

OLD SETTLER NEWS

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OLD SETTLERS POST 4659

COMMANDER MIKE PERUSICH - SR. VICE CMDR. MIKE CRAMPTON - JR. VICE CMDR. SCOTT METCALF
QUARTERMASTER JAY BENNER - CHAPLAIN LARRY PRETZER - ADJUTANT BILL TUDRICK

MAY - JUNE 2017

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Elections for 2017/2018 were held at our Post meeting April 26, 2017. I would like to congratulate Bill Dobbie as our new Post Commander. Also, for our Sr. Vice Commander Mike Crampton, Jr. Vice Commander Scott Metcalf, Quartermaster Jay Benner, Chaplain Bob Bartkowski, and Adjutant Bill Tudrick. Our Post will be moving forward with our dedicated personnel. This will be effective after our June conference. I will continue my support to the Post for the direction of a great group of Veterans. There will be installation of the new board on our meeting May 10th. I would also like to congratulate the newly elected Auxiliary President and officers. Review this in the newsletter article.



Memorial Day service will be observed May 29, 2017 and again we will have our service at our Post. Also at the Prestonville Cemetery, our Post Honor Guard will conduct a small service at the 25 mile location. . We will start at 11am at our Post with a small lunch after both ceremonies have ended. Come out and enjoy the day with our post membership and guests.

There have been some upgrades to our facility in the recent month. Our drain field was 45yrs old. We went through the expense of a new drain field. Ken Goike construction jumped in with his crew and made it all happen to get us back into operation. Our landscaping committee has been looking at seeding the ground around that area of construction. We have been in conversations regarding the upgrade to give a facelift to the bathrooms in the canteen and hall. Another project would be a fence line separating our neighbor to the East and the parking lot. Maintenance for our Wilson Street road and parking lots had already been completed April 28, 2017. We will follow up with seal coating and stripping when the weather gets warmer.

The Post will have the homeless come on Wednesday May 10th at about 11am. Thank You all that dropped off clothes and items for the homeless. You are welcome to come and enjoy time spent with our homeless Veterans.

Post members will be at different locations around our area for 3 days collecting for our Veterans relief fund on Poppy Days on May 11 /12/ 13. If you're a post member and would like to help there is a schedule at our Post. We thank these stores for their support and allowing us to sell poppies at the entrance. All money collected is strictly used to help needy veterans and their families in our area. We have the privilege to assist our members and sell poppies for our relief fund. If you are able to help there will be a two hour segment available and a sign-up sheet attached to the office door. This is an excellent way to bring meaning to the VFW Motto, "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

"OLD SETTLERS POST 4659"

Thank You for your Service and Sacrifice. God Bless

Mike Perusich, Commander



LEGISLATIVE ACTION NEEDED



Comrades and Sisters,
This may seem redundant, but as a reminder to Post and Auxiliary members the importance of contacting your Senators and Congress Members regarding our VFW issues. It is vitally important. We need your help.

Having said that, I call again upon our members of the VFW and Auxiliary to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives to support our VFW National Legislative Priorities.

Some of these are:

End budget sequestration throughout the Department of Defense.

Provide proper funding so the VA can provide timely health care and benefits delivery.

Ensure that the VA has the capacity to meet the demand for health care and benefits delivery.

Provide a presumption of service connection for conditions associated with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Fully support U.S. troops in their mission to prosecute the war on terrorism.

Secure the southern boarder and deport illegal aliens who commit crimes. We must fully support the efforts to gain the fullest possible accounting of our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

Please call, fax or e-mail these requests as soon as possible. E-mail is by far the best way to communicate with them. When you receive a response, send it to me at 12451 Clinton River RD Sterling Heights, MI 48313 or forward your e-mail response to me at wadobbie@prodigy.net I would like to know what you are doing on the legislative front.

This will be a great way to support your fellow veterans and that is why we exist as an organization.

On another note, I take this opportunity to congratulate all of the newly elected Post and Auxiliary Officers. It has been ten years since I was last Post Commander. After six successful years as Commander in the past, I assure you that I will do all in my power to have another great year for the post in 2017-18. Best wishes to Commander Perusich in all his future endeavors.

Bill Dobbie
Legislative Director

Another Successful Fundraiser!

A big thank you to all the participants in the recent Charity Poker Fundraiser at One-Eyed Jacks! The 3 day fundraiser went very well, raising over \$4080 for Post 4659. Without our post volunteers stepping up to help run this charity event, 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 Mike Perusich, Jay Benner, Ed Kettner, Larry Pretzer, Bill Tudrick, Rich Kiempisty, Phil Gannia, John DiSalvo, Ken Klee and Scott Metcalf for generously giving their time and effort to support this fundraiser. We also heard many great comments about our volunteers from One Eyed Jacks staff and players!

Note: This was the first time we did split shifts, with no one working more than a four hour shift on any day, and it worked out very well!

