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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Remember - dif. 1: Think of again 2: Keep from forgetting 3: convey greetings from

This past month we remembered September 11, 2001, and there were many gatherings where we turned our thoughts to those who died so that we and others might live. Post 28 had a gathering with comments from Grand Haven's City Mayor, rifle volley for the fallen, and the Grand Rapids Boy Scouts had a continues salute from 7am to 8 pm at the Ford Museum. At the official meetings of the American Legion we have an empty chair for all the missing in action and prisoners of war who have not been accounted for. How soon we forget, for the Word of God tells us to remember many times, because he knew we would so quickly forget. Remember veterans get your \$8.00 tickets for Monday November 11, 2013 a turkey dinner. This dinner is for veterans and active military personnel only. The upstairs bar will be open for Auxiliary, Legion Riders and SAL members.

American Legion Officers

Ed DeKoekkoek, Commander
David Carlson, 1st Vice Commander
Bob Wydeck, 2nd Vice Commander
Rick Chittenden, Adjutant
Jim Thayer, Finance Officer
George Bennett, Chaplain
Garrett Veihl, Judge Advocate
Nathan VanKampen, Sergeant-At-Arms
Adam Shumaker, Service Officers
David MacKellar, Historian
Butch Balk and Chris Whalen
Executive at Large
Ron Bauer, Past Commander

October 2013 Sick Call List

The following members and friends of the Legion have had to face medical issues or deaths since we last meet. Please reach out to them and their families if you feel so lead and keep all of them in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Chaplain George Bennett
Rob Meints, Hugh Hyde
Vince Antonich
"Jimbo" Jim Land, Ron Kurchner, Doug Telgenhof



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Taps were played for

1. James 'JW' Wayne, Army Vietnam Era
2. Ted VanderSys, Army Korea
3. Howard Behm, Army WW II
4. Edwin Nelson, Navy WWII
5. Donna Campbell, USMC WW II
6. Kenneth Glockzin, Navy Vietnam Era
7. Jeffrey Bromley, Navy Seal, Desert Storm
8. Kevin Caldwell, Army Gulf war



Honor Guard Leader George Bennett and Commander Ed DeKoekkoek welcome Jim Porenta to the Honor Guard



Service Officer Adam Shumaker and Legion Rider member Fred Smith help with the lowering of the flag for the 9-11 program at the post.

Members for the Honor Guard at the 9-11 program at the American Legion.





AUXILIARY COMMENTS

Fall is in the air; the leaves are turning beautiful golds and reds, the outdoor temperatures are refreshing, and soon the little ones will be dressing up for Halloween. Enjoy the time before the snow falls!

October 22 is our semi-annual potluck supper followed by the initiation of new members. Members who joined earlier, but didn't get their pins, please email Membership Chair, Kathy Edwards, at gkedwards25@yahoo.com or call her at (616) 604-4050 if you wish to be included. Our 5th District President, Deborah Chambers and 1st VP, LoraLee Nauta, will be our guests for the evening. The dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to join us.

National has sent out renewal notices for the 2013-2014 membership year. You should be receiving yours soon. Your 2012-2013 card expires on December 31, 2013.

The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to help with the Wednesday night chicken dinner October 30th and the Veterans' Day turkey dinner on November 11th. Christmas is just around the corner and we'll be asking for volunteer clothes shoppers for the Goodfellows program and to help our veterans shop at the GRHV Christmas gift shop. Give me a call if you would like to attend and/or help out at any of these events.

The 2013-2014 Hostess Booklets are now available. You can pick one up at the bar or at our monthly meetings.

Enjoy the last days of summer!

Respectfully, Michele Stetts, President mstetts@charter.net (616) 901-8331

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Michele Stetts, President
Charlene MacKeller, 1st Vice President
Diane Kirk, 2nd Vice President
Gloria Honey, Secretary
Romayne Althaus, Treasurer
Barbara Herron, Historian
Peggy Vermeer, Chaplain
Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly
Ann Kammeraad, Past President



Commander Ed and Ruth Ann DeKoekkoek with 1st Vice Commander Dave and Nikki Carlson help with the Bingo game at the Legion Picnic.

Andy's Draught

"Are you ready for some football?"

I have added the football schedules for Monday Night, Thursday Night, Lions, MSU & U of M to our calendar. The times may vary.

November 2nd is the U of M vs. MSU football game. No tailgate party this year. We ask everyone bring a dish to pass and come outfitted in your favorite green and white or blue and gold garb. There will be no Karaoke after the game.

Sunday November 3rd the Lions are off but the Channel Cats will be strumming their 6 strings from 4-6pm for your listening pleasure.

Sunday we are open from 1-7pm. We will be serving \$1 Bud Light and Miller Lite drafts while you watch your favorite NASCAR driver or cheer on the Detroit Lions.

Saturday December 7th will be our 2nd Annual Wild Game Dinner. Tickets will be available at the bar next month. The Post will again be offering a few main dishes and will be asking those attending to bring some samplings of their own catches to share.

Saturday January 11th we will be hosting the Legion's Leadership College from 9am to 4:30pm. You can register online www.michiganlegion.org/pages/leadership.html It is free to all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members.

