

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## American Legion Officers

Ron Bauer, Commander  
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Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers  
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Executive at Large  
Phil Smith, Past Commander

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to new and transferred members:

Gerald Campbell, Laura Oldenburg,  
Thomas Vos, Richard Carlson, Jorge  
Duque, Cameron Fiorillo-Krizan, Melvin  
Nielsen, John  
Rausch,  
Christian  
Van Den  
Berg, Hector  
Vargas, Melvin  
Miller, Dennis  
Moehlman,  
and Kenneth  
Woloszyk.

Taps were

played for: Robert Finney, Herman  
Meilinger, Bill Emmert, Ray Barrett,  
Daniel Vander Broek, Fred Borchers,  
Evans Quigg, SPC David Jackson II,  
Michigan Army National Guard "Honor  
Guard" Member, U.S. Army PFC Shane  
Cantu of Corunna, MI, Killed in Action  
in Afghanistan; U.S. Ambassador J.  
Christopher Stevens, Killed in terrorist  
attack in Libya; Police Officer Patrick  
O'Rourke of Fenton, MI, Killed in Line of  
Duty.



## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

There have been high winds and rain blowing in from across Lake Michigan for several days now, stripping away what remains of our beautiful autumn colors from the trees. But the Post remains snug and warm, so come down when you can and help us fend off the chill from the "Gales of November". And we appreciate your continuing support of our Wednesday Dinner and Friday Burger Nights, especially after many of our summer clientele have gone south for the winter. Please don't

forget to attend our Veterans Day activities this month. We will hold a brief ceremony in honor of our Veterans at the Eternal Flame monument at the corner of YMCA and Harbor Drives on Sunday, November 11th at 11:00 AM, followed by coffee and donuts at the Post. Then, on Monday, November 12th, we will have our annual Dinner in celebration of all our Veterans who have served both in times of peace and conflict. Our dinner will again be prepared and served by our Auxiliary and SAL volunteers, with the Social Hour starting at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM with a special presentation to follow. Tickets are on sale at the Post. Of course, we will have many other enjoyable activities held at the Post this month (See Andy's monthly calendar and articles below). So, "Come on Down"!

Due to aging and illnesses, we have an urgent need for volunteers to help fill the ranks of our well-recognized and well-respected Honor Guard. They are providing military honors for over 50 fallen Veterans a year, plus meeting almost weekly requests for other Veteran and community ceremonial and educational services. We need your help! To find out how you can help us perform this important role, contact George Bennett or "Mack" MacKellar.

And please continue to do what you can to support our Veterans, especially those service men and women serving "in Harm's Way" and their families. On behalf of all here at the Post, we wish you and yours a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! -  
Commander Ron Bauer



Ray Nelson was the 1st place winner of the car division of the "Legion Car & Motorcycle show".



Riders Past Director Bill Haynes was the 1st place winner of the Motorcycle division of the "Legion Car & Motorcycle show".



Past Commander Garrett Veihl presented 2nd Vice Commander Dave Carlson \$400.00 to the Boys State Program from the Legion Car and Motorcycle Show.



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

We have much to be thankful for in our lives. Last month we enjoyed a bountiful pot luck dinner followed by the initiation of new members. Our guests were two 5th District officers, Mary Tyler and Deb Chambers. This month we celebrate Veterans Day with a traditional turkey dinner.

We are thankful for all our veterans at our Post and all those who have served our country. Later in the month we will help in the Gift Shop at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home. Let Pat Best know if you can help. In December, Barb Kelly will be looking for volunteers to shop for the Goodfellows program. If you have not paid your dues for 2013, they are \$25 for renewal and due by the end of the year. Send them to Lisa Davis at the Post. There will be no meeting in December, but come in and enjoy the many other activities going on. Happy Thanksgiving  
Ann Kammeraad, President

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Ann Kammeraad, President  
Michele Stetts, 1st Vice President  
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President  
Gloria Honey, Secretary  
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer  
Molly Pippis, Historian  
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain  
Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly  
Cleo Phipps, Past President



## Sick Call List

The following members and friends of the Legion have had to face medical issues or deaths recently. Please consider reaching out to them and/or their families and of course, keep all of them in your prayers. "Bear ye one another's burdens . . ." Chaplain Chris. Sue Metzler - continued healing from surgery, Jack Gardner - dealing with health issues.



"In response to referral by our Service Officer, Adam Shumaker, Eric Thayer of Home Depot, Grand Haven, (fifth from left) and his crew of "Celebration of Service" project volunteers arrive at home of WW II Veteran Member, Larry Kuipers and wife, Lucille, (in doorway) to provide free labor and materials to do landscaping, deck staining and preservation, and other repairs for no charge. Many thanks to Eric and his crew and to Home Depot for providing this wonderful Veteran-support program."

