



# Old Settlers Newsletter



## Post 4659 - District 5 January - February 2021

Commander Joe Wrobel - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Perusich - Jr. Vice Cmdr. Larry Pretzer  
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant - Bill Tudrick



The VFW wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Let's hope that next year will be a whole lot happier for all of us. I would like to thank all of the officers and members that have been meeting with me during the past year to keep the business of the Post moving on while the shut down endlessly continues. Our next meeting is Scheduled for the second Wednesday of January 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Hopefully we will be on the right track and get back to normal meetings and regular hours in the clubroom. Our Spaghetti Fund Raiser was a success thanks to Joe & Carl Bonanni everything turned out great.

We have secured a contractor to start repairing the roof (replacing it) and it will be done in the spring. The halls bar has been redone thanks to our Senior Vice Commander and his friends, and it looks great.

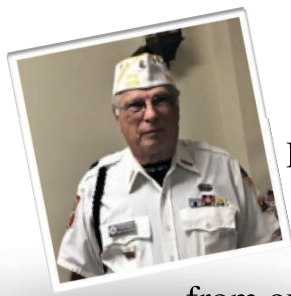
I would like to thank all of the Officers and members of the House committee and the members that worked during the last year cleaning, repairing and assisting in the operation of the post and its activities.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice. God Bless.

**Joe Wrobel**  
Commander



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## **I hope you all are doing fine and in good HEALTH.**

Because of you, we can make a big difference for our VFW Post and Veterans. When we asked for your support you gave help to your Post. 20% of our Membership / Auxiliary / Business, gave a donation to our operating fund. We also had support from our local business. Yes, we still had expenses to maintain the utilities, building & grounds, taxes, insurance, cleaning, painting, and etc...

This is small business and when you close the doors, we still have those expenses. I worked on a loan through the PPP /Care Act and we did receive a small loan. Plans are to keep it in a reserve account in case we need the funds and then later must pay it back. At this time, we have used the loan funds to support the operating costs and will not have to pay this back. Thank You Huntington Bank for your support to get this PPP loan. I also filed through Macomb County for a Non-Profit Grant. We received a \$5000 grant and used the Grant money to replace the main cooler compressor that cost \$4100. I bring this up so that you know we have been on top of major problems.

What the membership voted on was a replacement for the Hall Roof and the replacement to the flat roof for the Club Room. We have applied for a loan through Huntington Bank to pay for the cost of both roofs. Donations toward the roof repairs would off set the cost of the loan. I have scheduled with a contractor to put us on his schedule come springtime.

Let us talk membership...we have 405 post members along with 238 Auxiliary members. The VFW membership year begins July 1,2020 and ends June 30,2021. I see that phone numbers have changed, and addresses are incorrect. If you want information from the Post or from the National VFW lets work together to correct the communications. If you need a new card, contact me to request a duplicate card. Your new card will be mailed to your address. If you need to Pay your annual dues, make a Payment or Update to Life Membership...I can help. We have discounts when you decide to go to Life membership and Gift cards for a nice restaurant, both for the VFW membership as well as Auxiliary.

Should you have any questions about your membership, address / phone... please contact the Post 586-781-9109 or call the VFW National Headquarters at 1-800-963-3180.

Post membership lost 22 members in the 2019 yr. If you know a Veteran that would like to join or a post member that has passed, please call me 586-291-9914. We do have an Honor Guard to support our Veterans.

Be Safe, **Mike Perusich,**

### **Post Donations**

All Post Donations Should be sent to:  
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A belated welcome to the 2020/2021 Auxiliary Year! I want to assure everyone that we are conducting business during this unprecedented Covid 19 time. When meeting at the Post Home, we practice social distancing and wear masks as required. We still meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our January 13, 2021 meeting is our Inspection by the District

President. We will welcome her to our Auxiliary to observe our meeting and celebrate our success. This is an annual requirement. If you are available to attend this important meeting, please do. Even though it's not typical business as usual, we continue to participate in the Programs provided by the National Organization. We still need your input and suggestions. Thank you to all who accepted Chairmanships. Congratulations to Mary Ashbrook on her election as Auxiliary Chaplain. We have been communicating with the Commander and proceeding forward. We are looking to a time when we are back to normal. In the meantime, please continue to support and participate in our Auxiliary.

Thank you for all you do to Support our Post and Auxiliary! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your Family!

Gloria Dobbie  
Auxiliary 4659 President  
**586-739-8095**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

While it's been hard to get together and have meetings every month, we are doing all we can do to be safe and stay safe. We've still increased our membership for this 2020-2021 year and hope to see you at a meeting in the near future.

In the meantime, please welcome new Life Members Michelle Parko, Lori Humpich, and Kristin Owsiany. Congrats to both Jim and Kim Pierce for converting from annual to Life Member status.

The Auxiliary is still offering a \$50 discount on new and converting Life Membership. Finding and securing new members is possible. New annual members is \$30 for the initial year.

If you are A Pyne, G Martin, B Rife or J Wagner, please contact me regarding your current membership status.

