



Post 28 Newsletter

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Post 28 Commander

In case you missed it, the Legion picnic was a really good time. Even though it was a little cool, the food, drinks,

games and fellowship made up for the weather. Thanks to all who helped with the setup and cleanup. With the fall season, we start our Saturday afternoon football parties. Just bring a snack to pass and enjoy the game on the big screen.

Aside from our regular dinners on Wednesday and Friday, we have a couple of exciting events coming up this month. We are having a Halloween party on the 21st and the S.A.L. Steak & Shrimp on the 28th. Also, we will be starting drink specials and 50 cent hot dogs on Mondays.

Although we have filled a couple of committee vacancies, we are still in need of volunteers. Our Post operates for the most part on voluntary help, so if you want to get involved, whether it be cooking burgers on Friday night or doing repairs on the building, give us a call.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, there is an article on a dues increase for our membership. Although no one likes dues increases, we have no choice in the matter. The National and State raised the dues, so we must also. So, if you haven't yet paid your dues, it will save you some money by paying them now before the increase on Jan. 1st. Where else can you have so much fun for so little money?

Bill Kaufman
Commander, Post 28

DUES INCREASE

Because the State and National have raised the dues for membership, we are forced to raise our dues accordingly January 1, 2007. Your Executive Committee agreed to raise the Post 28 dues from \$28.00/yr to \$40/yr. It sounds like a big increase but think of it as merely a \$1 per month increase. Since there has not been a dues increase in 10 years, and our Post expenses have increased considerably in that period, this is necessary to keep us operating at the same level of service. The good news is if you pay your 2007 dues before the end of the year, the rate is still \$28. Also, those interested in a "Paid up for Life" membership, you will pay a lot less if you sign up before the dues increase goes into effect.

Bill Kaufman, Post Commander

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

IRS Party
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

Steak & Shrimp
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

B & G 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only
House 6pm, 1st Tuesday Only
Post 7pm

2nd Monday

SAL Meeting 7:30pm

2nd Tuesday

8 & 40 Meeting 7pm

3rd Tuesday

Post 7pm

4th Tuesday

Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

1st Saturday

Karaoke

Every Wednesday

Dinners 5-7pm

1st Friday

Lake Perch or TBA 5-7pm

All Other Fridays

Burgers 6-8pm



Auxiliary

Dear Auxiliary Members:

I guess the big event we have in October is the membership potluck — bring a dish to pass and your table service. We are inviting our District President Deborah Williamson and 1st Vice President Verna Smigiel, and 2nd Vice President Gloria Williams.

I hope you have your knitting needles and yarn out and knitting hats and mittens for the Goodfellows. Also think about shopping for clothes the first part of December. If you questions about this please feel free to call Barb Kelly 846-1649 or me 846-2329. Last year we had over 400 boys and girls.

We can also help at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Christmas gift shop for the residents. Any questions call Myrna Puse 846-2958 or me 846-2329.

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: Traci Bailey, Sandra Ball, Gloria Beeman, Andrea DeVries, Danielle Fogel, Terry Grabinski, Linda Helder, Elizabeth Holstrom, Kelly Johnson, Debra Jozsa, Lisa Meyer, Lori Meyer, Kathleen Scholtz, Diane Shafer, Linda Tejchma, Marjori Twa, Rita Way and 3 Juniors, Samantha Danielson, Valery Danielson and Mylie Kelly. What a great bunch. I hope to see and meet lots of you at the meetings.

Ruth, President

STEAK & SHRIMP PARTY

October 28, 2006
 6 pm cocktails ~ 7pm dinner
 Music by Soul'd Out - 8:30 - 12:30
 \$15.00 per person



CONGRATULATIONS

One of our Post 28 members, Catherine Buckley, has been elected to the position of Jr. Vice Commander of the American Legion Fifth District. Congratulations Catherine.

HONOR GUARD HAS BEEN BUSY

Our Post 28 Honor Guard has participated in 39 funerals so far this year and our rifle team has performed at 31 of these. Jim DeSpelder is in charge of the Honor Guard and Dave MacKellar does a super job as leader of the 10 member rifle team (being a former Marine helps in this job). If you are looking for a rewarding activity, we are always looking for new members of the Honor Guard. You don't have to attend every funeral, only the ones for which you are available. You'll be doing a wonderful tribute to a fellow veteran and meet some new members as well. And sometimes you even get treated to a really good lunch. If interested, give Jim or Dave a call.

