



# Post 28 Newsletter

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## POST 28 COMMANDER

We are at summers end, and what a summer we had. We had a very successful "87" Anniversary celebration for the

Coast Guard. Friday we served over 300 meals to the Enlisted Men and their families, then on Saturday we served over 700 to the public.

The Coast Guard Festival Committee chose our Post as the recipient of the Chairmans Award for our many years of service to their cause. This award is one we should all be proud of, not just the legionnaires but also the Auxilliary

and SAL, job well done!

Don't forget our family picnic coming up Sunday, September 16th. Bring the Whole Family and a dish to pass, See You There!

I would like to give a special thanks to our SAL for all the work they did on the patio and for the patio furniture. This is why our SAL is #1.

Garrett Veihl  
Post 28 Commander

### THERE WILL BE NO MORE LYING AT OUR POST

Darrell Meyers donated a "FIBULATOR" (defibrillator) to our Post.  
Thanks, Darrell, with every beat of our hearts!

### A HEARTFELT THANKS

A big tip of the Legion hat is in store for the many Legion Family volunteers who came forward and gave so freely of their time and talents to help with this years Coast Guard Festival. We want to thank all who signed up to help and all who plain showed up to see what needed done and did it.

This type of helping hands attitude is what makes our Post one of the best around! It takes a special type of person to do what was done this Festival, and from the parking lot attendants, to the corn suckers and cooks, to the servers and cleans-up crew, a hearty heart-felt thanks to all. There are too many to name, but you know who you are!

THANK YOU!!  
Garrett and Jack

### 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

In July we bid a sad farewell to President Barb Kasmauski who passed suddenly while on vacation. At our July 31 board meeting, Pat VanderStel agreed to become President of the Auxiliary.

This month 4 members of the unit are attending the Fall Conference in Harbor Springs. Their husbands are all Legion officers and will also be going. We look forward to the report about the classes they are attending.

The VFW Auxiliary have invited the ladies of our unit to come to their Post for a social evening on September 20th. Please let Ann Kammeraad know before September 15th if you plan to come. (842-6541)

Don't forget the Legion picnic on the 16th of this month. We are hoping for good weather.

The 8 & 40 will initiate new partners on September 11th at 7:00 pm.

For the past unit presidents there will be a dinner on September 24th at the Boat and Canoe Club in Grand Rapids. Contact Ruth Kelly at 846-2329 if you plan to go. We will each bring a \$5 gift to exchange.

Secretary, Ann Kammeraad

## CALLING ALL GIRLS!!!

We have a great Post, don't we? Legion members, Auxiliary members, and SAL members all do so much to make Post 28 what it is. But what's missing? A Junior Auxiliary! Thank you to the Auxiliary for appointing me Junior Auxiliary Membership Chairperson. My name is Kelly VanderHoek and I am pleased to be taking on this responsibility. My twelve years experience as a junior high and high school teacher in the Coopersville Public Schools and five years as a Bible School and Religious Education teacher at St. Mary's Church will serve me well in this new task. My goals over the next several months are to increase our Junior Membership and to sponsor activities that promote patriotism, citizenship, and loyalty to American ideals and principles. I plan to organize fun and worthwhile activities to encourage the young women of our community to get involved in their home Post and the many causes our Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary already support.

So, gather your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces! Bring them to the post and register them in the American Legion Junior Auxiliary. Look for future bulletins in this newsletter for upcoming social and community service events. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, don't hesitate to e-mail or call me at kseeks@yahoo.com or 850-9225. Thanks for your support in getting this worthwhile group off the ground!

Kelly VanderHoek  
Junior Auxiliary Membership/Activities Chairperson

## 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, Tour Director



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### Post #28 American Legion Officers

Garrett Veihl, *Commander*  
Dick Vanderstel, *1st Vice Commander*  
Dale Chittenden, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Phil Slater, *Adjutant*  
Chris Whalen, *Finance Officer*  
Ed Jaworowicz, *Chaplain*  
Don Hinds, *Judge Advocate*  
Ed DeKoekKoek, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Jim Walton, Ken Kelly, *Service Officers*  
Doug Telgenhof, *Historian*  
William Kaufman, *Past Commander*

### Post #28 SAL Officers

Mike Mattson, *Commander*  
Alan VanDam, *1st Vice Commander*  
Brad Chittenden, *2nd Vice Commander*  
Rich Kelly, *Finance Officer*  
Tom Glockzin, *Chaplain*  
Charlie Yonker, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Jeff VanderVeen, *Historian*  
Mike Mattson, *Past Commander*  
Howard Mattson, *Post SAL Chairman*  
Michael Brown, *Membership Chair*  
Paul Kubicek, *Adjutant*

### Post #28 Auxiliary Officers

Pat Vanderstel, *President*  
Jean Koehs, *1st Vice President*  
*2nd Vice President*  
Ann Kammeraad, *Secretary*  
Romayne Althaus, *Treasurer*  
Veloce Hansen, *Chaplain*  
Cleo Phipps, *Historian*  
Mary Lou Zysk, *Sergeant-At-Arms*  
Ruth Kelly, *Junior Past President*  
Ina Kaufman, *Parliamentarian*

### Executive Board

Jeanne Wolniakowski  
Helen Hinds  
Mary Dornan

### POST HOURS

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

## Andy's Draught

Yes, it's ok to come out now. Coast Guard is over & you can have your Post back. Wow... what a week. It's always a pleasure having the Coasties here, but I have to admit its nice having things back to normal.