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

Scholarship & Michigan Department

Comrades and Auxiliary Members

The Patriotic Art Contest is sponsored by the Auxiliary to the VFW on a National, State, and local Auxiliary level. We participate on an annual basis. This year, we received two entries from the Utica Academy for International Studies. In a presentation at the school, we awarded 1st Place, a \$300.00 check, to Sherish Hussein. 2nd Place, a \$150.00 check, was awarded to Megan Adam. Our entry was forwarded to the State Chairman for judging. We were informed that we placed in the top 5, but the exact placement will not be announced until the State Convention.



Even though the deadline for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Contests is not until November 1, 2017, the themes are: Voice of Democracy "American History: Our Hope for the Future", and Patriot's Pen, "America's Gift to my Generation". The Voice of Democracy is for students in grades 9 thru 12, and Patriot's Pen is for students grades 6 thru 8. If you have students in your family, church, or neighborhood who may be interested in participating, please contact me for information. They have the summer to work on their essays.

2017 is the last year our members were eligible for the Pat Jankowski Scholarship. Past National President, Pat Jankowski from Michigan provided a fund for annual scholarships available to Auxiliary members upon leaving office in 2001. All good things must come to an end. The fund will be depleted with the last award at the State Convention. We thank Past National President Pat for her many years of providing money for Auxiliary members to continue their education.

On a personal note, I want to thank my Post and Auxiliary for their continued support and kindness in my advance through the State chairs to become State President. It has been a life changing experience! You have my heartfelt thanks for all you have done for me.

Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Officers! I am looking forward to working with you as your Scholarships Chairman once again in the new year.

Gloria Dobbie
Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman
586-739-8095

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Testimonial Dinner President Department
Michigan Auxiliary, Gloria Dobbie



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





Auxiliary Lotto Board:

During the month of May, the Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Lotto Board with \$100.00 worth of ticket on it. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the clubroom or at bingo prior to bingo starting. The drawing for the board will be held on Memorial Day after the services which we will be partaking of the lunch festivities.

Don't forget to purchase your chance to win and the Auxiliary thanks you in advance for assisting with our fundraiser.

Denise Frey
Treasurer

From the Office of the President:

Boy does time fly when you are having fun. I would like to thank the Auxiliary members for their support and assistance in the past two years. While we have faced many adversities, we've worked together to come out ahead.

Recently several Auxiliary and Post members were in attendance for the Department Commander and President Testimonial. It was a nice evening and good time to visit with friends across the District and State. I will be in Flint in June for the Department Convention supporting Gloria Dobbie as she officiates her last meeting as Department President. You did a great job this year Gloria.

I wish Mary Ashbrook, our newly elected President, loads of success and fun times for the ensuing year as your new Auxiliary President for 2017-2018 year. Mary's officers are as follows:

Sr. Vice President: Colene Nichols
Jr. Vice President: Nancy Giles
Treasurer: Denise Frey
Secretary: Donna McDonald
Chaplain: Mary T. Klee
Conductress: Jo Harder
Guard: Rose Henderson
Trustee #3: Gloria Dobbie
Trustee #2: Lori Schmidt
Trustee #1: Darlene Kaiser



I wish Mary and her officers have a most successful year.

Loyally,
Colene Nichols, President



POST UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Holly National Cemetery Honor Guard** – 1st Wednesday of each Month
- Post Meetings** – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each Month – 7 PM
- House Committee Meeting** – 3rd Wednesday of each Month – 7 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting** – 2nd Monday of each Month
- Post 4659 VFW & Auxiliary Bingo** – Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 AM
- Veteran Outreach Sessions @ Post 4659** – 2nd Monday of Each Month 10 AM – 430 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1st** – Loyalty Day
- May 4th** – National Prayer Day
- May 6th** – 1941 Bob Hope's 1st USO Show Marsh Field CA
- May 14th** – Mother's Day
- May 20th** – Armed Forces Day
- May 29th** – Memorial Day
- June 14th** – US Army Founded, Flag Day
- June 18th** – Father's Day
- June 21st** – 1st Day of Summer



"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."
~ General George S. Patton



TAPS
John Dyer-Hurdon Jr.
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Edward Raduski
GONE – NOT FORGOTTEN

NEW MEMBERS
Wayne Jones
WELCOME ABOARD

CLUBROOM NEWS.



Hello Comrades,

March and April have been very eventful months in the Clubroom. March came with St. Patrick's Day Meals, a Euchre tournament, the ending of our WII Bowling Season and the beginning of our Lenten Fish Fries.

Patrons enjoyed hot dogs, snacks, drink specials and a Home Team win during the Detroit Tigers Home Opener.

Come join the fun in early May with Cinco de Mayo Friday the 5th



And the Kentucky Derby the next



day, Saturday the 6th



Clubroom events will continue into the Summer with a Detroit Tiger bus trip planned for July 30th. See Bartender for details:



Plans are in the works for another Clubroom Golf outing. Stop by the Club House for more information.



Wear Post 4659 V-Gear and get Happy Hour Pricing on Mondays!



Free Juke Box Tuesdays! and NASCAR Sundays!



As many of you may already know I am stepping down from the Clubroom Manager's position. I would like to thank my staff and all have helped and supported me throughout the last two years. I will continue to support the new Manager during this transition phase. I hope everyone gives him as much support as they have given me.

Sincerely,
 Larry Kogelman

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