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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As I write, low grey-bottomed clouds are racing across Lake Michigan ahead of a stiff, cool Northwest wind driving waves high up on the beach and signaling autumn is here. We started September with our Post meeting which was well attended, especially considering we had beautiful weather and it was the day after Labor Day. Later that week, we enjoyed hosting an even larger crowd of Auxiliary members celebrating the

Auxiliary's 90th Birthday with a delicious prime-rib dinner prepared and served by our SAL volunteers. A few days later, we held our Annual Post Picnic. Again thanks to SAL Commander (and Grill Master) Tom Greenberg and his team, joined by Veteran members from Darrel Myers' Building and Grounds team, who set up and took down equipment, fences, tables, chairs, grill, etc. Many guests brought delicious 'dishes to pass' which, combined with freshly grilled brats and franks, corn-on-the-cob, salads and desserts, made for a delicious meal. Afterwards, a good time was had by all either playing Bingo outside on the patio or chatting and watching NFL football inside. On September 11th, we held a public Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance Program at the Post. Prior to the ceremony, the family of late Veteran-member, Vitalis "Ted" Jastrzembki (USAAF, England, WW II), formally donated to the Post the flag presented to them by our Honor Guard at Ted's recent funeral. At the family's request, the flag was raised and lowered to half-mast in honor of the victims of 9/11 and will be flown over the Post in Ted's honor until it is no longer serviceable. On September 16th, we held our 5th Annual American Legion Car and Motorcycle Show, again well-organized and directed by Past Commander Garrett Veihl and his team. October promises to be filled with many more equally enjoyable activities and times at the Post (See Andy's October 2012 calendar and other notices below). Hopefully, we will have fine autumn weather. Come join us for fun before the leaves fall, or --- for you lucky 'snowbirds'--- before you take off for warmer climes. -- Commander Ron Bauer

American Legion Officers

Ron Bauer, Commander
Ed DeKoekkoek, 1st Vice Commander
David Carlson, 2nd Vice Commander
Rick Chittenden, Adjutant
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer
Chris Tanke, Chaplain
Hugh Hyde, Judge Advocate
Sue Metzler, Sergeant-At-Arms
Ken Kelly, Adam Shumaker, Service Officers
Nathan VanKampen, Historian
Butch Balk and Bill Kaufman
Executive at Large
Phil Smith, Past Commander

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 3 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with one funeral.

Members Dave Carlson, Dave MacKellar and Legion Riders Adam Shumaker and Fred Smith attended funeral for Navy Seal David J. Warsen KIA Afghanistan, in Grandville, Mi.

Members, Ed DeKoekkoek, Ken Kelly, Tom Streng, Dave MacKellar, George Bennett, Larry Kuipers, Jake Westra and Ryan Brown were at Ferry School for the 1st day of school for flag raising program.

Members attended Patriot Day program at the American Legion.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett



During the Patriot Day Program Commander Bauer accepts the flag from Ted Jastrzembski and family members. The flag was their father's Vitalis Jastrzembski a WWII veteran from post 28. The flag was then presented to members of the Legion Riders, Past Commander Jack Van Weelden and Service Officer Adam Shumaker. Their fathers flag was then installed and raised to half staff during the Patriot Day Program.



Auxiliary President Ann Kammeraad and Guest Speaker 5th District Senior Vice Commander Catherine Buckley stand by the cakes for the 90th Birthday Party for the Auxiliary.



AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Fall is in the air & the months have flown by. This month will be our semi-annual pot luck supper followed by the initiation of new members. Other members who joined earlier, but didn't get their pins, please email Lisa Davis myah59@gmail.com or call her at 607-2849 if you wish to be included. Our 5th District President, Mary Tyler and the 1st VP

have been invited to our evening on October 23, at 6:00pm. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to join us. Membership cards are available and remember the dues are now \$25, for renewals and \$27. for a new member. President; Ann Kammeraad

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Ann Kammeraad, President
Michele Stetts, 1st Vice President
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President
Gloria Honey, Secretary
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
Molly Pippis, Historian
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain
Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly
Cleo Phipps, Past President



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new and transferred members: Robert Butcher, Bernard Jettner, Jr., Allan Sroka,

Allen Wygant, Michael Hanophy, Rebecca Krish, Morgan Lachney, M. Gary Robertson, David Whiting, Thomas Clark, Edward Thomas,



Jason Conran, Trever Slater, Jack Dirheimer, Dick Almay, Thomas Sloan, Jr., Dan Sayer, Ronald Van Heest. Taps were played for: Vitalis "Ted" Jastrzembski, Jerry Lambert; Special Warfare Operator Second Class (US Navy SEAL) David J. Warsen of Michigan, KIA, Afghanistan; Michigan National Guard Sgt., Kyle B. McClain of Michigan, KIA, Afghanistan, NASA Astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon.

