



# Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5  
Sept. - Oct. 2021



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**Greetings everyone!**

As summer draws to an end, we welcome the fall and the activities that come with it. In this news letter we are including the next two months of the Clubroom calendar. The Canteen manager and committee are looking at some events and planning them to peak the interest of our membership and auxiliary and to encourage them to more actively come out and enjoy the Clubroom/Post.

There has been some changes to the Post /Clubroom area this summer. We reopened the door to the hall and that should allow us easier access to the hall and additional room if needed in the Clubroom also we no longer will cut thru the kitchen any more. With football starting up we will be opening the Clubroom on Sunday and we encourage our members to come on down and enjoy some fun times while enjoying a game or two.

Over the past year and a half, we have constantly made changes to keep up with the demands of the state. If any member has questions about the rules or operation of the Post/Clubroom please direct them to me or an officer of the Post, not to the employees of the Clubroom. If you would like to see things change come to our meetings and voice your opinion and let's make changes together instead of sitting and complaining be part of the solution and improvements of the Post and its operations. We need volunteers for our many functions and committees of the Post, if you have some extra time, I would like to invite you to come help us with any of our activities that we put on or participate in.

I hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend and a safe one. Keep an eye on the newsletter and calendar for upcoming events and come participate. In order for us to do these things we need our members to use the Clubroom and support the Post or else we cannot continue to offer these things. Let your friends and neighbors know about our bingo & dinners and invite them to join us, your support is essential in the operation and well being of the Post and is much appreciated.

God Bless  
**Joe Wrobel**  
Commander



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# Membership

## A VFW Message to Veterans in the Wake of Recent Events in Afghanistan

*The following is a message from VFW National Commander Fritz Mihelcic*



With the recent turn of events in Afghanistan, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) wants the veterans of the war in Afghanistan to know we stand with you. Scores of VFW members know the anger, frustration, and sadness you are experiencing after hearing the troubling reports and seeing the disturbing images coming from lands where we sacrificed so much. From the fall of Saigon in Vietnam, to the withdraw from Somalia after the battle of Mogadishu, to the ISIS take-over of Fallujah, Ramadi, Mosul, and Tikrit, far too many of us have experienced the heavy burden of loss, disappointment, and helplessness our newest generations of veterans may be feeling watching the Taliban return to power.

However, while there is bitter sentiment over this withdrawal, we encourage you to hold your head high. Because of your vigilance, hard work, and selfless sacrifice, you dealt a tremendous blow to Al-Qaeda, taking out its leader Osama Bin Laden, and disrupting its ability to plan and execute another major attack on American soil since September 11, 2001. You who served in Afghanistan with honor, valor, and distinction, our nation owes you a tremendous debt of gratitude for the past twenty years of relative safety and security. Your service was not in vain.

While we continue to watch events unfold in Afghanistan, we remind our brothers and sisters that we are beside you, arm-in-arm, ready to support you. You are not alone. Please know that through the Department of Veterans Affairs, the VFW, and other non-profit organizations, there are people you or a battle buddy can talk to and resources available to help cope with the stress of the situation.

Veterans may question the meaning of their service or whether it was worth the sacrifices they made. They may feel more moral distress about experiences they had during their service. It's normal to feel this way. Talk with your friends and families, reach out to battle buddies, connect with a peer-to-peer network, or sign up for mental health services. At this moment, it may seem like all is lost, like your service or your sacrifices were for nothing. Consider the ways that your service made a difference, the impact it had on others' lives or on your own life. Remember that now is just one moment in time and that things will continue to change.

It can be helpful to focus on the present and to engage in the activities that are most meaningful and valuable to you. Is there something you can do today that is important to you? This can be as an individual, a family member, a parent, or a community member. Something that is meaningful to you in regard to your work or your spirituality? Such activities won't change the past or the things you can't control, but they can help life feel meaningful and reduce distress, despite the things you cannot change.

