



# Old Settlers Newsletter

## Post 4659 - District 5 November - December 2022



**Commander Ken Klee - Sr. Vice. Art Huge - Jr Vice Carl Bonanni  
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant Bill Tudrick**

### Comrades, Auxiliary, & Friends

I would like to welcome the 18 Post members who have joined, or transferred to our post since July 1<sup>st</sup>. I would hope you feel at home with our great organization. Post 4659 has been serving our Veterans and our community since November 9, 1945. 77 years of growing our service to Veterans and the community. On November 11<sup>th</sup>. we will be celebrating Veterans Day at 2:00 pm with a lunch to follow. All are welcome.



With the seasons changing we must always remember our young men and women who are serving in our armed Forces in over 100 countries around the world defending our freedom. At one time or another we all have spent time away from our families either at Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years. Let's keep them in our prayers that they will return home safely to their families.

We recently had a steak dinner at the Post, thank you to everyone who participated to make it a great success, we had a better turnout than expected. Be sure to see the notice in this newsletter of the upcoming New Year's Eve Celebration for our members and guest, February is just around the corner with our fish dinners starting February 24<sup>th</sup>. and continuing through lent.

We also recently participated in the Gold Star Mothers program and again the Post donated \$500.00 to them to continue their hospital work. The Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the programs are is now in progress which we will be awarding prize money to all of the winners and attending the District and Department Banquets. We also attended the fall conference in Flint with training programs for all.



The Post club room is always open for our members and guest for their enjoyment. December 12<sup>th</sup>. is the Army Navy football game, this is always a good time, we usually have some special activities going on that day. The Air Force and Marines are also welcome to this event!

*In closing I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, A Merry and Blessed Christmas,  
And a Happy and Healthy New Year.*

Stay safe and God Bless the USA  
Ken Klee Commander

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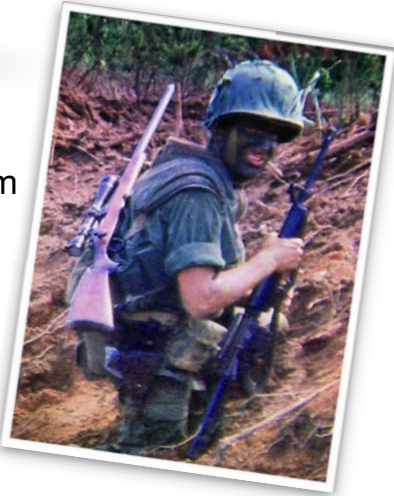


## Post Member Bio

We honor one of our own Bruce Hartung, who joined the Marine Corps on September 7th 1967 and joined the VFW back in 1992. Bruce holds two Purple Heart medals from his service in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, initially launched the effort to obtain Purple Heart accreditation for the city of Rochester. The City Council approved a resolution and issued a proclamation on August 15, 2015. *"After two Purple Hearts, I'm*



*happy to be alive and grateful to be on my third life,"* Hartung said. *"I see this designation as a way to help raise awareness about the courage and sacrifice that each and every Purple Heart medal represents."*



My wife Marcy and I have been Florida snow birds since 2003. We started off at 2, 4, and now we are at 6 months Snow birding in a small town called Beverly Beach 20 miles south of St. Augustine on a 72 mile barrier island off the old A1A hwy. We brought a home in 2008 in Beverly Beach population 700 winter 300 summer 1.3 miles long.

In the fall of 2015 I decided to make Beverly Beach a Purple Heart Community in December 2015 it became official. Our small town with a big heart became Purple Heart Community, with two Purple Heart signs, one on North A1A and the other on south A1A. *We have gone coastal living in the salt life.*

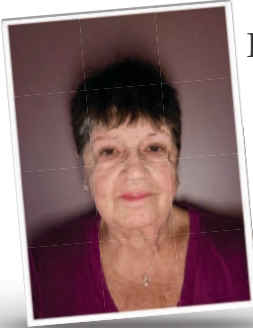
## Unmet Needs Program

We understand the challenges veterans, service members and military families can face and believe that experiencing financial difficulties should not be one of them. **That's the premise behind the VFW's Unmet Needs program.** Unmet Needs is there to help America's military families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. **The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500.00** to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant - not a loan - so no repayment is required. To further ease the burden, we pay the creditor directly. The needs of our veterans, service members and their families should never go unmet. ***Let us offer you a hand up when you need it!***

