

# Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5

July - August 2023

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Thank you for a great year, Past Post Commander Ken Klee. As we move forward, our new leadership is committed to making the upcoming year a year of new ideas and a commitment to increase our membership to accomplish our goals. We will have some membership drives this year to offer the opportunity to fellow veterans involved in conflicts throughout the world to join our ranks.

I would have liked to see all the members at our 1<sup>st</sup> Post Membership meeting in June who showed up on election night. Please don't be shy and attend one of our next meetings during the next few months to hear the plans we are making for the future year.

We have a strong group of officers and committee chairmen and members who have some exciting ideas for fund raising programs and some fun ideas for the canteen/clubroom every month. We hope you will be a participant in these events. Thank you to all who have already stood up and volunteered to chair or participate in an upcoming event. Check our calendar located in this newsletter.

Thank you to all those comrades who have maintained or are taking on a new chairmanship. It is your ideas that drive us through these programs. If any of you have questions about anything discussed at a Post meeting, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers. In June we offered an Appreciation Day for our comrades, attended the Department Convention in Kalamazoo, attended a Flag Day celebration with our Honor Guard, and also offered an Honor Guard flag folding along with the Knights of Columbus at a Flag Retirement ceremony.



For many of you that follow the organizational side of the VFW organization we have elected our New Department (State) Commander is Ray Lopez, our New District 5 Commander is Jerry Beseau, and the Commander of the Macomb County Council is Dick Cwick. I look forward to hosting one of their upcoming meetings.

Once again, please note the upcoming events in July and August. Your participation will be appreciated as a volunteer or just to enjoy the camaraderie of the event. Enjoy Independence Day with your family and friends! See you at the next Post meeting on July 12th at 7:00pm.

**Art Huge**  
Commander

# Memorial Day 2023

On Memorial Day, we would like to recognize the sacrifice of our United States service members and their families who have sacrificed so much for our great country. Several VFW members from local Posts, Districts, and the National Headquarters took part over the long weekend. Our Honor Guard did a commemorative event at the Memorial at our Post. We also participated with honor guard at Washington Veteran Memorial Grounds May 26th at 27 mile Rd./ Van Dyke. Prestonville Cemetery , Pine Ridge Villas Valley Senior Center. Here are some pictures.



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### **Greetings to all Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary.**

Having just returned from Department Convention I am hoping for another year of supporting our Veterans. Let us pray for that success year and I know we can achieve that with all of your support. I learned a lot at the convention, and I'm anxious to start working on everything. This year there were 4 positions that had multiple candidates running. It is wonderful to be able to cast the votes of our Auxiliary choosing the future leaders of our State organization.



Watch the newsletter calendar and flyers displayed in the Clubroom for upcoming events including the Auxiliary's Euchre Play and SMTH with the first Euchre Play being July 29, 2023 (Saturday).

**Loyally**  
**Rosemary Diccio**  
**President**

### *Scholarships*

Let me tell you a little story about a senior from the Utica Academy. One senior who was our 1st place winner for the Patriotic Art Contest last year went on to place 2nd on the Auxiliary State level. This year this same student was again our 1st place winner and became the 1st place winner on the State level. I can't put in a picture of her art for it has been sent on for the National judging. I wish our student the best and hope you all will join me in pray wishing for the best.

**Denise Frey**  
**Scholarship Chairman**

**EUCHRE EUCHRE EUCHRE EUCHRE EUCHRE**  
**All Saturdays: July 29, August 19, September 16**

We will be continuing our \$50 discount on new Life Member Auxiliary applications. Feel free to have your friend or acquaintance contact me with any questions about the Auxiliary and/or determining their eligibility

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

## VFW Membership

### MEMBERSHIP HELPS THE VFW POST 4659 GROW

Our present membership is getting older, not younger, and we have been losing the battle lately with the passing of many of our long-time and active members. We ALL need to make this a top priority and put in some extra time to BRING NEW MEMBERS into our Post. Active members are great, but we need members in all modes of participation, active or passive. I suspect every one of us knows SOMEONE who qualifies, whether it is parents, children, in laws, grandchildren or other relatives, your mail carrier, grocer, barber, electrician, doctor or dentist, pharmacist, police officer, firefighter, lawyer, religious leader, co-worker, banker, car dealer, insurance agent, or teacher. APPROACH them!! Help them to fill out an application! Tell them what they are missing: • We have expert assistance from State and National Service Officers, and our own expert Service Officer, Laura Rios.

