



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5
March - April 2022



Commander Joe Wrobel - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Perusich - Jr. Vice Cmdr. Ken Klee
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Comrades,

The last couple of months have been pretty good for our Post. We have had some events that were supported by the membership and some that have not. It is a little disheartening to see the effort put in by some of our members and officers and to offer events and things that are requested by those in the clubroom and the membership and then they themselves don't show up to support the Post.

I would like to remind all that the Post can only do the things that are requested if supported by you and the membership as well as the auxiliary. With that being said we are getting ready to start our Fish Fry Fridays, Kathie has been working extremely hard to secure the supply of fish so that we can have a successful fish fry season. I encourage all to attend and support your Post during our spring fish fry's. Let's try to get all involved by taking a flier and post it on neighborhood bulletin boards or at your church, tell your friends and family members about them and let's make it a success.

A big thank you to Meijer's and California Pizza Kitchen for the gift cards and the monetary donations that they have made to the Post. And the best way to show our appreciation is to support them. There are other sponsors of our Post newsletter and they advertise in this newsletter, please use them and mention that you saw their ad in the newsletter so that they will continue to support us and keep the cost of the newsletter down for the Post.

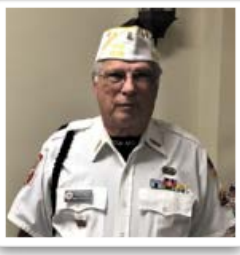
Once again, I would like to thank all of those that attend our meetings and ask that more of the membership attend. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month and that is where we make the decisions that effect the way that we run and operate the post, by the motions and discussion during our meetings. It is the membership that governs the direction of the post operations and that is done at our meetings.

God Bless
Joe Wrobel
Post Commander



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Membership Benefits



Membership at our Post has reached 98.4% and we are **only 6 annual members away From 100%**. If you are having a problem with getting into the Post to pay your dues, you can call me ASAP and I will work with you on making our Post number one again.

Please reach out to me at 586 291-9914. Also, Sadly I must report we have **lost 24 Post members**, as of this latest newsletter. Keep them in your prayers

What a great time we had at **California Kitchen Pizza**. Did you sign up for our annual luncheon? The staff showed us how they could serve us a delicious dinner from an outstanding menu with drinks and desert that put the icing on the cake. **Thank you, Linda Brohl, Jessica Moore, and staff.** They provided their time and again passed to our Veterans gift cards to come back for more of the super service and great food. Did I mention they have been doing this for the past 7 years.



Post 4659 Super Bowl Party

Had a great event for the super Bowl Feb. 13th at your favorite Post. Members had a great time with the food, raffles prizes, football, and a chance to win a BIG TV. Some played cards while others were cheering for their favorite team. I bet there were some conversation on who was going to win a few bucks. How about those fancy drinks from your busy bartender? Thanks to Kathie and Steve for your hard work and making this successful. It was back and forth with the score until the end of the Super Bowl. Yea RAMS they did it from the 2nd quarter, but it was a close game. Thanks to our good quarterback Matthew Stafford, He got the job done and put it together and won the game.



NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

Each year on February 17th, **National Random Acts of Kindness Day** grows in popularity. It is celebrated by individuals, groups, and organizations nationwide to encourage acts of kindness. Today **Shelby Mechanical**, Ron Alexander's team showed up at our Post to fix some of our plumbing problems. People everywhere are enjoying doing these acts of kindness. We thank You for your support. If you need help with a plumbing problem, call 586 726-9444 today. Nevertheless, doing random acts of kindness is something that can be done every day of the year.!



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Thank you to Vickie Kogelman for making our first solo fundraiser the success that it was. Thank you too for all who helped with the preparation, serving, and cleanup. Thank you to the Post Members, Auxiliary Members, Bingo Players, and the Community who came to support us. Vickie receives the well deserved “Good Job Award”. Everything considered, it’s a great start! *Lots of Thank you’s!*

It’s so important that a Post and Auxiliary work together and support each other. We enjoy that here at 4659! Please come to our meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. We need new ideas. Invite eligible friends to come with you. See you soon!

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

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 President

Scholarships

THE Next Auxiliary Scholarship is the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship. Please encourage your artists to participate. I must have their entry by March 5, 2022. Contact me for more information.

Our first place Voice of Democracy winner, Anton Akroush, received 2nd place on the District level.

Anton was awarded \$400.00.

Thank you for Promoting our Scholarship Program!

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman

Membership

Welcome to new members Donna (Dee) Miller, Gary Stabryla and Denise Delisle who joined our ranks at our February 2022 meeting.

Denise Frey

Membership Chairman

Chaplain

It is with heartfelt sadness that I report the passing of Paula Brown-Simmons a Life Member who loved visiting with other members in the clubroom. We also lost Florence Marth as well in January. Flo also was a Life Member and a very active volunteer and long-time Bingo worker and a Past Guard. *We will miss them both.*

Mary Ashbrook
Chaplain

Hospital - Community Service - Youth Activities

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce the inaugural VFW Day of Service a dedicated day of service led by VFW members throughout the country and the world.



The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of the organization's #StillServing campaign launched in 2020 to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The inaugural VFW Day of Service kicks off the first Saturday in May (May 7), marking the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

“The positive feedback from VFW members and the communities we serve tells us the stage is set to expand our #StillServing initiative,” said Fritz Mihelcic, VFW national commander. “We have already seen how the campaign amplifies the volunteer efforts and camaraderie of America’s veterans. The time is now to take its visibility to the next level.”

