



Old Settlers Newsletter



Post 4659 - District 5 January - February 2020

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The VFW wishes you and yours a very SAFE and HAPPY 2020 NEW YEAR



Comrades - Post VFW 4659 extends a heartfelt Season's Greetings to all our posts members, Veterans, Auxiliary, Service Members and their Families. As we go about our celebrations this New Year 2020, we must give thought to the thousands of America's finest men and women who are spending this sacred Holiday away from home and from their love ones. They've sacrificed this time away from home to ensure that we're able to enjoy Holiday time in freedom and with peace.

Our veterans and service members have truly given us the greatest gift from the VFW family to you and yours; we wish you a Happy and safe Holiday season. We are forever grateful for your support and service.

Our Christmas Party at the Club-room was fantastic! Good crowd and good food. We have been signing up new members and drive to remind our annual members that their dues are coming due. Membership is at 94% and growing. As yesterday's defenders of freedom, we want to welcome today's military service members into our ranks to become part of our elite group. Our common bond is the battlefield, whether it is service in the Persian Gulf, Korea, Vietnam, Kosovo, the Global War on Terrorism or peace-keeping expeditionary campaigns. Your courage and sacrifice have made a difference in preserving and defending world peace.

Remember that are meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. Our post in the last 12 months have supported post members, family members and some families in our area that were in need of some help from our relief fund. We have lost 12 Post Members since July 1, 2019. For each life lost has contributed greatly to the evolution of America as we know it today: a free nation, a strong nation, the greatest nation on earth. Comrades and sisters, service members, Veterans and military families, I extend my warmest wishes to you and yours this New Year 2020.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice. God Bless.

Joe Wrobel
Commander





Scholarships

The Post and Auxiliary had the honor of hosting an awards ceremony for our contest winners on December 11, 2019. Post and Auxiliary members welcomed the students, teachers, and their

families to our Post Home. The awards presented were as follows: 1st Place Voice of Democracy was **Alexander Hughes**, who attends Utica Academy for International Studies;

2nd place was **Josie Wenzell**, who attends Rochester Adams High School; and 3rd place was **Mallory Willette**, who attends Bethany Christian School.

The 1st Place Patriot's Pen award was presented to **Annabella Duda** who attends Butcher Middle School. Our winning High School Teacher, **Brian Burak** also attended our program to receive his award. Mr. Burak teaches at Utica Academy for International Studies. Our Elementary School Teacher, **Kris Pierfelice**, was not able to attend. Mrs. Pierfelice teaches at Beacontree Elementary School. The winning participants received a check and a citation for their efforts. We look forward to continuing with a recognition program next year. Our sincere thanks to the Post and Auxiliary for supporting this important endeavor. The results of our winning entries who advanced to the District level will be available in the next newsletter.



There is still time to apply for the Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship. The deadline is February 15, 2020. The form must be sent directly to the National Auxiliary Office. This scholarship is open to all Auxiliary Members, their Spouse, and their children. Details were outlined in the previous newsletter. If you need additional information, please contact me.

Our final contest of the 2019/2020 year is the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. This contest is open to all High School Students in grades 9 through 12. In order to avoid disqualification, the rules must be followed. The rules are available on our website at vfwmiaux.org. Please feel free to contact me for additional information. Spread the work to students in your family, neighborhood, church, work, etc. Approach anyone who may have an eligible student.

Thank you for your support in our Programs. Please take advantage of the scholarship opportunities offered to you through our Organization.

Gloria Dobbie
Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman
586-739-8095

D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans 2019 Holiday Wish List

Sweatpants (L-3XL) - Zip Sweatshirts (L-3XL) -- White or Colored T-shirts (L-3XL)

Shoes with Velcro Fasteners (Wide 11-14 -- Diabetic Socks-NO other socks, please!

