



Old Settlers Newsletter



**Post 4659 - District 5
November - December 2019**

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Hello comrades,

I am hoping that all is well. Autumn is here and so are the fall events. There are a couple of events in the month of November, first is the Veterans Day. We will be gathering at the Post memorial on Monday for our Post service at 11:00. We will be having a lunch shortly afterwards please join us.

We are currently planning a party in the clubroom for the membership, watch for fliers at the Post for time and dates.

December will be a busy month as well; it will be starting with the Auxiliary/Post children's Christmas party.

The VFW Post-Christmas party has been a big success in the past and I have every reason to believe that it will be great again this year. Of course, the year always raps up with a New Year's Eve party in the clubroom I am hoping that we get a better showing of support from our membership in the future events and fundraisers at the Post.

We are moving along with our membership and thanks to our membership chair we are or should reach the 100 % goal within the next month, thank you Mike Perusich and everyone else who has been helping in this endeavor. I would like to remind everyone to get your dues in as soon as possible so that credit can be given to the post. We are always looking for additional help with the grounds keeping and the post, if you have some time and would like to help please contact us and we would gladly use your talent to improve the post. I would also like to encourage every member to attend our meetings, remember they are at 7 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Wednesday come and attend to catch up on what is going on with the post.

In closing I would like to extend from me and my family and the Post Board a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Joe Wrobel
Commander



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Hello to all my sisters and brothers in the Auxiliary.



November 11th is Veterans Day. The Post will be hosting a ceremony to honor our veterans beginning at 11:00am. Lets us support our Post by assisting them with preparations, serving and feel free to bring some dessert.

A big thank you to Darlene Kaiser for accepting the Veterans and Family Support Chairmanship. I have every confidence that she will be instrumental in improving our Auxiliary with the way we honor our Veterans and provide assistance to their family members. Congratulations Darlene.

The Christmas season is fast approaching. While we go about our shopping, think about all the children who will not be able to experience the joy of the holiday season. Perhaps you could pick up an extra toy and maybe some yummy snacks they may appreciate. A smile on the face of a child is a delightful experience.

This Thanksgiving let us remember our Veterans and active military service members by sending up a little prayer for their safety and well being. Try to thank at least 5 service members in the month of November for their service to this great nation.

Please be safe and enjoy the holidays!

**Mary Ashbrook,
248-766-2467**

Membership

Thank you to all our new and existing members. We were 100% prior to September 30, 2019. Department's deadline for 95% or 100% was November 30, 2019 and our Auxiliary has already earned these two awards. Thank you for those who are bringing in new members and we only have 4 annual members that need to be paid before our December meeting to have everyone paid.

We'd also like to update our records. We are looking for email addresses and current phone numbers since most people have replaced their home phones with cell phones and old application did not ask for email address'.

Send use your info to me at frey11@comcast.net and in the subject line indicate it's updated info.

Denise Frey, Membership

Kids Christmas Party

Santa is coming to town, Saturday, December 14, 2019. Ages: 0-10.

Time: 12 -2pm.

The sign-up slips will be available in the clubroom the first week of November for you to complete in person. - no phone entries. Check your child's schedule prior to submitting their name, they must be present to receive their gift from SANTA.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Denise Frey, Youth Activities

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Scholarships



At the time of writing this article, we are accepting entries for the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year Contests. The deadline for Post entries is October 31, 2019. We will share the results of the contest in the next newsletter.

Our next Scholarship opportunity is the Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship is open to all Auxiliary members (with membership of at least one year), their spouse, son, and / or daughter. The entrant must be 18 years old and submit an essay of 300 words or less. Submit applications to our National Headquarters in Kansas City Missouri no later than February 15, 2020. If you find yourself in need of additional funds to further your family's education, this is the scholarship for you. If you or your spouse have a degree, but would like to continue with additional classes to enhance your education, or are looking to achieve that degree, this is the scholarship for you. If your children have graduated from high school and are going on to college, this is the scholarship for them. Please read the rules and fill in the form completely. Forms are available on line at www.mivfwaux.org. Go to Programs and scroll down to Scholarships. All forms are available there. One winner from each of the four Conferences in our Organization will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Award presentations are at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada, in July of 2020. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support in our Programs.

Please take advantage of the scholarship opportunities offered to you through our Organization.

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman

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Greetings,



My name is Gary Gamble and I am a 26 year Life Member of VFW Post 345 located in Redford Twp. I am also a candidate for Department Junior Vice-Commander. I have had the honor and privilege to get to know and work with some members from this post and always well received when visiting. I have a great deal of experience and success in positions at the post, District, State, and National level. Currently, I am serving as your Asst. National Sergeant at Arms, State Membership Director, State Honor Guard, Dist. 4 Judge Advocate, and Dist. 4 VFW Riders President. I truly enjoy supporting the VFW mission at every level of our great organization. If elected, I promise on my honor as a true comrade that I will use my experience and knowledge to support the State commander and every member of our great organization. If elected, I will appoint ONLY knowledgeable and committed comrades that will work hard to support the VFW's mission. I will help motivate, train, and support all members to ensure we have a strong organization for the future. If elected, I will be UNWAVERING, DEPENDABLE, & COMMITTED. To get elected, I need the help and support of Post 4659.

Jay Benner



**Candidate for
Department
Quartermaster
2020 - 2021**

Memberships

We are currently at about 90%. To have a truly successful year, we need to bring Post Membership up to 100% by December 15 2019 . *To achieve that, we need about 15 of our unpaid members to pay their annual dues as soon as possible.* Do not send the \$35.00 annual dues to the National

Headquarters, just stop by or mail the Post and with cash, check or credit card pay your dues on the spot. *Your due date will not change.* We will get it posted to the National Organization and you will continue to be part of your great Post and all the good work the Post does. You may want to get your life membership and never have to pay annual dues again. Life member fees are based upon your age on December 31st of the current year.