Veterans are more likely than civilians to volunteer in their communities, according to a recent civic health survey¹ of veterans. The same study showed veterans donate to charities, register to vote, and are involved in their communities and local government at a greater rate than their civilian counterparts.

“We are calling on all VFW Posts and members across America and around the world to join in the VFW Day of Service by planning an activity for May 7, or at another point during the month, to show that we never stop serving” said Mihelcic.

The VFW urges its members and all veterans to visit VFWDayofService.org to register their event on the interactive Day of Service map and receive a special participation decal, or find a local event to join and see what other veterans around the country are doing to make a difference

Kenneth Klee
Community Service

Women Veterans

Ensuring women veterans receive veterans’ benefits and services that honor their brave military service is one of the VFW’s top priorities. Currently, women comprise 15 percent of the active-duty military and 18 percent of the Guard and Reserve. With the steady increase of women wearing our nation’s uniform and their increased role in military operations, it has never been more important that we ensure women veterans have a VA that is ready and able to care for them, when they transition back to civilian life.

To gauge how well VA is serving women veterans and to identify areas where it needs to improve, the VFW’s women veterans’ advisory team commissioned a survey of women veterans to collect direct feedback from women veterans around the country. After analyzing survey responses and direct feedback from nearly 2,000 women veterans, the VFW has identified multiple recommendations to improve VA health care, outreach, training and homeless programs.

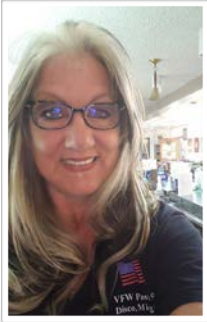
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Canteen-Clubroom Notes



Hello All! Hopefully we have the worst of winter under our belts and can look forward to a beautiful spring season.

Our Super Bowl Sunday Party was a lot of fun! The end of football season. Darn. Thank you to all that participated and a HUGE thank you to Ken & Michelle Bertrand for co-chairing with Steve and pretty much running the whole thing!!

You guys were awesome, as always!

Congratulations to those that won Raffle Baskets and or 50/50 drawings. And a big congratulations to Mike & Pam Herbert on winning the Big Screen TV! Pam was SO excited! It was great. Lots of fun to be had when you participate in YOUR Clubrooms events.



We have a few changes/additions to the Daily Menu Specials so please take note of that and come enjoy a meal with us. Show Me the Money and Sunday Pot luck have been going very well. Everyone loves SMTM! And, again, thank you to Ken & Michelle Bertrand for that!! Many thanks to Randy Pierson for the beautiful graphics on the Flyers & Calendars.

A great man once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what YOU can do for your country." (JFK) I challenge the membership here to do the same. This is YOUR club, so don't ask what the Club can do for you, ask what YOU can do for your Club. We desperately need your participation to make this a better Club for all. We welcome and appreciate all of our patrons, but let's be honest, showing up to drink the cheapest booze in town is NOT you supporting your Club, it's your Club supporting you. Volunteer...get involved... be a part of supporting our Veterans and this great organization.

Be THAT kind of member..show up..MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Kathie Holloway

Clubroom Manager

Old Settlers Helps Tornado Survivors

Dear Comrades of VFW Old Settlers Post 4659,

On behalf of all-American Post 6291 in Murray, Kentucky, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation of your \$1000.00 check along with your check for \$300.00 toward our Post Donation efforts in support of those effected by the TORNADOS in Western Kentucky.

The money you donated is being used to create infrastructure that allows Post 6291 to collect and store the tens of thousands of dollars in donated food, infant care, personal hygiene, water, blankets, and warm clothing, also Purchase additional items when donations are insufficient and pay many of the expenses incurred in our transport of these items within a two hour drive around our area.

Please keep this note to serve as a receipt to reflect your charitable contribution to the community. With much gratitude,

Dave Wilson

Quartermaster

Herman Eddie Roberts, Jr. Memorial VFW All-American Post 6291

Camp Trotter

Camp Trotter is a Children's Camp located 7 miles east of Newaygo on M-82. The camp sits on the shores of one of west Michigan's beautiful and picturesque lakes. It is owned and operated by the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The management and oversight is carried out by a committee of elected members of the Michigan VFW, who take pride in keeping the camp in pristine condition to ensure the comfort and safety of our guests. The camp is fully licensed and insured with the State of Michigan.

Camp Trotter exists primarily for children of veterans, but is not limited thereto; we offer five weeks of camping to children seven to twelve years old from all over the United States. The camp includes summer activities on site including swimming, boating, hiking, biking, arts and crafts, archery, softball, volleyball, as well as campfire activities. The children are given a general knowledge of science, art, and nature, and taught patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues. We try to further instill upon our campers' morals and values by combining educational activities with fun, our goal is to guide and assist our youth to build a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. Only through your generous donations can this camp accomplish these goals! Get a Camp Trotter life membership for honoring a Comrade or loved one. 50% of the money goes into a trust while the rest goes to maintaining the Camp.

Ken Klee
Youth Activities Chairman

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Life Membership Fee Schedule Age as of Dec. 31st.

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Age 31-40	\$ 410.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 37.27
Age 41-50	\$ 375.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 34.09
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Age 61-70	\$ 290.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 26.36
Age 71-80	\$ 225.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.45
81 And Over	\$ 170.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.45

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