Lounge Pants (L-3XL) - Cardigan Sweaters (L-XL) -- Flannel Shirts (M-3XL) - Sweater Vests (L-XL)

Slippers with Velcro Fasteners (Wide 11-14) --Baseball hats (military insignia)

Personal Care Items

Electric Razors (Cordless & Rechargeable) -- Replacement Heads for Electric Razors

Lotion (such as Vanicream, CeraVe or Eucerin) -- Pre-Shave or After Shave - Q-Tips (Small Packs)

Shampoo & Conditioner - Soft Kleenex -- 3 in 1 Body Wash/Body Wash --

Stick Deodorant (Men's Only)

Miscellaneous

Men's Bi-fold or Tri-Fold Wallets -- Reading Glasses 3.00+ - AA/AAA/C

Batteries Twin/Full-Size Comforters/Quilts (Washable) -- Men's Watches

with Elastic Bands Forever Stamps - Marq-Tran Bus Tickets



Entertainment

Portable CD Players with headphone jacks -- Large Screen Portable DVD Players

PLEASE NOTE: We can no longer accept clothing protectors. Currently, we are not accepting lap robes, lap blankets, books, playing cards, puzzles over 750 pieces, socks, underwear, or any used clothing.

Marv T. Klee VFW 4659 Auxiliary Hospital Chairman



VFW AUXILIARY

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Thank you for your support in my advancement to the position of President of our Auxiliary. We thank Mary Ashbrook for her service to our Auxiliary and look forward to her continued participation in our work.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our male members to the Auxiliary. Most of you joined when the Men's Auxiliary was disbanded. Some of you joined after that based on your eligibility. We want you to know that whenever you joined, we appreciate the fact that you wanted to be part of our Auxiliary. We now ask you to consider attending our meetings. We meet at 7:00 pm of the second Monday of each month. We're looking for fresh new ideas to move forward with our work with the Post and our Community. We want you to know what we do for our Veterans. We would like your help. Please come and offer suggestions on how we can work together in serving our Veterans and our Community. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

I would also like to invite any Auxiliary members, who may have not been at a meeting in a while, to come back. Please come and share your thoughts. With spring coming before we know it, we need to begin to plan our fundraising activities.

We're looking forward to increased participation in our meetings and our events from both our Male and Female members. Working together we can continue to have another successful year!

Gloria Dobbie
Auxiliary 4659 President

Santa was so happy to see the children again and I know they were excited to see him.

Thank you to our workers for Helping again this year to make it a successful kids party: Johnnie D & Kathy, Gail, Delores, Joann, Flo, Megan & Cris, Chrissy, Darlene, Sharon, Aunt Cheryl & myself. All the tasks are split up and everyone works together so smoothly.

We'd also like to thank those that donated items as well: Sharon, Diane (Sharing Tree), Randy Vander Asche, Kathie & Jay. If I've missed anyone it's not on purpose and Santa appreciated your efforts. Save the Date: Tentatively we are scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020.



Denise Frey
Youth Activities

Membership:

We will be ending up our year at 100.026% (6 over what we started with in June) and we've recovered 1 death and 2 transfers and 4 drops. We still have 2 unpaid that could pay before in the next couple of months and still be a continuous member. Be proud of yourself since we've been 100% since mid September.

Denise Frey
Membership

Canteen-Clubroom Notes

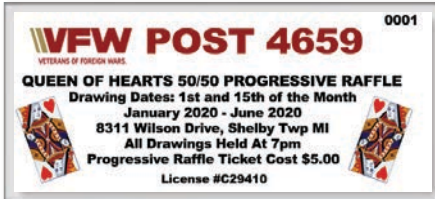
Happy New Year Everyone!

2019 was a great year, we had some good times here at the V.

We're looking forward to all that 2020 has in store for us!

We had great participation, once again, for Samaritan House and The Sharing Tree.

Very generous gifts were donated, Thank you to everyone that got involved.



Our Queen of Hearts licensing has been finalized and tickets are on sale now. They are \$5.00 each. **Drawings will be held on the 1st and 15th of every month**, with the first drawing being January 15th as we will be closed on New Year's Day.

