



Old Settlers Newsletter



Post 4659 - District 5 January - February 2022

**Commander Joe Wrobel - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Perusich - Jr. Vice Cmdr. Ken Klee
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant - Bill Tudrick**

Comrades

Here's hoping that this new year is a better year than the last couple. We are moving forward with our monthly dinners starting with the Auxiliary dinner this January. I am hoping that the membership will start to support our fund raisers more this year than they have in the past. As everyone knows we depend a lot on the money raised during these fundraisers to support us and our endeavors through the year.



Our post has been very busy this last couple of months with Community services, Honors and requests from our fellow veterans and family members. We are always willing to help, and we are also looking to our membership for volunteers to help with our requests that we receive during the year. I hear all the time about the hours that the Post is open or that we need to do more dinners and other things, bottom line is, *Our members are not volunteering to help and the few that do are getting burned out.* If you would like to see more things at the Post then start volunteering to help your Post. It does not matter; you can help at most anything you want and we very rarely turn down help for any event.

So as we move into the New Year I ask that Everyone look at their schedule and if you can help with the events that we have planned, volunteer to help when you can to help us continue the success of this Post in the future. I would like to thank all of the officers, managers, committee chairs and all others that helped in the past year to make VFW Post 4659 a great Post to be a part of.

As most are aware the Meijer's store at 26 Mile Road and Van Dyke has given the Post \$10,000.00 to use for the Veterans and their families that are in need and to put some towards the roof account. We are grateful for their donation and encourage everyone to support them when you can. This store has given us price breaks in the past and now has given us a much-appreciated donation and we are truly grateful.

God Bless
Joe Wrobel
Commander



Membership Benefits



To All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our Families, Members and Businesses that support us generously throughout the year.

We have lost to our membership 20 Comrades since July 2020. 15 were not brought to the Post attention until recently. We provide Honor to our Post member when we get notified of a fallen comrade. Make sure you have your DD214 put in a file folder for the family. I should have a DD214 in my files to support you if needed. Let's keep them in our hearts and prayers.

In Mayfield, Kentucky a storm warning had been coming for days and finally urgent alerts to the imminent strike of a severe Tornado that transpired on Dec 12th, 2021. There were 76 dead in Kentucky alone, the onslaught destroyed 15000 buildings, trailer homes and caused 3.5 billion dollars in damages. Our Post Commander contacted a VFW in that general area and offered our needed help. We reached out Via Facebook and word at the clubroom for local donations to help those that lost everything. *"We can remain in despair, or we can choose to standup, reach out and come together for the common good"* We gave through our relief fund and had two donations also forwarded to the area VFW in Kentucky. Many thanks.

Our Honor Guard Captain Phil Gannia will be resigning his position and Bill Barron has volunteered to take on the new position of Post Honor Guard Captain. Please welcome him and support his direction to his new position.



Mike Perusich
Sr. Vice Commander

Richard Kiempisty (Post 4659 member) at the rededication of the War Memorial in Hamtramck City Hall 12-15 2021.

Richard's uncle is listed on the wall


On November 10th 1944, the 2nd. infantry Regiment, 5th infantry division was moving through France and was closing in on the German line. The war was soon coming to an end. On this day PFC John Stanley Kiempisty's life was cut short as he was killed in action at the age of 27. He was then buried in a military cemetery in Lorraine France where his body would remain for more than 4 years



Ken Klee
Americanism Chairman

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.**



Sending my best wishes to you and your family for a Wonderful Christmas and New Year! We are pleased to announce that we had entries in both the Voice of Democracy contest and the Patriot's Pen contest. Our Voice of Democracy winner is Anton Akroush from Utica Academy for International Studies. Our Patriot's Pen Winner is Aiki Schnieder from Oakwood Academy. We will patiently await the results of the District judging which will be announce on January 2nd at the District banquet at the New Baltimore Post 7573. We will continue to offer a \$50.00 discount on the purchase of a Life Membership through Auxiliary year 2022. If you have not paid your annual dues you are no longer a member. Thank you for attending our Thursday meetings. The more, the merrier!

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

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 President

Scholarships

The VFW Auxiliary offers the opportunity for a Scholarship for members and their families. It is the Continuing Education Scholarship. Members, please keep in mind, if you have a son or daughter who is 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. One winning entry is selected from each VFW Auxiliary Conference. They are Big 10, Eastern, Southern, and Western. The deadline is February 15, 2022 at the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, in Kansas City Mo. Please contact me for additional information. Entries for the Young American Patriotic Art must be received by the Department Chairman no later than March 31st.

Thank you for Promoting our Scholarship Program!

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman

Thank You Santa

Santa has expressed his thanks for asking him to come and meet with our little ones December,5, 2021. He had a great time as always. What a great man. We had many kids that aged out from 2 years ago, but we had several new children with the youngest being 2 mos. with a total of 27 kids. Thank you to all of Santa's helpers from shopping, wrapping and serving.

