

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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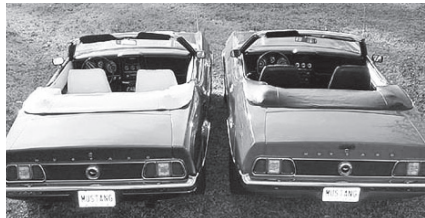
## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

My fellow Legionaries: First I would like to thank 1st Vice Commander Ron Bauer, for an excellent job running the April meeting, you've really got your foot in the door now. Well I really thought the road at Y Drive would be done but at this writing on April 13th it still isn't finished. Hopefully soon. This month we will have our election of new officers, please see the list posted in this news letter. May is also our Memorial Day Parade, the service at the Water Front, and The Eternal Flame. I hope to see many of you there. Don't forget the Breakfast at the Post for the parade participants. For those of you who can't march that distance, you may ride the Harbor Trolley in the parade. A correction from last month's news letter, initiation of new members will take place on June 5th not May 1st. Our next District Meeting is on May 10th at Post #28, Grand Haven, I hope you can attend. Get your golf clubs cleaned up, come down to the Post, pick up your entry form, and get ready to hit the links on May 26th for the 10th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the SAL. Welcome to our new members and transfers; Paul Elyea, Keith Miller, James Sims, Paul Lovinger, Kenneth Bordua, and Gary MacFadden. Until next month, I'll see you at the Post. Phil Smith Commander Post #28.

## CONVERTIBLES NEEDED

When: Monday, May 28th For: 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 e-mail: [kelldog70@yahoo.com](mailto:kelldog70@yahoo.com) or leave your name and phone number at Post 28 (616) 842-5310 and we'll get in touch with you.



## American Legion Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, May 26th 2012

Things are shaping up great for our 10th 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 30 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 Betten Baker 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 any questions, feel free to give me a call @ 846-1649  
See you at the tournament,  
Rich Kelly

## American Legion Officers

Phil Smith, Commander  
Ron Bauer, 1st Vice Commander  
Ed DeKoekkoek, 2nd Vice Commander  
Butch Balk, Adjutant  
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer  
Chris Tanke, Chaplain  
Hugh Hyde, Judge Advocate  
Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers  
Nathan VanKampen, Historian  
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman  
Executive Board at Large  
David L. MacKeller "Mack", Past Commander

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Taps were played for the following members; Past Commander Vernon Rowan, Charles "Chuck" Nelson, Leonard France, and Carl Qualmann.



## WEDNESDAY'S MENU

**MAY 2ND**

**PERCH DINNER,**  
Fries and slaw (L)

**MAY 9TH**

**ZESTY SPAGHETTI**  
All you-can-eat, garlic bread,  
salad (L)

**MAY 16TH**

**COUNTRY STYLE PORK,**  
Mashed, veggies and  
dinner roll. (LR)

**MAY 23RD**

**SUCCULENT**

**SWISS STEAK,**

Mashed, veggie & roll. (L)

**MAY 30TH**

**DELICIOUS CHICKEN,**  
potato, veggie & roll. (Aux)  
Dinners really pick up in the warmer months. Find a parking spot and come on in. "For the Good of the Legion".



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

It is a cold day in Grand Haven today. What happened to spring? First, I would like to thank all of the ladies and gentlemen who helped on the 5th District Dinner and the Legion Birthday Party. Cindy and you put on a delicious dinner. We had the honor of having the gals of the V.F.W.

Auxiliary as our guests for dinner and games in April. The new slate of officers will be voted on at the April 24 meeting. On May 7th at 9:30 we will be mailing out Poppy letters to the legion family. May 12th is the 5th District Memorial Banquet at Cedar Springs. Call Ann K. if you are interested in going. On May 20th is Girl's State 5th District Orientation at Grand Haven Post at 2:00. May 22nd is initiations potluck at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who has not been initiated or received their pin please call Myrna Puse at (616) 607-8008. The Memorial Service will be on May 27 at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. May 28th is the Memorial Day Parade, with lunch following at the Post. Get your tickets for the quilt, it will be given away on Memorial Day after lunch, you do not have to be at the post to win the beautiful quilt. The Auxiliary is cooking chicken for the 5th Wednesday in May. Ya'll come on down to dinner with us.  
President, Cleo Phipps

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, President  
Ruth Kelly, 1st Vice President  
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President  
Ann Kammeraad, Secretary  
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer  
Michele Stetts, Historian  
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain  
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



## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 4 funerals. Army National Guard helped with 2 funerals.

Members of the VFW and American Legion attended funerals for Charles "Chuck" Nelson and Leonard R. France.

