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# Post #28 Newsletter

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## Post #28 American Legion Officers

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Chittenden,  
Past  
Commander



## POST #28 COMMANDERS COMMENTS



What a "GREAT" Coast Guard week. I want to thank Andy and his wonderful team. What a great job to all the volunteers without you we never could pull off such a great week. A special thanks to Past Commander Dale "Rick" Chittenden for doing a Great job taking over for Chops. His team served over 350 dinners for the Friday night enlisted men and women dinner with their families. Then over 500 dinners on Saturday. Thanks to: Phyllis, Char (2), Pat, Fran, Jerry, Charlie (2), Kelly, Jeff, Robb, Jan, Brain, Jodi, Perry, Bill, Chelsea, Adam, Chris, Alan VanDam and his great team Tom, Phil (2), Paul, Ken, Jack, Rich, Jim, Rudy, Kathy and Dick Kuck, all the Coopersville Team Doc, Tom, Don, Ripper, Larry, Garrett and many, many others, if I missed your name forgive me. Thanks also goes out to our SAL, Ladies Auxiliary and our Legion Riders.

I want to thank the Legion Riders for getting the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall here again at our post. What a great job you all did, with a very nice dinner for them and us. To our Honor Guard and Rifle Team thank you for taking part in a great Memorial Program for the Vietnam Moving Wall I am honored to be part of this great team.

We will be having a short program at the Legion for the men and women lost during the Sept 11, 2001 attack. Program will start at 10 AM on Saturday Sept 11, come down and join us. Also mark your calendar for the upcoming Legion Picnic on September 12. The picnic will again be held at the Legion. Bring a dish to pass and come on down, there will be Kids games and bingo. Rain or shine we will have a great day at the Legion.

Lets all have a wonderful and safe end of the summer. Hope to see you at the post.  
Commander David L. MacKellar "Mack"

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members and Transfers: Nels Christopher, Lee DeMeester, James DeVries, Robert Hundersmarck, Rosa Kelly, Earl Vieau, Joseph Wisniewski, Daniel Christopher, Scott Hemmelsbach, Richard Jackson, Lawrence Rozneck, John Wilkes IV, Kenneth Buikema, David Oliver, Rita Oliver, Jerry Wipperfurth, Leonard Lorge, Alan Dresse, Henry Werksma, Michael Mikulski, Harold Weaver, Rickey Kelch, Vernon Moore, Jack Smith, Thomas Pennington, Michael Zeiler.



Taps were played for: Past Commander Fred Miller, Edward J. Rzycki, George Norris Graves, Terry Lee Potter and Marine Corporal Paul J. Miller of Traverse City, KIA Afghanistan. Please Support our Troops.



Commander David "Mack" MacKellar and Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr. Met at the post and talked about the Coast Guard Festival.

## Fallen Heroes Memorial Monument Committee

C/O American Legion Post 28  
700 South Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

The FALLEN HEROES fund drive is going good and the committee is continuing to request donations from individual Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Legion Riders and SAL members so send or bring them in.

At our next Legion Post meeting (Sept) we will be voting on contributions to the FHM from the membership. Please attend.

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. The committee is also sponsoring a golf scramble on September 18 at Terra Verde golf course with a tee off time at 9:00 AM. There are forms at the Post to fill out with 4 person teams and the cost is \$50.00 per person which covers the golf fee, cart cost, (dinner to be held at the course) and prizes. In the event you wish to have a guest join for dinner. The cost be \$10.00 for the dinner. The deadline date for signing up is September 13.

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  
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Jean Wolniakowski, Past President

Ina Kaufman, Parliamentarian  
Mollie Pipp, Pat Best & Ruth Rescorla,  
Executive Board

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Welcome to September. Where did summer go? Hope you had a good one. There will be many activities going on now, and we hope you will get involved in some of them. We have our new officers in place, but we need some committee chairmen. They are Americanism, Education, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Music, and National Security. On September 9, at 10:00 a.m., there will be an Executive Board Meeting at the Legion to work on the hostess booklet for the coming year. If you want to volunteer ahead of time, please call Candy Sullins at 296-0147. On September 11, Rockford Unit 102 has scheduled a "Salute to the Superstars," a USO type show, for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. They will also have an "Open" show for Legion members and guests on Friday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockford Post. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. On Monday, September 27, there will be a Past Presidents Parley for all Past Unit and District Presidents of the 5th District at the Comstock Park Post. Social: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$6.00. And, lastly, The State Fall Conference will be September 22-25 in Troy. Call Ann at 842-6541 for more info. Enuff!

**HONOR GUARD**

This past month we had 3 funerals. Army National Guard came to funeral for Past Commander Fred Miller. VFW and American Legion attended funeral for Terry Potter. Honor Guard and Rifle Team attended Memorial Program for the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall that was at the post during Coast Guard Week.

Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett



Cakes for Coast Guard enlisted party were donated by the "Ladies Auxiliary."

