



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5

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Comrades – Another busy two months!

In addition to our Honor Guard giving military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery and Veteran funerals every month, they took the time to host our Cub Scout Pack and educate them about our American Flag. The scouts most enjoyed the explanation and folding of the flag and each fold's meaning. Our H.G. also played a major role in the Gold Star Mother's Day ceremony at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

We visited our National Home two times. We were present for the 100th Anniversary celebration and again for Michigan Day at the homes. We were well represented at both events, but there is always room for you next year to join us.

We supported our fellow veterans at a celebrity golf program that allowed us to share our military experiences with them and just bring a sense of comradeship to the day. Our Blood Drive was also a success. Our Post baseball outing at Jimmy John's field and the clothing drive for the Vets Returning Home were another of our accomplishments.

September and October will bring us another Steak dinner for the public, which we are coordinating with our POW/MIA Celebration in September. And our Fish Fry dinners begin again on the 1st Friday of every month.

We will be participating in the Romeo Peach Parade on Labor Day – so either join us in the parade or we'll see you on the sidelines.

Our 80th Anniversary Committee is working hard to celebrate the occasion being held on November 8th at our Post. Our Michigan Department Commander, Reinhold Yahnka will be our guest speaker, and a dinner will be served after the ceremony. Tickets will be available soon.

If you haven't been to a Post meeting (2nd & 4th Wednesdays) in a while, please stop by to catch up with our upcoming activities. You may hear something you want to participate in. Or just stop by the Canteen for a refreshment and some conversation. Thanks !

Yours in comradeship,
Art Huge, Commander



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Happy Fall Y'All,

Here's looking back at some of the VFW events held around town this summer. We started off the summer with a Flag Retirement Ceremony at St. John's Vianney on Flag Day. The ceremony includes our Color Guard along with their Knights of Columbus and a Scout troop. On July 4th, our Post & Auxiliary was proudly represented by our members at the Bell Ringing Ceremony graciously hosted by New Baltimore Post 7573. Their members always do a fine job organizing this event.

Then August 10th, the Gold Star Mothers held a ceremony at White Chapel Cemetery which featured some outstanding speakers who spoke of the one hundred plus years our military has served to protect us at home. It is so humbling to be reminded of the hundreds of thousands of lives that have been lost in all the past wars. We need to remind our youth that the freedoms we enjoy came at a serious price and should not be taken for granted.

We have sworn in several new members this summer, which is great, and I thank the members who mentored them. Recruitment is very important to keep us vibrant. You can do that so easily by keeping an application in your purse or car, talk to your neighbors, relatives, friends, or co-workers about the various things we do. Better yet, invite them to one of our fun events and they will ask you how they can join us. We have applications available at every meeting and in the clubroom, so be sure to pick one up. See you at the next meeting held the second Thursday of the month at 7PM.

Sylvia Pocock, Auxiliary President

Membership:

We've added many new and transferred members to our ranks the past few months. Some you may know already or not. Make them feel welcomed when you meet them or see them in the clubroom or at our functions. Welcome Aboard: C. Kempa, E. Maringo, S. Campobasso, A. Schmark, R. Roguz, K. Beck, J. Lerczak, T. Stark-Kennedy, P. Vanderbeke-Horvath. Our newest are D. Martinez, M. Richards, B. Fleming, J. & T. Kennedy. Glad to have you all joining our ranks!

If you have any questions on eligibility, feel free to call me.

Denise Frey, Membership Chairman
586-569-6336

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
CHILDREN & GRAND-CHILDREN OF POST AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS
NOON - 3 PM AGES 0 - 10

More info to follow in the November/December newsletter.

Denise Frey, Youth Activity Chairman



Clubroom / Canteen Notes



Hi, everyone!

There are some things coming up that I want to make sure everyone is aware of. We don't want anyone to miss the fun stuff!

Friday, September 5th we resume our first Friday of the month Fish Dinners, 4:00-7:00pm!

