

# The American Legion Post #28 Newsletter

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



While wishing fair winds and following seas to the Coast Guard vessels that visited Grand Haven; we give thanks to all for making the Enlisted Service Dinner and other events so successful. Dinner crews, House Committee and Building & Grounds Committee and Scottville Band Committee all made an above and beyond effort to achieve this success.. We could not serve or succeed without our volunteers. You are appreciated!

Don't miss the Legion Picnic Sunday September 7th. Plan to attend the 9-11 ceremony in front of our Post as we honor those who were lost; and the first responders that valiantly saved so many on that dreadful day.

The first purpose stated in the American Legion Preamble is "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America." One way to do this is by encouraging local high school students to participate in the Legion Oratorical Contest. Our Post has formed a Committee to register a contestant by January 2, 2015. The subject for the prepared eight to ten minute oration must always be about some aspect of the US Constitution with an emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. National winners earn scholarships of \$14,000 to \$18,000. See information at [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical). "For country..""Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives.

- John Adams"  
Dave Carlson, Commander Post #28

## American Legion Officers

Dave Carlson, Commander  
Bob Wydeck, 1st Vice Commander  
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George Bennett, Chaplain  
Ron Bauer, Judge Advocate  
Freddy Smith, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Ken Kelly & Garrett Veihl, Service Officers  
Jim Porenta, Historian  
Butch Balk & Ray Ribbink Executive at Large  
Ed DeKoekoek, Past Commander

## HONOR GUARD

This past month we had 7 funerals. Honor Guard from the Army National Guard helped with 3 funerals and Air Force helped with 1 funeral.

Honor Guard members attended funeral for Nancy Westra the wife Honor Guard member Jake Westra.  
Honor Guard Leader: George Bennett

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New members voted on at our August meeting were Sam E. Belmonte, Milo Christie, Ricardo J. Godinez (Active Duty) Daniel F. Guajardo, Frank E. Harrison, Andrew M. Jeruzal, Jack R. Maschewske, Daniel Mills (Active Duty) Jared T. Peterson, David A. Splittgerber, George M. Talsma, Eric D. Wescott, Carherine M. McNally, Roberta Tesmer (Active Duty) Michael A. Archambault, Donald S. Davis, Nathan Dickriede (Active Duty) William F. Fleming, James A. Forrest, Michael C. Horns, Gaylord F. Knowles, Bruce A. Lobdell, Donald D. Miller, Yvonne M. Reames, Charles G. Rycenga, III, Patricia A. Glore, Mark L. Gunderson, Carl W. Perry, Jr., Raymond H Taylor, Scott Lange, II (Active Duty) Gary W. Opatik, Phillip Byl (Active Duty) John M. Catron, Gerritt J. DeBaar, Jacob A. Kremel, Ronald F. Tasiemski.

Transfers voted on at August meeting were Daniel A. Erwin, Kenneth Filary, Terry J. Gilson, Daniel J. Hvizdos, Kenneth R. Jett, Mike Rubick, Donald R. Kolemda.

Taps were played at the August meeting for Paul S. Yasenak, Past Commander, William Miller, AF Korea, Robert Beckett., Army Korea, Edward Hilton, AF Korea, Darwin Spear, Army Vietnam, Russell Rescorla, Army Korea, Edward Lozicki, AF Korea, Lloyd Dolphin, Army Vietnam, Frank Richards, Army Korea, Gilbert Heyblom, USN Corpsman w/ Marines Korea. Rest in Peace Fellow Comrades.



During the Coast Guard Memorial service the Coast Guard Band performed.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chaplain: George Bennett  
Vince Antonich  
Charles Davis  
Doug 'Tony' Telgenhof  
Perry Deillie





## AUXILIARY COMMENTS

The new membership year is here! National will be sending out 2015 membership renewal notices this month. Your 2014 card is valid until December 31, 2014. Our 2014-2015 Hostess Booklets are now available and will be mailed with your 2015 card upon renewal. Welcome to our many new members. I encourage all of our new members to volunteer a few hours of their time helping out at the numerous events we hold and participate in throughout the year. It's a great way to meet other members and an opportunity to witness first-hand the Auxiliary in action. At our August 26th meeting, our Girls State delegates reported on their experiences. We received several Department awards for membership: meeting 100% goal, increasing membership, & recruiting members. Also in August, seven Auxiliary members volunteered for Bingo night at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans; our Unit donated \$150 for prizes. FYI: Fall Conference is in Muskegon, MI, on September 26th-28st. Our October 28th meeting is Initiation of new members. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres provided by the Auxiliary. November 11th is the Veterans' Day turkey dinner. And soon we'll be asking for volunteer shoppers for the Goodfellows program in December. Enjoy the last days of summer!

