

The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



The first purpose mentioned in our Preamble is "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; and next- "To maintain law and order." The Constitution shapes laws that protect our natural rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This must be defended in every generation To help achieve this, the Boys State and Girls State programs, along with the Oratorical Contest with speeches about the U.S. Constitution, deserve our members continued enthusiastic support. Join us for a brief ceremony to pause and honor our Veterans of all wars at the Eternal Flame. (The corner of YMCA and Harbor Drives) Tuesday,

November 11th at 11:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served later at the Post. At 6 p.m. we'll gather for our annual Veterans Day Turkey Dinner. This dinner will be prepared and served by Auxiliary and SAL volunteers. The cost for dinner is \$8.00. The guest speaker this year is Jay Davis, Captain, Salvation Army. Please bring a friend to this Veterans only event. (Caregivers for Veterans needing assistance are also welcome.) Remember, 2015 dues need to be paid by December 31, 2014. www.firstworldwar.com/battles/cambrai.htm The Battle of Cambrai, launched in November 1917, heralded the first time tanks were used in significant force...they were deemed to be of limited use in offensive operations, unwieldy and prone to malfunction.

Dave Carlson, Commander Post #28

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HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 6 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with 2 funerals and Air Force helped with 1 funeral. Members of Legion and VFW attended 9-11 program here at Post #28. Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

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 6th you may send your donation to:

Goodfellows: c/o American Legion Post #28,
700 Harbor Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417

We are anticipating a great need again 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 70 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 4, 2014, at the Post and shopping must be completed by December 13, 2014.

Wrapping party is on Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm, with delivery on Saturday, December 20 with breakfast for Delivery Personnel at 8:30 am. Delivery will start at 9:30 am.

Thank you everyone - The Goodfellows Committee

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New members voted on at our October meeting were Matthew L.

Arsnoe, Blake W. Osborn, Douglas G. Wood,

Albert F. Pontarelli, John G. Young, Kenneth A. Horner, Phillip M. Nieboer, Michael W. Scott, Steve M. Bumstead, Angela D. Pellegrom.

Transfers voted on at the October meeting were Karen S. Akey, Jack T. Drolema, Douglas A. Sabin, Grant C. Young, Gino Del Pup, John C. Sams, Richard L. Slocum, Jack E. Weigle, Harry M. Dyck.

Taps were played at the October meeting for Ronald Woiteshek, Air Force Korea, Dudley Nedervelt, USMC WWII, Marvin Piersma, Air Force Korea, Robert Burgess, Navy Vietnam, Dean Bagalay, Navy Gulf War, George Thomas, Army WWII, Sherman Wirick, Navy WWII.



Charles Conklin Post 28 is at 1050 members and 67% of goal at the time of this printing. This is terrific putting us 112 members ahead of the Mt. Clemens post. It is imperative that you renew your dues as soon as possible. Your card expires December 31st. Turn in a copy of your ID card and \$40 to your favorite bartender. Thank you. Rick Chittenden Adjutant.



The following members and friends of the Legion have had to face medical issues or deaths since we last met. Please reach out to them and their families if you feel so lead and keep all of them in your prayers. Respectfully submitted.

Chaplain:
George Bennett
Vince Antonich
Charles Davis
Doug 'Tony' Telgenhof
Larry Kuipers
Darrel Myers
Jim "Jimbo" Land





AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Greetings Auxiliary Members,
 Happy Veterans' Day & Thanksgiving! We have much to be thankful for in our lives. At our October 28th meeting we enjoyed a nice social hour followed by the initiation of new members. Our guests for the evening were 5th District President LoraLee Nauta and 1st Vice President Margot Forrester. On November 11th we honor our veterans with a traditional turkey dinner. Social hour is from 6 – 7 p.m.; dinner begins at 7 p.m. We are thankful for all our veterans at Post 28 and all those who have served our country. We are looking for volunteers to put together fruit plates for veterans in local assisted-living centers. Also, the Christmas Gift Shop at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans is coming up on December 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. We need volunteers to help the veterans choose & wrap gifts for their families. Please contact Chairman Pat Best at (616) 842-0749 if you would like to help with either of these events. Is shopping your passion? Then the Goodfellows program is for you. Please contact Chairman Barb Kelly at (616) 566-1294 if you can help shop for children's clothes. Two-year pocket calendars are available for purchase from Ruth Kelly at any meeting. Membership Renewal: National sent out 2015 Renewals in September. Your 2014 membership card will expire on December 31, 2014. Please send your \$25 dues for 2015 to our Membership Chair Kathleen Edwards c/o Post 28. If you leave your dues (without a renewal notice) at the bar, please fill out an Auxiliary Renewal envelope with your name, address, & phone number. Kathleen & I will be collecting dues at the Post on November 7th, 14th, & 19th from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be no meeting in December, but come in to the Post and enjoy the many other activities going on.
 Respectfully, Michele Stetts, President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Michele Stetts, President
 Kathleen Edwards, 1st Vice President
 Barbara Herron, 2nd Vice President
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 Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
 Linda Gieske, Historian
 Judy Fischer, Chaplain
 Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly
 Ann Kammeraad, Past President



NOVEMBER DINNER MENU

NOVEMBER 5TH PERCH DINNER

Slaw, fries, and roll. Legion.

NOVEMBER 11TH HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY TURKEY DINNER

Veterans Only

NOVEMBER 12TH ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Salad, garlic toast. Legion.

NOVEMBER 19TH COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, and corn bread.
Legion Riders

NOVEMBER 26TH NO DINNER HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER DINNER MENU

DECEMBER 3RD SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK

Masked, green bean casserole, roll. Legion

DECEMBER 6TH WILD GAME DINNER

DECEMBER 10TH ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Salad, garlic toast. Legion.

