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Chittenden,
Past
Commander



POST #28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



The weather is changing, fall is in the air and the snow fences are going up at the state park. At our Sept. 7th post meeting we had a great turn out, about 50 members and the 50/50 raffle was won by Ed DeKoekkoek and he donated it to the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

I hope you came out to the "Legion Picnic" this year, what a great time. Good weather and lots of fun. The SAL did a wonderful job again, I take my hat off to SAL Commander TL Lowe and your team. Also with all the other volunteers like Char, Rich, Darrel, Andy and their teams the picnic could not of happened with such a success. I want to thank Tina Davis for contacting Sara Lee and having them donate all the hot dogs for the picnic. We had around 170 people come and enjoy the picnic and the football games inside. This year we had entertainment on the deck by the "Channel Cats" Andy Bogner, Fred Elkins, Jay Messer, Phil Slater, great job.

Come on down to the Legion and enjoy a football game and have fun with your Legion Friends.
God Bless America
Commander: David L. MacKellar "Mack"

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and Transfers: Jordan Bultema, William Dabrowski, Cheryl Darling, Terry Durand, Bearle Eastling, Sr., Matthew Grotenhuis, William Jelier, Daniel Karpowicz, Cornelius Louis, William Mlynarchek, Lynn Smith, James Webster, Robert Yonkers, Dale Timmer, Ronald Schick, Robert Plants, Thomas Van Voorst, Kip Martin, John Bann, Jr., Douglas Glover, James Heynen, Ron Schultheiss, Chad Smith, Norman Frid, Leslie Dykema, Vincent Furnari, Richard Buikema, Bruno Radziewicz, Robert Scamehorn.

Taps were played for:
Member Don Edward Dahl, Army Private First Class Bradley D. Rappuhn of Grand Ledge and Marine Sergeant Jason D. Calo of Mancelona both killed in Afghanistan. Please Support our Troops.



Patriot Day September 11, 2010

Members of the Honor Guard and guests at 10 AM on Sept. 11, 2010 take time to honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 during the attacks on the World Trade Center, United Airlines Flight 93 and the Pentagon and to honor those who have since sacrificed, defending freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

During the program 2nd Vice Commander Ron Bauer, 1st Vice Commander Phil Smith and Commander David L. MacKellar presented a Medallion to Nathan Van Kampen for his service in Iraq, on behalf of the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall Commander Pat Daniels.

Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee

C/O American Legion Post 28

700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

The Fallen Heroes Memorial fund drive is progressing nicely. It has received donations approaching \$60,000.00. That provides the committee with enough funds to order the monument from the supplier who requires a 50% down payment with the order which amounts to \$55,000.00. The funds at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation who will transfer them to the city of Grand Haven for payment to the supplier. The delivery is estimated at six months we continue to solicit donations for the fund so we can act on our next acquisition which is the Eagle that sets on top of the monument. Its total cost is \$8,250.00 and here too we need to pay 50% of the cost with the order.

The committee is working on the perch dinners at the Post and are receiving the proceeds from it on the first Wednesday of the month. So continue your donations and watch the newsletter for future activities relating to the monument.

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**

Everything is in the air and soon we'll enjoy the colored leaves. For those who haven't heard, our President Jean Koehs is taking a leave of absence from her duties for health reasons. She is currently staying with her daughter and family in Wichita KS. She will have therapy and recuperation there. I will have the address at our meetings and Andy has it at the Legion. Michele has the 2011 membership cards and it is time to pay your dues. She will have an initiation of new members at our October 26 meeting. This will start at 6:00pm and is a pot luck dinner to start the evening. We will also have a work meeting to mail out our hostess booklets in early October. Our next 8&40 meeting is on October 12, at 7:00pm and it is also time to pay those dues. If you have been an Auxiliary member for 3 years and would like to join, please contact me at 842-6541 for information.

Ann kammeraad, Secretary

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 3 funerals. Army National Guard came to 2 funerals. Honor Guard members attended Flag program for 1st day of school at Ferry School. Honor Guard members David MacKellar, Ken Kelly, Ron Bauer, George Bennett and Carl Lori attended Awards program for Joe Schulte who returned from active duty in Iraq. Honor Guard also attended "Patriot Day Program" on September 11, 2010.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

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.

**Patriot Day, Sept. 11, 2010**

During the Patriot Day Program. Patricia Grant and family presented to Commander David MacKellar a Stained Glass Flag that their father and grandfather Carl Herman had made. Carl "Sarge" Herman was a member of the American Legion. "Sarge" had been a Army Master Sergeant in the 6th Division, 1st Infantry. Served in New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea and the Philippines. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and Purple

Heart. Commander MacKellar, said "What an Honor for your family to donate such a wonderful piece of your family history to the American Legion. We will have a show case made for the Stained Glass Flag."

