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Chittenden,
Past
Commander



POST #28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



The leaves are in full color and the time is right for us to remember how important November is to the American Legion. It was five years ago that the American Legion and the VFW helped in the moving of the WWI memorial to its new site in Central Park. It was a warm November 11, 2005 that we marched from the Legion to Central Park. This November 11 we will have a Veteran's Day full of activities. At 11 AM we will have a program at the Eternal Flame at the corner of Harbor Drive and Y Drive, with coffee and donuts at the Legion after the program. In the evening, we will have our Veteran's Day dinner with social hour at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM. Tickets are on sale at the post. Veterans come on out and have a great evening with fellow Veterans and Legionnaires. This Veteran's Day we take time to thank all the men and women who have served our country during war times and peace times. Remember our service men and women who are serving right now to protect our freedom, they are our new Veterans.

November 24, 7 PM, is the start of our Trivia game evenings. Get a team together and come on down to the Legion and have fun with friends. A reminder that our 2011 dues need to be paid by December 31, 2010.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with dinner and burger nights. If you have some time to spare and have fun with new friends come on down and sign up.

To all of our members who go to warmer weather for a few months. We will miss you, drive safe and hurry back. Please, take time to thank a Veteran for your freedom and support our troops.
Commander: David L. MacKellar "Mack"

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS



**DUE TO LARGE
AMOUNTS
OF MAILINGS
"YOU" ARE
FULLY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY
AND ALL
CHANGE OF
ADDRESSES. EITHER
SPRING OR FALL.**



Ken Kelly, Sue Metzler, Al Schmidt, David MacKellar, Dan MacKellar, Dewie Jordan, Ron Bauer, George Bennett and Jack Gardner attended program for "Wounded Warrior Project" at Grand Haven High School Stadium.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and Transfers: John Rosema, Warren Snell, Richard Damaska, Paul Schunder, Jaun Garcia, Ronald

Johson, Orrin Koning, Stuart Jalving, Harry Baxter.

Taps were played for:

Member Harold

Prochnow, Air

Force Senior Airman James A. Hansen of Athens, Mi. died in Iraq and Army Specialist Deangelo B. Snow of Saginaw, Mi. KIA Afghanistan. Please Support our Troops.



Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee

**C/O American Legion Post 28
700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417**

The Fallen Heroes committee has now received the identification plaque and support stand (all paid for) and have ordered the 3 section granite memorial as well as the eagle to be placed on top of the monument. We had to pay the cost with the orders which amounted to \$59,625.00. This used up most of the funds we had received from donations. We will have to pay the other half on the receipt of the eagle (\$4,125.00) in about 3 months and the other half of the monument (\$55,500.00) in about 6 months when it is installed. We have about \$8,000.00 available and will use most of that (about \$5,000.00) when we install the foundation.

The committee has one more perch dinner on November 3, at the post. All proceeds from the dinner will go to the Memorial.

So we are still asking for donations from our Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Rider memberships. Please continue to contribute.

Co-Chair: Ken Kelly Phone: 616-846-2329 Co-Chair: Max Riekse Phone: 231-865-3238

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Jean Koehs, President
Cleo Phipps, 1st Vice President
Ruth Kelly, 2nd Vice President

Ann Kammeraad, Secretary
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
Jean Wolniakowski, Past President

Ina Kaufman, Parliamentarian
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain
Charlene MacKellar, Sgt. At Arms

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

The weather has been as bright and shining as a new penny. In Oct. we had a work meeting to mail out our hostess booklets and a crew to clean the kitchen. Thank you for all who helped on both of these projects. Don't forget, if you have not paid your dues to see Michele. By the time you read this we would have had initiation. Welcome all new members. November 11 is the Veterans Dinner and we will need help with the turkey dinner. Call Cleo Phipps to volunteer at 846-6932. We will participate in the Veterans Christmas Gift shopping on November 30, December 1, and 2. If interested call Pat Best at 842-0749. Goodfellows needs help with shoppers, wrappers, and preparing lunch after wrapping. Call Barb Kelly to volunteer. Ruth Kelly still has 2-year pocket calendars for \$2.00 each. Call her at 846-2329 to request one. Special thanks to Cindy, our chef. Happy Thanksgiving Cleo Phipps, 1stVice President



MSU and U of M Tailgate Party

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 3 funerals. Army National Guard Sgt. Jordan Bultema and his Team came to funeral for Harold Prochnow. Members Dave MacKellar, George Bennett, Ken Kelly, Dan MacKellar, Ron Bauer, Dewie Jordan, Jack Gardner, Sue Metzler and VFW Past Commander Al Schmidt attended program for "Wounded Warriors Project" at Grand Haven High School Stadium.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett



Each year after the Veterans dinner we get many requests for this recipe so here it is, in time for Thanksgiving!

Sweet Potatoes	3 cups yams
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 cup butter
2 beaten eggs	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup milk	

Mix and place in sprayed 9 x 13 pan.

Topping: melt 1/3 cup butter and add 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup flour and 1 cup chopped pecans. Sprinkle over top of yams, bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Serves 10 - 12.

