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Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

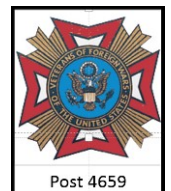
March is upon us. Our administrative year is coming to a close around mid-June. We are doing well in all categories, except one. That is Post Membership. We need to have every member whose dues are now overdue or coming due in the near future. We must maintain our membership and indeed grow, or we are simply heading in the wrong direction. We have 215 more members than we had in the 1989-90 year when I was elected for my first year as our Post Commander and we need it keep it that way. With this in mind we have an offer for all of you.

If you remit your annual dues (\$35.00) before March 28th, you will be placed in a drawing for a free Life Membership. Further, we will send you a gift card valued at \$25.00 for California Pizza Kitchen at Partridge Creek Center. If you choose to purchase a Life Membership (Life Member fees are listed below) we will pay \$50.00 toward your Life member fees and send you two 2 C.P.K. valued at \$25.00 each and enter you in our drawing for a free Life Membership to be awarded at our Post Meeting on March 28, 2018. Comrades, this is a good offer, so I ask you to please avail yourselves of it. Do so and you will continue be part of the good work that the Veterans of Foreign Wars does for someone you served with years ago and years ago, that same person would have done anything for you, perhaps at great peril to their own health and safety.

Let's make it another great year. Best Wishes to all of you.

You may contact me at wadobbie@prodigy.net

Bill Dobbie,
Post Commander



Life member fees are based upon your age on December 31st of the current year.

Under 30 years - \$425.00	51-60 years - \$335.00
31-40 years - \$410.00	61-70 years - \$290.00
41-50 years - \$375.00	71-80 years - \$225.00
Age 81 and over	\$170.00



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Welcome to all Auxiliary Members

Even with the cold and snowy winter, our Auxiliary members have still been busy with their chairmanships supporting our Veterans. Recently was the Mid-Winter Conference where we supported our students from our District hoping to win Department awards. A Buddy Poppy display was entered into the Department Buddy Poppy contest. Thanks again to Nancy Giles for the fantastic displays she enters.

Monday, April 9, 2018 will be our nomination and election of officers. If it your intent to run for an office and you aren't able to attend, please submit a letter of that intent to put your name in nomination. If there is a chairmanship you'd like to try your hand in, convey your thoughts to the incoming President. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM following a pot luck dinner that will start at 6:00 PM. I hope to see many people there.

Loyally

Mary Ashbrook, President

Membership

Congratulations to our two recent new members both with Life Membership: Megan Pierson and Gary Teller. Thank you to the great recruiters we have. Our Auxiliary has achieved the Circle of Excellence award for being 100%+ in membership by December 31, for the past two years.

Denise Frey

Youth Activities Chairman - Membership Chairman 586-781-6797

A Special Thanks to The John Smith Old Timer's Club.

The John W Smith charities is an organization that has fundraisers to assist the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and several Veterans organization to assist in their work with Veterans programs. They have heard of how our Auxiliary has assisted our Post with serving lunch and providing clothes for the homeless Veterans that we have in twice a year from the Michigan Veterans Foundation, our donations to the VFW National Home for children which resides in Michigan: our donations for Camp Trotter which helps the Camps expenses and updates too the camp and sponsoring kids to camp during the summer season. Due to our work, The John W. Smith Old Timer's Club chose us as a benefactor with a \$1,000.00 donation. The Auxiliary has already passed a motion on the floor to help the Michigan Veterans Foundation with this lovely gift.

Thank you again to them for supporting our efforts to extend a helping hand to those who deserve it most.

Forever Grateful

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California Pizza Kitchen

On Wednesday the 10th of January, members of Old Settler's Post 4659 were invited to California Pizza Kitchen for Lunch (located at Partridge Creek Mall) and (for the third year in a row) a very generous donation that the patrons of California Pizza Kitchen supplied by purchasing Gift Cards. WOW!!

What a lunch Jeff Weigmann and staff put together for us, The restaurant is gorgeous, the food was delicious and Linda Brohl and Sharon Daily did a superb job taking care of us. But the STAR of the show was the Pizza Box FILLED with Gift Cards that were given to the post to pass out to Veterans and Families. Linda and Sharon spearheaded the effort and we cannot say enough about the outstanding job they did getting patrons to donate, they far out did what they did last year.



Members who attended this past Wednesday were; Phil Gannia, Mike Perusich, Jay Benner, Mike Crampton, Scott Metcalf, and Eddie Kettner, in the attached picture are Sharon Daily, Linda Brohl, and General Manager, Jeff Weigmann.

Photo's By: K J Metcalf



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If you have a need for: Walkers, Wheel Chairs, Crutches
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Contact our Post for Help.

