



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDER



Well as we can all see, Fall is here. We had a very good summer this year, I am proud of everyone for their help. Our

Deck and Patio have proven to be good investments!

We have a few things coming up being Oct, we have Oktoberfest, also don't forget the bus tour, \$15.00 gets you a seat must pay when signing up! Nov. 10 we will be having our Veterans Day Dinner, \$5.00 a plate. I have invited a guest speaker, who will be flying in from Oklahoma to speak. After we eat and its time for the guest speaker, we'll be closing the downstairs bar until his talk is over. For those who don't want to listen, you may go to the

upstairs bar. Thank you in advance for understanding.

I would like you to note this one in your monthly planners. On Feb 13 we will not be having Wednesday dinner, we will be having a dinner on Thursday the 14th this will be a Valentines Dinner and Dance. The cost will be \$15.00 a couple. Tickets will be sold in January. Don't forget Good Fellows, they will need help again this year. So until the next newsletter may you sail through life with the wind at your back on a steadfast course!

Garrett Veihl  
Post 28 Commander



### A HEARTY THANKS

I as commander would like to thank the crew shown in the picture for doing a fine job on the Gene Rothi fish fry. Not only this one but the many fish fries done in the past for this worthy cause, "The Gene Rothi Scholarship Fund". So Chops, Rudy, Ken, Hugh, Marg, Mike, Joann, and Noreen, thank you one and all. I understand this year was a record one?

## 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

IRSParty  
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

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, 1st Tuesday Only  
Post 7pm

### Every Monday

Building & Grounds 9am

### 2nd Monday

SAL Meeting 7:30pm

### 2nd Tuesday

8 & 40 Meeting 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

### JUNIOR AUXILIARY NEWS

We continue to try to gather enough interest to establish a Junior Auxiliary Chapter for Post 28. Thanks to those of you who have inquired about this. Please let me know if you are interested in having your daughter, niece, or granddaughter involved. My hope is to hold our first event in November. Watch this newsletter for specifics. I would like to have the girls at the Post for a social gathering so we can get to know each other, then get involved with some holiday-time community benefit activities. Again, please stop in to the Post to enroll your special girl (aged 6-18 years) in this worthwhile group. The cost is minimal and the benefits to members and community will be invaluable!

Please call the Post or email Kelly VanderHoek at kseeks24@yahoo.com for more information.

## House Committee News

The Summer of 2007 will be remembered as steamy, sunny & successful. The post was busier than ever and even more so during Coast Guard week. The deck and patio have become very popular and are used alot. The new pizza menu has gone off the charts. Team Pizza was formed several weeks ago. We have four fine American gentlemen (Charlie, Phil, Jimmy & Butch) who spend one morning a week making between 40 and 80 pizzas, depending on the need. They volunteered (WITHOUT HESITATION) when approached to do the task. Be sure to thank them when you see them around the post.

## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM PROJECT

I am Keith Kane a Life Scout with Troop 165. I am working on my Eagle Scout project and have been approved to coordinate a program to honor our local veterans. The program will be on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

The program will honor veterans and share their stories with the public. After an introduction of each of the veterans, I would like to ask questions based on our previous discussion. The veterans will have the questions ahead of time to review. Refreshments will be provided and a time for the public to personally meet the honored veterans. The program will also be videotaped in order for the stories to be recorded and added to the local oral history collection of the museum.

I am hoping that the American Legion will help me find three to five veterans that will allow me to introduce them at the program, give some background, and then answer questions which I have prepared. I am planning on personally meeting with the veterans in October to review their stories and what they might like to share.

My phone number is 616-847-2004. I live at 1640 Gladys Avenue in Grand Haven.

## POOL PLAYERS

If you like to shoot pool, come on down to the Post on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting in October. We will be having an afternoon of open 8 ball teams. You don't have to shoot like "Minnesota Fats" to play either. Partners will be selected at random so anybody can win.

## BUS TRIP

Due to the overwhelming success of our bus trip in March, Post 28 is planning a fall tour of other American Legion Posts on Saturday, Oct 27, 2007. we will meet at our Post at noon with the bus leaving at 1:00 pm. The tentative schedule is to visit the Ludington Post, Hesperia Post, Whitehall Post, Muskegon Post and then back to Post 28 around 8:00 pm. We will have an optional meal at one of the Posts. This is open to all members (Legion, Aux. & SAL) and guest. The cost is \$15 per person payable at sign-up to cover the bus charge. The bus holds 56 passengers and has a restroom. You may bring a cooler and alcohol is permitted on the bus, but no glass bottles. A sign up sheet will be posted at the bar. Sign up early to get a seat! This is Halloween time so lets party!

Bill Kaufman



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Ed Jaworowicz, *Chaplain*  
Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*  
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### Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski  
Helen Hinds  
Mary Dorman

### POST HOURS

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

### BAR HOURS

Mon-Fri 2pm - 10pm



## Randy's Draught

Hey, Gordy, to answer your question I've been here a year, not including tomorrow & I will win the pool.

Yep, with the changing colors of the leaves comes my anniversary as being your Post Manager. Woohoo... one year gone by & the honeymoon still isn't over. The past year has been a ball & I look forward to many more.

Another event that coincides with fall is football. Come watch Saturday afternoon football games on the big screen here at the Post. The bigger the game the bigger the crowd. U of M @ MSU, Navy @ Army ... For these bigger games please bring a dish to pass. Watch the calendar for dates & times.

Lush Bus # 2 is over half full. You must pay \$15 per person before your name is put on the list. You can pay the bartenders & they will see to it that your name is put on the list. Since it is the Saturday before Halloween, costumes are highly encouraged.

