



Old Settlers Newsletter



Post 4659 - District 5
January - February 2023

Commander Ken Klee - Sr. Vice Art Huge - Jr Vice Carl Bonanni
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant Bill Tudrick



Comrades,

As we enter into the second half of the VFW administration year, we must continue to recruit new and reinstated members into our Post. The meetings have been well attended the last few months with 30 or more members participating in the operation and decision making of our Post. Our Post recently made all of our donations that are required to Department for Veterans and Military Support, Mental Health, Day of Challenge, Commander Special Project, Cancer Research, Scouting Programs, National Cemeteries, National Home and Camp Trotter.

If you are an annual member and your dues are recorded at National at the close of business on May 30, 2023 your name will go into a drawing for a free life membership paid for by Post 4659. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity and have a chance to make a lifetime commitment to our organization serving our veterans and our community.

In January we will be attending our District and Department Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the year awards. Post 4659 VOD winner is Madelyn Scaife from Anchor Bay Schools. Patriot Pen winner is Aiki IMV Schneider from Kingsbury Country Day School Oxford and our Teacher of the year is Ms. Kris Deagen from Anchor Bay Middle School North. We wish them well in the district competition.

The Post recently had 2 very successful charity poker events at One Eyed Jacks. I would like to thank Bill Tudrick, Carol Dalpe, Bob Bartkowski, Art Huge, John Disalvo, Tom Smith, Ron Dorosz, Randy Pierson, Jimmy Poe, Mick Kolinski, Chris Campbell, George Ortwein, Lisa Love, Mike Giffer, Carl Bonanni, and Joe Bonanni. We do have 4 events scheduled in the 2023 calendar year, again thank you all.

Happy New Year to All

Kenneth Klee - Commander



A Veteran-whether active duty, retired, served one hitch, or reservist is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The Government of the United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including their life."

**Veterans in crisis can contact the Veterans Crisis Line at
1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 Or text 838255.....You are not alone.**

Membership Participation

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas holiday and are looking forward to a fantastic New Year.



We have been busy the past two months attending and participating in the Veterans Day Program at Peace Lutheran Church, Washington Twp. new Veterans Memorial Dedication, our Veteran's Day luncheon, the Made in America concert at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, the Charity Poker event, the Clubroom Thanksgiving dinner, the celebration of our newest member (100 yr. Old Richard Chasney) at Stoney Church, our Spaghetti Dinner for the community, the Auxiliary's Children's Christmas Party, the ever popular Army/Navy game in the Clubroom and hosting our New Year's Eve party.

There are many more plans for the coming months in 2023. We will be hosting the February 5th VFW District 5 Meeting at our Post. Our annual Lenten Fish Fry begins February 24th. We had a great turnout from the public last year, and we hope to attract more public participation this year. Here is an opportunity to get involved and volunteer to assist us with these 7 weeks (Fridays) of community involvement and fundraising for the Post. More information at our Post Membership meetings. Spend one or two Friday night's with us!

Your officers continue to be involved with our Macomb County Council, our District 5 and our Department (State) events. We are one of the highest rated Posts in the District. Be Proud!

We welcome your ideas for new or repeat projects at our Post. We have several new Post members, and we hope we can interest you in some of the upcoming programs or better yet, bring us your ideas for fundraising or social programs.

Honor Guard: We need additional Post members to fill several open positions. Please see Mike's article on page 7 of this newsletter

We need new members, young and old, to keep up with the losses we incur every year due to God's will. New members are the key to sustaining our ability to assist our fellow Veterans in the community. Speak to Veterans that you meet in the grocery store, hardware store, or just in the neighborhood. Let them know about the programs, projects, and financial assistance we make available to Veterans.

If you want to learn more, come to our Membership Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Come early - Stay late! We look forward to seeing your friendly faces. Check the newsletter calendar for dates and times of our Clubroom events.

Art Huge
Sr Vice Commander
810-499-2448



Post Member Bio

The Battle of Iwo Jima was important because it provided a halfway point between the Marianas Islands and mainland Japan. Being so close to the island it would serve as an emergency landing point and a staging area for bombing runs. The U.S. invaded Iwo Jima as part of Admiral Nimitz's plan to hop from island to island in the Pacific to reduce Japanese control. Iwo Jima is close enough to Japan for bombing runs and the Americans wanted to use the airfields already built there against the Japanese. About 21,000 Japanese defenders were killed in the battle of Iwo Jima. Of the attacking U.S. Marines and Navy, just under 7,000 died.