Respectfully, Michele Stetts, President

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Michele Stetts, President  
 Kathlean Edwards, 1st Vice President  
 Barbara Herron, 2nd Vice President  
 Open, Secretary  
 Romayne Althaus, Treasurer  
 Linda Gieske, Historian  
 Judy Fischer, Chaplain  
 Sgt. at Arms; Barb Kelly  
 Ann Kammeraad, Past President



## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

### SEPTEMBER 3RD

#### PERCH DINNER

Slaw, fries, and roll. Legion.

### SEPTEMBER 7TH

#### SUNDAY, 1pm - 7pm

#### LEGION PICNIC

Members only. Dog and suds provided.  
 Bring a dish. Bingo

### SEPTEMBER 10TH

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Salad, garlic toast. Legion.

### SEPTEMBER 17TH

#### COUNTRY STYLE

#### PORK DINNER

Mashed, veggies, and corn bread.  
 Legion Riders

### SEPTEMBER 24TH

#### SUCCULENT SWISS STEAK

Mashed, veggies, roll. Legion.

Special thanks to the kitchen volunteers who made the Coast Guard weekend possible. We served 160 Coast Guard personnel on Friday and sold over 700 chicken dinners to the public Friday and Saturday. Nice job!

## Andy's Draught

With the "summer" season winding down we will be going back to our fall hours. Monday – Friday we will be open 2pm to 10pm, Saturdays noon – 10pm and Sundays 1pm – 7pm.

We will be hosting the Legion picnic here at the Post Sunday the 7th from 1pm-4pm. We ask everyone bring a dish to pass. The Post will provide hot dogs, beer and pop. We will be fencing off the front yard and will also be playing bingo.

It is not too early to renew your dues. Feel free to renew at the bar if you don't get a renewal reminder in the mail. You must have your card on you to renew. Please be ready to show your card. We will be asking. Be proud to show it.

Saturday, September 7th we will be hosting 5 Iraq / Afghanistan Veterans down the Muskegon River for our 4th annual Healing Heroes fly fishing trip. This event has been a huge success. Thank you to the Flyin' Heroes and to everyone that has donated money and or time to make these trips happen. It is a truly rewarding experience for the Veterans as well as the volunteers.

September drink specials: \$3 Margaritas (on the rocks), \$1 Drafts Sundays, \$2 U-call talls Mondays & \$1 12oz can beer every Tuesday.

Cheers!  
 Andy

Thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for the cakes for the Coast Guard Enlisted Dinner





## SAL COMMENTS

Seems like real Summer began just a few weeks ago and, now, early Fall is right around the corner. And so is the SAL-sponsored Salmon Festival, Sept. 12 & 13. Please read the "Help Wanted Ad" elsewhere in this newsletter. We, the Sons of the Legion, are a patriotic-service organization of volunteers for veterans, for the Post, and for the community. We need you! Join us at our next meeting: Monday, Sept. 8 @ 7:30 and learn what we do.

FYI. During the Coast Guard Festival, The Scottsville Clown Band Concert at the Legion raised \$1925.00 for Operation Comfort Warriors. Thanks to the talented Clowns and to those who chipped in for this worthy cause.

FYI. The term salmon comes from the Latin salmo/salmire meaning "to leap". We are fortunate to have both the Coho and the King Salmon in abundance off our shores. See you at the fish boil on Fri. Sept. 12. MLZ

Mike Zolik, SAL Commander



## LEGION RIDERS

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big Thanks to the members that helped clean and paint the kitchen. A special Thank You goes out to the 8&40 Le Chapeau Linda Quaine for her participation also.

