Vandam,
SAL Commander

CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Kim Herreman is the CWIT Chairperson for North Ottawa & they are asking for our help with their "May Basket" drive. They are asking for everyday products such as bathroom paper products, soap, combs, brushes, laundry baskets, deodorant, feminine products, diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, kitchen & bathroom cleaning supplies. Kim will pick up all the products donated here at the Post. This drive will run the month of May. There are fliers posted at the Legion. For more information call Kim Herreman at # (616)846-0874.

CONVERTABLES NEEDED Monday, May 26th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Each year the American Legion and the VFW work on the organization of the Memorial Day services, parade and waterfront service held in Grand Haven. We use convertibles to carry dignitaries and other people in the parade and we are always looking for volunteers to help out and drive their convertibles in the parade. It's a great way to help out on a day we remember our departed loved ones and comrades. Please contact Rich Kelly at (616) 846-1649 or leave your name and phone number at Post 28 (616) 842-5310 and we'll get in touch with you.

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KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday May 3rd Noon 6ish - Karaoke 7ish - Mid-nightish
Bring a dish to pass - Ladies Hat Contest
Post Pursuit, Race Raffles & Mint Juleps

Dear Veteran's Organizations,

The Three Servicemen Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. is the subject of an exhibit which will open at the Muskegon County Museum on Friday, May 23.

We will hold a Special Opening Reception for Veterans that evening from 5 to 7pm. There is no admission at the museum and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you on May 23.

Membership News

Welcome to our new members!

Tom Austin, Norman F. Batchelder, Patrick M. O'Dwyer, Mark T. Winzer and Richard L. Winzer

Welcome to our transfers!

Dennis, Arnold, Gary L. Eltzroth and Robert Huff

TAPS played for:

Forest Palmer and Robert Meints

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Friday, June 13, 2008 at Caldonia Post #305
Must have reservations in by June 9, 2008
Sign up sheet at Post, and I will call in head count
Ray Ribbink, Past Commander

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2008 JOINT FIFTH DISTRICT MEMORIAL BANQUET AND SERVICE



Friday, May 16, 2008
5:30pm Social - 6:30pm Dinner
Merritt Lamb Post 102
330 Rockford Park Dr. N.E., Rockford
Tickets: \$11.00 each
Reservation Deadline: May 9
No tickets will be sold at the door

Tickets available at Fifth District Meetings or from:

Mike Krieg	(Grand Rapids)	(616) 247-6850
Betty Rhodes-Machen	(Grand Rapids)	(616) 243-5873
Pam McVeigh	(Grand Rapids)	(616) 452-6311

AUXILIARY



As I write this, most of the snow piles have disappeared, the temperature has reached the 60's (once, I think), the snow-birds are returning, and we are more than ready for warm weather.

In the April newsletter Michele Stetts was praised for her excellent work as the Membership Chairman. Again, we extend our congratulations. At the First District Meeting it was announced that we have 662 members (19 over goal). Michelle was awarded a "Bear Pin" which represents the Department President's Motto "Don't Get Caught Hibernating". This was presented at the March meeting. There were 15 applications to be processed, which bring our total membership to 677.

Ann Kammeraad and Jean Koehs attended the 8 & 40 Spring Pouvoir held in Port Huron on April 5. In keeping with this year's theme "Searching for a Cure in the Deep Blue Sea", each Salon has been given a small wooded box to decorate as a treasure chest. Ann won first place in our division by decorating the box with a fisher "lady", shells, named goldfish crackers, etc. The boxes will be used for decorating at the Summer Meeting.

We entertained members of the VFW Auxiliary on April 24. Dinner was served, games were played and prizes awarded, and a good time was had by all.

The Poppy work bee will be held on Monday, May 5, at 9:30am at the Post. This entails folding poppies inside letters, stuffing and sealing envelopes. Please volunteer to help with this project. It is a lot of fun and a wonderful way to become acquainted. Give Norma Brazda a call at 842-2509 if you can help.

The Memorial Banquet will be held at Merritt-Lamb Post #102, 330 Rockford Park Dr., NE Rockford, on Friday May 16, 2008. Social Hour is at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$11.00. Please call Ann Kammeraad at 842-6541 if you are interested in attending.

The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 26. Breakfast for those participating in the parade will be served at the Post at 8am. The Parade starts at 9am. Anyone wanting to ride the trolley in the parade should meet at the Post. Red, White and Blue attire is strongly encouraged.

Initiation of new members will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 27. This will be a Potluck Dinner and members are encouraged to bring their own table service. Members being initiated do not have to furnish a dish or bring their own table service. Again, any member who does not have an Auxiliary pin may be initiated. If you do not go through initiation, you will not receive a pin.

Jeanne Wolniakowski has been working very hard to secure a Food Service Manager. The Auxiliary will still serve the funeral luncheons and small parties. The Food Service Manager will handle large parties. The Auxiliary will still provide the helpers - hopefully, three experienced members and three new members. The Menu will be revamped. Sad to say, due to the cost of food, the prices will have to be adjusted somewhat. Jeanne, thanks for all your dedication to this program.

New Committee Chairman will be appointed in August. If you are interested in a chairmanship, please let me know. New members, this is a learning opportunity. If you are not comfortable with a chairmanship, please think about serving as a co-chair or an assistant to a chairman.

Remember the phrase, "You sound like a broken record"? And I'm afraid I will be sounding that way for awhile. WE NEED HELP! We encourage you to attend meetings, help with projects, volunteer in the food service area, and help with activities at the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. There are many areas where a few hours a month or even a one time commitment will be greatly appreciated. It is hard to describe the personal satisfaction you will derive from helping others. Please give it some serious thought.

