



# Old Settlers Newsletter

**Post 4659 - District 5  
May - June 2022**



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

Greetings



I would like to start out by thanking everyone involved in the fish fries that we just had over the past 7 weeks or so. They were a big success and I thank all that were involved. The Post made some money and also brought in some new members in the process. Because of the public it brought in a lot of people in the area visited us for the first time and complimented our hall and said they would keep it in mind for their next event. Thank you Art Huge for spearheading the fish fries and organizing them and thank you to all of the volunteers that worked them.

We had our Post Elections For the 2022-2023 Terms. Congratulations go out to the Incoming Officers  
Commander Ken Klee - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Perusich - Jr. Vice Cmdr. Art Huge  
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant - Bill Tudrick

We are in the process of having our parking lot and drive way resealed and repaired and Re-striped. Thank you, Total Asphalt Co., for donating all of the labor and materials to do the job. They have done work for us in the past and do a great job. We need to keep them in mind along with the advertisers in this newsletter the next time that we need work done and let all of our family and friends know about them and what they do for our Post

I would also like to thank the Lenny Maciborski & Old Timers Club (Henry Jaskula chapter) for their donation of \$500.00 to the Post that Ken Kolba presented to our Quartermaster Jay Benner from their golf outing. Their donation will go to the Post for its clubroom new ceiling tile Project



Memorial Day is right around the corner and everyone is invited to attend our Post service. It will be at 1100 hrs. sharp (that's 11a.m. for all Air Force and Navy vets.) At our memorial or in the hall in case it is rains. The Auxiliary will be providing a light luncheon afterwards and the clubroom will be open. So please attend & support your Post.

God Bless

**Joe Wrobel**

Post Commander



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## Post Membership Benefits

### POST 4659 Notes of Achievements in the Past Years



It was wonderful to see so many new faces as we are gathered for this year's election of officers. Many of you are not aware of the improvements that **the present administration** has made since the beginning of the Pandemic. I would like to apprise you all of these.

We have applied for and been awarded 3 PPP grants in the amounts of #1 \$8,927.00, #2 \$8,925.00 and #3 is currently pending....which has helped keep the Post afloat during the time the Post had to close and was not bringing in any money to pay the utilities, taxes, wages and day to day expenses.

We were fortunate to receive \$10,000 from Meijer to pay our bills as well as being able to help our veterans and employees with gift cards.

We had a new roofs/gutters and vents installed for \$38,000 and with the contributions we received from many businesses, Veterans, Post Members, Facebook, Go- Fund Me and General Public...our net cost was only \$14,000.

Our Post is #2 in the State of Michigan with membership of 102.55%.

We have made improvements in the hall with new barn doors between the kitchen and doorway to the clubroom. New air conditioner. During the shut-down the club was also repainted along with the bathrooms, new coolers were installed in the Post to support the beer/ pop/ wine, etc.

We have updated our Newsletter to include the 2-Month calendar insert. With support from the board /bingo mgt. /club mgt. / Auxiliary, and local businesses now pay their fair share to support the costs that helps the Post.

We have worked to help many Veterans and Post Members in need.

Our future projects include upgrading the ceiling in the club and make improvements on the back patio area along with landscaping with help from the Shelby Lions Club and the Post. working on the Wilson Road / Parking lots with Asphalt, Sealing and lots Striped

***Driving for younger veterans to join our post is a must for our survival.  
All this with very good positive results.***

**Commander Joe Wrobel   Senior Vice Commander Mike Perusich   Quartermaster Jay Benner**



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Congratulations to the new Post and Auxiliary Officers! Whether you've served in this capacity before, or you're new to the position, you have our best wishes for a successful year!

Thank you to **Lenny Maciborski** and **The Old Timers Club** for their generous donation of \$500.00. Representing our Auxiliary was Veterans and Family Support Chairman, **Darlene Kaiser** who received the check on our behalf.



Donations such as this allow us to continue serving Veterans and our Community focusing on our Auxiliary Programs.

We have many opportunities to participate in our neighborhood to encourage the public to get involved. We're looking forward to working hand in hand with our Post for another successful year. Please feel free to contact me on how to make use of your special skills for our Veterans and Community.

*Thank you for all you do to Support our Post and Auxiliary!*

Happy summer to all!  
**Gloria Dobbie**  
President Auxiliary 4659



**Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers:**

*President:* Gloria Dobbie      *Sr. Vice President:* Rosemary Diccico  
*Jr. Vice President:* Donna Miller.      *Treasurer/Sec'y:* Denise Frey  
*Conductress:* Dolores Misovich      *Chaplain:* Mary Ashbrook  
*Guard:* Gail Harris.      *Trustee #3:* Darlene Kaiser  
*Trustee #2:* Robin Brooks-Campbell.      *Trustee #1:* Cris Pierson

*Membership*

**KEEP RECRUITING**

While our 2021-2022 year is coming to an end, recruiting new members never ends. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. July is when we can start receiving membership payments for our annual members.