The Marines and Navy raised the American Flag on Mt. Suribachi Feb 23, 1945. As a young man who joined the US Air Force Nov 1963, my first overseas assignment was on the island of Iwo Jima Sept. 1964 to Sept 1965. I served 1 year on a volcano supporting the communication, Air to ground and the Far East Network. It was all good and built my skill level. I was given the flag from the famous spot that it was raised before I left the rock. (picture) I later was assigned to Homestead AFB in Florida, then within 6 or 7 months had orders to go back overseas. Spent 2 tours over in Vietnam and my 4 years in the Air Force ended my service to my country.



Time goes on working for a high-end computer company in the mid-west states for 27 years. My thoughts go back remembering that time when we were at war on this small island. Those that fought a war on Iwo Jima Island and raised the American flag on top of a volcano 700 miles from other islands in the Pacific. Did you know this was American territory and returned to the Japanese in 1973?

I call this, giving back to our veterans at Post 4659 for around 37 years. I hope it could last forever because the Post Vets are great. The Auxiliary is here to support the Post with there talents. We all make it happen together. We have some good team players. Come FEB 23 honoring those that did not return home please keep this in your hearts forever.

God Bless Us All
Mike Perusich

World War I Veteran Honored



On Friday December 2nd. VFW Post 4659 Members presented Edward Chasney with a membership to Post 4659 and a citation for his meritorious and distinguished service in WWI. Edward turned 100 years old on December 19th. About 150 relatives and friends were in attendance at Stoney Church in Washington Twp. A lunch and birthday cake was shared by all. *Post members present were Jimmy Poe, Art Huge, Dennis Glasser, Ken Klee, Mike Perusich, Carl Bonanni, Dennis Slattery Post 4054 and Bill Tudrick.*

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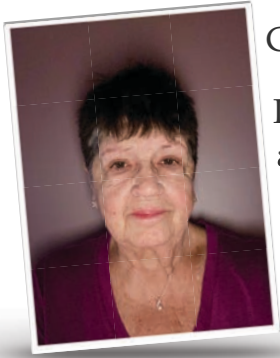
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Greetings One and All

I hope everyone's Holiday events were happy ones and this finds all in good health and spirits. Hope you all had glorious holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends. With winter just arriving in our area, please be careful when out and about.

Recently several Auxiliary members attended the December, District 5 meeting and prior to the meeting we were in attendance for the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service.

The Children's Christmas Party was a great success. One awesome member Donna did face painting the kid's faces (and a couple of adults) before Santa and the Grinch arrived.

Euchre and Show Me The Money will be starting up soon so watch for dates. Our bingo players have been a little scarce lately, so bring your friends and family to join us. Join us at our Auxiliary meeting on the second Thursday of the month: January 12, February 9, March 9, 2023.

Loyally,
Rosemary Diccio, President

Thank You

Santa has expressed his thanks for asking him to come and meet with our little ones December 10, 2022. He had a great time as always. What a great man. The children were happy he arrived and tossed The GRINCH out before he got to any of the presents. We had several new children with the youngest being 6 months. with a total of 28 kids present. Two were missing due to illness. Thank you to all of Santa's helpers from shopping, wrapping and serving. It's just not me since you generally only see my name. Thanks to the great group that makes this all happen, and I apologize in advance if I forgot anyone: Donna M, Bryan P. Sharon J., Kathy & Lee, Dolores M., Jo H., Chrissy B., Andrea (from the Post), Joe B. Megan P., Rosemary D., Aunt C., Don P. and of course the man himself, SANTA.

Denise Frey, Youth Activities Chairman
586-569-6336

Auxiliary Scholarships

The VFW Auxiliary offers the opportunity for a Scholarship for members and their families. It is the Continuing Education Scholarship. Members, please keep in mind, if you have a son or daughter who is 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 is February 15, 2023.