For additional information, and to see if you or someone you know qualifies for a Grant through the Unmet Needs program, please call to review the Unmet Needs eligibility criteria at **1-866-789-6333**

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President's Greetings:

I do hope that all are doing well and healthy as can be.

I've recently had another first by attending the Fall Conference. I attended all School of Instructions sessions (meetings), and spent my funds on raffles and such supporting the National Home and Camp Trotter which supports children.

We are looking forward to our fundraisers such as Euchre Play, Euchre Tournaments and Show Me the Money. We have many scheduled for our Auxiliary, and some joint with the Post. Continue to check the Post Facebook page for upcoming events. Our October Euchre Tournament was a fundraiser for the Oscar Mike Foundation (for Veterans). Our November 19 Euchre Tournament will be for the various VFW Scholarship programs which were special to our Past President Gloria Dobbie.

Loyally  
 Rosemary Diccio, President

*Kids Christmas Party*

**Date:** Saturday, December 10, 2022  
**Time:** Noon to 3PM  
**Ages:** 0 - 10

You can start completing the Name slips the first week of November. You need to do that in person. The Clubroom servers will not take your information over the phone. The deadline for names is Friday, November 25, 2022. Please check your children's schedule for they need to be present to receive their gift from Santa.

**Denise Frey, Youth Activities Chairman**  
 586-569-6336

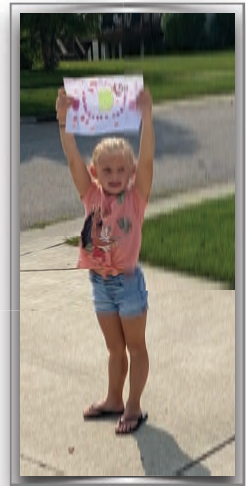
*Chaplain's News*

It is with heavy hearts that **Past President, Mary Ashbrook** went to her heavenly home on September 9, we also lost fellow member Lorraine Kozlowski

**Chaplain, Jo Harder**

*Post Donations*

Comrade Michael Sucharskis's Granddaughters sent Post 4659 a donation check in the amount of \$102.00. Emma & Olivia Whalen spent their time working the lemonade stand. Along with their check was a personal note of thanks  
**“ Thank you for everything you do for our Country, this is for you “**



## *Membership Participation*



As summer drifts away, we look back on some of our accomplishments. We had the carpets cleaned in the Hall and the Clubroom. Thanks to the anonymous donors from the VFW and Auxiliary who paid for the Clubroom carpet.

We also attended the Shelby Township Patriot Day service honoring the first responders from the police & fire departments and the township veterans.

Our Post hosted the VFW Macomb County Council meeting and hosted the Veterans Benefits Town Hall Event to discuss and explain the benefits of the new PACT ACT law which was recently passed. We had an attendance of over 70 veterans. If you need more information, please call our Service Officer Laura Rios at 586-469-6507 or see her at one of our membership meetings. You earned these benefits, please take advantage of them! And vote YES for renewing the Macomb County Veterans Millage on November 8th.

We also hosted the Holly MI Great Lakes National Cemetery VSO meeting to discuss a variety of information affecting our Honor Guards support and concerns of the members of our team.

Officers and Auxiliary Officers attended the Michigan VFW 95th Fall Conference in Flint MI. Training and information regarding our State & National programs was discussed along with the camaraderie with other Posts across the State.

Our congratulations go out to the committee that hosted one of the best Steak Outs we have ever had. Thanks for the great food, entertainment, and turnout.