**Lets all welcome our new members**

**Jay Caldwell, Debbie Dirr, Bryan Parr and Georgette Smith.**

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

*Summer Golf Outing*

**John W. Smith Old Timers Club** 

**Annual Golf Outing**  
Proceeds to Benefit Our Michigan Veterans and Capuchin Soup Kitchen

**Sunday, August 21st, 2022**  
**Timberwood Golf Club**  
23700 31 Mile Road, Ray, MI 48096

Registration: \$100 per golfer  
Dinner Only: \$30 per person

*Includes: Golf and Cart, Driving Range, Coffee & Donuts at Registration, Hot Dog and Chips at the turn, Pop, Beer, Mixed Drinks or Water on the Course, Two Meat Buffet Dinner with Two Hour Open Bar Approximately 3:30 p.m.*

**SIGN IN: 8:00 am - 9:00 am**  
**SHOTGUN: 9:00 am**

**Registration Deadline August 10, 2022**  
For more information:  
LENNY MACIBORSKI 586-258-9313 KEN KOLIBA 586-649-7816

## The Gold Star Families Memorial

The Monuments provide a place of permanence for Gold Star Families to gather and utilize as they see fit. These Monuments belong to them and their fallen Loved Ones. They are intended to achieve the following goals:

- Establish and provide a space the Gold Star Families can call their own in honor of their Loved Ones and their family
- Demonstrate to Gold Star Families that their community cares for them and appreciates their sacrifice while also honoring the ultimate sacrifice of their Loved Ones
- Establish and strengthen local Gold Star Family communities through Gold Star Family outreach events associated with each monument location
- Educate the general public about Gold Star Families' enduring sacrifices and the ultimate sacrifice made by their Loved Ones



Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments are a two-sided tribute made of black granite. One side bears the words: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom. On the other side of the monument, there are scenes etched on each of the four panels: Homeland, Family, Patriot and Sacrifice. At the center of this tribute, is a silhouette of a saluting

service member which represents the Legacy of the Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom.

This Memorial Monument is located at 40700 Romeo Plank Rd. Clinton Twp. 48038



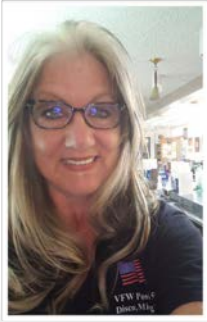
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## Canteen-Clubroom Notes



Hi Everyone! I hope we've seen the last of winter and can finally get on with plans for warmer weather. We're expecting to see our Snowbirds any day now. Welcome back to all of you.

So.....some good news! Many of you have been inquiring, for some time now, about outdoor seating. **Bill Tudrick** had the idea to put seating outside the front door. **Mike Perusich** has already been looking into replacing and extending the front awning and with the approval of Commander, **Joe Wrobel**, your outdoor seating area should be in the works in the near future. That should make for a fun, enjoyable summer!

This was the biggest, busiest fish fry ever! **Art Huge** was awesome, organizing, prepping, etc., even helping with the shopping. That's usually on the Clubroom so it was nice to have him running the show! Thank you to **Lindsey** and **Alyssa** for giving up their Friday nights. We were slammed and they really stepped up. Also, a big thank you to **Nancy Kosma** for jumping in and helping, too.

**You all rocked!**

**Alyssa** was originally going to be an occasional "fill-in" bartender, but she's doing a great job and she likes it here. We're happy to have her and you'll be happy to hear that you'll be seeing her around more often :)

The last SMTM was on April 24th and it was a great turnout, as always. Many thanks, yet again, to **Ken** and **Michelle Bertrand** for spending so many of their Sundays hosting for us.

Happy Summer to you! Enjoy your bike and your boat. **Sharon Jeffery** is interested in hosting SMTM once a month throughout the summer, it's scheduled for the last Sunday of the month. Thank you Sharon.

**Bryan Parr** has offered to run some Euchre Play days for us. He plans to have it once a month with the first one being Saturday, May 14th. Check in is @ 1:00 p.m. and play starts @ 2:00 p.m.

Check out the beautiful calendar insert for weekly food specials and events. **Randy Pierson** does a great job, more than I ever expected when he offered to put graphics to them. I give him the words and he brings them to life! Thank you Randy.

Hugs to Everyone

**Kathie Holloway**

Clubroom Manager

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## 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army

**WASHINGTON** The VFW joins a grateful nation in commemorating National Borinqueneers Day, named in honor of the brave Soldiers of the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. Nicknamed during the Korean War for the original inhabitants of the island of Puerto Rico, the Borinqueneers have a long and storied history dating back to its inception as the first all-Hispanic military unit in 1899. Since then, the 65th would go on to serve with distinction in defending the Panama Canal Zone during WWI and North Africa, France and Germany in WWII. During the Korean War, the 65th Infantry was heralded for their exceptional courage, tenacity and sacrifice. They were awarded battle participation credits for nine campaigns, lauded for their bravery at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, and credited with the last battalion-sized bayonet charge in U.S. Army history. Among their numerous awards for valor from the Korean War are two Presidential Unit Citations, 2,771 Purple Heart Medals, 606 Bronze Stars, 256 Silver Stars, nine Distinguished Service Crosses, and the Medal of Honor.

On April 13, 2016, the Borinqueneers were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their many contributions to the Armed Forces of the United States. In January 2021, members of Congress passed legislation making National Borinqueneers Day law, celebrating this valorous unit for the first time April 13 last year.

Today, the legacy elements of 65th Infantry Regiment continue to serve where and when it's called upon as part of the Puerto Rican National Guard.

From all of the 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, we salute all Borinqueneers, both past, present and future, as well as all who serve in the U.S. military from Puerto Rico. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for our great nation.



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