Congratulations to our Post for being awarded the first-ever Chairmen's Award. The award was given to us by the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Inc. for our continued support to the Coast Guard through the years.

If you haven't made it down for Deck-e-oke (karaoke on the deck) you're missing a great time. Deck-e-oke has been known to cause spontaneous dancing & back-up singing of passersby on the Boardwalk.

Euchre anyone? Starting this fall we are looking to start Euchre tournaments on the second Saturday of the month starting around noon. If interested let me know.

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

September drink specials: \$3 K.J. Special (Apple Martini) & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

*Cheers!*  
*Andy*



## S.A.L.

We have received many cards and letters form the young men we sent to Boys State. here is a typical letter from one, proof the program works!

Dear Sons of the American Legion,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring my trip to Boys State. That event will last a life time. Not only did I learn about our government, but I learned to feel a part of a very diverse group of people. When I first arrived at Boys State, I thought I may have made a mistake of going. I didn't think I would like the people there. I was wrong, everyone I met was interesting. I talked to a lot of veterans and heard deep stories of war, and even the reasons why Boy State started. This program gave me a strong sense of national pride, and it really moved me to do something good for such a great country. I may be one person, but one thing Boys State taught me is that one person can make all the difference. I am very grateful that you sponsored my trip to such a memorable event in my life. With out your donation I don't think I would have been able to go, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tyler Salamasick

## Membership News

Welcome to our new members and transfers!

Alan J. Kirk,  
John A. Hager,  
Richard E. Dean,  
Paul W. DeLong, Jr.,  
Jese L. Berry,  
Wayne E. Lemmen,

Ross A. DeWitt,  
Dorothy Vice,  
Zachary P. Lienau,  
Paul L. Rich,  
Dennis L. Bronson,  
Robert Powers,  
James VanderVoord,  
James Mackie,  
Terry L. Yonker.

**TAPS played for:**  
Peter Moyer,  
Aubrey Goldman,  
Henry Slings

### LEGION PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 16th • Noon - 6pm  
@ Pottawatomie Park  
Please RSVP #842-5310

This is a Family event, so bring the kids &/or grandkids

### CONGRATULATIONS "BORGIE"

It was hole #17 (par 3, 125 yards) when Bob "Borgie" Borgman stepped into the "box," grabbed his 3 wood and gave his Top-Flight the ride of its life. A high cut, 2 bounces and a good roll gave "Borgie" his 5th hole-in-one. "Borgie" wil be making a personal appearance at the Legion and is looking forward to meeting you and signing autographs.

### SALMON FESTIVAL

Volunteers Needed for Salmon Festival , Friday Sept 14, 9:00 am at Grand River Sailing Club to prepare food. Also, Friday evening 5:00 pm-10:00pm at the Municipal Marina parking lot to serve food and beer. Can work short shifts.

Sign up at the Post or contact Willis @ 616-292-4113  
Mike Mattson

### 8&40

8 & 40 PARTNERS - JOIN US AT THE STABLE INN ON SEPTEMBER 11 AT 1 PM FOR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP. RESERVATIONS TO ANN @ 842-6541  
Le Chapeau  
Myrna



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## SEPTEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DRINK SPECIAL \$3 K.J. Special (Apple Martini)</b>						1 <b>Karaoke</b> 7-11pm
2	3 LABOR DAY Post Open Noon-6pm  FREE Pool	4 House Post 6pm 7pm  \$1 Beers	5 <b>SWISS STEAK</b> 5-7pm Deck-e-oke 6-10pm	6 Legion Riders Meeting 7pm Goodfellows 7pm	7 <b>LAKE PERCH</b> 5PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	8
9	10 S.A.L. 7:30pm  FREE Pool	11 8&40 Stable 1pm  \$1 Beers	12 <b>SPAGHETTI</b> 5-7pm	13	14 <b>BURGERS</b> 6PM  <i>Silvertones 8-11pm</i>	15
16 Legion Picnic 12pm	17  FREE Pool	18 Exec Comm 7pm  \$1 Beers	19 <b>PORK ROAST</b> 5-7pm Deck-e-oke 6-10pm	20	21 <b>BURGERS</b> 6-8PM  <i>Silverado 8-11pm</i>	22
23 First Day of Fall	24  FREE Pool	25 Auxiliary 7pm  \$1 Beers	26 <b>CHICKEN CHOW MEIN</b> 5-7pm	27	28 <b>BURGERS</b> 6PM	29
30	31  FREE Pool	1 October House Post 6pm 7pm \$1 Beers	2 <b>SWISS STEAK &amp; LIVER &amp; ONIONS</b> 5-7pm	3	4 <b>LAKE PERCH</b> 5-7PM <i>Borgie on Piano</i>	5