OCTOBERFEST

Wednesday, Oct. 11,06
 Menu

"Brat on a Bun" ~ Sauerkraut ~ Black Forest Beans
 Hot German Potato Salad ~ Kraut Relish ~ German Chocolate Cake
 Cost - \$6.00 ~ Serving 5-7
 Steve Edge Music ~ Dancing 7-10 ~ 50/50 Raffle



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Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

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 Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski
 Helen Hinds
 Kathleen Jackson

POST HOURS

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



SAL Update

October is upon us, where did September go? I promise not to ramble on like last month. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with this years Commander's Picnic. A good time was had by all, it was a little chilly but still a good time. The SAL hosted the Fresh Catch Fish Boil & Beer Tent on 9/15 and our first ever new member party on 9/28, I will let you know next month how everything went. Upcoming events include the STEAK & SHRIMP PARTY with SOUL'D OUT, October 28th. Tickets will be available at the bar. BURGERS by SAL will be October 20th, stop down and help out, no experience necessary. It's a fun 3 hours. I can be reached by email at mike@ghgardenhouse.com or phone at 616-638-2590 if you have any questions about the SAL and upcoming events
See you at the Post

Mike Mattson
Commander SAL Squadron 28

Service Officer

As your new Service Officer, I would first like to thank you for your votes of confidence. I assure you I will work hard and do my best. In early September, I completed service Officer School (Peggy too). The experience has helped prepare me to be able to fulfill this positions duty. I am honored to be given the chance to do so and have already helped some members. Not only will I respond to members needs but I will also try to provide information periodically that may be of benefit. So stay tuned for info on everything from DD214's to the Legions newest initiative "Heroes to Hometowns" program!

Supporting you thru service,
Jim Walton

Membership News

Please welcome
new members:



Howard Brown
Richard Olsen
Richard Olson
Arthur Kinane
Frank Such
Harold McGuire

James Cooke
James Fellows
Stewart Rickert
Ben VanDam

TAPS were played for:

Norman Thompson and
Michael Papanoli

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Friday, October 13, 2006

Fonger Post - 6pm

Cost \$10.00

Must have reservations! Deadline:
October 9, 2006. Sign up and have
check at Post by Thursday October 5th
and I will take care of the
reservations.

Ray Ribbink, Past Commander

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

First of all don't forget Oct. 21, that's our Halloween Party. Put on your best costume, see if you can win a prize. We'll have music by our own D.J. See you there. Also starting Oct. 2 and on every Monday there after through the winter, we will be having Monday Family Day. that's 25¢ off all drinks, 50¢ hot dogs and there will be board games and cards available for the family and friends to play. So come out and enjoy.

COLLEEN'S CORNER

Fall is here and we now have our liquor permit for the deck, so drink, eat and be merry!
The drink special for October will be Bloody Marys for \$2.00. Please sign up for the Friday burger night cooking. We need the help. I want everyone to know how we appreciate the support at our Post. We are a small town but have one of the largest Legion memberships in the State with definitely the best view on the Great Lakes.

Til next month,
Colleen

p.s. Football parties have begun!

DID YOU KNOW?



In 1919, a group of ex-servicemen gathered in Paris to commemorate the end of the "Great War". From this first meeting was born the American Legion, an organization dedicated to helping those who fought for our flag and freedom. Through the years, the American Legion has touched almost every part of American life. No other veterans' organization has grown so large or made such a major impact on the lives of thousands of veterans and their families.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Drink Specials 50¢ Hot Dogs	3 House Post 6pm-7pm	4 SWISS STEAK 5-7pm	5	6 LAKE PERCH 5-7pm	7 Karaoke 6-11
8	9 S.A.L. 7:30pm Drink Specials 50¢ Hot Dogs	10 Exec Comm 7pm-7pm 8&40	11 OCTOBERFEST 5-7pm Steve Edge Music 7-10	12	13 BURGERS 6-8PM Silvertones 8-11	14
15	16 Drink Specials 50¢ Hot Dogs	17 House Post 6pm-7pm	18 ROAST PORK 5-7pm	19	20 BURGERS 6-8PM Steve Edge Music 8-11	21 Halloween  Party
22	23 Drink Specials 50¢ Hot Dogs	24 Auxiliary Potluck 7pm	25 CHICKEN 5-7pm	26	27 BURGERS Silvertones	28  S.A.L. Steak & Shrimp
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