Andy's Draught

Tabs for Tots is a program that the American Legion started in 1989. The program converts aluminum tabs saved from beverage cans into cash grants that are distributed to medical facilities throughout Michigan to purchase equipment or pay for medical needs for children. Michigan Legions have generated grants totaling over \$327,000 for more than 176 pieces of equipment. Recently Shelly Segal (Jack & Dona Robinson's niece), a nurse at Med-Surg Intermediate Intensive Care Unit in Palo Alto California, challenged two other units from her veteran's hospital to see who could collect the most tabs. The result was a collection of more than 13 pounds of tabs. To put this collection into perspective it takes 1000 tabs to equal one pound. That's impressive.

Thank you to all those who do contribute to the program. There are a lot of you. Anyone collecting them can bring them here to the Post. It is not too early to renew your dues. 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 20th is the MSU vs. U of M game. We will be hosting a tailgate party just like we did the last couple years. We will be fencing off the east side parking lot for the Tailgaters. 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. 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 3RD

PERCH DINNER,

Fries, slaw & roll (Ray's Gang)

OCTOBER 10TH

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

ZESTY SPAGHETTI

garlic bread, salad (Coopersville Boys)

OCTOBER 17TH

COUNTRY STYLE PULLED

PORK DINNER,

Mashed, gravy, veggies and roll. (LR)

OCTOBER 24TH

SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK,

Mashed, gravy, veggie & roll. (The A Team)

OCTOBER 31ST

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

NO DINNER

Support your Post and come out to eat. Happy Autumn.



Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary attend the Auxiliary 90th Birthday party at the Legion.



SAL COMMENTS

Fall has finally arrived, and after the long, hot summer we had, the cooler temps are certainly a welcome change! September is always an incredibly busy month for the SAL. First, we assisted Chef Cindy with kitchen duties for the 90th Ladies Auxiliary dinner. Special thanks to TL, Paul, Phil, Al, Dave, and Carl for all your help! In honor of the Birthday, the SAL made a donation to the Auxiliary to thank them for all the hard work that they do at the Post.

The next event on the calendar was the Legion Picnic, and the SAL pitched in to cook and serve. Thanks to Al, Mike Z, Dave, Phil, TL, Paul, Mike M, Mike B, Carl and everyone who helped with setup and cleanup for all your hard work! And a very special thanks to Commander Bauer, Past Commander MacKellar, Past Commander Chittenden, and all the Legion members for your help. We had a great time!

Then came the biggest event of the month...the Salmon Festival. The SAL typically serves almost a thousand dinners at the Friday Fish Boil. And of course, everyone enjoys the Beer Tent after dinner. We especially enjoyed the music of Just Joe and the Beach Bashers! This year the SAL operated the Beer Tent on Saturday night too, along with music from the West Side Soul Searchers. We want to thank all our generous donors who supplied us with the fish, corn, potatoes and onions... we couldn't do it without you! I want to give a special shout out to Willis Kerridge for all his work in organizing the event, to Marci Cisneros from the Grand Haven Visitor's Bureau, and to all the SAL and Legion members who pitched in to help!

Remember that the third Thursday of each month is Trivia Night. Come and join one of the existing teams or form your own. It only costs \$3 per player and it is a ton of fun! All the proceeds are donated to a good cause within the Post. And watch the next newsletter for details on a great new event that we are going to have on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Save the date now, I guarantee you will want to be there!

To close on some important SAL business, we are still looking for an Adjutant to replace Chuck Yonker, as his schedule prevents him from attending meetings.. The Adjutant is basically the secretary for the SAL, takes meeting minutes, and helps with some of the paperwork. The job takes a couple of hours a month. Paul Kubicek, our Historian, has been filling in as temporary Adjutant, but we need someone to take over these duties. If you are able to attend our meetings on the first Monday of each month, and are interested in serving as Adjutant, please contact me!

