

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

My fellow Legionaries. Well, summer is coming to an end and many of our members will be heading for warmer states to spend the winter, I wish I could join you. In August we had a great car show, with a fine turnout. Thank you Garrett for all you do organizing the car show and holding it at Post 28. Road construction is well under way in front of our Legion, we are still open and will still have our Wednesday night dinners and Friday night burgers. Drive slowly to avoid problems getting through. On September 11th we held our annual remembrance

service for those who died, and the families and friends who mourn them. It was a very nice program with George Bennet offering prayers, Legion Riders Adam Shumaker, Jack VanWeelden, and Fred Smith lowering the flag, Perry DeLille playing Taps, and Honor Guard Rifle members Dave MacKeller, Rick Chittenden, Dewie Jordan, and Nathan Van Kampen firing 3 volleys. Unfortunatley the turnout was not what we had hoped it would be. We also enjoyed a beautiful day at our Legion picnic in front of the Post. There was great food ( a ton of it, no one went away hungry), and the folks had fun playing bingo. I want to thank everyone who helped, especially the SAL for setting up, cooking, and cleaning up afterwards. October 15th is the Michigan State, Michigan football game and again this year we will have a tail gate party in the East parking lot. Contact Andy to reserve a parking spot. Not too far off in November is our morning service at the Eternal Flame for Veterans Day and our evening dinner, tickets will be on sale in October. So till next month, I'll see you at the Post. Phil Smith  
Commander Post # 28

## American Legion Officers

Phil Smith, Commander  
Ron Bauer, 1st Vice Commander  
Ed DeKoekoek, 2nd Vice Commander  
Butch Balk, Adjutant  
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer  
Chris Tanke, Chaplain  
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Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers  
Nathan VanKampen, Historian  
Hugh Hyde and Bill Kaufman  
Executive Board at Large  
David L. MacKeller "Mack", Past Commander

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new and transfered members: Michael McCarthy, Raymond Williams, Roy Coedery, Stephen Meeter, Jacob Wiechertjes, Gary Brownlee, Timothy Taylor, Willis Whetstone, Stephen Spear, Francis Mercmrd, Wayne Thorton, and David Wiesenauer.

Taps were played for William Vander Wall Jr., Past Commander from Holland Post. Clarence "Clary" Groeneveld, Edwin G. Moran, Robert L. Vette, and Army Cpl. Joseph VanDreumel, Standale, Mi. KIA Afghanistan



Commander Phil Smith and "Car & Motorcycle Show" Chairman Garrett Veihl congratulate Legion Rider Commander Billy Haynes for 1st Place in the Motorcycle division.



Commander Phil Smith and Past Commander Dave MacKeller present Donald Brouwer with his Life Membership card and pin. Mr. Brouwer traveled from South Carolina to receive his awards.

## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 5 funerals. Army National Guard helped with 3 funerals. Honor Guard members and Legion Riders members attended funeral for Cpl. Joseph VanDreumel in Grand Rapids. Honor Guard members Dave MacKellar, Ray Ribbink, Tom Streng, George Bennett, Larry Kuipers and Jake Westra attended "Flag Raising" program at Ferry School's 1st day of school. Commander Phil Smith, Dave MacKellar, Nathan VanKampen and Carl Lori were Color Guard for Aquinas College 9-11 Program. Honor Guard members, Rifle Team and Legion Riders took part in the 9-11 program at the American Legion.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

**DUE TO LARGE AMOUNTS OF MAILINGS "YOU"**



**ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL CHANGE OF ADDRESSES. EITHER SPRING OR FALL.**



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

It is the most beautiful time of the year. The 5th Wednesday night supper of the month of August put on by the Auxiliary was a success. The chicken dinner by our chef Cindy was out of this world thanks to her helpers, the members of the Auxiliary and the SAL boys. September 11, we honored those who lost their lives defending our freedom. The Legion Picnic was enjoyed by all who attended. On September 15th we were honored guests of the V. F. W. for supper and games. They always show us a good time. Correction: Please note when paying your 2012 renewal dues. Melanie Riekels address is 619 Lake Ave., Grand Haven Mi 49417. At our October meeting, on October 25, we will have Initiation of Members. Any member who has not been Initiated or has not gotten their Auxiliary pin, please call Melanie Riekels at 846-1438. This is a Pot Luck dinner meeting. We eat at 6:00. Take a walk and enjoy the fall leaves.  
President Cleo Phipps

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Cleo Phipps, President  
Ruth Kelly, 1st Vice President  
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President  
Ann Kammeraad, Secretary  
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer  
Michele Stetts, Historian  
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain  
Barb Kelly, Sgt. At Arms  
Sharron MacConnack, Executive Board  
Peggy Vermeer, Ruth Kelly, Kay Dougall,  
Lisa Davis, Parliamentarian  
Jean Koehs, Past President



## Andy's Draught

The road construction has begun. So far the construction has not slowed business much. At times it has been tricky to get here, but for the most part the Contractor has been good about making sure members can still have access to the Post. While this construction continues there is no thru traffic on Harbor Ave. You must use the access by at Y Drive. It is not too early to renew your dues. Legion is \$40 per year, SAL is \$25 and the Auxiliary is \$16. Please be ready to show your card. Don't be offended if you are asked to show it. It is a privilege to be an American Legion member. Be proud.

