



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5

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The holidays are coming and so is the cold. So, as we say goodbye to summer, we look forward to autumn and winter. If you are not a "snow bird", then you will be here in the great Michigan outdoors (and warm indoors).

We had a busy September & October. We have almost completed the major renovations in our Clubroom and Hall. The comments have all been very positive from members, auxiliary and our guests. We are heading in the right direction and upgrading the facility to the 21st century. Hopefully, this help will attract the younger (post 9/11) military generation to join us.

During the past two months, we have been very busy. Our Honor Guard, Post and Auxiliary members led the Romeo Peach Parade over Labor Day weekend. We held our 1st MIA/POW Ceremony & Steak dinner for our friends in the surrounding area. Great food and a good turnout! Thank you to all who contributed to the evening.

We attended the VFW Michigan Fall Conference in Flint for training & new ideas and we came back charged and ready to assist our members with veteran benefit programs and provide community service in our area.

We held two fantastic Friday Fish Fry's, a Steak-Out for the public and a great Mexican Fiesta buffet for our members and guests. Our Post had 12 representatives at the District 5 Gold Star Mother's Banquet hosted at the VFW Fraser Post.

I am declaring November & December as Membership Growth months for our Post. We cannot do it alone - We need each one of you to help us keep this Post viable and strong. Make your goal to recruit just one new member into our Post and Auxiliary. When you see someone wearing military accessories - ask Him or Her if they belong to a VFW Post. Just start the conversation.
(See our Veterans Day Weekend article)

We have two more public Fish Fry's, a busy Clubroom with games and the Detroit Lions on TV, Turkey dinner, and the always popular Children's Christmas Party and don't forget our crazy New Years Eve party.

Thank you to all who assist the Post in so many ways. Let's continue the friendships and camaraderie we all enjoy!

Art Huge
Commander

Membership Drive Events

Veterans Day Weekend - November 11th & 12th *Bring your Friends and Neighbors*

Our Post 4659 will be very busy honoring Veterans throughout the area. Korea, Vietnam, Global War on Terrorism, Afghanistan, Iraq – whether Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard we plan to honor our military forces that risked their lives in conflicts across the world.

Our Honor Guard begins on Friday, November 10th at the Washington Twp. Veterans Memorial and it continues on Saturday, Veterans Day honoring those at a Senior Citizen Nursing Home. Coming back to our Post for our own Veterans Day celebration (at our Post Memorial) followed by a luncheon in our Hall provided by our Auxiliary. The Honor Guard continues to Prestonville Cemetery to conclude their day. All are invited with your families to enjoy the ceremony and luncheon.

On Sunday, we are hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on our property featuring our local Knights of Columbus Color Corps, our Honor Guard, including a flag folding ceremony. A free luncheon for all attendees in the audience. The ceremony begins at 2pm on Sunday the 12th and will require many of you to volunteer to make this a success.

THIS IS A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVENT!

Volunteers needed both inside the Post and outside the Post.
We need Set-Up and Tear Down volunteers on Saturday and Sunday.
We need cooks and volunteers in the Clubroom, Kitchen, and Hall.
We need servers and clean-up volunteers.

More information to follow at our Post Membership meeting on November 8th. Please be present to assist your Post.
Just a few volunteer hours can make this a success!

ALL HANDS ON DECK !

Youth Activities - Scouting

"On Sunday, October 15th Life Scout, *Alexander Wainz* lead a dozen of his Troop 208 members to plant 2 new Japanese Maple trees and clean up the area around our Memorial.

Alex also recently built the two picnic tables by our Canteen entrance.

He is on his way to Eagle Scout status."





Greetings to all Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary has been busy the past couple of months as we leave summer going into fall and winter.

We've attended the Fall Conference and attended all the meetings. It is a pleasure to meet and enjoy conversation with members from across the state.

The beginning of Oct, six of us attended the Gold Star Banquet at the Fraser Post.

This is a dinner to honor our Gold Star Mother's whose primary task is to attend to the veterans in the hospital.

At our October meeting we had the pleasure of hosting our District 5 President, Kathy Hubbard in attendance for our Official visit. We had a good report from Kathy. So I thank all of you that attended. Are you looking for a way to get the word out about VFW and VFW Auxiliary scholarships and contests for kids from kindergarten through high school? Use our joint press release, available behind MALTA member login under Member Resources in the National Auxiliary website (VFWAUX.org).