Saturday, September 27th, 10:00am-2:00pm is our parking lot yard sale.

\$10 per parking space, provide your own tables, etc. Open to the public.

Clubroom will be open for food/beverages. Call Kathie @ (586)322-5404 to register.

Sunday, September 14th SHOW ME THE MONEY returns! Play starts @ 2:00.

Friday, September 19th is our Steak Dinner, 5:00-7:00pm KARAOKE starts @ 7:30!

Saturday, September 27th is Game Night. Bring a dish, 5:30- ish, we usually eat and then we play!

Sunday, September 28th is SHOW ME THE MONEY

Friday, October 3rd is Fish Dinner night, 4:00 – 7:00pm

Sunday, October 12th, SHOW ME THE MONEY @ 2:00pm

Friday, October 17th, Potluck Dinner 5:00 – 7:00pm followed by KARAOKE @ 7:30pm

Sunday, October 26th, SHOW ME THE MONEY @ 2:00pm.

Friday, October 31st, Halloween Party & Chili Cook off (Details coming soon)

So, you see, there's fun to be had in the next couple months. Information is always posted in the Clubroom.

Kathie Holloway, Clubroom Manager



I also want to mention the beautiful memorial that was held in the Hall for Auxiliary member, Bryan Parr.

Love and hugs to his parents, family, and Megan.

We miss you, Bryan!



VFW Post 4659 80th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday November 8, 2025, Old Settlers Post 4659 will be celebrating 80 years of supporting our Veterans and our Community. We are planning a dinner and program to celebrate this great moment. We have invited VFW and Auxiliary guests from the department and district to help honor this special moment. We also have invited all past VFW commanders and past auxiliary presidents to this event.

The doors will open at 5:00 pm on November 8, 2025, with dinner and a program to follow. Hope to see you there, the 80th anniversary committee has been working on this since January.

The tickets are \$25.00 per person. They can be purchased in the Post Club Room. If you cannot make it to the Club Room, mail checks payable to VFW Post 4659 to...

Kenneth Klee 8311 Wilson Dr. Shelby Twp. MI. 48316. Your tickets will be held at the door

Your attendance will help it be a great success. Any questions please contact me.

Tickets must be paid for by October 30, 2025.

Kenneth Klee, Chairman

586-260-4200 or kennethjkle51@gmail.com

Attention Post Members

Join the list of supporters for our 80th Anniversary celebration on November 8th. You and a guest can list your name on the Patron page that will be printed in our anniversary program for a donation of just \$5.00. See the bartenders soon to pay and get your name added.

See you there!

Allen Pocock, Buddy Poppy Chairman



Our Honor Guard participated in the National Purple Heart Day Ceremony in Washington Twp.

Youth Scholarship Programs

The VFW's Voice of Democracy (an audio/essay contest for students grades 9-12) and Patriot's Pen (an essay contest for students in grades 6-8) is happening! This is a great opportunity to possibly win cash, scholarships and incentives! The theme 2025-2026 for both is "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country?"

For complete rules and an entry form, contact me at lisalove.4659@gmail.com

Lisa Love, Scholarship Chairman

First Friday of the Month 4pm-7pm

Open to the Public

\$12

2 pcs of fish or 6pc of shrimp

Fries or mac & cheese

Cole Slaw

Dinner Roll & butter

Cookie

Pop or Coffee

Kids menu and carry out available

Notes from the Commander

Shelby Twp. Patriot Day Prayer Service
Sunday, November 9th 1:30pm
Shelby Twp. Veterans Memorial

Flag Retirement with Lions Club
Saturday, September 13th 7:00pm
Jay Calwell's farm
3505 31 Mile Rd, Washington Twp
Bring your own chair & refreshments!
It's Fish Fry time!

Needed:

A Membership Chairman or someone to work on the Committee.

Membership Recruiting - Retention - Training

If you want to contribute to our Post, this is for you!

