



# Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5  
March - April 2020



Commander Joe Wrobel - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Perusich - Jr. Vice Cmdr. Larry Pretzer  
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## Greetings Comrades

When this newsletter comes out it should be springtime. With that said we have to start looking forward to the events that are coming to us soon. We are starting to put together a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner committee, if anyone has an idea or suggestion or would like to be on the committee please let me or the Senior Vice Commander know. We also are getting prepared for Memorial Day celebration, if there is anyone who has a suggestion for a change in our ceremony we are always opened to suggestions.



Keep in mind that memorial bricks are available and it would be nice to have yours installed before the memorial service. We have to order the bricks 10 at a time in order to keep the price down and affordable for all, so we sometimes have to wait until we get enough ordered before the bricks can be done. Forms are available on the outside wall of the office door in the clubroom.

I am happy to report that things are looking up at the post everything is starting to come together. We have been watching our finances and monitoring the events at the post and thanks to the great team that are currently working for the members at the post we are making great strides and achieving our goals. We are looking for help at the post, so if you find yourself with some available time on your hands we can always use more volunteers to help at the post.

Post elections will be coming up in April, starting with the Canteen Committee on Wednesday the 8th and electing the Incoming officers on Wednesday the 22nd. So I would like to remind all of our members to start coming to our meetings and get involved with your post and help select the next group of leaders to run this great post for the upcoming 2020-2021 year.

In Comradeship

**Joe Wrobel**

**Commander VFW Post 4659**



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# Membership



Our membership at Post 4659 is at 97.77% we need to work on getting 10 more members to sign up or renew their Annual Dues for 100%  
And we need to achieve that before the end of April.

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.

- We have expert assistance of State and National Service Officers, and our own expert 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 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 you have ANY questions on a particular prospect, call me. If I need to be involved with helping someone you know, let me have a name and phone number and I will contact them

Elected officials sometimes forget the great sacrifices that come along with serving our country and the promises our nation makes to those veterans in return. That's why in a few short days, VFW members from across the nation will take the voice of all veterans to Capitol Hill March 1-5, during our annual VFW Legislative Conference.

Armed with the VFW's Priority Goals for 2020, they'll remind congressional leaders that sequestration must end, and veterans' benefits should NEVER be on the chopping block! And on March 4, VFW National Commander William "Doc" Schmitz will deliver testimony before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees.

Respectfully,

**Mike Perusich**

Your VFW Membership Team 586-291-9914

## Welcome our Newest Members

*Mary Ginzinger  
Eric Smith  
James Sanders*

## Transfer Members

*Donald Brunn*

## Life Membership Upgrades

*Earle Brooks  
Ryan Pierson  
James Stansbury*



DECEASED MEMBER

*Aldo Cairo*





# VFW AUXILIARY

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Post and Auxiliary members receive our newsletter in the mail, but are not always able to attend a meeting. With that in mind, I would like to highlight some of the National Programs that we, as an Auxiliary, promote within our community, and discuss at meetings. You are familiar with the Scholarships program since there is a separate article in each newsletter, but did you know there is an Americanism Program? The goals of the Americanism Program are Flag Education, Promoting Patriotism, and POW/MIA Recognition. Our task is, in conjunction with our Post, to ensure that our community is aware of all aspects of the mentioned goals. This is why we participate in parades and celebrate patriotic holidays.

The next Program is “Buddy” Poppy / National Home. The goals for this Program are to educate the public by distributing the poppies. The VFW has been distributing poppies for 95 years as a tribute to our veterans. In 1924, the VFW registered the name “Buddy” Poppy with the US Patent Office. A Certificate issued on May 22, 1924 granted the VFW all trademark rights in the name of “Buddy” under classification of artificial flowers. No other organization or individual can legally use the name “Buddy” Poppy. The Post and Auxiliary will accept donations for the poppies. We use the proceeds from the poppies to aid our Veterans. We use the poppies in decorative centerpieces, and corsages and, enter the displays in statewide contests for the Department Auxiliary.

For more than 90 years, the VFW National Home for Children located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has helped military and veteran families who need a fresh start. The National Home has 42 family homes on streets lined with trees. It has facilities such as a gym, library, computer and science labs, day care center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails, and more! It keeps families together in their time of need. We are proud to contribute to the success of the National Home and their residents. Tours are available by contacting the Home.

I am looking forward to reporting to you on all of our programs in upcoming newsletter articles. Each of our programs has an auxiliary chairman who provides the available information at our meetings. Please visit the Department of Michigan Auxiliary website at [www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org) to review each of the programs. Working these programs allows us to be an integral part of our community.

