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MARCH - APRIL 2019

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Comrades & Auxiliary

Member Service Center Reps Expect Your Call

The VFW's Member Service Center Director Ken Romine has a simple message to convey: "Call us." Established in 2017, the Member Service Center does more than people realize, and Romine wants his customer service representatives swamped with telephone calls.

"We do everything in our power to help," Dailey said. "But if by chance we don't have what they need, we help them by locating it on the computer and supply them with the information they need." The Member Service Center staff also addresses questions about dues and membership and helps members obtain new membership cards. If a member has misplaced an issue of *VFW* magazine, calling the service center will guarantee you get the issue in the mail

"We really mean it when we say, 'Call us about anything,'" said Mary Helbock, one of the service center supervisors.

The staff currently fields some 400 calls per day. About 350 emails have to be answered in a given week, with some 6,800 pieces of mail to be opened and dealt with. Yet Romine said his staff is ready to take on more.

"You can call us, and if we don't know the answer, we'll get it for you," Romine said. "If you want to know the temperature in Alaska on June 14, we'll tell you. Our job is to problem solve, to help get every caller what he or she needs."

Romine recalled a story of a member in Montana who called in about a seeing-eye dog and how to get one. Someone in the Member Service Center was able to connect him with the information he needed. One of the most common phone calls, Helbock said, concerns questions about the Online Membership System, or OMS. "We've been known to walk callers through the training in OMS," Helbock said. "We can spend up to 30 minutes or more just trying to get new members up to speed on how to navigate the system."

Romine added that his staff is ready to help. "A lot of hard work goes into getting everything done each day between 8:15 and 4:30 (Central)," Romine said.

To reach the Member Service Center, call its toll-free number, 1-833-VFW-VETS (1-833-839-8387) or email MSC@vfw.org.

**Kenneth Klee
Commander**

VFW POST 4659

8311 Wilson Dr. Shelby Twp. MI. 48316
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Saturday March 16, 2019



4:00 PM To 8:00 PM

\$11.00 Per Person

Everyone Welcome

50/50 Raffle

California Pizza Kitchen

On Tuesday the 5th of February, members of Old Settler's VFW Post 4659 were invited to California Pizza Kitchen for a Luncheon (located at Partridge Creek Mall) and (for the fourth year in a row) a very generous donation that the patrons of California Pizza Kitchen supplied by purchasing Gift Cards for Veterans. WOW!! What a lunch Spero Drosis and staff put together for us, The restaurant is gorgeous, the food was delicious. Linda Brohl and Joe Schultz plus Staff did a super job taking care of us. But the STAR of the show was the Pizza Box FILLED with Gift Cards that were given to our post to pass out to Veterans and Families. Linda spearheaded the effort and we cannot say enough about the outstanding job she did getting patrons to donate, CPK did again an outstanding job from what they all did last year.

Mike Perusich, Submitting





VFW AUXILIARY
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Greetings to all Auxiliary Members

Our purpose as an Auxiliary is to support our Veterans and their programs. To do this we need to find creative ways to raise money to accomplish this. As an Auxiliary we donate money to all the Veterans programs as well as serving our own Post in their activities. Please come to the meetings with ideas on hosting fund raising events. Be actively involved in volunteering aid to needy Veterans. There are a lot of activities we can do to accomplish this. Make lap robes and donate items for the Hospital Program, write your government representatives to enlist their support in passing legislation to enhance the quality of life for our veterans. These are only a couple of ideas and I know each of you have a project you would like to support and many ways to accomplish our mission. I encourage all members of Auxiliary 4659 to be actively involved and support our VFW Post in their activities and reach out to thank them for their service.

To our Chairmen, please be diligent in your duties to accomplish the items on your guide sheets. Report all activities to our Secretary, Denise Frey. She will enter your reports online. We all desire to receive recognition for our hard work and that will not happen without reporting our achievements. Consider writing an article for the Newsletter to inform our Post members of the ways we support their programs.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. I hope to see some new faces there . Remember, each of you are an important asset and have something special to offer our great organization.

Mary Ashbrook, President

ashbrookmary@yahoo.com



**We have medical equipment at our post
If you have a need for: Walkers, Wheel Chairs, Crutches
Electric Chairs, Shower/Toilet Needs Please
Contact our Post for Help.**





Scholarship & Michigan Department

Comrades and Auxiliary Members

Our Post first place winner in the 2018/2019 Voice of Democracy Contest, Alex Hughes, received a \$1,000.00 Scholarship on the Department level. Alex is a sophomore at Utica Academy for International Studies this year and has plans to participate in the contest again next year. The Theme for both the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest (grades 9–12) and the Patriot’s Pen Contest (grades 6-8) for 2019/2020 is “What Makes America Great”. This is the first time that both contests have had the same theme. The deadline for entries to the Post is October 31, 2019.