October drink specials: \$2.00 Bloody Mary, \$2 You-Call-Talls every Monday & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!
Andy

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

OCTOBER 2ND PERCH DINNER

Slaw, Fries and Roll (Ray's Gang)

OCTOBER 9TH ALL-YOU-CAN EAT ZESTY SPAGHETTI

Salad, garlic toast (Coopersville Boys)

OCTOBER 16TH COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, dinner roll (Legion Riders)

OCTOBER 23RD SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER

Mashed, green bean casserole, roll The "A" Team

OCTOBER 30TH HALF A CHICKEN DINNER

Mashed, veggie and roll. Ladies Aux.

NOVEMBER 6TH CHOPS MEATLOAF DINNER

Scalped potatoes, green bean casserole and roll. "A-" Team.

Please support Post 28's dinner program, and get your dues in by Veteran's Day, the 11th. Thanks, Dinner Committee.



Members of the Honor Guard attended 1st day of school at Ferry School for flag raising ceremony.

Boys State envelopes are available at post 28 for donations. Please consider a donation in any amount. If you have any questions contact the 2nd Vice chairman Bob Wydeck.



Cake Remembering 9-11



SAL COMMENTS

Fall has definitely arrived in Grand Haven, and things seem a bit empty without the throngs of visitors that were here all summer long. Despite the cooler weather, we had a nice and sunny weekend for the 10th Annual Salmon Festival, and the event definitely brought a lot of people to town.

At the Friday Fish Boil, put on by the SAL, we cooked 400 lbs. of salmon, 200 lbs. of potatoes, 100 lbs. of onions, and 12 bushels of corn (and a lot of melted butter)! We served dinner to close to 1000 people, and had to cut off ticket sales because we ran low on fish. We had the same amount of fish last year, and had some to spare, so we definitely had a much better turn

out this year. At the Saturday evening Entertainment Tent, we also had a huge crowd show up to enjoy a few drinks and dance to the ever-popular Soul'd Out...a far larger turnout than the year before.

Salmon Festival is a great fundraiser for the SAL, and everything we raise gets spent on the Legion, local charities, the Grand Rapids' Veterans Home, and many other worthwhile Veteran's causes. It takes a ton of volunteers to put on an event of this size and I want to recognize those who really gave a lot of effort. Special thanks to Capt. Willis Kerridge, Phil Young, TL Lowe, Rich Kelly and Paul Kubicek for their help with the event's organization. We had a big crew this year to do the food prep, including Rick Chittenden, Paul K, Mike Z, Jim, myself, and many others. I also want to recognize all the guys that cooked with me for the Fish Boil...our fearless leader, Chuck Yonker, Don V, Joe, Doc, Terry D, Tom S, Gary M, Carl, Rich, Rocky, Norm and everyone else that pitched in. The servers, Pauline, Karel, Sandy, Bob K, and all the rest. And Jack D, Charlie C, and all the other people selling tickets, dispensing drinks, and doing cleanup throughout the weekend. Our own Brock Rodgers was in charge of keeping the entire event green, and I'm proud to report that he and his team made this a "Zero Landfill" event, with every bit of waste being either recycled or composted! This is a huge accomplishment for an event this size! There were plenty of other volunteers, and if I forgot to recognize anyone, I apologize...I really appreciate everyone who pitched in and helped!!

On Sunday morning (after the Salmon Festival Entertainment Tent the night before) the Post held the annual Legion Picnic. A small (very tired) group of SAL and Legion volunteers met to cook food, serve, clean and entertain the Legion members. I want to give special thanks to those who joined me for this effort...Commander Ed DeKoekoek, Past Cmdr. Rick Chittenden, Past Cmdr. David MacKellar, TL Lowe, Paul Kubicek, Carl Lori, Charlie Chittenden and Darel Myers. Gentlemen...you all rock!!

I also want to report that we had a very large influx of new members last month...32 new members and 1 transfer. I'd like to welcome: Pete Jacobus, Steve Bachelder, Michael Gable, Scott Steffens, Jamie Rosenburg, Jon Yetzke, Gary Holland, Jacob Arsulowicz, Scot Yoas, Tom Joiner, Lucas Arsulowicz, Scott Vanderweg, Michael Timmer, Jeffrey Taylor, Lawrence Kallio III, Michael Cherwinski, Kevin Knollinger, Scott Browne, Robert Deverney, Morris Wagenmaker, Robert Minnema, Ken Mills, Mike Ruark, Craid DeDamas, Jeffery Swiftney, Charles Stuhan, Robert Lawrence, James Schauer, Steve Kuzee, William Hazard, Mike Sanborn, Wayne VanPel, and Matthew Vandort. We're glad to have you guys join us. Now that you're a member of the best SAL squadron in Michigan, please get involved and give us a hand at some of our fundraising events!

Our next big event is the Wild Game Dinner, coming up on December 7. This was a hugely popular event last year (the first annual) and promises to be even bigger this year. We will need a lot of help, so plan to show up and pitch in!