- The VFW provides assistance to PROTECT existing Veteran benefits that you now receive or may receive in the future.
- An opportunity to take an active part in Post 4659's patriotic, community service, and youth activity programs.
- Satisfaction in knowing that you are supporting an organization that fights for the maximum defense and security of our country.
- Receiving the acclaimed VFW Magazine each month, keeping you informed on all matters pertaining to you as a Veteran.
- The feeling of true comradeship that exists only among Veterans who served overseas in time of war.
- Many social functions at your Post and Canteen for you as well as other members of your family.
- The opportunity for your spouse and family members to join the VFW Auxiliary, working hand-in-hand with Post members in all functions and programs. If there is a question, have them bring in their DD-214 or other proof of serving overseas in times of conflict or war. Other proof might be "Returning Orders", "Leave and Earnings Statement," "Free mail/War Zone pictures", "Hostile fire/Imminent Danger Pay," or "Qualifying Award Citation". If you have ANY questions on a particular prospect, call me.

**Membership Chairman,  
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### Note from the Commander:

Tired of the same people volunteering for projects? The Solution: Bring in a new member! We need new members to help us complete our mission to assist and celebrate our fellow veterans.

# Canteen/Clubroom Notes



**Hello Everyone;**

Let me start by thanking Randy for keeping things rolling this past year. Great job once again. I hope to keep things running smoothly as well!

We have a lot of great things in store for the coming months. Show me the Money, Euchre Play, a Triathlon, Fish Fry, Lasagna Dinner, new menus, daily specials, and Happy Hour! See the enclosed calendar for dates and details. I'm excited to have Art Huge as our Commander and Carl Bonanni as the Chairman of the Canteen Committee. I believe we work well together and will make a good team.



*We open at 1:00 and close at 9:00 p.m. everyday except Monday.*

We were happy to have the poker run sponsoring **Strength in Numbers** here at Post 4659 as one of their stops on June 10th. We're always accepting of bikers supporting Veterans!

Looking forward to seeing all of you real soon!

**Kathie Holloway   Clubroom Manager**

***Life Membership Information***

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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
Age 61-70	\$ 290.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 26.36
Age 71-80	\$ 225.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.45
81 And Over	\$ 170.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.45

**Note from the Commander:**

Canteen/Clubhouse:  
Bartenders oversee opening and the closing of the Canteen at their discretion. Our normal hours are from 1:00pm to 9:00pm Tuesday through Sunday. If the bartender chooses to extend beyond 9pm that is her call. No drinks will be served beyond her announced closing time. **"Last Call" means last call.** When the doors close, there will be no reentry.



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## Post Member Carol Dalpe Bio

I guess my whole 21-year service Army service can be summed up in one saying: TURNING UP THE HEAT. I completed Basic Training and AIT in 1983 at Fort Jackson, SC. It was so **HOT** there they brought out the fire trucks and hosed us down with cool water. Years later I went to Panama for Fortes Cominus (SP?) meaning "STRONG ROADS." I was the Transportation Detachment Commander. For the short time we were there 25 miles of roads, numerous schoolhouses and wells were built. The heat was not so bad, but the humidity was because it rained EVERY day. I took a break from the military for a good couple of years. Then 9/11 happened so I HAD to re-up. Then I was lucky enough to support Louisiana in a military police capacity after Katrina hit. That is where I learned a new meaning of HOT. Ever since Katrina I now sweat below my eyes at the earliest sign of heat. I guess it is better than having bags there. When I went to Baghdad, Iraq for the second time I was the senior NCO and the Military Police Detachment Sergeant. I swear sweating in the C140 on the way there my fingernails were sweating add to that it felt like ten thousand hair dryers were turned on full blast just getting off the plane. I retired in 2012. End of story.

**Carol Dalpe**  
Jr. Vice Commander



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*Members Service Bio's*

In the upcoming newsletters 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.



*Kevin DeBruyne will be featured in the next issue* 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.

**Mike Perusich**  
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**From the Commander's Desk:**

**We are seeking an amateur photographer to be our Post Photographer for various events. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you!**

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