



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5

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Closing out 2025 with a bang and a celebration! We have our annual New Years Eve celebration at the Post again this year. More details to follow.

We started September at the Romeo Peach Festival parade on Labor Day with a group of Post and Auxiliary members. I had the honor of driving one of our WWII members, Frank Brown, in the lead car in the parade. Later in the week several of us traveled to Freedom River in Brighton to view the new Veterans Park which has been established for all Veterans to enjoy.

Our POW/MIA ceremony and steak dinner was a great success. If you missed it, you missed a great meal served by our Post chefs and followed by our Friday Karaoke. The Canteen was jam packed with the usual attendees.

We held our 1st Saturday Night Bingo for the public and thanks to Randy Pierson and his gang of experienced bingo workers, it won't be the last time we do that. Our attendance at the District 5 Gold Star Mother's Banquet was well attended by 12 of our members with donations from both our Post and Auxiliary. The month of October ended with a Canteen Halloween party and a trip to the MI Fall Conference in Mt. Pleasant MI.

November brings us to our own 80th Charter Anniversary Celebration being held on Saturday, November 8th. Our guest speaker is our Michigan VFW Commander, Reinhold Yahnka. We should all be proud of the past 80 years of serving our fellow Veterans and our Community. Our Veterans Day ceremony will be held at our Memorial and luncheon (sponsored by our Auxiliary) will be held on the 11th month, 11th day at the 11th hour. I hope you and your family and friends will join us! We will have our usual Thanksgiving dinner in the Canteen and of course December would not be complete without our Auxiliary's Kids Christmas party. Bring your children, your grandchildren and your great-grandchildren to this great event.

As mentioned earlier, we expect another great New Years Eve party in our hall to close out the year. A year with many great memories and Post experiences in and for our community. Thank you all for everything you have accomplished in 2025!

Yours in comradeship,

Art Huge, Commander



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Greetings,



This year Labor Day, our Auxiliary was well represented at the Romeo parade. As in the past, Westview Orchard provided a wagon for those who preferred not to walk. There was lots of waving and cheering from the crowds as we passed out American flags and candy to the crowd with help from Girl Scout Troup #77549. A very fun day full of happy faces, ending with a nice lunch at Romeo Post 2052.

Our Auxiliary hosted a training workshop September 30 that was open to all members and Auxiliaries within the State. District Treasurer, Marilyn Malick spoke to about 30 attendees, describing how the Auxiliary operates, along with duties of each officer and chairman and she answered all questions. We all came away with a better understanding of how and why things are done.

The Gold Star Mothers and Fathers Banquet was held October 5th at Post 9021 in Warren. There were several parents there who lost their child while serving our country, making the unthinkable sacrifice. The bonding of this group continues to raise funds through events like this that support families of lost loved ones.

In closing, for fun this year our Auxiliary entered the Shelby Township Scarecrow contest that takes place thru the month of October at Heritage Lake. Our soldier scarecrow, named Hawkeye, will make an appearance at our Post in November.

Happy Holidays to All,
Sylvia Pocock, Auxiliary President

SANTA is Coming!!

Yes, it's that time of year.

Saturday, December 6, 2025
Noon - 3pm
Ages 0 - 10 years old

Santa will be in the clubroom to accept your child's name the first week of November. Please print all your information on the forms. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, November 26, 2025. As always, the child must be present to receive their gift from Santa.



I've spoken to Santa this week and he's so excited about coming to see the kids!

Happy Holidays
Denise Frey, Youth Activities

Winter is Coming

Please remember our seniors and shut-ins who may need our assistance this coming winter season. We all need to be safe.

Rosemary Diccico, Hospital Chairman

Clubroom / Canteen Notes



Hello All!

I want to thank those of you who participate in our activities. Your support is always much appreciated! Our parking lot yard sale was small but successful. Maybe an annual event?

We've got dates from Sharon that I know so many of you have been waiting for!

Show Me the Money will be on November 9th and 30th and December 14th and 28th. Play starts at 2:00pm. Bring a snack to share!

Veterans Day is November 11th. We'll be open at 10:30am, service is at 11:00am at the Monument. There will be a luncheon in the hall following the service.

We always have such a great time on Game Night! You should consider joining us on November 15th at 5:32pm. It's a lot of fun.