Up coming events include: 11/8-Election Day, 11/11-Veterans Day with a luncheon, 11/13- "Made in America" concert at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 11/17 thru 11/20-Charity Poker, 12/3-Post Spaghetti Dinner, 12/10-Army Navy game in Clubroom, 12/31-Post New Year's Eve Party. For more information on any of the upcoming events, contact any of the officers or Chairmen.

New members are the key to sustaining our ability to assist our veterans in the community. Talk to veterans that you meet and encourage them to join our Post. We look forward to meeting and greeting them!

**Art Huge**  
Sr Vice Commander  
**810-499-2448**



## *Crisis Center*

**A Veteran-whether active duty, retired, served one hitch, or reservist is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The Government of the United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including their life."**

**Veterans in crisis can contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 Or text 838255.....You are not alone.**

## *Canteen-Clubroom Notes*

Comrades, Members and Friends

I begin with and as always a heartfelt Thank You to all who continue to support our post club room. Your patronage and participation does not go unrecognized and is deeply appreciated.

We now serve Chili in the club room. A hearty bowl full goes for four dollars. Extras to include cheese and onion will cost a little extra but well worth it on these cooler days of Fall. Thank You Darlene for the Good Eats.

Congratulations to Member Carol Dalpe who won the authentic Detroit Lions opening day football jersey. The club room will be raffling another Lions jersey on Wednesday, 23 November prior to the Lions Thanksgiving Day game against the Bills of Buffalo. Don't forget, Happy Hour drink prices during all Lions games.



The club room Thanksgiving Day party will be held on Sunday, 20 November at 3pm. Turkey will be served and all other dishes will be brought by you of course. A sign-up sheet of what dish you plan on bringing will be posted in the club room. Come join us and share in the many blessings.

The greatest collegiate football rivalry **ARMY vs. NAVY** game will be on Saturday, 10 December at 3pm. Wear your colors and come show your pride. Of course drink specials and good eats will be provided during this traditional inner-service battle.

The club room Christmas party is still in the planning stages. Further information will be posted in the club room as it comes available so look for that as you continue your visits.

The club room will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

A big Thank You also to my staff. Your hard work and dedication keep our members happy and Good Times had by all.

### **Randall Pierson**

Post 4659 Club Room Manager  
U.S. Air Force Desert Storm Veteran  
586-488-7579

## *VFW Post 4659 Honor Guard*



### **Post 4659 has an Honor Guard and needs to fill some empty spots.**

Do you want to help support our Post Honor Guard? We help with some local events, Memorial services, carry in the colors on special occasions and once a month go to Great Lakes National Cemetery for honors with dignity and respect. We presently have 5 actives on the Honor Guard. We need some more support to better a team. Can you help? If you have an interest, come to the post meeting, or contact us

**Bill Tudrick 248 882-4905**

**Mike Perusich 586 291-9914**

**Life Membership Information**

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**Please call 1-833-VFW-VETS or 1-833-839-8387**

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 Membership Fee Schedule Age as of Dec. 31st.**

One Time Payment - Initial Payment - 11 Payments of

Through Age 30	\$ 425.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.64
Age 31-40	\$ 410.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 37.27
Age 41-50	\$ 375.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 34.09
Age 51-60	\$ 335.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.45
Age 61-70	\$ 290.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 26.36
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<b>KENNETH FORESTER</b>	<b>US NAVY KOREA</b>
<b>CHARLES KOWAL</b>	<b>US ARMY WW II</b>
<b>REINHOLD PAEGE</b>	<b>USCG KOREA</b>



WELCOME TRANSFER MEMBER  
NICHOLAS SPICER

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

<b>ERIC LINDECKER</b>	<b>RICHARD SEDORCHUK</b>
<b>RONALD SZEP</b>	<b>JEFFERY TACKETT</b>
<b>RODNEY TOLBERT</b>	<b>DANNY TURNER</b>

## *COLA Increase for Veterans and Survivors:*

President Biden signed VFW-supported [H.R. 7846](#), Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022 into law. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The announced increase is to be 8.7 percent, which is higher than in recent years to account for inflation. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022, and **the first checks to reflect the new rate will be on Dec. 31, 2022.**

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