Past Commanders Ken Kelly, Tom Streng, Ray Ribbink, Dick VanderStel and Dave MacKellar along with Honor Guard members Jack Gardner and Dave Carlson attended interment for Past Commander Vernon G. Rowan.

2nd Vice Commander Ed DeKoeckoe and Past Commander Dave MacKellar attended Cub Scout Pack 3032 Robinson School at Kirk Park for a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## 8&40 Salon 499

In April four of the partners went to the Comstock Park Post for Spring Pouvoir (conference). This meeting is held so those attending from the salons from around the state can hear the reports from the Department Chairmen and there was also nominations for the new officers at the state level. Our next meeting will be on May 8, and we plan to have initiation of new partners at that time. Now that many are back from the South, we hope to have a good attendance that evening. Ann kammeraad, Chapeau



Hand made quilt to be raffled off by the Auxiliary on Memorial Day. Tickets are \$5.00 and available at the Post Bar and from Aux. members. All proceeds to benefit the Quilts of Valor and Goodfellows.

## SERVICE OFFICER NOTES

There has been a change in our Field (Veterans) Service Officer that serves our veterans and American Legion Posts in this area. Our new FSO is Rebecca Krish. Also there are new parameters for this service. Her visits to our Post are the 3rd. Friday of each month from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. As always, I always recommend that anyone that wants to discuss anything with her to call her first to ensure that you bring any/all required information with you to maximize your meeting with her and if you are able to file a claim, to expedite that process. Cellphone: (231) 740-9577 Email address: rebeccakrish@michiganlegion.org Muskegon County OVA Office: Every Monday: 9:00 AM 4:30 PM (Please note: appointment only at this location, call number below to make an appointment) 165 E. Apple Suite 201 (231) 724-7143 She also works out of the Outpatient Clinic in G.R. every Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM 4:30 PM. Call (616) 365-7574 to make an appointment there. Additional locations that Rebecca works out of are also noted in your monthly MI Legionnaire newsletter. NOTE: Please call to assure times and locations, also first come, first served. Also, the above schedule may change without notice. Our FSO is a very busy person, so please be patient and understanding. With the additional veterans requiring assistance because of the recent wars, their workload is ever increasing. Rebecca is new to our area and I have not met with her yet, but I am sure that she will be of great assistance for us. For Ken, Adam and myself, take care everyone and I wish all of you a great month it has to be, the road is open again! Carl Lori

## UPCOMING POST MEETINGS

### May 1st Meeting

Election of 2012-13 Officers

### June 5th Meeting

Initiation of new members. Be at the Post at 6:30. We haven't lost one yet!

### July 3rd Meeting

Swearing in of new officers.  
Past Commander Phil is buying.



Sgt. Michael Yelding the NCOIC of the Grand Rapids Army National Guard was the "Guest Speaker" of the Legions 93rd Birthday Party.

## Andy's Draught

Tuesday May 8th we have the pleasure of hosting a rehearsal for the Scottville Clown Band from 7:30 - 9:30pm. Come down sip on a \$1 beer and listen to the band play some of your favorite songs, without having to fight the Coast Guard crowds.

The Kentucky Derby Party Saturday May 5th. We will have our Derby raffles, mint juleps, the ladies fancy hat contest, the Conklin Stakes with live jockeys & karaoke starting after the race. As always we ask you to bring a dish to pass.

Saturday May 26th we will be hosting another Memorial Golf Outing at West Ottawa Golf Course. Dinner will be served back here at the Post afterward for the golfers. Sign up sheets are available at the bar.

This year Memorial Day the bar will be open from noon - 10pm. We will also begin opening on Sundays starting Memorial weekend as well as starting our summer hours. Monday - Friday the Post will be open from 1 - 10pm, Saturdays Noon - 10pm & Sundays 1-7pm. These hours will continue up to Labor Day.

We could use some more help with our Wednesday night dinners. If you are interested in becoming more active this is a great way to get involved and meet more members. If interested give me a call. I will add you to our volunteer list.

Watch the calendar for our upcoming events, dinners & dancing.

May drink specials: \$3 Cosmopolitans, \$2 You-Call-Talls every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday Cheers Andy



## SAL COMMENTS

As I near the end of being Commander of the Son's of the American Legion, I am very thankful the opportunity to have served in this capacity for the past three years. Working with the Legion and Auxiliary leadership and its members has been a pleasure. I am truly amazed at the positive energy that comes to bear when there is work to be done and projects to be completed with all groups pitching in. Thank You for your assistance in making this an incredible experience.

I would like to thank the group of volunteers who have put the patio/deck furniture out and the fencing in place so that we may enjoy the warm spring and summer days. It is great to be able to use both venues already this Spring.