**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 four month 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 we can start getting a list together that would be great. You can send it to the Post or you can E-mail me. mackeda1@aol.com. American Legion 700 Harbor Avenue Grand Haven, MI. 49417. Commander David L. MacKellar

**Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial**

Legion Commander David MacKellar and SAL Commander TL Lowe present contributions to Commander Pat Daniels from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154. The Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall was at the American Legion during the Coast Guard Festival. Commander David "Mack" MacKellar invited the members to return next year for the Coast Guard Festival.

**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**

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close but high school, college, and pro football have begun. You should make plans to come down to the Legion to enjoy great times with your friends enjoying an exciting game of football. It was a great summer - many warm days and plenty of sunshine.

The SAL will be helping again this year with the annual Legion Picnic that will be held at the Post on September 12th. If you are planning on attending, please bring a dish to pass. Hopefully, we will be blessed with great weather again this year.

Mark your calendar for the following up and coming events:

Salmon Fest - September 17th

Wine and Cheese Tasting - October 23rd (with entertainment)

The following new members joined last month: Steven Wagasky, Ryan Bassett, Patrick Berg, Ronald Ribbink, Gregory Hundersmarch, Wayne Romatz, Michael Vieau, Timothy Graham, Paul Wheaton, and Victor Bradtmueller. The new membership card are in so either come down to the legion to pay your or send your check to the Post.

TL Lowe, SAL Commander



Scottville Clown Band at Post 28 after Coast Guard Parade



National Guard Members Sgt. Nicholas Gerfen, Sgt. Jordan Bulterma and S/Sgt. Jason Abbott were presented Medallions from the members of the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Commander Pat Daniels said, "they did not want them to be treated like the Vietnam men and women were treated when they came back home." "Welcome Home."

## Andy's Draught

Now that summer is over & fall is upon us we will go back to our winter hours after Labor Day. The bar will open at 2pm instead of 1pm Monday through Friday.

This month we will be hosting the Legion picnic here at the Post Sunday the 12th from noon-6pm. The bar will be open and tables will be set up outside, weather permitting. Please bring a dish to pass and if you like, your favorite yard games. The Post will provide hot dogs and the fixins along with draft beer. Once again, we will have Bingo games for all ages. This is a family event, so pack up the car and head the Post for a great afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 3. We will be hosting another Car Show. Check at the bar for vehicle registration and more information. I will also post info on our Facebook page.

The Lakeshore Big Band will return to Post 28 the first Friday in October and November. Keep your eye on the calendar for bands scheduled on Friday nights through this winter.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the Legion staff and our many volunteers for the great job they did during this very busy summer season, especially 4th of July and Coast Guard weeks. The weather has cooperated with us and this was definitely a summer for the record books! People continue to visit us because of the wonderful people we have here at Post 28. Thanks for making our Post so great!

September drink specials: \$2.50 Lynchburg Lemonade, \$2 U-call talls Mondays & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!  
 Andy



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Rifle Team during Memorial program for the Michigan Vietnam Moving Wall.

| SEPTEMBER DRINK SPECIALS:<br>\$2.50 Lynchburg |  |  |                                     |                               |  |                                 | <b>SEPTEMBER 2010</b> |        |         |           |          |        |          |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                           | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                        | SUNDAY                | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|   |  |  | 1<br><b>5PM PERCH DINNER</b>        | 2                             | 3<br><b>6PM BURGERS</b>                                | 4<br><b>6pm</b> Karaoke         |                       |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 5   | 6<br>Open Noon -6pm<br>\$2 U-Call Tall | 7<br>6pm House Comm.<br>7pm Post Meeting<br>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER | 8<br><b>5PM SPAGHETTI DINNER</b>    | 9                             | 10<br><b>6PM BURGERS</b><br>8pm Silvertones            | 11                              |                       |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 12<br>Legion Picnic                           | 13<br>\$2 U-Call Tall                  | 14<br>7pm 8 & 40 Meeting<br>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER                 | 15<br><b>5PM ROAST PORK DINNER</b>  | 16<br>7pm Goodfellows Meeting | 17<br><b>6PM BURGERS</b><br>8pm Silverado              | 18<br>Fallen Heroes Golf Outing |                       |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 19  | 20<br>\$2 U-Call Tall                  | 21<br>7pm Exec. Comm.<br>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER                    | 22<br><b>5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER</b> | 23                            | 24<br><b>6PM BURGERS</b><br>8pm Steve Edge             | 25                              |                       |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 26  | 27<br>\$2 U-Call Tall                  | 28<br>7pm Aux Meeting<br>\$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER                    | 29<br><b>5PM AUX. DINNER</b>        | 30                            | Oct. 1<br><b>6PM BURGERS</b><br>8pm Lakeshore Big Band | 2<br><b>6pm</b> Karaoke         |                       |        |         |           |          |        |          |