



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5
September - October 2022



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

Comrades

Now that summer is winding down, I hope everyone had a enjoyable summer vacation and safe travels. Our membership year in the VFW administration year is now in full swing. I ask each of you to try to recruit at least one new member to our Post. If you need any assistance feel free try contact any of the Post officers, they will be glad to assist you. As of this writing we have 6 new members come into the

Post and 5 members who transferred to Post 4659 from members at large and other Post. This is a good start be we must continue this throughout the year.

The Post and Auxiliary have events planned, steak outs, spaghetti dinner, and euchre tournaments in the Post club room. We should all try to support these functions; it all helps strengthen our organization. If you have not been in the club room lately stop by and enjoy the friendship of our Post and Auxiliary members, the club also has a light lunch menu.

The Post and Auxiliary conduct a bingo every Tuesday and every Thursday in out post hall. I would like to thank all the Post and Auxiliary members who work it every week. Come out and support our organizations.

I would also like to thank the following members for volunteering to work the June and August charity poker events at One Eyed Jacks in Shelby Twp. Art Huge, Carol Dalpe, Ron Dorosz, Bob Bartkowski, Jimmy Poe, George Ortwein, Mick Kolinski, Lisa love, Tom Smith, Bill Tudrick, John Disalvo, Mike Giffer, and Randy Pierson. These poker events raise a large amount of money for our post, Thanks again Comrades.

Commander Ken Klee, Sr.Vice Cmdr. Art Huge, Auxiliary President Rosemary Diccio and Auxiliary Treasurer Denise Frey at the Independence Day bell ringing July 4th. at VFW post 7573 New Baltimore.

Yours in comradeship
Kenneth Klee
Post 4659 Commander
586-260-4200



Post Maintenance



HELLO! Did you think about Maintenance at the Post? Let me tell you there is a lot to do year-round.

We use Monday, which is slow day and close the club to get some work done inside and around the Post. We look for volunteers that can help. Let me run this by you. General clean-up, clean filters, bathrooms, floors, walls, lighting, kitchen cleanup, outside grounds, and anything that needs attention. We schedule carpet cleaning, clean pop and beer lines, paint tables outside, paint rear fence, power wash building, are just somethings that need to be done from time to time. But it's hard when it's a one-man job. Various contractors scheduled to pay attention to service we can't handle. I get some support with community service personnel. They have worked on projects on the outside and around the monument area. But if you have the talent and time, give us a call. We may use you and can use your help.

A review of the big project of the roof, gutters, and new roof vents. We finished the loan from the bank. Our Grants, the profits from the club and hall accounts allowed us to pay back after 1 year the \$14,000 loan. Our Hall rentals have improved with support of the Hall Manager and the club has been open for the membership to come in, relax and enjoy the Post.

As cost go's up, we need to be creative, on how we approach our decisions. We are looking at replacing the ceiling tiles in the canteen next year. This will be a big project for we want to change to better lighting and anything that needs improvements to the club. Got any ideas let us know what you think. Bring it to our meetings. Remember we have Keno, Pull Tabs, pool table, Wii Bowling, card games, TV events and just you being there to have a great time. Our hours have changed to open at 1 PM but I don't see you coming around yet to hang out.

The Shelby Township Lions Club rents our hall twice a month for their meetings on Thursday night to support the Post. **MISSION STATEMENT:** TO EMPOWER volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. Great group and they are also involved with their community service with kids with eye glasses and hearing problems.

Mike Perusich
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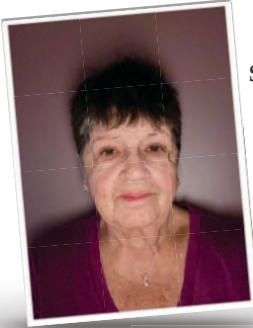
Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver: On April 25, 2022, the Department of Education (ED) began allowing student loan borrowers seeking financial relief through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program to submit a DD-214 to certify periods of eligible employment. Many individuals with outstanding federal student loans may be eligible for PSLF, including eligibility from time served on active duty. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ED is offering a limited-time waiver to allow borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment on loans that would otherwise not qualify. Individuals must have been working full time for a qualifying employer. **This waiver is available through October 31, 2022.**



Post & Auxiliary Members
Gary, Ken, Mike & Keith
Supporting The Macomb
County Ritual Team with a
Round of Golf

Greetings All:

I am getting more comfortable with being President as time goes by. We have been sharing Euchre and Show Me The Money with the Post and helping raise money for our Veteran Programs. I would like to thank all our Auxiliary members for encouraging and helping. We are acquiring a few new members and some returning ones and I'd also like to thank the Auxiliary members who've stepped up and excepted offices and/or chairmanships. Bryan Parr is our new Guard and Jo Harder is our new Chaplain.



September 17 and November 19 will be our next Euchre Tournament. The proceeds for September will be for the Oscar Mike Foundation. They help injured Veterans transition into playing their sports with their injuries. November proceeds will be for three of our Scholarship programs (Patriotic Art Escrow, Camp Trotter and National Home).

Drop by the clubroom for notices on monthly Show Me The Money (generally the last Sunday of the month) and Euchre Play (generally the second Saturday of the month).

By the time you read this we'll have been to our District meeting which is a School of Instruction and joined the Romeo VFW Auxiliary for the Peach Parade on Labor day handing out flags to the kids. We also attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony at St. Therese Liseaux with our Color Guard.