THANK YOU ZACH BROWN EAGLE SCOUT #148

The Veterans of Foreign Wars want to thank all the Boy Scouts for their project at our Post. Zachary Brown lead the way with his drive to design , provide ideas and workmanship. He proved he was in charged to take on this project. His troops were guided by support of his parents. He scheduled the project from start to finish. The planning, ceramic , woodworking, painting , quality, timing, cleanup and the finish project were all positive. He removed the old covering and replaced it with ceramic tile along the front and side. He also constructed a drywall and wood enclosure to hide exposed pipes. This project required 315.5 hours to complete. The troop along with Commander Bill Dobbie will honor Zach at the Spring Eagle Court of Honor.



This gave our hall bar area a much better look. The picture says it all.

Helpers

Leslie Brown, Kevin Gibbons, Charlie Buckmaster, Jake McLellan, Alan McLellan, Carter Herald, Fletcher Herald, Luke Fenchelt, Thomas Yang, Keri Yang, Andrew D'Amato

Adult Leaders

-Kevin Brown, Bill Berklich & Mark Gerhard

Clubroom News

Comrades, Friends and Family,

Soon we will be saying goodbye to old man winter as the first day of spring gets closer to the horizon. It is hard to believe that you all have entrusted me to be



your Canteen Club manager now for the past 10 months. For that I once again thank you and my outstanding staff for the privilege and the honor. Spending time and visiting with you all truly warms my heart and means more than words can express. You all make our Club an Awesome and fun place to be.

Thank You All and, God Bless, Randy Pierson - Club Manager & Assistant Manager Darlene Kaiser

Let's get going to the goings on:



Happy Hour drink prices are Monday – Friday 1:30 to 4PM and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Also Tuesday is free Jukebox Day

Euchre Tournament will be held once again in the Club room on 24 March. Cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Signup will begin at 1:00 PM with the tournament beginning at 2:00 PM.

“Good Luck!”



Friday Fish Fry is underway Beer Battered Cod or Jumbo Shrimp served with fries and coleslaw will on the menu. and will be available from 5:00 PM –8:00 PM every Friday until Good Friday - March 30th



St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on 17 March from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. I would like to thank Mary Ashbrook and the Post Auxiliary for teaming up with us in putting on this event.



Post Upcoming Meetings and Events

Holly National Cemetery Honor Guard – 1st Wed of each Month

Post Meetings – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each Month – 7:00 PM

House Committee Meeting – 3rd Wed. of each Month – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 2nd Monday of each Month 7 PM

Post & Auxiliary Bingo – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Veteran Outreach Sessions with Lisa Marie - 2nd month 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Important Dates

March 11th – Daylight Savings Begins

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 20th – First Day of Spring

March 25th – Palm Sunday

March 30th – Good Friday - Passover Begins

April 1st – Easter (Post Clubroom is Closed)

April 30th 1975 Vietnam War ends

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN POST 4659 COMRADES

**Carlo VenDetti,
Henry Sundell
James Steinbrecher**

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Lisa Love - US Navy

Thank You Volunteers!

A big thank you to all the participants in the recent Charity Poker Fundraiser at Ciccarelli's! The 4 day fundraiser went very well, raising \$4,592 for Post 4659. If you would be interested in volunteering at a future Charity Poker fundraiser, please contact Mike Crampton at 586-747-1222.

Charity Poker Fundraisers for 2018 will be as follows:

April 9-12, 2018 at Ciccarelli's – Night shift

June 25-28, 2018 at Ciccarelli's – Night shift

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2018 at Rosemack – split day/night shifts

**Mike Crampton & Carol Dalpe,
Co-Chairpersons – Charity Poker Fundraisers**



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Scholarship & Michigan Department Comrades and Auxiliary Members



The Young American Patriotic Art Contest is a competition offered to all students, including home schooled, in grades 9 through 12. The Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is the proud sponsor of this Program. The purpose of the Program is to allow the students the opportunity to express their patriotism through art, while competing for awards on the Local, State, and National levels. There is no particular theme for the art, but there are rules and guidelines. Size restrictions, materials, and adherence to the Flag Code (if using the American Flag in the artwork), are some of the requisites stated on the entry form. If you have a high school student in your family or neighborhood, please encourage them to participate. The deadline for entries to our Auxiliary is March 31, 2018. Entry forms are available on the State Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxmi.org. Click on Programs and scroll down to Scholarships. If you have questions or are in need of an entry form, please contact me.

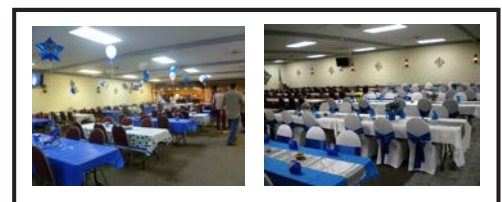
The 2018/2019 Themes for the Voice of Democracy Contest and the Patriot's Pen Contest have been released. The Voice of Democracy Theme is "Why My Vote Matters". The Patriot's Pen Theme is "Why I Honor the American Flag". The deadline for entries to the post for each contest is November 1, 2018. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.



Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman 586-739-8095 wadobbie@prodigy.net

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