Saturday, January 11th we are having our Euchre Tournament. Sign up time is at 1:00 pm Start promptly at: 2:00 pm. Your \$10.00 entry fee includes a luncheon. Show Me The Money is always popular and will continue throughout winter/spring with the last one for the year being May 3rd

Our Chili/Karaoke Party was a huge success. So many entertaining singers! So much participation. We'll be doing that again for sure! Hoping for once a month till spring. The date will be on January 18th. We'll have a \$5.00 Taco/Nacho bar



The week of **February 2nd Wii Bowling** will resume for the winter. Sign up in the Clubroom if you plan on bowling with us!



[Our Friday Fish Fry Starts February 28th, 5:00pm - 8:00 pm](#)

Tickets will be available soon for our Valentine's Day Dinner on Friday February 14th.



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

Post members, we welcome you to attend meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month or if you're an Auxiliary member, the 3rd Monday at 7:00 is your time to shine!

Kathie Holloway - Clubroom Manager

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

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

Welcome to VFW Camp Trotter for Children



Camp Trotter is a Children's Camp located 7 miles East of Newaygo on M-82. The camp sits on the shores of one of west Michigan's beautiful and picturesque lakes. It is owned and operated by the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The management and oversight is carried out by a committee of elected members of the Michigan VFW, who take pride in keeping the camp in pristine condition to ensure the comfort and safety of our guests. The camp is fully licensed and insured with the State of Michigan.

Camp Trotter exists primarily for children of veterans, but is not limited thereto; we offer five weeks of camping to children seven to twelve years old from all over the United States. The camp includes summer activities on site including swimming, boating, hiking, biking, arts and crafts, archery, softball, volleyball, as well as campfire activities. The children are given a general knowledge of science, art, and nature, and taught patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues. We try to further instill upon our camper's morals and values by combining educational activities with fun, our goal is to guide and assist our youth to build a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Only through your generous donations can this camp accomplish these goals! Get a Camp Trotter life membership for honoring a Comrade or loved one. 50% of the money goes into a trust while the rest goes to maintaining the Camp

Camp Trotter is located on beautiful Bill's Lake located in Newaygo County. Camp Trotter is a resident camp for girl's and boy's ages 7 to 12 years old. Your child would be enjoying lots of outdoor activities. Some of them include: swimming, archery, canoeing, paddle boating, Arts and Crafts, Team building activities, fishing, hiking, hay ride, mountain biking overnight camp outs and campfires to name a few. Our staff ratio is 1 counselor to 10 campers. This allows for lots of individual attention for your child

2020 Camping Season Schedule (for children 7 to 12 years of age).

Week 1, July 5, 2020 to July 11, 2020
Week 2, July 12, 2020 to July 18, 2020
Week 3, July 19, 2020 to July 25, 2020
Week 4, July 26, 2020 to August 1, 2020
Week 5, August 2, 2020 to August 8, 2020

For more information contact Ken Klee at 586-260-4200 or k.j.klee@comcast.net





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JERRY GORSKI
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Please send donations for my campaign to:
Su-jen Mauldin
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Novi, MI 48377



Charity Poker



Thank You Volunteers!

A big thank you to all the participants in the 2019 Charity Poker Fundraisers at Ciccarelli's and RoseMack! Without our Post volunteers stepping up to help run these charity events, we would not have this revenue to help us do what we do in supporting veterans and their families in need, and also performing community service throughout the year. If you would be interested in volunteering at a future Charity Poker Fundraiser, please contact Mike at 586-747-1222.

Governor Whitmer has signed HB 4173, which will alter some of the rules we have to follow. Taking immediate effect, we will now be able to sell up to \$20,000 per day. We are encouraged to stop sales at \$19,800. It has also been recommended that we continue to have 3 workers onsite, until we are notified otherwise by correspondence from the Michigan Gaming Control Board. It is also possible that we may in the future be able to utilize Member spouses as workers, and we are also waiting to hear from the MGCB on that issue.

NEXT CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISER IS January 27-30, 2020 NIGHT SHIFTS AT Ciccarelli's!

Mike Crampton, Carol Dalpe, Mike Perusich, Bill Tudrick Co-Chairpersons – Charity Poker Fundraisers



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