Whatever you're Life Member fees are, your Post will pay \$50.00 toward that fee, making Life Membership an even better bargain. The VFW STORE will also give you a kicker. They will give you a \$50 credit to use at their online store

Good for you and good for your Post. I will also give you a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant. I ask all of you again to help make this year another great year.



If I can help call me.... Mike Perusich Sr. Vice Commander 586 291-9914

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
31-40 years - \$410.00	61-70 years - \$290.00
41-50 years - \$375.00	71-80 years - \$225.00
Age 81 and over - \$170.00	

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
- Auxiliary Meeting – 2nd Monday of each Month 7 PM
- Council Meetings - 1st Tuesday of each Month - 7:30 PM
- District 5 Meetings - Sunday each Quarter - 10:00 AM
- House Committee Meeting – 3rd Wed. of each Month – 7:00 PM
- Post & Auxiliary Bingo – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM



Please Welcome our Newest Members



Jack Consiglio, Anthony DeLuca, Robert Jones
Avery maxine Newland

Transfer - Michael Kolinski

Canteen-Clubroom Notes



Fall has fully arrived and winter will be here before we know it. We've got some fun activities planned in the Clubroom, where it's always toasty and warm. Wii Bowling is underway, lots of friendly competition there! Show Me the Money and the Potluck that generally accompanies it started last week, Good fun, good food! Thank you Michelle and Ken Bertrand for devoting your Sunday afternoons to hosting SMTM.

I'd like to thank "Sarge" for his generosity and for being our Better made connection. **And a great big huge THANK YOU to Joe and Carl Bonanni for their amazing skills on the grill.** This last Steak Out was also a huge success! We've received a ton of compliments to pass on to the two of you. Thank you so much guys, we appreciate you more than you know! Weezie and The Rascals were as popular as ever. Thanks to them, once again, for providing such great entertainment.



We've applied for our license for **QUEEN of HEARTS**, and as soon as we get the approval, tickets will be printed. Watch for information in the Clubroom for a start date on our first drawing.

Now for some coming attractions:

November 10th we will receive our packet as we'll be participating in **The Sharing Tree** again this year! If you'd like to help by buying a gift for someone less fortunate, tell one of the bartenders that you'd like to see The Sharing Tree folder. We always do well with this. Thank you in advance!

November 24th at **3:00** will be the **Clubroom Thanksgiving dinner**. We'll provide the turkey and will have a sign-up sheet posted for all the delicious dishes to be passed.

November 28th We will be **Closed on Thanksgiving Day**.

December 14th the **Children's Christmas Party** will be in the Hall from noon till 2:00. That evening we will be having a **Chili dinner and karaoke!** We just decided on this one so stay tuned for details!

December 21st will be the **Clubroom Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange Party**. Details in the works on this, as well, but wanted to allow everyone to get these dates in their calendars.

December 24th we will be **open till 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve**.

December 25th we will be **closed on Christmas Day**.

December 31st New Years Eve Party! Details will be posted in the Clubroom!

Just reminders.....

Happy Hour prices during Lions game. Show Me the Money & Potluck every Sunday @ 2:00

Free music all day every Tuesday! Pool table is available for a donation to National Home

Wii bowling is always available (unless League players are bowling) And our new coolers are working perfectly! (Thanks Mike P.) **The Clubroom is open 1:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Daily**

Safe travels to all our Members that are headed south for the winter. We'll hold down the fort until we see you in the spring! Have a Happy Holiday *Kathie*



DECEASED MEMBERS

James Boyd Sr., Marvin Brys, George Buyse, Howard Estes, Clarence Haslett, Edward Lawrence, Jimmy Martin, Radford McGuire, Edwin Reband, Vernon Skaug, Eukle Stamps George Stanbury, Joseph Tallerico, Brent Peever Russell Wisswell, Eugene Wolonick

Quartermaster Notes

Greetings Comrades

First I want to thank everyone for supporting the Post Club Room through out the year. Secondly I would like to explain some changes in our beer, wine & liquor pricing.

Effective November 2019 the cost of drinks will increase by 25 cents across the board as voted on at the October Canteen Committee Meeting. Drink prices were last approved in 2010, since then we have had over 20 price increases from our suppliers. Since we are a Non-Profit Organization, we strive to keep club room prices as low as possible but at some point we can't continue to lose revenue. I hope you will continue to support our Club Room and bring your friends

We are updating our Post membership roster, adding missing phone numbers, Emails and addresses changes. Please check the roster posted in the clubroom and make sure your information is correct.

SnowBirds please call 1-833-VFW-VETS or 1-833-839-8387 And let them know your winter address so you can continue to get the MOV and VFW Magazine



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Charity Poker

Thank You Volunteers!

A big thank you to all the participants in the recent October Charity Poker Fundraiser at Rosemack Bingo Hall in Roseville! The fundraiser raised \$3400 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 and I will get you on the list. It's not only a great way to raise funds, but you will enjoy volunteering with your fellow VFW Members! I would like to thank Ken Klee, Carol Dalpe, Mike Perusich, Phil Gannia, John DiSalvo, Jay Benner, Bill Tudrick, Tom Smith, Bill Barron, Randy Pierson and Bob Bartkowski for generously giving their time and effort to support this fundraiser.

NEXT CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISER IS January 27-30, 2020 Night SHIFT AT CICCARELLI'S!

It be w two shift schedule, and I will have the schedule ready for you to sign up at upcoming meetings. Please consider doing a shift (or two!) if you can.

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

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