Thanks again to all those who give their time and hard work to support the SAL, Post 28, and our Veterans!
Tom Greenberg, SAL Commander

LEGION RIDERS



October... what a great time of the year. Mother Nature is putting on a colorful show for us and the weather is starting to cool off. It's the harvest time of the year and I always look forward to homemade cider and donuts. This year we will be heading back to Anderson and Girls Orchards. We were there last year and it was a lot of fun. You can Google it and check it out. From there we will be heading to Deb and Doc's house for ice cream. You don't want to miss this ride. It will be the last official ALR Ride for 2013 and will be on October 5th. We will meet at Pizza Hut in Ferrysburg about 9:30 AM with kick stands up at 10AM.

October also means the Riders Bash. The Post 28 Riders will be putting on the End of the Season Bash and Potluck on Saturday, October 12th. We had a good turnout last year with Riders from four other Posts attending. We will be serving dinner from 5:30-6:30 PM. Charlie Rockets will be the entertainment again this year. This riding season is almost over. All we can hope for are a few warm days in October to extend it. I would like to thank everyone who helped me on all of our rides for the last two years and all of you that came on the rides. We had some good times. Lets look forward to our future rides and adventures.

I just want to mention one more thing. Our Riders donated money to Boys State and Girls State last month. We will be supporting one boy and one girl again this year. I also got news at the time of writing this newsletter that the Legacy Run (Scholarship) this year set a new record at \$764,000.00. Post 28 Riders donated \$1300.00 to the Legacy Scholarship this year. We have a great bunch of Riders.

Thank you. Toby Ross, ALR Director

SAL OFFICERS

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

8&40 Salon 499

This month we will be asking for donations and then hanging up paper Jack-O-Lanterns at our post. Your donations will be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help in research to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Our Salon raises money and donates it to organizations that assist in the prevention and control of lung and respiratory diseases in children. Our next meeting is October 8, at 7pm. Chapeau, Char MacKellar

8 & 40 OFFICERS

Char MacKellar, Chapeau
Barb Kelly, Demi Chapeau Premier
Barbara Herron, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire
Peggy Vermeer, La Cassiere
Cleo Phipps, L'Archiviste
Velocey Hansen, L'Aumonier
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate
Ann Kammeraad, Le Pouvoir

HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 6 funerals. Army National Guard helped with 2 funerals, USMC helped with 1 funeral and Navy helped with 1 funeral.

Honor Guard members attended 1st day of school at Ferry School for a flag raising Program.

Honor Guard, Rifle Team and Legion Riders attended Patriot Day Program on September 11, 2013 at the American Legion.

Members of the Honor Guard, Past Commanders & Legion Riders went to funeral for Dave 'Chief' Lehrman last month. Dave was one of the members of the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall that has come to our post during Coast Guard week.

The Honor Guard has a new member Jim Porenta, welcome to the Honor Guard.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Toby Ross, Riders Director
Mike Stressman, Sergeant-at-Arms
John Kemme, Secretary
Larry Foose, Treasurer
Bob Wydeck, Assistant Director
Robert Butcher, Chaplain
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair
Burl Newbill, Ride Captain

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 a few 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

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Past Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

OCTOBER DRINK SPECIALS:
\$2.00 BLOODY MARY

OCTOBER 2013

*November ~ Veteran's Day Dinner, Saturday Football Parties, Happy Thanksgiving!
December ~ Goodfellows Toy Drive, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Buffet, New Year's Eve Party.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	2 5PM PERCH DINNER	3 7pm Legion Riders 7pm Goodfellows 8:30pm Buffalo @ Cleveland	4 6PM BURGERS	5 12pm MSU @Iowa 3:30pm UofM vs Minnesota 6pm Karaoke
6 1pm Lions @ Greenbay \$1 Drafts	7 7:30 SAL Meeting 8:30pm New York @ Atlanta \$2 U-Call Tall	8 6pm 8 & 40 Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	9 5PM ALL-YOU-CAN EAT ZESTY SPAGHETTI	10 8:30pm New York @ Chicago	11 6PM BURGERS	12 12pm MSU vs Indiana 5pm UofM @ PSU
13 1pm Lions @ Cleveland \$1 Drafts	14 8:30pm Indianapolis @ San Diego \$2 U-Call Tall	15 7pm Executive Board \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	16 5PM COUNTRY STYLE PORK DINNER	17 7pm Trivia 8:30pm Seattle @ Arizona	18 6PM BURGERS	19 12pm MSU vs Purdue 3:30pm UofM vs Indiana
20 1pm Lions @ Cincinnati \$1 Drafts	21 8:30pm Minnesota @ New York \$2 U-Call Tall	22 7pm Auxiliary Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	23 5PM SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK DINNER	24 8:30pm Carolina @ Tampa Bay	25 6PM BURGERS	26 3:30pm MSU @ Illinois
27 1pm Lions vs Dallas \$1 Drafts	28 8:30pm Seattle @ St. Louis \$2 U-Call Tall	29 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	30 5PM HALF A CHICKEN DINNER	31 HALLOWEEN 8:30pm Cincinnati @ Miami	Nov. 1 6PM BURGERS	2 12pm UofM vs MSU No Karaoke