It can also help to consider your thinking. Ask yourself if your thoughts are helpful to you right now. Are there ways you can change your thinking to be more accurate and less distressing? For example, are you using extreme thinking where you see the situation as all bad or all good? If so, try and think in less extreme terms. For example, rather than thinking "my service in Afghanistan was useless" consider instead "I helped keep Afghanistan safe."

**Veterans in crisis can contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1.**

**Or text 838255.....You are not alone.**

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# VFW AUXILIARY

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I am happy to report that Commander Joe conducted a planning meeting to decide when and what type of functions the Post would be having in the remainder of the year. He asked that I be there as President, Denise as Auxiliary Secretary, and Kim Collins as Mentoring Committee Member. It was a very productive meeting with individual and shared events scheduled. Thank you Joe for your consideration. Since the Post will remain closed on Monday, it was suggested that we move our meetings to the second Thursday. We will be deciding this at our September meeting on the 13th. Please be there to voice your opinion. We are still drawing names of those present for \$100.00 just for attending the meeting Senior Vice President Rose Dicicco has won twice. She needs more competition! See you at the meeting!

Thank you for all you do to Support our Post and Auxiliary!

**Gloria Dobbie**

Auxiliary 4659 President

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### Membership:

Please note that the Auxiliary passed a motion on the floor at a recent meeting to continue the \$50.00 discount on all new Life Membership applications. I challenge an existing Auxiliary member to bring in a new member this year. That being said, I welcome Sharon Trigilio as our first new member of the year.

We are now collecting dues for our annual members \$25.00. You can either drop them off to the Post clubroom for me or mail them to me. Watch for your dues notice in the mail.

**Denise Frey**

**Membership Chairman**

586-569-6336

### SAVE THE DATE:

The date for the Children's Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec 5, 2021. Additional info will come out in the Nov/Dec newsletter and you can start submitting names the first week of November.

Deadline for names will be November 18, 2021.

**Denise Frey**

**Youth Activities Chairman.**

### Bingo:

Both myself and Randy wish to thank our Auxiliary workers (Cris, Megan, Kathy, Rosemary, Chrissy, Robin) who are here every Tuesday and Thursday working the Post and the Aux Bingos.

We'd also like to thank Doug Y, Art H and George O) from the Post membership roles and are assisting us on both Tuesday and Thursday and learning the ropes.

**Denise Frey - Auxiliary Bingo Chairman.**

**Randy Pierson - Post Bingo Chairman**

### Chaplain:

It is with heavy heart that we sending our deepest sympathy to the families of Auxiliary members

**Joanne Giroux and F. Rita Alesi**

who went to their heavenly home recently along with those Auxiliary members who've lost those close to them.

**Mary Ashbrook Chaplain**

## Hospital - Community Service



**WASHINGTON** — The Department of Veterans Affairs will begin processing disability claims Aug. 2 for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis based on presumed particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas — if these conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service.

VA conducted the first iteration of a newly formed internal VA process to review scientific evidence to support rule-making, resulting in the recommendation to consider creation of new presumptions of service connection for respiratory conditions based on VA's evaluation of a National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine report and other evidence.

The process concluded that particulate matter pollution is associated with chronic asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis for Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations beginning Aug. 2, 1990 to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001 to the present. VA's review also concluded that there was sufficient evidence to presume that these Veterans have been exposed to particulate matter.

The Southwest Asia theater of operations refers to Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and the airspace above these locations.

### Ken Klee

Community Service

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**100% connected:** All buildings are connected via heated and air-conditioned corridors, allowing members to move through the neighborhood buildings and community center while staying indoors.

**Compassionate care:** Every day, our extensive, professional staff will focus on long-term and short-term care, rehab and therapy [CK1] , dementia and memory care and palliative care. An in-house pharmacy, pastoral care and specialty clinics (such as dental and vision care) will also be available

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### Ken Klee

Hospital Chairman

### Macomb County Veterans Services is here to Serve!

The process of finding, applying for, receiving and maintaining veteran benefits can be confusing and frustrating. Our goal is to provide outstanding service to the veterans and their families who reside in Macomb County by maximizing the receipt of veteran benefits and eliminating or reducing the frustration and confusion that go along with the process. The mission of our professional staff is to provide accurate, efficient and timely services to ensure delivery of benefits.