On November 21st we'll have our annual Turkey Dinner, 5:00pm till 7:00pm, Karaoke starts at 7:30pm. The clubroom provides the turkey; there will be a signup sheet for side dishes posted in the Clubroom. We're thankful for all our customers that have become friends. Let's share this "Friendsgiving" dinner together!

Karaoke night is always a blast. Whether you can sing like Garyoke or not, we'd be happy to have you. Maybe Joe & The Crystals will make an appearance...?

I've already been contacted by Diane Smiles from Samaritan House. Early in November we will be receiving 40 tags for the Sharing Tree. Ask in the Clubroom if you'd like to help someone to have a Merrier Christmas!

We have a Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, December 5th. Dinner is served from 4pm–7pm or as long as supplies last.

The ARMY/NAVY game is at 3:00pm on Saturday, December 13th. I'm sure we'll be serving SOS & Navy bean soup.

This next Potluck Dinner is December 19th at 5:00pm-7:00pm, with karaoke afterwards at 7:30pm until 10:30pm

Our Clubroom Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 21st. The committee doesn't have all the details just yet, but I do know there will be games, and gifts, and dinner! It will be posted in the Clubroom as soon as we know the plan.

We will be open on Christmas Eve from 12:00pm till 6:00pm

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Kathie Holloway, Canteen Manager



Our Honor Guard at the flag retirement on September 13.



Member Bio



Good day and nice to meet you all, my name is Christopher Taylor and I have been with the Post for a little less than a year. I was asked to take this time to tell you a little about myself by our Commander Art Huge.

I was born in 1984 in Jackson MI to David and Irene Taylor, I have an older brother Jason and a younger brother Andy. In 2003 I graduated from Sturgis High School in Sturgis MI and attended Lansing Community College as an automotive tech student. In 2005 I joined the US Army (much to the surprise of my soon to be lovely wife Brittney) She and I married during my leave from Basic training over Christmas time that year. My first duty station was Ft Bragg NC and I was ultimately placed as the only mechanic for a Preventive Medicine Detachment, the mighty 155. I deployed with this Detachment to Balad Air Base in Iraq, serving a 16-month consecutive deployment as an Operations NCOIC coordinating troop movements and flights for our 13 personnel detachment. During this deployment my wife and I were blessed with our oldest daughter, Addison who this year is a senior at IKE. Returning from my deployment I ETSd from Bragg but joined the Army Reserves in Portage MI 415 Civil Affairs Battalion as a mechanic NCO. I also took a job with American Axle and Manufacturing in Rochester Hills MI as a Noise, Vibration, and Harshness Sr Tech and have been with them for 15 years and counting. Shortly after joining up with AAM and making the move to Shelby Twp my wife and I were blessed with our second, a son James who also attends IKE (Mallow)

I have accepted the Commanders request to take on the responsibilities of the Membership Chairman, and I look forward to the challenges and task that come with it. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone I have met so far and look forward to meeting more of you in the future yet to come.



"This will defend"

Christopher D. Taylor

2025 Peach Parade in Romeo was always a fun event!

L to R : Allen Pocock, Sylvia Pocock, Jan Barkowski, Bob Bartkowski, Chrissy Kempa, Vicky Kogelman, Larry Kogelman



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Charles Covey
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Welcome to our New Members
Carmelo Baffo / Air Force
Bodo Reinholz / Army



Post Commander Huge, Post President Sylvia Pocock, Andrea Mason-Williams (GSM), Christopher Ballor (GSF), Carol Johnson (GSM), District 5 President Sandra Kleven, District 5 Commander Dane Bezemek at the Gold Star Mother's Event on September 5 at VFW Village-Stinson Post 9021 in Warren.



Rita Bonanni, Diane Huge, Hawkeye the Scarecrow, Betty Fleming, Sylvia Pocock at the Shelby Township 2025 Spooktacular



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Honor Guard / Flag Folding Ceremony / Flag Retirement with Shelby Twp. Lions Club on September 13th



POW / MIA Ceremony at Post 4659 Memorial
September 19

Keynote Speaker was Marty Eddy of the Michigan National League of POW/MIA Families

Jo Harder, Betty Fleming, Dept of Michigan
President Debbie Scheetz, VFW Auxiliary
National President Lois Callahan, Post 4659
President Sylvia Pocock, Denise Frey, Diane
Huge

At the Lt Wood-Cpl Reid Post 6691 in Fraser
September 18



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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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