Contact Art Huge if interested in learning more.

(810) 499-2448 arthuge@comcast.net

Shelby Twp. Veterans Day Ceremony
Thursday, September 11th 1:30pm
Shelby Twp. Veterans Memorial

POW/MIA Memorial Dinner
Friday, September 19th 4pm-7pm
Ceremony at 4pm at the Memorial Flagpole
Steak Out dinner to follow
\$20 – must sign up and purchase tickets by Sept 10



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Today, I stand before you on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to honor and remember the deeply meaningful observances, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. Both of these significant days hold a special place in our hearts as they not only commemorate the tragic events of September 11, 2001, but also remind us of the enduring spirit of unity and service that defines our nation.

Patriot Day, observed annually on September 11, is a day that will forever be etched into the memory of every American. It is a solemn day of remembrance, a day when we pause to reflect upon the heartbreaking events of that fateful morning in 2001 when the United States was attacked by terrorists. We remember the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93, as well as the countless acts of heroism displayed by first responders, military personnel, and ordinary citizens who risked their lives to save others.

On Patriot Day, we grieve for the victims and their families. We mourn the loss of so many promising futures and the innocence of our nation. But we also draw strength from the way our country came together in the aftermath of the attacks. In the face of unspeakable tragedy, we witnessed the true spirit of America – resilience, unity, and unwavering patriotism.

Patriot Day serves as a stark reminder that freedom and democracy are not to be taken for granted. It reinforces our commitment to defending these principles and to never forget the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women who have fought, and continue to fight, to protect our way of life. As veterans, we understand the weight of that duty, and we stand as living testament to the values for which our nation stands.

But Patriot Day is not merely about looking back. It's also a call to action. It's a day that challenges us to honor the memory of those we lost through acts of service and kindness. It's an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our communities and to build a better future for generations to come. And we simply can't talk about Patriot Day without discussing National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Established in 2009, National Day of Service and Remembrance, also known as 9/11 Day, encourages all Americans to engage in acts of service and volunteerism in tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose in service in response to the attacks. It's a day to channel our grief and anger into positive action.

On this day, we see the true power of unity and selflessness. We see individuals from all walks of life coming together to clean up parks, visit veterans in hospitals, support first responders, and assist those in need. It's a day that demonstrates that while the events of 9/11 sought to divide us, they ultimately made us stronger.

As veterans and VFW members, we understand the profound impact that service can have on a person's life. It's in our DNA to stand up and serve our communities and our nation. National Day of Service and Remembrance gives us an opportunity to lead by example, to inspire others to join us in service, and to pass on the values of duty and sacrifice to the next generation.

To the more than 1.5 million VFW and VFW Auxiliary members, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance are more than just dates on the calendar. They are reminders of the indomitable spirit of America and the enduring values that unite us as a nation. They remind us that even in our darkest hours, we can find strength in our unity and hope in our acts of service. As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, and pay tribute to those we lost, let us also embrace the call to service and continue to build a brighter future for our nation. Let us never forget that the best way to honor the memory of those we lost is to live our lives as patriots, dedicated to the principles of freedom, unity, and service. Thank you and may we always stand together as proud Americans.

-from VFW.org-





The last newsletters to be sent out via snail mail will be the May/June 2026 edition!
Newsletters can always be found on the post website – www.vfwpost4659.org



August 10th was the Gold Star Mothers ceremony at White Chapel Cemetery.

Our Honor Guard was in attendance.



Summer Camp smiles from Cub Scout Pack 158
This is the troop that is chartered by Post 4659



Jr. Vice Commander, Paul Rick presents our Post donation to the National Home during their Michigan Day luncheon in Eaton Rapids MI

Jr Vice Commander, Paul Rick, Commander Art Huge and Quartermaster Mick Kolinski represented Post 4659 at the 100th Anniversary Memorial statue at the National Home on Michigan Day in Eaton Rapids.



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