KITCHEN HELP

Fall sports are in full swing. This has affected our volunteer help on Friday burger nights and Wednesday dinners. If you have 3-4 hours free for one of these nights ONCE per month, that would be a tremendous help. For the "Good of your Legion", please call Andy at 842-5310. Grab a friend and volunteer. It's fun. Dinner Committee

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 OFFICERS

TL Lowe, Commander
 Rob Wolniakowski, 1st Vice Commander
 Charlie Yonker, 2nd Vice Commander
 Rich Kelly, Finance Officers

Tom Glockzin, Chaplain
 Tom Greensberg, Sergeant-At-Arms
 Jeff VanderVeen, Historian
 Brad Chittenden, Past Commander

Howard Mattson, Post SAL Chairman
 Mike Brown, Membership Chair
 Jeff VanderWeen, Adjutant

**SAL COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

By the time you receive this, hopefully, we will be cheering on one or more of our local teams in the high school football playoffs. West Michigan has been well represented in the last few years. I know we would like to see as many of our teams as possible playing at Ford Field this year.

A big Thank you goes Willis Kerridge, Charlie Yonker, Rich Van Doorne, Dan Smart and their crew for the very successful Salmon Fest this year. The weather, food, and entertainment were exceptional again this year. Many hours of preparation are needed to more this a great experience.

Mark your calendar for the first Trivia Night at the Post. It will be held on November 24th - the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. It is a fun filled event that is a great challenge to our memory. So, get your team together to see how well you complete with your Legion family.

The following new seven members have been added to our SAL group: Gary Gillissle, Chris Payne, Sean Clay, Steven Fox, Timothy Widener, Barry Powell, and Christopher Wilbert.

Finally, we are in the beginning stages of planning for the New Year's Eve party at the Post. Put that date on your calendar as it is a great way to bring in the new year.

TL Lowe SAL Commander

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Legion would like to send out Christmas cards again this year to our service men and women that are on active duty. I know Christmas is two months away, time seems to go by fast. I have also been in contact with two schools in the area to get names so the kids can send Christmas cards. If you can send me your family members name and address so we can start getting a list together that would be great. You can send it to the Post or you can E-mail me at. mackeda1@aol.com <mailto:at..mackeda1@aol.com> . American Legion 700 Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, MI. 49417 .

Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"

**VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

NOVEMBER 11th, 2010

Just a reminder about our Veteran's Day program this year. It will be on November 11th with a social hour starting at 6PM and Dinner at 7 PM. This year will be like last year with only veterans in attendance. We will be selling tickets in advance at \$7.00. The Ladies Auxiliary will be providing a Turkey dinner for us.

Service Officer News

The monthly visit by our area VA Rep., Martha Wieland has been a big success. Due to the Holiday, Martha will not be visiting the Post in November, but please check the December Newsletter for her next visit, hopefully in December, if not then she will return in January. She is very busy with other Posts, so please be patient with our program. As always, Adam Shumaker and I will help those that require assistance or to answer any questions any time. Your DD 214 is required for any assistance and any other pertinent papers you have will expedite your request. Have a wonderful Holiday everyone!

Carl Lori: Service Officer

3RD ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION CAR SHOW

"Best of Show"



3rd Annual American Legion Car Show was a great success. We want to thank all the people who helped put on the car show. A special thank you to everyone who showed their cars. With all your help we donated \$1000.00 to the Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument. Hope to see you all next year.

**Andy's Draught**

Tickets are available at the bar for the Veteran's Dinner Thursday November 11th. They tickets are \$7 each and are available at the bar.

Wednesday November 24th our Swiss Steak dinner will be bumped up a half hour earlier because of our Trivia Kick-Off. Dinner will go from 4:30 to 6:30 and trivia starts at 7. Remember, you may not use your cell phones during trivia to look up answers. That would be cheating.

The Post will be closed Thanksgiving Day. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving.

Our Facebook page has been a great way to post pictures of the events that go on here at the Post. Feel free to take a look at the pics we have posted or post some of your own Post pics.

It's not too early to renew your memberships. Feel free to mail us your renewals or see one of the bartenders. We just ask that you not renew your membership at the bar during a busy dinner.

Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dinners & bands.

October drink specials: \$3 Washington Apple, \$2 U-Calls every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!
 Andy



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WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Succulent Swiss Steak, normally served Nov. 24th has been moved to Dec. 1st due to Thanksgiving. Dinners will continue to be served throughout December. Come on down on Wednesdays and support your Post. Thank you, Dinner Committee

NOVEMBER DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 Washington Apple							NOVEMBER 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	2 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	3 5PM PERCH DINNER	4 7pm Goodfellows	5 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	6 6pm Karaoke UofM vs Illinois MSU vs Minnesota	7 1pm Lions vs NY Jets	8 \$2 U-Call Tall	9 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	10 5PM SPAGHETTI DINNER	11 6:30pm Veteran's Day Dinner	12 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones	13 UofM @ Purdue
14 1pm Lions @ Buffalo	15 \$2 U-Call Tall	16 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	17 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	18	19 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado	20 MSU vs Purdue UofM vs Wisc.	21 1:00pm Lions @ Dallas	22 \$2 U-Call Tall	23 7pm Aux Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	24 7pm Trivia Kick-Off	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 1pm Lions vs New England	26 6PM BURGERS	27 MSU @ Penn St. UofM @ Ohio St.
28	29 \$2 U-Call Tall	30 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	Dec. 1 5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER	2	3 6PM BURGERS	4 6pm Karaoke							