At our April meeting we nominated our slate of Officers. We will be voting and installing these individuals at our next meeting and they are as follows:

Commander: Tom Greenberg , 1st Vice: Mike Zolik, 2nd Vice: Tom Schultz, Sergeant-at-Arms: Brook Rodgers, Finance Officer: Rich Kelly, Historian: Paul Kubicek, and Chaplin: Tom Glockzin.

SAL Golf Scramble - Saturday May 26th - West Ottawa Golf Course - Registration forms are available at the bar for the 10th Annual SAL Golf Scramble. It has a 9:00 am shot-gun start. This event is limited to 30 teams. The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes a round of golf, electric cart, a steak dinner at the post, and a tee gift. There are 3 Divisions: Open (any age), Senior (55 & Older), and Couples (2 men and 2 women). If you are interested in being a Tee Sponsor (\$75.00) or would like to work at this event please contact either Rich Kelly, Paul Kubicek, or TL Lowe. Help is always appreciated.

The SAL purchased a AED Defibrillator for the Post. The AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation. The application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmias, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. With simple audio and visual commands, AED are designed to be simple to use. We will be training on its use in the near future,  
TL Lowe - SAL Commander

## SAL OFFICERS

- TL Lowe, Commander*
- Tom Greenberg, 1st Vice Commander*
- 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*

Come Join Ryan Keenan, Elder Law Attorney at Scholten Fant Attorneys in Grand Haven and Kelly Zednik, Planning Counselor at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Homes in Grand Haven and Spring Lake for desert Wednesday, May 16th at 7 p.m. upstairs of your American Legion for a lively discussion about Veteran's Benefits, Estate Planning, Medicaid and Advanced Funeral/Memorial Planning. We look forward to helping guide you and your family through these topics and letting you and your family know what is available, how these issues can benefit you and your family today, tomorrow and importantly, how you continue to take care of your family when you are gone. See you there!



SAL just purchased the 30th AED from Randy & Lisa Poel's Foundation at a great discount for our POST!! Thanks to them both!!

## Notice American Legion Post 28 Officers for 2012-2013

At our May meeting the following officer candidates will be voted on:

- If there is any one interested in running for office contact nominating committee
- Commander ..... Ron Bauer
  - 1st Vice Commander ..... Ed DeKoekoek
  - 2nd Vice Commander.....David Carlson
  - Adjutant ..... Rick Chittenden
  - Finance Officer ..... Jim Thayer
  - Service Officer ..... Ken Kelly and Adam Shumaker
  - Historian..... Nathan VanKampen
  - Chaplain ..... Chris Tanke
  - Sergeant at Arms ..... Sue Metzler
  - Judge Advocate ..... Hugh Hyde
  - Executive at Large ..... Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman
  - Past Commander.....Phil Smith

Installation of new officers will be on July 3, 2012

## LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

- Billy Haynes, Commander*
- Freddy Smith, Assistant Director*
- Ed Mc Donald, Secretary*
- Larry Culbertson, Treasurer*
- Rev. Wesley Spyke, Chaplain*
- Michael Capman, Historian*
- Sally Kemme, Membership Chair*
- Glen Bullock, Past Director*



## LEGION RIDERS

OK folks, I've just declared that winter is officially over, so get off the couch, shine up the bike and get ready to ride.

All except "Tuff guy" Toby Ross of course. He never put his bike up for the winter. He faithfully rode his bike to the post at least once, every month of the year. Way to go Toby.

We will be planning a ride back up to the old warriors camp again this year (date to be determined) and will be going to Indianapolis for the legion legacy run reunion and national convention in August.

We will undoubtedly be making a number of runs to the ice cream shops as well. ( my Favorite)

And doing missions with the patriot guard as the need arises.

We are just gearing up and looking forward to another season of helping our veterans and their families as we can.

Bring your ideas to the meetings or shoot out a group e-mail for dinner rides.

Remember, anyone can organize a ride.

Lets have the best year yet riding and enjoying being with friends.

Please ride safe and responsibly.

Billy, riders director



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MAY DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 COSMOPOLITANS							<b>MAY 2012</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
June ~ Flag Day July ~ Independence Day August ~ Coast Guard Festival, Enlisted Men's Party, BBQ Chicken		1 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	2 5PM PERCH DINNER	3	4 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big	5 KENTUCKY DERBY 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 Legion Riders Meeting	11 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertone Band	12							
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 \$2 U-Call Tall	15 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	16 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER	17 7pm Trivia	18 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado Band	19							
20	21 6pm BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER \$2 U-Call Tall	22 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	23 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	24	25 6PM BURGERS	26 MEMORIAL GOLF							
27 1pm POST OPEN	28 MEMORIAL DAY \$2 U-Call Tall	29 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	30 5PM CHICKEN DINNER	31	JUNE 1 6PM BURGERS	2 6pm Karaoke							