Clown Band night was a big success for all. Clown Band Members call our post their home and looking forward to next year.

Our next two Hot Dog dinner nights will be Sept 9th and 23rd from 6 to 8pm. Cost is \$5.00 dollars. Our Pulled Pork Dinner night is Sept. 17th from 5 to 7 pm. Cost is \$8.00 dollars.

Welcome home to Greg Meyers from his extensive stay in the hospital and Brenda Newbill at home recovering from surgery. Our prayers go out to you and both of your families. Our prayers go out to Jack Smith for a speedy recovery after his motorcycle accident.

Ride Safe,  
Bob Wydeck ALR Director

## SAL OFFICERS

Mike Zolik, Commander  
Tom Shultz, 1st Vice Commander  
Jack DeMarr, 2nd Vice Commander  
T.L. Lowe, Finance Officer  
Al VanDam, Chaplain  
Ross Rigoli, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Brock Rogers, Historian  
Carl Lori, Legion Advisor  
Scott Kelly, Membership  
Paul Kubicek, Adjutant  
Tom Greenberg, Past Commander

## LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Bob Wydeck, Riders Director  
Fred Smith, Assistant Director  
Mike Stressman, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Diana Arens, Secretary  
Larry Foose, Treasurer  
Ryan Atkins, Chaplain  
Sally Kemme, Membership Chair  
Burl Newbill, SR. Road Captain  
Larry Lambert, Grab-an-Run

## 8 & 40 OFFICERS

Linda Quaine, Le Chapeau  
Myrna Puse, Demi Chapeau Premier  
Barbara Herron, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme  
Ann Kammeraad, La Secretaire  
Michele Stetts, La Cassiere  
Kathleen Edwards, L'Archiviste  
Veloyce Hansen, L'Aumonier  
Louise Svoboda, La Concierge  
Cleo Phipps, L'Avocate

## 8&40 Salon 499

Fifteen partners enjoyed food and friendship at our August meeting held at Vic's restaurant. Char MacKellar was presented her Chapeau Passé pin and scrapbook in appreciation for her term as Le Petit Chapeau. Partnership dues are currently being collected for 2015, please contact Ann Kammeraad or pay them at the post. Our next meeting will be on September 9th at 7pm-hope to see you there!

## HELP WANTED!

**The SAL needs volunteers for the Salmon Festival, September 12 & 13. Please sign up to help with food prep, tickets, and/or bartending. Volunteer forms at the Legion bar.**



Everyone having fun at Scottville Clown Band Night (picture by Becky Vargo)



Scottville Clown Band playing during Coast Guard week at the Legion.

SEPTEMBER DRINK SPECIALS: \$3.00 MARGARITA (ON THE ROCKS) <b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 \$2 U-Call Tall	2 6pm House Comm. 7pm Post Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	3 <b>5PM PERCH DINNER</b>	4 7pm ALR Meet	5  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	6
7 Noon - 4pm Legion Picnic OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	8 8am Building and Grounds 7:30 SAL Meeting \$2 U-Call Tall	9 6pm Rider Hot Dogs 7PM 8 & 40 MEETING \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	10 <b>6PM DECK-E-OKE</b> <b>5PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI</b>	11 10 AM 9-11 Ceremony at Post	12 Salmon Fest  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	13 Salmon Fest
14 OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	15 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	16 7pm Executive Comm. \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	17 <b>5PM ROAST PORK DINNER</b>	18 7pm <b>TRAVIA</b> Night	19  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	20
21 OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	22 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	23 6pm Rider Hot Dogs 7pm Aux. Meeting \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	24 <b>5PM SWISS STEAK DINNER</b>	25	26  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	27
28 OPEN 1PM - 7PM \$1 Draft	29 8am Building and Grounds \$2 U-Call Tall	30 \$1 (12 oz) CAN BEER	OCT. 1 <b>5PM PERCH DINNER</b>	2	3  <b>6PM BURGERS</b>	4

October ~ Oktoberfest Party, Wine Tasting  
November ~ Veteran's Day Dinner, Saturday  
Football Parties, Happy Thanksgiving!