## Andy's Draught

I'm late getting my newsletter out. There is a lot going on here. The new surveillance system is in, we are working on upgrading the old cash register to a point of sale system, we are working on putting together our first Wild Game dinner and there is more in the works.

The Wild Game dinner will be Saturday December 1st. The Post will provide a main dish and a side dish, but we will then be asking people to bring a dish to pass. Those that bring a dish will receive free admission for the dinner and the band that follows. We ask that if you do plan on bringing something to call and let me know ahead of time. We will have tickets available for sale at the bar. This will be a benefit for the Fly-n-Heroes program.

This year our Healing Heroes program hooked up with Fly-n-Heroes for our annual fly fishing trip. They are a program run by volunteers that take veterans fly fishing at no charge. Eric, Adam and Kirk did an awesome job and we look forward to a long lasting relationship with their organization. We will have the trip and all its highlight on a video shortly.

The kid's Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday December 8th and will follow the same style party as what we did last year. There will be crafts and games for the kids to do and of course Santa will be there too. 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

## WEDNESDAY'S MENU

### NOVEMBER 7TH

#### PERCH DINNER,

Fries, slaw & roll. Last time till Spring

### NOVEMBER 14TH

#### "ALL YOU CAN EAT"

#### ZESTY SPAGHETTI

garlic bread, salad (Coopersville Boys)

### NOVEMBER 21ST

#### NO DINNER

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### NOVEMBER 28

#### SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK,

Mashed, gravy, veggie & roll. (The A Team)

### DECEMBER 5TH

#### MEATLOAF ALA CHOPS

Legion Green Bean Casserole, Baked Potato, roll. The "A" Team.

What a great way to wind down the year. Lots of good food, friends, and ambiance.

## 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 . Past Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"





## SAL COMMENTS

The SAL's biggest event for the Fall was the Salmon Festival. The weather turned unexpectedly cold and rainy for the Salmon Fest weekend, but that did not deter the SAL. A dedicated bunch of volunteers cleaned and chunked 450 lbs. of fish, peeled many bags of onions, washed bushels of potatoes, and shucked hundreds of ears of corn...all in preparation for the Fresh Catch Fish Boil on Friday evening. The cooking crew, without the longtime leadership of Rich Van Doorne, came together under Chuck Yonker and cooked enough fish and fixings for over 1000 dinners. I want to say a big thank you to Terry, Joe, Gary, Tom, Mike, the Coopersville boys, Phil, Paul, TL, Brock, Mike and all the other SAL volunteers that pitched in to make the Salmon Boil a huge success despite the weather...and of course Capt. Willis who was one of the primary organizers of the entire Festival. Attendance was good on Friday and Saturday evenings for the beer tents, especially considering the changing weather, but the cold and rain did keep some folks at home. Again, big thanks go out to Phil, TL, Paul, Dan, and all the other folks who gave their time so that Grand Haven could dance to Just Joe, the Beach Bashers, and the West Side Soul Searchers and have a great time!

Coming up, the SAL is working with the Ladies Auxiliary again to put on the Veteran's Day dinner on Monday, November 12. I hope that all our veterans will come out, enjoy a good meal, and celebrate this important day with other Legion members.

Remember that Trivia Night this month is on Wednesday, November 21 (the night before Thanksgiving), so come and join one of the teams for a really fun time! This is your chance to put all that useless information you've been storing up for all these years to a good use.

On Saturday, December 1, the SAL will be hosting a Wild Game dinner in conjunction with Andy and the Post. This is a brand-new event for the SAL and we are really looking forward to it. We ask all our members to come out, bring a wild game dish to pass, and join us at the Post for a great time. We'll all get to try a lot of interesting foods, swap some hunting and fishing stories, enjoy some adult beverages, have a raffle or two and generally have a fine time. Hope to see everyone there!

I'd also like to remind all SAL members that you can renew your membership now for 2013 and beat the price increase that is coming. On January 1, dues go up to \$40, but if you renew before then, it is only \$30...save \$10 and renew early!!

In closing, I'd like to give a huge shout out to all our SAL members that volunteer to work on event after event...I truly appreciate all that you do. We have a core group of a couple dozen guys that show up for every event that SAL is involved with. If you haven't volunteered for any SAL events lately, please consider giving it a try. You'll meet some great guys, have a really fun time, support some great causes and honor our veterans...all the things that the Sons of the American Legion is supposed to be about. Want to know how you can become involved? Give me a call at 248-980-6382 (cell) or email me (tom.g@compass.edu) and I'll help you get started!