The final Contest for the 2018/2019 year is the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The deadline is March 31, 2019. This contest is available to all students in grades 9 through 12. We can now accept art that is three dimensional for judging. Please encourage the high school students in your family, neighborhood, and church to participate. The rules are on the entry form. Inform the students to follow the rules precisely to avoid disqualification. The entry forms are located on our Department website. If you have an entry, please contact me to receive the entry. There is no judging of the Patriotic Art Contest on the District level. The Department Chairman, Marian Belaire will accept all first place Auxiliary entries for judging on the Department level. The Department Chairman will forward Michigan’s first place winner to the National Auxiliary for judging. Winning State Entries are on display at the National Convention in Orlando, Florida in July. There are eight awards on the National Level ranging from \$500.00 to \$15,000.00 for first place.

Thank you to the Post and Auxiliary for your support of VFW and Auxiliary Programs.

Gloria Dobbie
Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman
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Post Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Holly National Cemetery Honor Guard - 1st Wednesday of Each Month
- Post Meetings - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month - 7:00 PM
- House Committee Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of each month - 7:00 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting - 2nd Monday of each month - 7:00 PM
- Post & Auxiliary Bingo - Tuesday & Thursday at - 10:30 AM
- Veterans Outreach Sessions with Lisa Marie - 2nd Monday of each month - 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Important Dates

- March 6th - Ash Wednesday
- March 10th - Daylight Savings Begin
- March 17th - St. Patrick’s Day
- March 20th - 1st Day of Spring
- April 1st - April Fool’s Day
- April 6th - US Enters WWI
- April 19th - Good Friday
- April 21st - Easter
- April 30th - Vietnam War Ends

Clubroom News



**Comrades, Family and Friends,
“Spring Is Just Around the Corner!”**

The NASCAR Season is underway and our beloved Detroit Tigers are once again in Florida honing their baseball skills.

Your Clubroom has 3 functions scheduled for March, the Lenten Friday Fish Fry going until April the 19th. Bring your family and friends and show your support for your VFW Post 4659 and clubroom.

**I Thank You all for your support and My Staff for their hard work and continued professional service.
Sincerely and Most Blessed,
Randall P.**



**8 March, 2019 – Lenten Fish Fry (Every Friday until April 19th)
5PM – 8PM Everyone Is Welcome**



**9 March, 2019 – Euchre Tournament
Sign up 1PM, Play Begins at 2PM \$10.00 Entry Fee**



**16 March, 2019 – VFW POST 4659 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
4PM – 8PM (\$11.00 Per Person) Everyone Is Welcome**

Sundays 2PM-4:30PM – Show Me the Money/Pot Luck (Kitchen Closed)

Tuesday’s All Day – Free Jukebox (Limit Selection to Three at a Time)

For Times and Further Information Call the Club at (586) 781-9109

◀ Mar 2019		April 2019					▶ May 2019
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 April Fool's Day Assyrian New Year PGA Awards	2 Equal Pay Day Autism Awareness	3 Lailat al Miraj Nat'l. Walking Day	4 Nat'l. Hug a Newsperson Day	5 Deep Dish Pizza Day	6 Int'l. Day of Sport for Devel. & Peace Nat'l Tartan Day	
7 ACM Awards Nat'l. Beer Day World Health Day	8 Rex Manning Day	9	10 Nat'l Siblings Day	11 Nat'l. Pet Day	12 Nat'l. Grilled Cheese Day	13 Burmese New Year Cambodian New Year Songkran (Lao/Tai New Year)	
14 Palm Sunday Bengali New Year Tamil New Year	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16	17	18 Holy Thursday Nat'l. High Five Day	19 Good Friday Bicycle Day	20 Lailatul Barat Passover (Start) 420 Day Record Store Day	
21 Easter Passover (Cont.)	22 Earth Day Passover (Cont.) Dyngus Day	23 Passover (Cont.) English Language Day World Book Day	24 Passover (Cont.) Administrative Professionals	25 Passover (Cont.) DNA Day World Malaria Day	26 Arbor Day Passover (Cont.)	27 Passover (End) Indep. Bookstore Day	
28 Divine Mercy Sunday Orthodox Easter	29 Remembrance Victims of Chem. Warfare Duke Ellington Day Int'l. Dance Day	30 Int'l. Jazz Day					



POST 4659 GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Richard Wagner
William Schoenjahn
Walter Obarzanck
Richard Darling



Welcome New Members

Richard Berry
John Shruga
Myzell Napier

Transfers

Patrick Daniels
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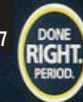
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Post 4659 Annual Elections



Please help determine the direction of YOUR post!

Run for, or support your choice for one of the many Post Positions

Elections to be held Wednesday 24 April 2019 7:00 PM

MUST be present to vote

Must be present or have Written acceptance of nomination be present, to be elected

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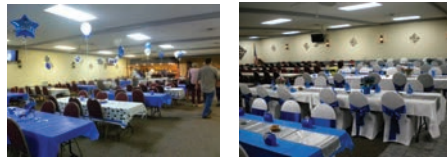


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MORNINGS
DOORS OPEN 9:30 AM – STARTS 10:30 AM**

**Veteran Outreach Sessions at Post 4659
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