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**THE
AMERICAN
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year everyone! We all make resolutions for the new year, but most of us break them by the end of January. The resolutions that I am listing here may also meet the same fate, but I will try to stay the course. Let's start with Goal #1 - Burger Night (Fridays). A big thank you goes to Harold and Joyce Weaver for their willingness to coordinate this weekly event and to lend a hand to help new burger crews learn the ropes and old crews that may be short-handed. Friday burger nights are very successful but to continue that success, we need crews to sign up. No experience necessary, just a willingness to pitch in and have some fun. Sign up sheets are at the bar. Goal #2 - Recruitment of new members. As with any organization, new members need to be brought in to perpetuate a solid core of new energy. I, myself, have successfully recruited two young veterans to join post 28. Welcome Chris Larson and Toni LaRose to our Legion Family. Recruitment is not just limited to Legion members, but Auxiliary and SAL, as well. We can easily swell our membership by 100 before summer. Goal #3 - Entertainment. You may have noticed that we've increased the live music at the Post. Personally, I would like to add a New Year's Party at the end of 2023. We need to book a good band as soon as possible. We could hold fundraisers such as a car wash or baked goods sale throughout this year to offset some of the cost of the New Year's Eve party. We'd like to make it a classy, fun event for all our members and guests. These are three very attainable goals that offer opportunities to each and every one of our members to make 2023 a banner year at Post 28.

Rick White, Commander #104



BUK'S PRIDE PROGRAM

The Purple Color Guard Team at GHAPS Basketball.

"Honor Cancer Survivors, remember those we lost and Passionately Give Back".



Team Rami - New Burger Team at the Legion. Thank you Pam Medendorp and Jay



AUXILIARY

Here it is, halfway through the winter months. Hooray! I hope you all had a wonderful New Year's celebration. Did you set your New Year's resolutions? I hope that volunteering to help Post 28, through the Auxiliary or one of our family branches, is one of your resolutions.

Our members' favorite, Chops' Meatloaf Dinner, was successful; proceeds went to the AEF and Poppy Fund. We also provided snacks to support Vegas Night, which was a smashing success as usual.

Coming up, we will be having a Gourmet Taco Dinner on the 15th of February. Watch your email for volunteer opportunities.

Our Nomination Committee will be working on the 2023-24 Slate of Officers in March, with the election to be held at our April meeting. Please consider running for office to join our Auxiliary Leadership Team in some capacity! You will be supported by an experienced group of women who are passionate about serving Veterans!

February 28th is our next Auxiliary meeting and I hope to see you there. If you haven't attended a meeting lately this would be a great time to attend. We would love to get to know you better.
Cheryl George, President

HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard had four services since the last Post meeting.
Rifle Team Leader, David MacKellar



SAL

February is here and we are in the middle of winter. That did not stop us from having our Grand Haven Winter Festival and our Annual Vegas Night to top off the weekend. A big thank you goes out to all the workers and players who helped raise money for our charity "Fisher House". In December, the winning Trivia team was again the "Bar Flies and Pimps." They donated the money this time to the "Peoples Center" in Spring Lake. Our February Trivia date is on the 16th.

At our last SAL meeting we approved seven new members, please welcome: James Goodburn, Michael Flower, Patrick Wingett, Burton Taylor II, Dennis McMillan, Mark Ferguson, and Joe Rogers III. The Sons of the American Legion "Volunteer of the Year" has been selected and will be announced at our February 6th meeting starting at 7pm.

February is a short month, yet packed with many things like Ground Hogs Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and our Annual Chili Cook-off. Chili Cook-off is one of the best parties at the Post. We again will have raffles and great food. It is amazing how different each chili tastes. Let us see if the "Chill-O-Lites" can obtain a 3-in-a-row "People's Choice Award." The challenge has been made!

Serving Veteran's and our Community

Paul Kubicek - SAL Commander



PS: Give your Valentine a Hug!

LEGION RIDERS

You will see only the bravest on a motorcycle now! Or one that has everything heated! Most motorcycles have been winterized and are in storage. Diehards will ride in any weather though.

The plans are in the making for a Plaque run to other participating ALR groups. In 2010 Onsted Legion Post 550 started a "Grab and Run" with ALR groups. The basic idea was each ALR has a plaque, and they ride to another participating post and "Grab" their plaque. "Grab and Run" was established to promote camaraderie between ALR groups. There are specific rules and requirements to grab another ALR's plaque. The program has been on hiatus for the last 3 years.

2023 dues are currently being collected and are \$12. If you would like to join, complete the form available at the post or email alrriderspost28@gmail.com. You must be an active Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member to join.

The Bikers for Veterans committee has scheduled September 9, 2023 for the second annual fundraiser. We are currently soliciting sponsorships from local businesses. If you would like to assist, email ALR. All help is appreciated. This year will also be a Memorial ride for those service people and first responders who have given their all.

Follow the Post 28 ALR Facebook page for event updates and information. Are you interested in becoming more involved as a volunteer or member? New faces are always welcome to help with events and activities at the Post.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery; Ride and live today.

Steve Barnes, Director

FEBRUARY

2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>ARTURO'S TACOS Fresh Mexican Grill • Taqueria</p> <p>Thursdays Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 3p-9p Saturdays Feb. 18, 23 2p-9p Sundays Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 1p-6p</p>			<p>1</p> <p>5-7 PM SUCULENT SWISS STEAK</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm ALR Meeting</p> <p>GROUND HOG DAY</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>5:30p-7:30p BURGERS</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>11 am Four Chaplains Memorial 12:30-Lunch</p> 
<p>5</p>  <p>National Weatherperson's Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm SAL Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 pm House Committee 7 pm Post Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5-7 PM DELICIOUS HAM DINNER (SAL)</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>NATIONAL PIZZA DAY</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30p-7:30p BURGERS</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>CHILI COOK OFF</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>SUPERBOWL SUNDAY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1826 The American Temperance Society is formed in Boston, MA.</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5-7PM GOURMET TACO DINNER (AUXILIARY)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 PM</p>  <p>Trivia Night</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30p-7:30p BURGERS</p>  <p>HAPPY National Random Acts of Kindness Day!</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>FEBRUARY 18 Drink Wine Day</p>
<p>19</p> <p>1913 Prizes begin to be inserted into Cracker Jack boxes.</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6 pm Executive Committee</p>  <p>it's Fat Tuesday Let the fun begin!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5-7 PM ZESTY SPAGHETTI DINNER</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1896 The Tootsie Roll, created by Leo Hirshfield, rolls into stores in America.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30p-7:30p BURGERS</p>  <p>World Bartenders Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1791 The 1st Bank of the United States is chartered.</p>
<p>26</p> <p>1919 Congress creates the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>CELEBRATE NO BRAINER DAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7 pm Auxiliary Meeting</p>				