Entries for the Young American Patriotic Art must be received by the Department Chairman
no later than March 31, 2023.

Thank you for Promoting our Scholarship Program!

Please contact me for additional information.

Denise Frey - Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman

Canteen-Clubroom Notes

Comrades, Members and Guest's

With the holidays behind us and the excitement of a of the New Year ahead, I would like to say Thank You to all who showed up and celebrated the most special time of the year with us. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated and is always the reason our club room functions and parties are filled with fun, laughter and camaraderie.



To all those who provided the goodies, snacks and dish to share with your fellow members, an extra special Thank You for sharing. Please keep in mind that unless authorized during special functions or scheduled kitchen closures, no outside food and drink should be brought into the club-room without prior approval. Your consideration is appreciated.

In January we see the return of both club and auxiliary SMT\$\$, (See Calendar). Play begins at 2:00 PM on those days and bringing goodies, snacks and or a dish to share is not only welcome but, highly encouraged.

Super Bowl XLVII will take place on 12 February at 6:00 PM. Come join us and Cheer on our Detroit Lions to Victory?

Valentines Day is on 14 February and a Chili Cook-Off is currently in the works but yet to be determined. Pay attention to posted fliers in your club room for further details.

My staff and I would like to wish all of you the Happiest of New Years. We look forward to your continued support and fellowship. You all make our club room the relaxing fun place it is and again, Thank You.

Randall Pierson

Post 4659 Club Room Manager

U.S. Air Force Desert Storm Veteran

586-488-7579

VFW 4659 Canteen Ceiling Renovation

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Shelby Twp Post 4659 will be undergoing renovations partially covered by members who pay for a ceiling tile with their names on them. We will accept donations toward the upgrade of new ceiling tiles, white grid, lighting, and fans. We have a committee that will oversee the process that will take place in 2023. Each donor must be a Post Member and contribute \$175.00 for a 2-by-2-foot tile with your **Name, Branch of service and Conflict** in which they participated. *(see photo from Fraser Post)* The new ceiling will also provide an R13 insulation factor which additionally saves the Post on heating and cooling. Any

questions please contact me or send me a e-mail

Mike Perusich

E-mail Perusich @att.net



Life Membership Information

VFW MEMBER SERVICES (CURRENT MEMBERS ONLY)

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to safely renew or convert to Life Membership over the phone with credit or debit card. Also, VFW members can update mailing address and or contact information.

Life Membership Fee Schedule Age as of Dec. 31st.

One Time Payment - Initial Payment - 11 Payments of

Through Age 30	\$ 425.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.64
Age 31-40	\$ 410.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 37.27
Age 41-50	\$ 375.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 34.09
Age 51-60	\$ 335.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.45
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Post 4659 Fish Dinner

Friday Feb. 24th. Thru April 7th.
4:00 pm To 7:pm

Beer Battered Cod Dinner \$12.00

Butterfly Shrimp \$12.00

Chicken Tenders \$12.00

Includes Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll,

Cookie, Fountain Drink, Coffee

Kids Menu Available



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GEORGE BROWN

OSCAR REHN



WELCOME TRANSFER MEMBER

JEFFREY FIRMAN

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EDWARD GHASNEY

STEVEN SIEGFRIED



Wishing you and your loved ones all the joy and good cheer of the season. Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year 2023

**The Post Honor Guard welcomes 2 new members
Carol Dalpe & Al Schafer.**

Post 4659 has an Honor Guard and needs to fill some empty spots. Do you want to help support our Post Honor Guard? We help with some local events, Memorial services, carry in the colors on special occasions and once a month go to Great Lakes National Cemetery for honors with dignity and respect. We presently have 5 active members on the Honor Guard Team. We need some more support to better our team. Can you help? If you have an interest, come to the post meeting, or contact us

Bill Tudrick - 248 882-4905 or **Mike Perusich** - 586 291-9914

Members Service Bio's

In the upcoming newsletter if someone wants to write their bio of experiences in the service to our country, we will put it into the newsletter. Please include some Photos that can be used. Jay and I will find the room somewhere in the newsletter. This will give Members a chance to know you better, where you were stationed, what you did and your tours away from home. If I can be of any help please contact me.

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