Here's to sunshine and spring flowers. Keep a song in your hearts.

President Jean Koehs
(Pronounced Kays)

FOR SALE

May 10, 2008 10am - Noon at Post 28 Garage
8' Tables, Folding Chairs, Wood Square Tables and
Small Round Tables

NOTICE

There will be NO more tables and chairs available
for loan from American Legion Post 28.



The American Legion Newsletter

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Executive Board

Mary Dorman
Pat Best
Ruth Rescorla

Post Hours

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

Bar Hours

Mon. - Fri. 2pm - 10pm

AUXILIARY HELP WANTED

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



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POST 28 COMMANDER



Here we are into May the month that we remember those who made the superb sacrifice, in defense of our freedom.

Our Memorial Day Program will start on, Sunday May 25. There will be a memorial service held at St. Patricks Catholic Church, starting at 6pm, with Father Langlois presiding. On Monday morning breakfast will be served around 8am. The Memorial Day Parade will start at 9:30. The waterfront program will start right after the parade, then onto the Eternal Flame on Harbor ST. for a short program. There will also be ceremonies held at the Veterans

Monument, and at the G.A.R. plot in Lake Forrest Cemetery. Ceremonies will end back at Post 28, where we will have a lunch. Every member is encouraged to attend and march in the parade. For those of you who are unable to walk the distance, a trolley will be provided. For those of you who don't have a problem with your cloths shrinking in the closet, please wear your uniforms and march with us.

Don't forget to check the calendar for upcoming events. The July Post Membership meeting has been moved to July 8 at 7pm. We will be inducting our new officers at this meeting.

Garrett Veihi
Post 28 Commander

American Legion Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, May 24 2008

Things are shaping up great for our 6th annual Memorial Golf Tournament. Entries are coming in and it looks like we are going to have another super field of players for our three divisions, so don't wait too long to get your team together and get your entry in, because we will only be taking the first 36 teams to get their applications in.

This is a great opportunity to get some friends together and come out and have a really fun time with our legion family. The hole-in-one car is back again this year thanks to Lemmon Grand Chevrolet of Coopersville and Dale Chittenden.

There is a sign up sheet in the bar for anyone who doesn't play but would like to have some fun helping out at the golf course or back at Post 28 for the steak dinner after golf.

Entry forms are available at the bar, and we are always looking for Tee sponsors for anyone looking to help the tournament. If you have questions, feel free to give me a call @ 846-1649. FYI: The difference between golf and government is, in golf you can't improve your lie.

See you at the tournament,
Rich Kelly

HOUSE COMMITTEE CORNER

The Post rental rates for 2008-09 have been established and approved. The rates are broken down into member and non-member and weekdays and weekends. See Andy or any house committee member for a copy.

There will be a beer tend at the Post for two days during the 4th of July holiday. Phil Smith has agreed to chair the event. Please help out when called upon.

We are also exporing having KENO available in the lounge. Please give the house committee your input more details later.

NOTICE

American Legion Post 28 Officers Slate for - 2008 - 2009

Commander - Richard VanderStel
1st Vice Commander - Rick Chittenden
2nd Vice Commander - Dave MacKellar
Adjutant - Phil Slater
Finance Officer - Chris Whalen
Service Officer - Jim Walton & Ken Kelly
Historian - Doug Telgenhof
Chaplain - Ed Jaworowicz
Sgt at Arms - Ed Dekoekkork
Ex Commander at Large - Ray Ribbink

We will voting on these positions at the May 6th membership meeting and Installation will be on July 8, 2008.

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
Post 7pm

Every Monday

Building & Grounds 9am

2nd Monday

SAL Meeting 7:30pm

2nd Monday

8 & 40 Meeting 7:00pm

4th Monday

Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

1st Saturday

Karaoke

Every Wednesday

Dinner 5-7pm

1st Friday

Lake Perch or TBA 5-7pm

All Other Fridays

Burgers 6-8pm





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MAY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7pm 5th District SAL Mtg	2 5pm LAKE PERCH & Borgie on piano	3 12pm Kentucky Derby 6pm Karaoke
4	5 7pm Mem. Day Assoc. Mtg <i>HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY</i>	6 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting <i>\$1 CAN BEER</i>	7 5pm Taco/Soft or Hard Shell	8 V-E Day 1945 7pm Legion Riders	9 5pm BURGERS 8pm Silvertones	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 7pm Mem. Day Assoc. Mtg 7:30pm SAL Mtg <i>HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY</i>	13 7pm 8 & 40 <i>\$1 CAN BEER</i>	14 5pm Spaghetti	15 7pm Trivia Final Night	16 5pm BURGERS	17
18	19 Armed Forced Day 7pm Mem. Day Assoc Mtg <i>HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY</i>	20 7pm Exec. Comm. <i>\$1 CAN BEER</i>	21 5pm Country Ribs	22	23 5pm BURGERS	24 8am Memorial Golf Outing
25	26 Memorial Day 12pm Bar Open Noon -6pm <i>HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY</i>	27 7pm Auxilliary Mtg <i>\$1 CAN BEER</i>	28 5pm Chicken wings w/ stuffed baked potato	29	30 5pm BURGERS	31
June 1	2 7pm Mem. Day Assoc. Mtg <i>HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY</i>	3 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting <i>\$1 CAN BEER</i>	4 5pm Swiss Steak	5	6 5pm LAKE PERCH & Borgie on piano	7