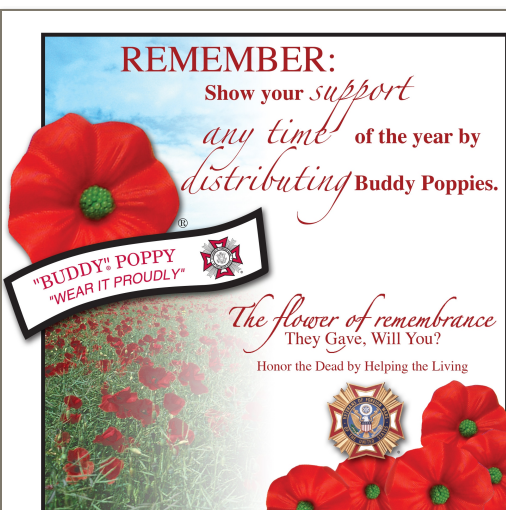
Please contact me if you would like additional information on these or any of our activities. Hope to see you at a meeting to discuss them in person. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and our community!

**Gloria Dobbie**  
**Auxiliary 4659 President**  
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*Bingo*

Do you know that there is BINGO twice a week at the hall. Tuesday is the BINGO fundraiser for the Post and Thursday is the BINGO fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Do you play BINGO? Do you know of others that like to play BINGO? Talk us up to your friends and family in case they don't know. Don't play BINGO but might like to work BINGO. Due to illnesses, vacations, doctors appointments etc we may be short of workers. If you want to be involved in this fundraiser and would like to learn to work BINGO on Thursdays, contact me, your Auxiliary BINGO chairman. If you are interested in working Tuesday BINGO, I can put you in touch with Randy.

**Denise Frey 586-569-6336**  
**Auxiliary BINGO Chairman**



# Scholarships



Our first place Voice of Democracy winner, Alex D. Hughes placed second in the District Level judging. Alex received a \$400.00 award at the banquet honoring participating students and teachers on January 5, 2020 at Post 7573 New Baltimore. The first place Voice of Democracy Award, named The William A. Dobbie Memorial Award, was \$500.00. First place was Daniel Y. Liu, sponsored by Post and Auxiliary 9021, in Warren. The National Awards are in March in Washington DC. The themes for the 2020/2021 contests will be available at that time. I will report the new topics in the next newsletter. Neither our Patriot's Pen Student nor our Teachers placed in the District judging.

Our Auxiliary did not have any entries to submit for the Continuing Education Scholarship. Members, please keep in mind, if you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college in 2020, they may be eligible to apply for this scholarship in 2021. If you or your spouse are considering classes to further your education, you may want to apply. I will publicize the rules closer to the deadline of the contest in February 2021.

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 students must follow the rules. The rules are available on our website at vfwmiaux.org. We have presented the Art Contest to schools in our area. We are looking forward to seeing the entries. The deadline for entries to our Auxiliary is March 31, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information. Spread the word to students in your family, neighborhood, church, work, etc. Approach anyone who may have an eligible student. Thank you for your support of our Programs. Please share our Scholarship opportunities with your family and friends. You never know how a simple conversation about a scholarship can turn into a life changing opportunity for a student.

**Gloria Dobbie**

**Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Special Needs Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

All Proceeds to Support

*Utica School District Special Needs Prom*

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at**

**Old Settlers VFW Post 4659**

8311 Wilson Drive, Shelby Twp. MI. 48316

Adults \$15.00

Children 6 and Above \$10.00 – 5 and Under Free

Includes Dinner, Dessert, Pop, Coffee, Lemonade

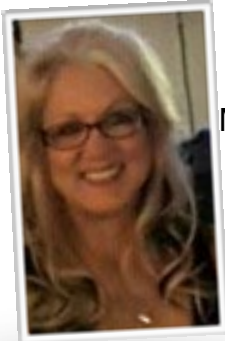
50/50 Raffle – Basket Raffle – Bake sale

For more information contact Jackie & Kevin St. Peter @ 586-980-1336 Call/Text





## Canteen-Clubroom Notes



March 8th!! That's the day we get to **SPRING FORWARD** and start looking forward to putting this cold weather behind us. But, in the meantime, we've still got some fun going on in the Clubroom. ~Show Me The Money and Potluck Luncheon is still going strong and will continue throughout Spring. The last one of the season will be May 3rd. ~Wii Bowling League will finish up the last week of March. Starting in April we will have mini bowling tournaments on Saturday afternoons. **Watch our Clubroom postings for details.**

The Queen of Hearts pot is building, it's currently over \$1,500. Drawings are on the 1st and 15th of each month. Tickets are \$5.00 and are always on sale. **Thank you to Tom (Liggy) Ligorotis for building the beautiful box for us to the display the cards in.**



~Friday, February 28th was our first Fish Fry of the year, tickets are \$9.00 and include fish, fries, coleslaw & roll They will be held every Friday, 5:00 till 8:00 p.m. through April 10th (Good Friday). Come join us and help support our Post

~ Saturday, March 14th we will be having a Euchre Tournament. There is a sign-up sheet behind the bar. or you can sign up by 1:00 p.m. the day of. Tournament will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. Your \$10.00 entry fee includes a luncheon.