Denise Frey

Youth Activities Chairman

Chaplain

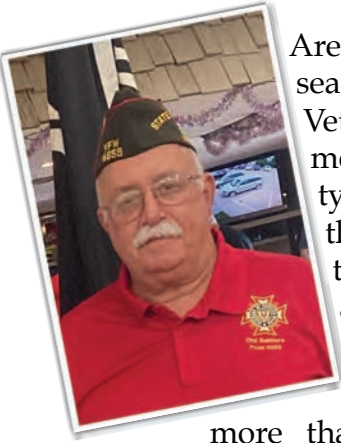
It is with heartfelt sadness that I report the passing of Gloria Bosen who went to her heavenly home December 10, 2021. Gloria was a past President of our Auxiliary and a long time Life Member who worked Bingo for many years and chaired functions over the years. She will be missed.

Mary Ashbrook
Chaplain

Membership

At our recent District meeting in December, we received a Certificate of Appreciation for being 100% by November 30, 2021. Welcome to Tom Herron for joining our ranks at our December 2021 meeting. We will now be 100%+.

Denise Frey
Membership Chairman



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Kenneth Klee

Community Service



Little-Known Facts for Students

1. Fry Scholarship

Qualifying children of service members who die in the line of duty after September 10, 2001 are eligible for the Post-911/GI Bill. For details on the Fry Scholarship, Visit

https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1411/~/what-is-the-fry-scholarship-and-who-is-eligible%3F.

2. Rural Benefit

Certain veterans who relocate from highly rural areas to attend college may be eligible for a one-time \$500 payment to help defer costs associated with relocation. To view current maximum tuition and rural benefit rates, click here: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp.

3. Yellow Ribbon

Allows approved institutions of higher learning in the US and the VA to partially or fully fund tuition and expenses that exceed the GI Bill® limits. To view a list of Yellow Ribbon participants, click here:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp.

4. Scholarships

Several national scholarships may be available to help defray some out-of-pocket costs for higher education.

VFW offers scholarships for student veterans in partnership with Sport Clips and Student Veterans of America (SVA) offers scholarships in partnership with Google for veterans pursuing STEM degrees.

Kenneth Klee

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Canteen-Clubroom Notes



Another month has come and gone and our year nearly at a close. This has been a tough year for all, hopefully our next one will be brighter and more fun filled than the last.

Our Grinchmas party was a great success, Thank you to all who participated in a fun night, the Grinches, (Cobra Parr, Sharon Jeffery) for doing their part and thanks to those that donated their time and the delicious food enjoyed by all. Just a quick note here, A huge "THANKS" to all of our regulars that continue to patronize and participate in our clubroom and its activities, and for those that choose not to, remember this is YOUR club and its continuing success needs your support too!!!



"Show me the money" continues to do well, Thank you Ken and Michelle Bertrand for giving your time and effort to make this happen, and a special thanks to Sharon Jeffery and Darlene Kaiser for filling in for them this last Sunday. Our wii Bowling league starts again in January with a full roster of 14 teams. (Good Job Joe Mac) Jan 15th there will be a Pork Loin Dinner from 5-7, chaired by Vikki Kogelman, (Thank you Vikki) Please see Vikki if you want to volunteer, I'm sure all help will be greatly appreciated. Please take note of the Jan/Feb calendar our daily menu specials have changed. Jan 28th there will be a clubroom sponsored Lasagna Dinner (\$10.00) see me if you wish to volunteer. Feb 13th there will be a Super Bowl party \$5.00 all you can eat finger-foods, no show me the money. Starting in January the 1st Friday of each month will be pizza and game night. Come have some fun.

If you have drink tokens, NOW is the time to use them as effective March 1st we will be changing to a new token design and no longer be honoring the old ones. We would like to wish our snowbirds safe and happy travels, we will miss you. We hope all of our patrons had a Very Merry Christmas and bountiful healthy New Year. Remember..1 ounce of patience, 1 oz of kindness, a half ounce of gratitude makes a big glass of cheer!!!!

Kathie Holloway
Clubroom Manager

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To break the monopoly of winter, we will be having a **Euchre** tournament Saturday, February 19, 2022. Watch for flyers in the clubroom for additional information. Just save the date and let's have fun.

Darlene Kaiser 586-713-0416

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Deceased Post 4659 Members

Sam Buonadonna	76	Army	Vietnam
James Boblenz	86	Army	Korea
Dennis Blumke	75	Navy	Vietnam
Stephen Crank	73	USMC	Vietnam
Jack Failla	91	Army	Korea
Dale Goodhue	70	Army	Vietnam
Douglas Gudenau	71	USMC	Vietnam
Francis Jolliff	74	Army	Vietnam
Harry Miller	99	Army	WWII
Richard Nowosielski	79	Army	Vietnam
Jesus Plaza	84	Army	Vietnam
Larry Pretzer	71	Army	Vietnam
Leonard Richey Sr	74	USMC	Vietnam
Terry Rigney	69	USMC	Vietnam
Michael Zervas	94	Army	Germany



Welcome our Newest Member

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Reinstated Member

Richard Little

Transfer Members

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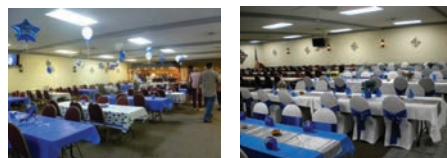
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