Thank you, Tom Greenberg, SAL Commander

SAL OFFICERS

Tom Greenberg, Commander
Mike Zolik, 1st Vice Commander
Tom Shultz, 2nd Vice Commander
Rich Kelly, Finance Officer
Tom Glockzin, Chaplain
Brock Rodger, Sergeant-At-Arms
Paul Kubicek, Historian
Carl Lori, Legion Advisor
Mike Brown, Membership
Chuck Yonker, Adjutant
TL Lowe, Past Commander

8&40 Salon 499

The 8 & 40 Salon 499 will be collecting donations for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in October. You may purchase a paper pumpkin that will be displayed in the bar to show your support to find a cure. Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited disease that affects the lungs and digestive tracts in children. Our Salon pledges to assist in the prevention and control lung and respiratory diseases in children. Chapeau Char MacKellar

8 & 40 OFFICERS

Char MacKellar, Chapeau
Barb Kelly, Demi Chapeau Premier
Michele Stetts, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire
Peggy Vermeer, La Cassiere
Cleo Phipps, L'Archiviste
Veloce Hansen, L'Aumonier
Pat Vadas, L'Concierge
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate
Ann Kammeraad, Le Pouvoir

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 American Legion 700 Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, MI. 49417. Past Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"

LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Toby Ross, Riders Director
Mike Stressman, Sergeant-at-Arms
John Kemme, Secretary
Larry Foose, Treasurer
Pastor Wes Spyke, Chaplain
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair



LEGION RIDERS

October, Wow where did summer go. I guess I was having to much fun on ALR rides, and doing the Bike nights. Fall is here. This is a great time of the year. It's harvest time, the weather is cool, the colors are changing, and the pumpkins are every where.

We have had some great rides in September like the Dublin ride to John and Sally's Dublin Castle.

Thanks John and Sally for a great time.

The Legion Car and Bike Show. Just one more good time.

And the Ride to Ludington Post 76 to support Eric Lund hit by a IED attack in Afghanistan. Our Riders give \$150.00 to the Eric Lund Benefit Account. Eric will be in recovery from 1-2 years at SanAntonio Military Center.

I would also like to thank the American Legion Post 28, and all the Post 28 Riders For all your support for our Bike nights. And a BIG thanks to all that helped in the kitchen. One last thing I would like to mention is the ALR Donations/Gifts from 2011 & 2012. Fallen Heros memorial/and bricks: \$1400.00, Old Warriors Camp: \$1400.00, Boys and Girls State: \$910.00, Legacy Fund: \$1950.00, Legion Car and Bike Show: \$200.00, VVA Michigan Wall: \$374.00, Vet Items donation: \$237.00, Goodfellows: \$250.00, Wounded Warrior Project: \$750.00, Legion Bar Repair: \$750.00, Member hardship: \$500.00, Xmass in July: \$250.00, SPC Eric Lund injured in a IED attack: \$150.00, Total: \$9121.00, Thank you American Legion Riders.

One last thing. The Riders End of the season Bash and Potluck on Oct. 27th, Don't miss it.



Commander Ron Bauer and wife Nancy enjoy doing the Bingo game at the Legion Picnic along with our Legion family members.

September Sick Call List

The following members and friends of the Legion have had to face medical issues or deaths recently. Please consider reaching out to them and/or their families and of course, keep all of them in your prayers. Respectfully submitted, Chaplain Chris •Hugh Hyde – surgery completed with more possible. •Perry Delille – surgery completed •Rob Meintz – surgery completed •Sue Metzler – upcoming foot surgery scheduled.

SEMINAR

On Wednesday, October 17, 7 - 8 p.m, for informational purposes and the good of the Legion, representatives from a local law firm and funeral home company will give a presentation on "Elder Law and Funeral/Memorial Preplanning and Their Relationship to Veteran Benefits". The meeting will be held at the Post on the 2nd floor. Refreshments will be served.



OCTOBER DRINK SPECIALS:
\$2.00 BLOODY MARY

OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	2 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	3 5PM PERCH DINNER	4 6pm Goodfellows	5 6PM BURGERS 8pm Lakeshore Big Band	6 6pm Karaoke MSU @ Indiana 4pm U of M @ Purdue
7	8 \$2 U-Call Tall	9 7pm 8&40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	10 5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER	11 7pm Legion Riders Meeting	12 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silvertones Band	13 MSU @ Iowa 3:30pm U of M vs Illinois
14	15 \$2 U-Call Tall	16 7pm Exec. Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	17 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PULLED PORK DINNER	18 7pm Trivia	19 6PM BURGERS 8pm Silverado Band	20 MSU @ UofM
21	22 \$2 U-Call Tall	23 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	24 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	25	26 6PM BURGERS	27 Legion Riders Pot Luck 3:30pm MSU @ Wisconsin 7pm U of M @ Nebraska
28	29 \$2 U-Call Tall	30 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN NO DINNER	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! January ~ Happy New Year!, Las Vegas Night		