**Veteran Services helps veterans get the benefits they deserve including but not limited to:**

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Non Service Connected Pension    Medals Requests    Burial in National Cemetery    Education Benefits**

**Emergency Need requests such as help with rent, utilities, car repairs etc**

**To better assist you please call 586-469-5315.**



## Scholarships

The deadline for entries for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year is October 31<sup>st</sup>. I'm looking forward to working with Post Member Lisa Love to promote the Program.

Patriot Pen is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th graders in the state of Michigan. The students need to write a 300-400 word essay on "How Can I Be A Good American" on a single sheet of paper, with no added color or art.

Voice of Democracy is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th graders in the state of Michigan. Students need to record a 3-5 minutes speech on the topic "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" and submit it on a full sized thumb drive.

Teacher of the Year is open to anyone who wishes to nominate an amazing teacher. Submissions need to be in 350 words or less.

**For full instructions and entry forms, visit [vfw.org/YouthScholarships](http://vfw.org/YouthScholarships)**

### **Lisa Love**

Post 4659 Scholarships Chairman

The next VFW Auxiliary opportunity for a Scholarship is the Continuing Education Scholarship. Members, please keep in mind, if you have a son or daughter who graduating, they may be eligible for this Scholarship. If you or your spouse are considering classes to further your education, you may want to apply. The deadline to be received at the National VFW Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City Mo. Is February 15, 2021. Please contact me for additional information.

Thank you for Promoting our Scholarship Program!

### **Gloria Dobbie**

Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman

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## Canteen-Clubroom

### **Hello Everyone!**

Welcome back to "Normal"! We will begin opening at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The LIONS 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season is that day, come watch the game with our newest Bartender, Steve, as your host.

I've gotten a lot of questions about Fall Bowling League and Show Me the Money. Bowling starts on September 21<sup>st</sup>, SMTM will begin October 17<sup>th</sup>, as seen in the monthly calendars below. Many thanks to Randy Pierson for designing them with such beautiful graphics!

A couple things that aren't on the calendar, (due to not having exact dates in place yet) are KARAOKE and a KENO fun day! Both will be posted in the Clubroom, on our website, and on Facebook as soon as we have the facts **Volunteers are needed for upcoming events!** For the spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and the Rib dinner on Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> we will need help with carry out orders, serving, and most of all, clean up. The Rummage/Mom-2-Mom/Bake Sale on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> needs a planning committee ASAP. And, of course, delicious donated baked goods for the bake sale. There will be sign-up sheets in the Clubroom. Thank you for your anticipated participation in making our VFW Post 4659 a fun and active place!

### **Kathie Holloway**

Clubroom Manager

586-322-5404



**DECEASED MEMBERS**

**Robert Gwisdalla  
Edwin Griswald**



**Welcome our Newest Members**

**George Ortwein  
Bernard Tratt  
Ryan Howell**

**Transfer Members**

**John Anguish  
Mike Bankhead  
Larry Deel**

**Life Membership Information**

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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
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Comrades, each month The VFW mandates that every VFW Post report their volunteer work to the State. As the new Chairman I am asking each member of the post to report what they do, date of project, number of members participating, number of hours, and miles driven. This can involve youth activities, scouts, little league, volunteering in schools and churches, visiting veterans in hospitals, driving veterans to doctors appointments and any patriotic events you participate in. Do you fly the American flag or POW-MIA flag 24-7?

This is all reportable. If you have any questions, please contact me kennethjkle51@gmail.com. Or **586-260-4200**.

Thank You  
**Kenneth Klee**  
Chairman



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**Bingo Starts At 10:30 am**



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