3RD ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION CAR SHOW

Sunday October 3, 2010
REGISTRATION

\$10 fee 9am - 12 (noon)

SHOW

12 (noon) - 3pm

Door Prizes

Trophies awarded at 3pm

Top 25 Cars

Best of Show (picked by host)

Participant Voting

Legion Open to Public at Noon

Portion of proceeds to benefit Fallen Heroes' Memorial Monument

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

\$5 ~ 9am - 11am

For more information Contact Mary at

616-846-7167

**"CHANNEL CATS"**

Legion Picnic entertainment on the deck by Andy Bogner, Fred Elkins, Jay Messer, Phil Slater

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**

Fall weather has already headed out way so it is time to finish up the outdoor projects before it is too late. I love the fall colors in Michigan even though raking leaves is not my favorite Fall activity.

This past month we added 15 new members with 1 transfer member from Post 208 in Grand Rapids and they are as follows: Frank Naggy, Thomas Moore, Roger Rose, Bradley Bender, Charles Crane, Michael Harris, Jack Harris, Timothy Horling, Christian Kedst, George THibault, Randall Poel, John Bechk, Michael Foley, Bruce Groth, and Richard Dobrez. Brian Sandberg was our new transfer member.

We had a great Legion picnic again this year. The weather was sunny and warm. We had a large number of Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members in attendance. We were well representative in volunteers for setting up, cooking food, and clean up afterward. The work of many made the job much easier and fun.

On October 23rd the SAL will be holding its first Wine and Cheese tasting party. This event will be held upstairs. The cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. A wrist band will allow you to enter the upstairs area. There will be breads available with your wine and cheese. This event will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. We will have Just Joe providing musical entertainment downstairs.

Mark your calendars for the Trivia night - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 24TH. It is a great time competing against each other to see who the eventual winner will be for the evening.

Be sure to find time to come down to your Post to enjoy friendship, good times, and catching up with old friends. TL Lowe SAL Commandar

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 three 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

On the 4th.Friday of each month, Martha Wieland Service Officer for the Michigan American Legion will be at the Post from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM to assist all veterans with their concerns for filing claims with the VA. I encourage all veterans needing assistance with these issues to come to the Post at this time and get the assistance they need. Also I would like to introduce Adam Shumaker to our expanding program. Adam recently returned from the annual Service Officer Seminar and has a wealth of information and is up to date on the latest and greatest with entitlements for the veteran. Our goal is to make the Service Officer program at our Post the best.
 Service Officer: Carl Lori

Ferry School

Honor Guard members George Bennett, Jake Westra, Tom Streng, Ray Ribbink and David MacKellar attended Flag Raising program for 1st day of school at Ferry School on Sept. 7, 2010. The American Legion presented the school with a new American flag and installed it at their "Flag Pole" program, where all the students were outside, sang songs and thanked the American Legion for being there.

**Andy's Draught**

Butch Balk, Mike Zeeff, Phil Hallenback, Steve Bernia and Richard VanDoorne.

"Pizza Pizza!"

We have been making our Post Pizzas for nearly 4 years. It all started with me in the kitchen learning how to make a good pie. As easy as that sounds, I struggled with it. If any of you know me, the Post didn't hire me for my culinary skills. Over the next year the pizzas had become more and more popular. We started selling about 10 pizzas per week. After some minor recipe tweaks sales grew to more than 30 per week and kept growing. It got to be too much for me and a helper (usually Gramma Phylis or Anrdea) to handle.

For the last 3 years we have had a crew assembling our pizzas with the same ingredients we started with. The Post 28 Pizza Team consists of Phil Hallenback, Mike Zeeff, Richard VanDoorne, Charlie Nicosia, Steve Bernia, Butch Balk and James Eugene VerDuin. Jim was unable to be in the picture due to Typhoid Fever or something. These guys gather, sometimes weekly, to assemble our pizzas. On average the team makes 80 pizzas every other week and takes them about 2 hours. In the last 3 years they have assembled more than 3,800 pizzas.

With the continued growth, we have upgraded from a little hand me down toaster oven to a full fledged pizza oven which will cook 2 at a time, which should be up and running this month. Come down and try 1 or 2.

I have added the football schedules for MSU, U of M & Lions to our calendar. The Lions Sunday games start at 1pm. With this, we are changing our Sunday hours from 2pm to 8pm to 1pm to 7pm so members can come down to yell at the Loins. October 9th is the MSU vs. U of M game at the Big House. The Post will provide hotdogs and/or pulled pork & we ask everyone bring a dish to pass.

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

October drink specials: \$2.00 Bloody Mary, \$2.00 U call tall every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers! Andy