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

Loyally
Rosemary Dicicco, President



Kids Christmas Party

As the children are returning to school, I'm gearing up for the Children's Christmas Party. The party is **Saturday, December 10, 2022**. You can start signing up your children November 1, 2022. The deadline is November 25, 2022. Don't forget to check to see that your child is available for that day. They must be present to see Santa and receive a gift.

Denise Frey, Youth Activities Chairman
586-569-6336

Welcome to our New Members:

Aimee Maresh, joining under her husband, Stacey, a new Post member and Carol Mielke, a Life Member transfer from Romeo.

Denise Frey, Membership Chairman

Steak-Out

VFW POST 4659
 8311 WILSON DR. SHELBY TWP.

STEAK OUT

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER
4PM - 7PM



Menu Includes:
 Steak
 Baked Potato
 Salad
 Dinner Roll **\$15**

**Your Steak Out Tickets Must Be Purchased
 No Later Than 29 September
 50/50 Drawing
 Public Is Welcome**

Membership Participation



This has been an exciting summer for our Post. Our Post has been able to participate in VFW District celebrations during the 4th of July weekend, a great turnout at Jimmy John's Baseball Field, and a visit to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids MI.

Our Clubroom has opened with new hours and more members taking advantage of the new menu, daily specials, and great beverage prices. Of course, the camaraderie among the members, auxiliary and guests is the best part of all.

Coming up during the rest of the summer are festivals, picnics, and our own "Steak-Out" fund raiser. Please consider volunteering to assist the committee or just participate in the events. You will hear more about these events at the Membership meetings. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month starting at 7:00)

Have you checked out the improved road and our parking lot? Recently our parking lot has been resealed thanks to Mike Perusich working with Joyce & Bob at Total Asphalt. We want to thank Total Asphalt Paving who hit a home run giving the VFW Post free service to support the Veterans. Lazerlines also helped us by doing all the striping to the parking lot. They did a great job. If you need any support for your business or home asphalt road or driveway please call them at 248 260-8550.



Membership participation equates to the success of our organization. We are continuing to recruit new members and offer them an opportunity to get involved in our planned activities and encourage their new ideas for future events. Don't hesitate to suggest your ideas for fund raisers, Post group events or any thoughts about ways to improve your Post.

Membership growth is all our responsibility.

More improvements are coming to spruce up the Clubroom and the Hall. We are trying to make your experience at the Club an enjoyable and memorable one.

Art Huge

Sr Vice Commander

810-499-2448



VFW Unmet Needs

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**

Canteen-Clubroom Notes



Comrades, Members and Friends

On behalf of your club room staff, the Canteen committee and myself we would like to say Thank You for your support and continued patronage. With the abundance of out of doors weather summer months are typically lean when it comes to valued members visiting our club room on a regular basis. You all have done a wonderful job keeping our club room going making our continued hours of operation all the worthwhile. Keep it up.

If you haven't noticed the club room menu has been slimmed down and stream lined. We kept the most popular of our 'Good Eats' while eliminating some of the less popular items keeping cost down preventing price increases for the time being. Coney Dog Tuesday and TACO Thursday's will continue through September while we continue to discuss food specials that will go well with our future seasonal changes.

September 11 will always be a hallowed day of remembrance. This year 9-11 will not only be formally recognized as 'Patriots Day' but for all of us Honolulu Blue and Silver fans, it will also be the Lion's season opener and first home game against the Philthy-delphia Eagles. Kick off and drink specials for all those sporting our Lions' colors begin at 1pm.

A big Thank You to our post Auxiliary and all of you who continue to support their Auxiliary Saturday Euchre play. The next scheduled Euchre play is scheduled for Saturday September the 17th. Play begins at 2pm. Do not be bashful, bring your favorite Pot Luck dish to pass while you play.

Once again, your continued support means everything. You are what keeps us going and provide the means for our post to continue to assist veterans, their families and our community.

Randall Pierson

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



Community Service

On Sunday August 14th 2022 **Past Post Commander Mike Perusich** led our Post Honor Guard at the **White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery** in The Gold Star Mothers "Victory in Japan Day Service"

Along with **Carol Johnson** (Past President of Gold Star Mothers of Michigan) our Honor Guard placed all of the Service Wreaths at the World War II Four Freedoms Memorial.



Post 7573 Helped with the Rifle Salute and playing of Taps. Mike and Jay did the Flag Folding Ceremony While **Ritual Director Norman Mauldin** read

aloud the 13 Folds of the U. S. Flag. Afterword the Flag was presented to the Gold Star Mothers of Michigan



VFW POST IS hosting a Town Hall Meeting

All-American Post 4659 is hosting a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the law changes signed by the President on Aug 10th 2022. The PACT Act covers changes in eligibility to VA Healthcare, adds two new conditions to Agent Orange presumptives, adds new locations to the presumptive list for Agent Orange exposure, adds new conditions to exposures to burn pits, and presumptives to Gulf War Veterans.

The Town hall will be on October 5th 2022 from 6pm to 7:30.

All veterans and widows of veterans should attend to hear more about the law changes.

Laura Rios, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chief Veteran Services Officer
Macomb County Veteran Services
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PH: **586-469-6507**
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Need help with local resources and or services? Please fill out a needs assessment survey at: <https://hcs.macombgov.org/HCS-PortalOfServiceSurvey> The local agency will contact you. You may also visit micommonwealth.com for events in the area and the Right Connection connection.misd.net for additional info.

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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.

Life Membership Information

VFW MEMBER SERVICES (CURRENT MEMBERS ONLY)

Monday - Friday 8:15 am until 5 pm.

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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