Starting this month & continuing until May, we will be hosting Euchre Tournaments the second Saturday of each month from noon to 3pm. It will be a great way to cure winter's cabin fever.

Post 28 also offers other remedies for your fall & winter time ailments such as: homemade pizza, free pool (Mondays only), \$1 12oz can beer (Tuesdays only), free book exchange & karaoke the first Saturday of each month. If your symptoms persist after one week of our treatments please see your doctor.

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

October drink specials: \$2.50 Spooky Juice & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!  
Randy

## HOMETOWN HEROES NIGHT

**WHAT:** Hometown Heroes Night (Active Military, Veterans, Police, Fire...)

**WHEN:** November 10, 2007, 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Van Andel Arena

**TICKETS:** Our regular price upper bowl tickets are \$13 and lower bowl are \$17. Since you would be coming out with a military group, you have two options....

1) Simply receive a discount off each ticket. This could be a \$2 - \$3 discount off each ticket. OR

2) Pay regular price for each ticket (\$13 or \$17), and then receive a FREE \$5 FOOD VOUCHER with each ticket.

We will be packing Van Andel with all sorts of military groups and service groups. This should be a pretty big event, and has a good chance to be a sell-out game. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Garrett



## S.A.L.

Greetings Post 28 Legion Members;

Well summer has officially come to an end, and hopefully we will have a few more nice sunny warm days to enjoy. By now the Salmon Fest, and the Legion picnic are over, and we start planning for next years events. The group would like to thank all of the volunteers that came out to make both events a success, and a special thanks to member Willis Kerridge for helping organize the Salmon Fest event, plus the pancake breakfast the following Sunday.

We wish to welcome the following new members of the SAL, voted upon at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the September 10, 2007 meeting. They are; Kenneth Brown, Daniel Chittenden, Charles Chittenden, Kurt Lacks, John Fallon, Thomas Spaak, Alex Lemmon, Lance Lemmon, Donald Bazany, Donovan Stoddard (junior member), Tom Siegel, Monte Dreese, and James Keating.

We wish to welcome back member Tom Glockzin, whom attended our meetings for the first time in months, due to an illness, and also member Bill Lanning is now out of the hospital, resting at home.

As a reminder, all SAL members especially the new ones are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. Most meetings only last about an hour, and are very informal. The meetings are always held on the second Monday of every month at the Legion building starting at 7:30PM, come and get involved with your Legion Post.

Lastly we want to thank Mike Mattson, for serving as Commander, and Mike Brown for serving as "membership director" for last year. They both contributed so much for the SAL and the American Legion members at Post 28.

As the new SAL Commander I welcome any thoughts or ideas for the future, for the good of the Legion, or SAL. I can be contacted at 616-566-1178, or e-mail at ([alanv744@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alanv744@sbcglobal.net))

Alan Vandam  
SAL Commander



## Membership News



**Welcome to our new members and transfers!**

David A. Rieger,  
Edward J. Sheridan,  
Rob't D. Stouten,  
John F. Charon,  
Scott L. Kramer,  
Geo. Montgomery,  
Douglas G. Parcheta,  
Derek O. Pearson,

Phillip E. Vannoy,  
Cornelius A. Louis,  
Richard L. Phifer,  
Terrance P. Bloomquist  
and Charles Moepeth.

**TAPS played for:**  
Lawrence Park,  
Charles Stuthard,  
Julius Dirkse and  
Past Commanders  
Henry Prys and  
Lowell Rummler.

## POST 28 MAKES NATIONAL MAGAZINE

Check out your September issue of "The American Legion" magazine. Post 28 is recognized for our work with "Heroes to Hometowns". Some of you may remember us helping out the family of Tony Griffin, an Army Private from Spring Lake injured in Iraq. Back in the spring, our Service Officer Jim Walton and Past Commander Bill Kaufman met with Tony's parents along with a reporter from the national magazine and apparently the reporter felt our deeds merited national attention. This is quite an accomplishment and could not have happened without the untiring effort of our Service Officer Jim Walton. He has put more time and effort into the "Heroes to Hometown" program than probably any other Service Officer in Michigan. Great job Jim!





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## OCTOBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DRINK SPECIAL \$2.50 "Spooky Tooth Juice"</b>	1 FREE Pool	2 House Post 6pm-7pm \$1 Beers	3 <b>SWISS STEAK or LIVER &amp; ONIONS 5-7pm</b>	4	5 <b>LAKE PERCH 5PM</b> <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	6 Karaoke 6pm
7	8 S.A.L. 7:30pm FREE Pool	9 8&40 7pm \$1 Beers	10 <b>SPAGHETTI 5-7pm</b>	11 Legion Riders Meeting 7pm	12 <b>BURGERS 6PM</b> <i>Silvertones 8-11pm</i>	13 Euchre Tournament 12pm
14	15 FREE Pool	16 Exec Comm 6pm \$1 Beers	17 <b>ROAST CHICKEN 5-7pm</b>	18	19 <b>BURGERS 6-8PM</b> <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i>	20
21	22 FREE Pool	23 Auxiliary 7pm \$1 Beers	24 <b>BRAT KRAUT PREZ BEER 5-7pm</b>	25	26 <b>BURGERS 6PM</b>	27 "Lush Bus" #2 12pm
28	29 FREE Pool	30 \$1 Beers	31 <b>LASAGNA 5-7pm</b>	1 November	2 <b>LAKE PERCH 5-7PM</b> <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	3 U of M @ MSU TBA Karaoke 6pm
4	5 FREE Pool	6 House Post 6pm-7pm \$1 Beers	7	8	9	10