



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5

May - June 2026

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First, I want to thank all the Officers, Chairmen and members for your support during that past 3 years. Please continue to give your support and willingness to volunteer to the 2026-2027 administration. Veterans of Foreign Wars posts across the country have been and will continue to lose the WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans in the coming years. It is the responsibility of the upcoming generation to take our place and move our effort forward to assist our current and future veterans. Get involved at a level you are comfortable with but GET INVOLVED!!

The past 2 months brought community blood drives, our incredible Lenten Fish Frys, Scout sponsorship, a Health Screening program, Veterans Open House and Canteen activities for our Post members and Auxiliary. The continual upgrading of our facility, both Canteen/Clubroom and Hall, continue to be a challenge due to the age of our building and property, and we meet that challenge every time!

May and June are always busy months for our team of leaders. Starting with hosting Loyalty Day for our District 5 comrades, Buddy Poppy Days, our Day of Service for our community at Prestonville Cemetery, Memorial Day, Flag Retirement ceremonies and fund-raising dinners which include public participation.

Our weekly Bingo and Hall rentals continue to support the post, and our Canteen activities always bring camaraderie to our members and auxiliary. We have a very imaginative and active Clubroom Manager who keeps us busy with new and refreshing events in the Canteen. Stop by and be a part of the activities!

Every member joined our post for one or more reasons. Fulfill those reasons by getting involved for an hour or a day or all year long. Volunteering is not a swear word, but an opportunity to participate in one or more activities we offer. Or bring your own ideas to the leadership and let us help you add that to our many programs. This is your home – Welcome Home!

Art Huge, Commander



The dust has settled after seven weeks of Lenten Fish Fries that our post hosted for the community and were very well attended. The profits will help us to continue to improve and maintain our building and amenities for all to enjoy.

Thanks to those who worked and those who attended to make the dinners a success. Keep in mind, everything we do is to provide help and resources for veterans and their families to make their lives better.

At the April Auxiliary meeting, officers for the 2026-2027 year were elected and it is my pleasure to present them.

President – Diane Huges

Sr. Vice President – Donna (Dee) Miller

Jr. Vice President – Betty Fleming

Treasurer / Membership – Joe MacDonald

Secretary – Sharon Jeffery

Chaplain – Jo Harder

Conductor – Pamela Riden

Guard – Rita Bonanni

Trustee 1 year – Darlene Kaiser / Trustee 2 year – Rosemary Diccico / Trustee 3 year – Denise Frey

I am confident they will maintain the quality of excellence in their positions. Congratulations!

This will be my last writing as President and I would like to say it has been a year full of special events and opportunities I will remember always. I am very grateful to all Post #4659 members for your friendship, support and understanding.

Sylvia Pocock, Auxiliary President

Commander Note:

Our Post is hosting District 5's Loyalty Day on May 1 at 6pm. This includes a ceremony and dinner. The TACOM Chief of Staff, Col. Jeremiah O'Connor, is our Keynote Speaker. Check the Clubroom or our Facebook page for details.

Clubroom / Canteen Notes



Hello everyone, we're looking forward to summer and some fun activities.

We have one more Show Me the Money before Sharon takes a break for the summer. That's on May 3rd @ 2:00pm. You don't want to miss it!

We will be closed on Mother's Day, May 10th. 😊 Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms.

On that subject, our Alyssa is off work now awaiting the arrival of her sweet new baby. Her Mother, Dawn (Joan Carpenter's daughter) & Debbie will be covering her shifts.

Come meet Dawn and hang out a bit before Post meetings on Wednesdays!

The 3rd Friday of the month is always dinner followed by Karaoke. May 15th is a Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner for the Post! Serving 4pm – 7pm and karaoke with DJ Mary 7:30pm - 10:30pm. See you there! Joe & the Crystals return!

May 30th is Game Night. You know the drill, snacks, munchies, dinner at 5:32pm. The games start shortly thereafter. It's always such a fun night!

For our June 19th (3rd Friday) dinner, the Baked Potato Bar is back! This was by far one of the most popular and was suggested by Post Member Chris Taylor. Thanks for the great idea, Chris! And, of course, karaoke with DJ Mary is right after dinner.