~Tuesday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day! Come join us for corned beef and green beer & drinks. Wear something green. It might bring you the Luck of the Irish.

~Saturday, March 28th Donnie Parr will, once again, be providing us with KARAOKE entertainment, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Singers and spectators alike are welcome.

~Saturday, April 11th we'll have an Easter Dinner. Some members have suggested it be a Pot Luck. Clubroom will supply Ham and Sausage. Information and sign-up sheet will be posted.

~**Sunday, April 12th we will be closed for EASTER.**

We are planning a Customer Appreciation Dinner to be held some time in May. Date and details to be determined. Once again, watch for postings in the Clubroom.

The Clubroom is open 1:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. daily as always, we're open to ideas and input. Post members, we welcome you to attend meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month or if you're an Auxiliary member, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 is your time to shine!

*Kathie Holloway - Clubroom Manager*



**California Pizza Kitchen** On Tuesday the 11th 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 5th 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, Katlyn Ciaravino and staff put together for us,** The restaurant is gorgeous, the food was delicious. Linda Brohl 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 past year. Hope all that attended had a super time and enjoyed the party.



# Charity Poker

## Thank You Volunteers!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers at the January 2020 Charity Poker Fundraiser at Ciccarelli's! We cleared \$6200 which may be a new record! 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, along with 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.

### Update!

**Governor Whitmer has signed HB 4173, which has altered some of the rules we 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 at all times and we will follow that. We are also now able to utilize Member Spouses as volunteers, so please if any Member Spouses are interested, get with me and I will get you on the authorized list.

**NEXT CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISER IS March 23-26, 2020 NIGHT SHIFTS AT Ciccarelli's! See You There!!**

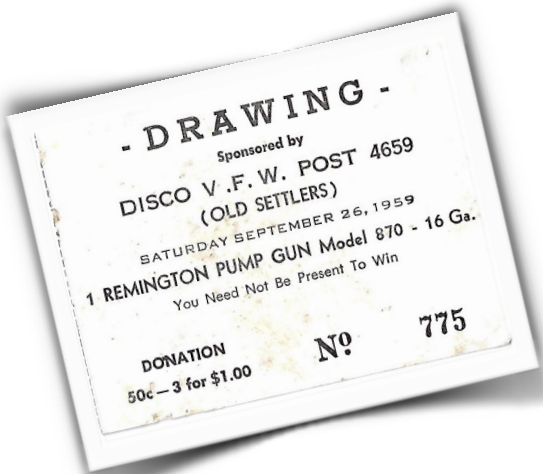
*Mike Crampton, Carol Dalpe, Mike Perusich, Bill Tudrick  
Co-Chairpersons - Charity Poker Fundraisers*

## 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 Wednesday of each Month - 6:00 PM
- House Committee - 3rd Wednesday of each Month - 7:00 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting - 2nd Monday of each Month 7:00 PM
- County 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**



## Raffle Ticket

This drawing ticket #775 from 1959 was sent to the Post from Patsy Ramsay who found it during renovations when they pulled the old hearth. Her home was the Manoogians House built by Weingardner

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# Quartermasters Corner

## 2020 Census

Census results are used to determine your representation in Congress, and they help inform how billions of dollars are distributed for hospitals, schools, roads, and more. Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census is trying to hire vets from all over the state. We do get a veterans preference in the hiring process so please apply

The wages start at \$16.50 per hour and \$0.58 a mile for the use of your car. Quite a few of our members may want to earn a few extra bucks.

You can make a difference and help your community by applying for a temporary 2020 Census job. Responses to the census make a real difference. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs).

**Jay Benner**  
Post Quartermaster



# ATTENTION!

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## PTSD/SUICIDE PREVENTION SEMINAR

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United Veterans of Michigan

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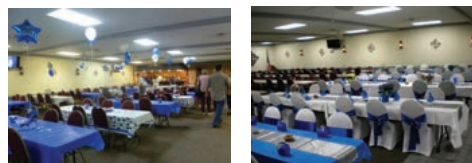
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**Veterans Outreach Session at old Settler Post  
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Lisa Marie 586-463-3538**

## **VFW BINGO**

**Tuesday & Thursday Mornings**

**Doors Open at 9:30 am**

**Bingo Starts At 10:30 am**



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