DECEMBER 17TH COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, and corn bread.
Legion Riders

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD BLESS AMERICA. Your Dinner Volunteers! :)

Andy's Draught

It is with mixed emotions I write this article. It will be my last. After 8 years as your Post Manager I am resigning. This was a decision that was not easily made.

8 years ago I was hired to manage your Post and we have done many great things together. From new Post events, to record number of member (now the largest Post in Michigan), to the bar remodel we have become a destination. A place people want to be and a place people want to be a part of.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to all Post 28 members for making my time here so memorable. I'm thankful for the friendships I've made and for your support as I make the transition as Fontino's new manager.

I look forward to sitting on the other side of the bar with you and hope to see you at Fontino's for nuts and bourbon.

For the good of the Legion

Andy

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 a few 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 or American Legion 700 Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, MI. 49417

Past Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"



Ken Kelly at Muskegon airport after WW II Veterans Legends Flight



SAL COMMENTS

Big thanks to all the peelers, all the shuckers, all the fish boilers, all the servers, and all the bar tenders who answered our "Help Wanted" ad and showed up in rain and cold to work on the SAL sponsored Salmon Festival. You are the best and that's what makes our post so special.

We welcome these new SAL members: David Rickard, Chad Stressman, Frank Russo, John Spomer, Stan Kozyra, Erik Kozyra, Michael Wagner, David Lancashire, Cade Rogers, Dylan Darga, Bruce Burnside, Steven Chambers,

David Molyneux, Charles Williams, James Kober, Benjamin Kober, Jack Drolema, Floyd Fonte, Gabriel Knowles, Kevin Featheringill, Ethan Meyer, Michael Lozicki, Peter Lozicki, Gary Rollenhagen, Daniel Fox, James Marquoit, Robert Anderson, Chris Kamhout, Neil Sundquist, Rich Holland, Hubert Lucas, Norman Kaminski, Nathaniel Fox, Gregory Perry.

F.Y.I. Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, in 1493, in 1498, and in 1502, too! We celebrate that first voyage on Oct. 13, this year.

Mike Zolik. SAL Commander

SAL OFFICERS

Mike Zolik, Commander
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Burl Newbill, SR. Road Captain
Larry Lambert, Grab-an-Run



LEGION RIDERS

Are you a member of the American Legion Family? Legionnaire, SAL, or Auxiliary? Do you like to ride Motorcycles? Do you like to help Veterans? If you answered yes to these questions. Post 28 Legion Riders would like you to join our Chapter. Post 28 Legion Riders have donated \$5,500 dollars in the first 9 months of this year to help Veterans and Children. Just to name a few of our Charities

we support, Boys and Girls State, Legacy Scholarship, Grand Rapids Veterans Home, Wilwin Lodge, and Student Trooper these are just a few that we support. If interested in becoming a Legion Rider please contact any Legion Rider for more information. Don't forget our Pulled Pork Dinner on Nov. 19, 2014 from 5 to 7. Come on down and enjoy a really good meal for \$8.00 dollars. You get Pulled Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, a Veggie, and Corn Bread.

Thanks, Bob Wydeck Post 28 ALR Director

8 & 40 OFFICERS

Linda Quaine, Le Chapeau
Myrna Puse, Demi Chapeau Premier
Barbara Herron, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire
Michele Stetts, La Cassiere
Kathleen Edwards, L'Archiviste
Veloyce Hansen, L'Aumonier
Louise Svoboda, La Concierge
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate

8&40 Salon 499

A heartfelt "thank you" to all who donated a paper pumpkin in October, your generosity shall help fund research to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Myrna Puse, Michelle Stetts and I represented Salon 499 at the Fall Pouvoir in Cedar Springs-consider attending one-it was fun! We are looking to recruit new partners so be on the lookout! Our next meeting will be on November 18th at 7pm. Chapeau, Linda Quaine



American Legion Veterans Line up waiting at Muskegon Airport, WWII Veterans on Legions Flight 1.



Post #28 Honor Guard, and thousands more, greet Larry Kuipers; and other Veterans returning from the Legends Flight to Washington, D.C." Yes, the young sailor in the picture is Larry



Photos of Ken Kelly & Legends Flight to War Memorials in Wash. DC Oct 9th



NOVEMBER DRINK SPECIALS:
\$2.00 Bloody Mary

NOVEMBER 2014

December ~ Goodfellows Toy Drive, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Buffet, New Year's Eve Party
January ~ Happy New Year!, Las Vegas Night

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 ^{6pm}  3:30pm UofM vs Indiana
2 OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	3 8am Building and Grounds 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	4 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	5 5PM PERCH DINNER	6 6:30pm Good Fellows 7pm ALR Meet	7  6PM BURGERS	8 1pm UofM @ North Western 8pm MSU vs Ohio State
9 1pm Lions vs Dolphins OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	10 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	11 7pm Veterans Day Dinner \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	12 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI	13	14  6PM BURGERS	15 8pm MSU @ Maryland
16 4:30pm Lions @ Cardinals OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	17 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	18 7pm Executive Comm. 7PM 8 & 40 MEETING \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	19 5PM ROAST PORK DINNER	20	21  6PM BURGERS	22 12pm MSU vs Rutgers 12pm UofM vs Maryland
23 1pm Lions @ Patriots OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft 30	24 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	25 7pm Aux. Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	26 7pm 	27 Happy Thanksgiving 12:30pm Lions @ Bears Post Closed	28  6PM BURGERS	29 12pm MSU @ Penn State 12pm UofM vs Ohio State 7 - 11pm Amalgamated Sound Band