We'll be closed on Father's Day, June 21st so that all our members can spend the day with their families. Game Night is back on June 27th. Food at 5:32pm, friendly competition to follow!

☆☆☆☆Save the Date☆☆☆☆

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH WE ARE HAVING A POST FAMILY PICNIC!

Details are coming soon and will be posted in the Clubroom. So far, we know there will be food, games, activities, for children as well as adults, music, and lots of fun. Stay tuned!!

Kathie Holloway, Clubroom Manager

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Harold Cope
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Honor Guard

Greetings Comrades,

Hope all is well with all of you. Just want to keep you informed of upcoming events our Post Honor Guard will be participating in.

On Friday, May 1st we will be posting colors for the 5th District Loyalty Day Program being hosted at our Post. Wednesday May 6th, we will be performing Honors at GLNC. Later in the Month we'll be involved in several local Memorial Day ceremonies; Washington Township on Friday, May 22nd; Pine Ridge of Shelby; our Post Ceremony and Prestonville cemetery on May 25th. Wednesday, June 3rd we will be at GLNC and Saturday, June 13th we will be supporting the K of C with their annual Flag Retirement ceremony at St Vianny Catholic Church.

GLNC internment numbers as of 1 April 2026 are:

Fiscal Year to date - 1607

This month (March to date) - 236

Total since cemetery opening on 18 Oct 2005 - 73,614

As you can see, we are quite busy. We're getting asked to support more events. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our team, please consider joining our dedicated group of professionals. If interested, please let me know at a meeting or give me a call at 586-457-5403.

Respectfully,

Brad Hoffman, Honor Guard Captain

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Our Open House was a great success!



The Veterans Affairs and membership tables were especially popular!

Buddy Poppy

I would like to thank all the Post and Auxiliary members for their time and dedication collecting donations for Buddy Poppy Days. Without you, our veterans that are in need wouldn't get the extra help they deserve. Join us May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Call me to sign up!

*Allen Pocock, Buddy Poppy
Chairman*

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Remember this is your last print copy of the Post 4659 Newsletter!

Further newsletters will be emailed and will be on the website.

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Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Teacher of the Year

It's never too soon to think about getting students involved in their future education! The theme for the 2026 – 2027 VOD / PP has already been chosen by the VFW's Commander-in-Chief.

“What a Veteran Taught Me About America”

The Patriot's Pen is for 6th-8th grade students – writing a 300-400 word essay expressing their views on the topic. Students compete for cash awards at the post / district / state / national levels. The 2025-26 winner received \$6000!

The Voice of Democracy is for 9th-12th grade students – recording a 3-5 minute speech expressing their views on the topic. Students compete for cash and scholarships at post / district / state / national levels. The 2025-2026 state winner received a \$6000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the Freedom Foundation Experience in Vally Forge. The national winner took home a \$35,000 scholarship!

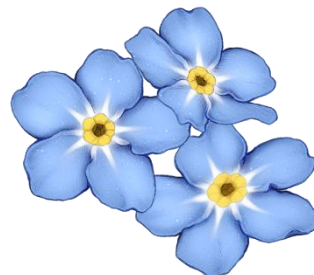
Teacher of the Year is for teachers at elementary / middle / high school levels. It recognizes teachers who promote civic responsibility and patriotism to their students. Any certified / licensed teacher can be nominated. Each 2025-26 state winner received \$1000 and \$1000 also went to their school, as well as a beautiful commemorative plaque and an all-expense paid trip to the VFW National Convention.

Deadline is October 31, 2026. For an official entry form and complete rules, contact me at lisalove.4659@gmail.com

Lisa Love, VOD/PP Chairman



The honor guard provided honors at the funeral for comrade Michael Isham.



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to safely renew or convert to Life Membership over the phone with credit or debit card. Also, VFW members can update mailing address and or contact information.

**Life member fees are based upon your age on
December 31st of the current year.**

Under 30 years - \$425.00	51-60 years - \$335.00
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Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

Doors Open at 9:00 am

Bingo Starts at 10:30 am