Don't forget our Euchre Play every third Saturday and SMTM every second and fourth Sunday. Loyalloy,
Rosemary Diccio

SAVE THE DATE:

Santa Claus is Coming to Town:

Santa's Coming to the Post

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023

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 24, 2023. Please check your children's schedule for they need to be present to receive their gift from Santa.

Youth Activities Chairman
Denise Frey



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TO ASK US QUESTIONS ABOUT:
VETERANS BENEFITS & VFW ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIP

Canteen - Clubroom Notes

Hello again Everyone!

Time is flying by; we're planning our winter activities. I have some exciting news! Our Commander, Art Huge, came across **Stars and Stripes Entertainment**.



Carol Dalpe and I, along with Aux Members Joan Carpenter and Carol Mielke went to see what they're all about. We loved them! We think you will, too. Brandon and Linda Waynick are DJ's and KARAOKE hosts.

They're very nice, engaging people that make you feel like you've been friends for years. We're looking forward to having a lot of fun with them, starting on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**! They'll be here with us from 6:00 till 10:00 p.m. Bring your singing voices, your dancing shoes, and plan on having a great time! Some snacks will be provided.

This season of bowling is almost over. As always, it was a lot of fun with some close competition. **Show Me The Money will be on Sunday the 26th of November and starts @ 2:00.** *Good luck and have fun to all who participate and remember SMTM is a fun Potluck event!*

Our annual Clubroom Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Friday, November 17th @ 4:00 p.m. The Clubroom will, once again, provide the Turkeys. There will be a signup sheet in the Clubroom for all the wonderfully delicious side dishes that everyone so generously provides! Looking forward to this one, it's always such a great time with a great meal. Camaraderie at its finest.

We will be partnering with Samaritan House with The Sharing Tree. Diane Smiles will be dropping our tags off soon. *If you're not familiar with this, it's about providing Christmas gifts for the underprivileged.* The tags have Gender, Age, & a few wants/needs listed on them. You'd choose a tag or 2 to fulfill. Purchase, wrap and attach said Tag. Bring them to the Clubroom and Diane will pick them up before Christmas. If you'd like to participate but don't have the time, I will shop and/or wrap for you! Thank you to those that are interested and those that have participated in the past.

Gives us that warm and fuzzy feeling to know they're getting gifts on Christmas!
Our Clubroom Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 17th. Details will be posted in the Clubroom soon.

Kathie Holloway
Clubroom Manager and Gift Wrapper



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COMMANDER NOTES:
Post 4659 was awarded "All State Post" for 2022-2023,
Congratulations to
Commander Ken Klee &
Quartermaster Jay Benner who
both received their White Caps

Post Member Mick Kolinski Bio

Greetings Comrades,

I joined the Army as a plan to pay for my college education through the ROTC program at Michigan Tech University. There I received my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Branch of the US Army. Although my initial plan of spending a few years in the National Guard and teaching was slightly adjusted, I enjoyed the 20 years of military service I was able to give to my country. During that time, I served in three separate areas making me eligible for the VFW: Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Upon retirement, I took the long journey back to my roots and returned to Michigan to become a high school math teacher and to be closer to my son and immediate family.

I joined VFW Post 4659 to share camaraderie with other military veterans (especially my father) and to give back to the veteran community in Metro Detroit. I consider myself fortunate to be a part of an active Post who continually ranks among the tops in the state regarding service to its veteran community.

Mick Kolinski
Post Trustee



Life Membership Information

VFW MEMBER SERVICES (CURRENT MEMBERS ONLY)

Monday - Friday 8:15 am until 5 pm.

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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 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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Hall Project Update

How about some Icing on the Cake?

We have finished the ceramic tile project, so what's next? How about some new carpet in the canteen and the hall. That carpet is old, worn, stained so let us up-grade to the new color. Yes, we are moving soon to do that. We asked if the post could help.



"Bingo" The Auxiliary donated \$1,000 to the cause at our last Post meeting. Others have given donations to the carpet project. We are on a roll to install new carpet in both the canteen and the hall. You will see it within the month of Nov. We still need donations to bring down the cost. Will you help us with the improvements?



We have received good comments from the post members and our hall renters on what the Post has been doing with some upgrades. The VFW post really THANKS those who have been involved in making this all happen.

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NO MEMBERS REPORTED



Members Service Bio's

Laura Rios will be featured in the next issue This will give Members a chance to know you better, where you were stationed, what you did and your tours away from home. If I can be of any help please contact me.

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Welcome our Newest members

Karen Franklin - Army
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