### SAL OFFICERS

*Tom Greenberg, Commander  
Mike Zolik, 1st Vice Commander  
Tom Shultz, 2nd Vice Commander  
Rich Kelly, Finance Officer  
Tom Glockzin, Chaplain  
Brock Rodger, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Paul Kubicek, Historian  
Carl Lori, Legion Advisor  
Mike Brown, Membership  
Chuck Yonker, Adjutant  
Bob Wydeck, Assistant Director  
TL Lowe, Past Commander*

### 8&40 Salon 499

Thank you to those of you who donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund raiser by buying a paper pumpkin last month. They were displayed in the bar at our Post. Also thanks if you participated in the 50/50 drawing. Our 8 & 40 group sponsors service projects for organizations that help people with respiratory diseases. We will send in the money to help find a cure. Chapeau, Char MacKellar

### 8 & 40 OFFICERS

*Char MacKellar, Chapeau  
Barb Kelly, Demi Chapeau Premier  
Michele Stetts, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme  
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire  
Peggy Vermeer, La Cassiere  
Cleo Phipps, L'Archiviste  
Veloce Hansen, L'Aumonier  
Pat Vadas, L'Concierge  
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate  
Ann Kammeraad, Le Pouvoir*

### HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 6 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with 3 funerals and the USMC helped with one funeral.

Past Commander's Ken Kelly, Dave MacKellar and 2nd Vice Commander Dave Carlson attended Hospice of Michigan Program at Chestnut Fields. With members of the VFW post's 2326 & 3195 Honor Guards.

Members of Honor Guard did memorial service for Evans Quigg at Christian Haven Assisted Living. Honor Guard members also attended the Eastown Parade.

The Honor Guard is in need of new members. If you would like to help out with Honor Guard activities please contact George Bennett or Dave MacKellar.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

### LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

*Toby Ross, Riders Director  
Mike Stressman, Sergeant-at-Arms  
John Kemme, Secretary  
Larry Foose, Treasurer  
Pastor Wes Spyke, Chaplain  
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair*



## LEGION RIDERS

November... one month closer to riding season. The Snowbirds are heading for warmer weather and leaving the rest of us to wish that we going, too. Autumn is here and we hope Winter forgets to come.

Don't forget to renew your Legion Riders membership dues (\$12.00 a year.) Just want to make sure you're all here next year. Also the Riders will not be doing the Pork dinner this month due to the holiday. I would like to wish all of our Legion members a

Happy Thanksgiving.

Another big day we are celebrating this month is Veterans Day on November 11th. Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time on November 11, 1919. After World War II and when the Korean War ended the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans." Congress approved this change on June 1, 1954. November 11th became a day to honor all American veterans, whenever and where ever they had served. So thank a veteran. Freedom isn't free. Thank you veterans. Toby Ross (American Legion Riders Director)

# AMERICAN LEGION GOODFELLOWS

Goodfellows time is rapidly approaching. If you don't have a chance to give to the firefighters "Crusade for Toys" on December 3rd you may send your donation to: Goodfellows: c/o American Legion Post #28, 700 Harbor Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417. We are anticipating a greater need this year for toys and clothing for the needy children who are referred to us by the Salvation Army, which serves as our clearing house.

The Goodfellows, What Do They Do? For over 60 years, the American Legion Post #28 Goodfellows program has worked to make sure that the needy children of the area have a good Christmas. We furnish each child with new clothes, along with toys, games and candy. The Goodfellows Committee is made up of Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members. We shop for clothes and specialty items, then pack all items in a family box, wrap and deliver to their homes.

Shoppers will need to pick up their list between 6:00 and 8:00 pm on December 6, 2012, at the Post and shopping must be completed by December 15, 2012.

Wrapping party is on Thursday, December 20th, at 7:00 pm, with delivery on Saturday, December 22 with breakfast for Delivery Personnel at 8:30 am. Delivery will start at 9:30 am.

Thank you everyone – The Goodfellows Committee Please sign up for delivery in the Lounge



NOVEMBER DRINK SPECIALS:  
\$3.00 WASHINGTON APPLE

## NOVEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December ~ Goodfellows Toy Drive, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Buffet, New Year's Eve Party, Merry Christmas! January ~ Happy New Year!, Las Vegas Night February ~ Chili Cook-Off, Hawaiian Luau				1 6pm Goodfellows	2 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	3 MSU vs Nebraska U of M @ Minnesota
4 Daylight Savings Time	5 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	6 Election Day 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	7 5PM PERCH DINNER	8 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	9 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones Band	10 U of M vs North-Western
11 Veterans Day	12 6pm Veteran's Day Dinner \$2 U-Call Tall	13 7pm 8&40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	14 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	15	16 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado Band	17 MSU vs North-Western U of M vs Iowa
18	19 \$2 U-Call Tall	20 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	21 NO DINNER 7pm Trivia	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23 6PM BURGERS	24 MSU @ Minnesota U of M @ Ohio
25	26 \$2 U-Call Tall	27 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	28 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	29	30 6PM BURGERS 8pm Entourage	DEC. 1 6pm Wild Game