## **STAY SAFE & STAY STRONG**

Denise Frey  
Membership Chairman  
**586-569-6336**



## Scholarships

We received two entries from two different schools for the Voice of Democracy Contest. Both entries were advanced to the District for judging. We received one entry for the Patriot's Pen Contest. That entry was also forwarded to the District for judging. Unfortunately, we did not have any entries for the Teacher of the Year Contest. The Voice of Democracy entries are awarded first place in our Post judging as we are allowed to have two winning entries from different schools. Our Patriot's Pen entry will receive first place on our Post level. The results of the District judging will be publicized when the District conducts the Award presentation on that level. When decisions are made by the Post on plans to recognize our winning students, you will be notified.

The next VFW Auxiliary opportunity for a Scholarship is the Continuing Education Scholarship. Members, please keep in mind, if you have a son or daughter who graduating, they may be eligible for this Scholarship. If you or your spouse are considering classes to further your education, you may want to apply. The deadline to be received at the National VFW Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City Mo. Is February 15, 2021. Please contact me for additional information.

Thank you for Promoting our Scholarship Program!

**Gloria Dobbie**  
**Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman**  
**586-739-8095**

### [VFW Remembers the Courage & Sacrifice of America's Iraq War Veterans](#)

**Until every service man and woman returns home, the commitment  
to our warfighters in harm's way must remain the same'**

On this 9th anniversary of the conclusion of the U.S. mission in Iraq, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) remembers the nearly 4,500 courageous men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the fight against terror. More than 1.5 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines deployed to Iraq from March 20, 2003, to Dec. 18, 2011. "War and conflict comes at a significant cost – one that our military families continue to face long after the conclusion of the Iraq War," said VFW National Commander Harold "Hal" Roesch III. "Although the war may have concluded nine years ago, it's imperative we never forget the lives of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines lost in the global fight on terror and the grieving families who live in memory of these noble warriors." Several hundred U.S. troops remain in Iraq today in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the U.S. military's intervention against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. "Until every service man and woman returns home, the commitment to our warfighters in harm's way must remain the same," said Roesch. "The support for our troops must be non-negotiable as they are the greatest gift our nation may ever receive as we continue to protect our democracy and fight the war on terror."





# Canteen-Clubroom Notes

## Happy New Year Everyone!

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year! I think we all need a NEW year. 2020 was rough, to say the least. We were able to get some good times in, though. The Friday fish dinners were popular as ever, thanks to Carl Bonanni and Lori Schmidt in the kitchen. We had a spaghetti dinner that was a great success. Thank you to Randy & Cris Pierson, the sauce Cris makes is always delicious! And again, Joe Bonanni and Carl Bonanni work wonders in the kitchen.

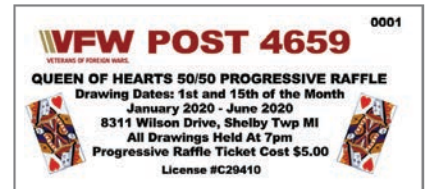


We had been opening at 1:00 on Sundays for football, with Show me the Money starting at 2:00. Everybody loves it! Thank you Ken & Michelle Bertrand for running it and always making it fun. And thank you to Sharon Jeffrey for helping with SMTM when needed. Also, thank you to Sharon for your generous donations of paper products, etc.

We will be open as soon as we're able and are looking forward to it!

We're hoping to start Friday night dinners and possibly a week night special as well.

The final drawing for Queen of Hearts will be 30 days after we open. We have to have a winner that day. So get your tickets and try to be there for the win!



As always, we're open to ideas and input.

## Post Members Upcoming Meetings

- Holly National Cemetery Honors – 1st Wednesday of each Month
- Post Meetings – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each Month – 7:00 PM
- Canteen Committee - 3rd Wed. of each Month – 6:00 PM
- House Committee – 3rd Wed. of each Month – 7:00 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting – 2nd Monday of each Month 7:00 PM
- Council Meetings - 1st Tuesday of each Month - 7:30 PM
- District 5 Meetings - Sunday each Quarter - 10:00 AM
- Post Bingo – Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

***Veteran Outreach Sessions at Post***  
***2nd Monday of each Month 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM***



**DECEASED MEMBERS**

CARL DICICCO, LAWRENCE LERITY  
 JAMES McALISTER, JASON BOWLING  
 BILL MRDEZA, DAVID TERPATRA  
 BRIAN PHINNEY, JAMES EVERLOVE  
 JOE D'ANGELO, THOMAS FORTIN  
 JOHN HILLARD

**NEW MEMBERS**

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 MICHAEL DEDENBACH  
 MICHAEL GIFFER

**TRANSFER MEMBERS**

BRYAN GENOVICH  
 CHARLES MODZINSKI

**RENEW MEMBERS**

EDMIN GRISWALD  
 PHILLIP GAGNON  
 HECTOR GRANDCHAMP

**Life member fees are based upon your age on  
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<b>31-40 years - \$410.00</b>	<b>61-70 years - \$290.00</b>
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The Macomb County Council officers held the Christmas Raffle on December 2nd.

The winners are.

1st Prize \$200.00 Ticket No. 1200 VFW Post 1146

2nd Prize \$125.00 Ticket No. 0329 Mike Oleksiak

3rd Prize \$75.00 Ticket No. 0486 Bill Zanley

The MCC Officers would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets to make this raffle successful.

They also wish everyone a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Stay Safe  
Ken Klee  
MCC Adjutant



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