I have added the football schedules for MSU & U of M to our calendar. October 15th is the MSU vs. U of M game. We will be hosting a tailgate party just like we did last year. We will be fencing off the east side parking lot for the Tailgaters. There will be a \$10 charge per parking place to park in the tailgate lot. Bring your grill, your favorite games, your chairs and your coolers (empty). It is illegal to bring in your own alcohol. Bring your coolers in and have them filled at the bar. There will be prizes awarded for the best tailgate. The Post will provide hotdogs & we ask everyone bring a dish to pass.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY'S MENU

**OCTOBER 5TH**  
POT HOLE PERCH DINNER (L)  
**OCTOBER 12TH**  
BARRICADE SPAGHETTI DINNER (L)  
**OCTOBER 29ST**  
DUSTY ROAD PORK DINNER (R)  
**OCTOBER 26TH**  
SUCCULENT SPEED BUMP  
SWISS STEAK (L)

Our wonderful dinner guests brave the wind, sleet, and snow! A little road destruction shouldn't keep you away. Come and join us. For the Good of the Legion.  
Dinner Committee



Honor Guard Leader George Bennett, Past Commander Ray Ribbink, Honor Guard member Larry Kuipers, Past Commander David MacKellar, Honor Guard member Jake Westra and Past Commander Tom Streng, attended first day of school at Ferry School. Legion members raised the flag and the students said the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag and sang school songs.



The game of BINGO was a big hit at the Legion Picnic, this team had 72 cards.

## WOODEN NICKLES

The Executive Committee is kicking around ideas to get a handle on the "wooden nickle" policy. Nobody knows how many of these little beauties are out there, so accounting for them is impossible. Some volunteers are compensated with them and some are not.

If you have knowledge and or thoughts on this, and have ideas on how to tweak this concept, please jot them down and put them in Commander Smith's mailbox. They will be kept confidential of course, and will be reviewed at the next Exec Comm meeting. Thank You.  
Executive Committee





## SAL COMMENTS

Fall weather has already arrived. Nice cool weather for high school and college football games. Soon the leaves will be turning beautiful colors before we begin the process of raking them up.

The weather cooperated again this year for the Legion picnic that was held on 9/11. We had a great turn out and a big Thank You goes out to the SAL, Region Riders, Auxillary, and the American Legion member who helped set up, cook, and clean up. I am always amazed by the help from all parts of the Legion make this a successful event.

On October 22nd the SAL will be holding its second Wine and Cheese tasting party. Tickets are either \$20 for one or \$35 for two tickets. There will be Live Entertainment. This event will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the bar. Thanks to Jack DeMaar, Mike Zolik, and Tom Greenberg for organized this event. This was an great event last year so plan on coming down.

Trivia continues on the third Thursday of the month. We had a good turn-out during the summer months. Plan on coming down to test your skills against the seasoned Trivia players. So mark your calendar for October 20th and plan on having a great night of fun

This past month we added the following new members: Donald Gardner, Lars Draeger, Jeffery Morrissey, Patrick Morrissey, James Morrissey, John Martin, Edward Dreyman, Curtis Holtrop, Brant Ebntraut, Keith Mast, Charles A. Dreese, Jeffrey Meyer, Roman Perry, Robert Rossana, and transfer Peter Meadows.

I look forward to seeing you down at the Post watching a great baseball, college football, or NFL game.

TL Lowe - SAL Commander

### SAL OFFICERS

- TL Lowe, Commander
- Tom Greenberg, 1st Vice Commander
- Jack DeMaar, 2nd Vice Commander
- Rich Kelly, Finance Officer
- Tom Glockzin, Chaplain
- Mike Zolik, Sergeant-At-Arms
- Tom Greenberg, Historian
- Carl Lori, Legion Advisor
- Mike Brown, Membership
- Paul Kubicek, Adjutant
- Brad Chittenden, Past Commander

### 8&40 Salon 499

October is the month the 8&40 Salon helps Micigan Commerce Bank with the annual drive to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis. Donate \$1 or more, write your name on a paper pumpkin at the bar. It will be posted with others who want to help. The money goes for research to help improve life for children with CF and other lung diseases. Our Salon has adopted 2 girls with CF to help make their life a little brighter. One has a connection to our Post. Ann Kammeraad, Chapeau



Rifle Team members Nathan VanKampen, Dewie Jordan and Rick Chittenden are at present arms while Bugler Perry Delille plays Taps for the 9-11 Program at the Legion.



5th District Commander Peter Satterthwaite presented Vince Antonich with an award of "Appreciation" and outstanding service from the 5th District for his years of service. Commander Phil Smith helped present the award.



During the 9-11 program Legion Riders members Jack VanWeelden and Fred Smith salute the flag after lowering it to half-staff.



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OCTOBER DRINK SPECIALS: <b>OCTOBER 2011</b>						
\$2 Bloody Mary		November ~ Veteran's Day Dinner, Saturday Football Parties, Trivia December ~ Goodfellows Toy Drive, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Buffet, New Year's Eve Party, Merry Christmas!				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 MSU @ Ohio UofM vs Minnesota 6pm Karaoke
2	3 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	7 6PM BURGERS	8 UofM @ N. Western
9	10 COLUMBUS DAY \$2 U-Call Tall	11 7pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	12 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	13 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	14 6PM BURGERS	15 MSU vs UofM Tailgate Party
16	17 \$2 U-Call Tall	18 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	19 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER	20	21 6PM BURGERS	22 MSU vs Wise Wine Tasting
23	24 \$2 U-Call Tall	25 7pm Aux Meeting	26 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	27	28 6PM BURGERS	29 MSU @ Nebraska UofM vs Purdue
30	31 HALLOWEEN \$2 U-Call Tall	\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER				