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OLD SETTLERS POST 4659

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MAY - JUNE 2019

Commander Ken Klee - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Larry Pretzer - Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Joe Wrobel
Quartermaster- Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant - Bill Tudrick



Comrades & Auxiliary

As the VFW administration year winds down, we should be proud to say we have achieved 100% in membership for the 2018-19 year. This does not happen without the work of several members of the post recruiting new and reinstated members. We currently have 424 paid members as members of our great post. If any member knows of any eligible veterans who are not members please bring them in to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4659. If you have a name please pass it on to us and we can make contact for you. It should be the goal of every member to try to recruit one new member each year.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers for the 2019-20 year. Commander Joe Wrobel, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Perusich, Jr. Vice Cmdr. Larry Pretzer, Quartermaster Jay Benner, Chaplain Robert Bartkowski, Surgeon Lisa Love, Judge Advocate, Phil Gannia, 1-year trustee Edward Kettner, 2-year trustee Mike Crampton, 3-year trustee Ray Klein. They will do a good job and again make Post 4659 tops in the State of Michigan.

I would also congratulate Auxiliary 4659 President Mary Ashbrook on also achieving 100% in membership for the 2019-20 year. Keep up the good work Mary. The first week in June several of us will be attending the VFW State convention in Flint. At this time, we will be electing the new officers at the State level for the 2019-20 year. We will also be voting any many resolutions and by-laws changes that can affect our organization for years to come.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has helped our Post have a very successful year and hope we all continue to do the same next year.

Yours in Comradeship,
Kenneth Klee
Commander



Thank You Volunteers!

A big thank you to all the participants in the recent January and March Charity Poker Fundraisers at Ciccarelli's! The fundraisers went very well, raising \$8500 for Post 4659. 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, their families and 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.

I would like to thank Carol Dalpe, Mike Perusich, Ed Kettner, Phil Gannia, John DiSalvo, Scott Metcalf, Jay Benner, Bill Tudrick, Tom Smith, Bill Barron, Larry Pretzer, Rich Kiempisty, and Bob Bartkowski for generously giving their time and effort to support these fundraisers. We heard great comments about our volunteers from Ciccarelli's staff and the players!

NEXT CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISER IS June 24-27, 2019 Day SHIFT AT CICCARELLI'S!
June will be a two shift schedule, and I will have the schedule ready for you to sign up at upcoming meetings. Please consider doing a late or early (or both!) shift if you can.

Mike Crampton & Carol Dalpe, Co-Chairpersons – Charity Poker Fundraisers

Acronyms are just a bunch of Jumbled Letters to me.

A line from the movie Sergeants starring Bill Murray

10 Hilarious Military Acronyms - appearing in Military.com

1. PMS (Perfect Military Skills?) -NO- Professor of Military Science
2. MANPADS (depends?) NO - Man-Portable Air-Defense System
3. MANCOC (Rooster?) NO - Maneuver Advance NCO Course (changed the name to Senior Leader Course)
4. DICC (short for Richard?) NO - Defense Intelligence Collection Cell
5. DISCO (Dance anyone?) NO - Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office
6. MAGIC CARPET (how about a ride?) NO - Maritime Augmented Guidance with Integrated Controls for Carrier Approach and Recovery Precision Enabling Technologies (what a mouthful)
7. DRBOB (Be Nice or Leave?) NO - Defense Retail Business Optimization Board
8. FARP (need a gas mask?) NO - Forward Refueling Point
9. FAP (what did you call the Air Police?) NO - Fleet Assistance Program
10. My Contribution - while being Selfridge Communications Chief used to send out NAVY teletype messages filled with acronyms no one knew what they meant would end the message with REPLY UNA (you guessed it) USE NO ACRONYMS - Scott Metcalf



VFW AUXILIARY
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Greetings to all Auxiliary Members

The Auxiliary Election of Officers was held on April 8, 2019. I am honored to introduce our newly elected and appointed officers.

**President, Mary Ashbrook
Sr. Vice President, Gloria Dobbie
Jr. Vice President, Colette Kove
Secretary, Lori Schmidt
Treasurer, Denise Frey
Conductress, Colene Nichols
Guard, Joann Jaynes
Three Year Trustee, Chris Pierson
Two Year Trustee, Darlene Kaiser
One Year Trustee, Gloria Dobbie**

Congratulations to all and I am looking forward to a successful year.

You may also be interested to know that Department has decided to make some changes to our Chairmanships this year. Camp Trotter will now be covered by the Youth Chairman and a new Chairmanship, Mentoring for leadership was added.

Our next regular meeting is May 13th with installation of officers immediately following the meeting. Our current District 5 President, Nancy Gaglio will be the installing officer. I hope you will attend to extend your congratulations and good wishes to our newly elected officers.

Mary Ashbrook, President

MEMBERSHIP

Please note that it's a smoother and more accurate method to process new membership application if all items are submitted together along with the appropriate payment. For Life Membership we are still offering a \$50.00 discount from the price listed on the application based on your age. For a new Annual Membership the charge is a total of \$30.00 (\$25 for the membership and \$5 for the administrative fee).

The application should be filled out in its entirety with your signature in two places, your personal information and either the Post Affiliation information or copy of DD214.

To the referring member, please make sure your name is on the top to get your credit.

If there are any questions to this process, please feel free to contact.

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

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Comrades and Auxiliary Members



The results of the final contest in the 2018 / 2019 Scholarships Program are in! First Place in the Young American Patriotic Art Contest was Lila Rose Tudrick. Second Place was Karen Hussain. Third place was Alyssa Bettcher. Lila's artwork went to the Department Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman for judging on the State level. Winners of the State Competition will be on display at the Department Convention in June. We are proud of the students who participated in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and the Young American Patriotic Art Contests this year. We look forward to another successful year in the Scholarships Program in 2019 / 2020. The new theme for both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Contest is "What Makes America Great". Information and entry forms are on the VFW website. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. The deadline for entries to the Post is October 31, 2019. Information packets will be provided to the schools in the area when classes resume in the fall. The themes are available to those who want to take advantage of the summer months to work on their essays. Please share this information with your family, neighbors, youth groups, etc.

Congratulations to the 2019 / 2020 newly elected officers of both the Post and Auxiliary. We are an important voice in our community as we advocate for our veterans. Working together as a Post and Auxiliary keeps us focused on relevant matters.

On a personal note, thank you to Commander Ken Klee, President Mary Ashbrook, and the Post and Auxiliary members of 4659 for your care and concern during this difficult year. It is comforting to know that so many friends are there when needed. I can never express how grateful I am for your kindness and support. I have always been proud to say that I am a member of Auxiliary 4659!

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

Gloria Dobbie
Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman
586-739-8095
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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

May	1st - Loyalty Day
May	9th - 10th - 11th VFW Poppy Days
May	12th - Mother's Day
May	18th - Armed Forces Day
May	27th - Memorial Day
June	14th - Flag Day
June	16th - Father's Day
June	21st - 1st Day of Summer

Clubroom News

Comrades, Family and Friends,



With the coming of Spring everything is new again. That being said I would like to Thank Darlene Kaiser for her dedicated service to our Canteen, two years of which she served as my assistant manager. Her presence behind the bar will be missed. I am thrilled to announce that Kathy Holloway will be our new Canteen assistant manager. We both look forward to another year of making sure your Clubroom experience is the best it can be. Thank you Kathy.



FYI: As of Monday the 29th of April your new Canteen hours are open at 1pm and close at 9pm. As per order of the House Committee the side door will be closed and locked at all times. Everyone will be required to be buzzed in through the front entrance.

Your Canteen will open at 10am on Memorial Day May 27.

Show Me The Money Sunday was a bigger success than I imagined. I would like to thank Michelle and Ken Bertrand, Lori Berry Humpich, Sharon Jeffery and all of you who made our Sundays a day of great food, fun and friendship. We will bring SMTM back in the Fall.

I had a lot to say in a short space to say it. For that I apologize for not providing you a detailed list of events we are planning this upcoming quarter. Please come by your Clubroom or feel free to call as future planned events will be posted when they become available.

As always, I consider it a privilege to be your Clubroom manager. I thank you all for the support you have given and continue to give me and your Canteen staff.

Sincerely,
Canteen Manager
Randall P.

Donation from the John W Smith Old Timers Golf Outing

On Friday, April 19th The Auxiliary was presented a check in the amount of \$1000.00 from John W Smith Old Timers Club. The check was presented by Ken Koliba, Treasurer, Leonard Maciborski and Rich Kiempisty to Auxiliary President Mary Ashbrook and Trustee Darlene Kaiser. Thanks to The John W Smith Old Timers Club for their donation. It will be put to good use in support of our Veterans. The proceeds were from the Annual John W. Smith Golf Tournament for Veterans, held in August.





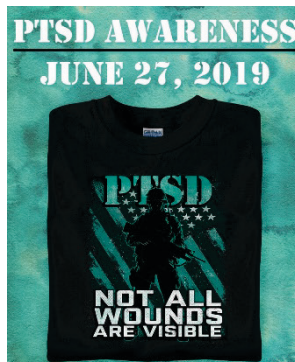
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Buddy Poppy 9, 10, & 11 May 2019

Buddy Poppy volunteer week, 9, 10 and 11 May means spring, sunshine and a lot of good people doing their share to aid our Relief fund. For more than 90 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the wellbeing of their dependents. All money collected provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, and provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs.



All proceeds derived from the sale of Buddy Poppies may only be used for the benefit of the veteran and his or her dependents. When you visit one of the stores let that veteran know that you belong to "Old Settlers Post". Preparations are complete for our members to sell poppies at five locations. We thank Vince and Joe's at 25 Mile and Van Dyke, Walmart at Van Dyke Freeway and 23 Mile, Kroger at 23 Mile and Hayes, Kroger at 26 Mile and Romeo Plank Rd. and Kroger at 26 Mile and Van Dyke for their support and allowing us to sell poppies at the entrance to their stores.

VFW members are asked to sign up at our Post for a location and time slot. Sign up sheets are located on the office door. Two, three or four hours of your time will be greatly appreciated. Plastic bags with poppies, bright yellow apron, literature and collection containers can be picked up in advance at the Post. This is an excellent way to bring meaning to the VFW motto "Honor The Dead By Helping The Living".

Thanks again to all,
William Tudrick and Larry Pretzer
Poppy Chairmen

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