

# OLD SETTLER NEWS

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**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018**



#### Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

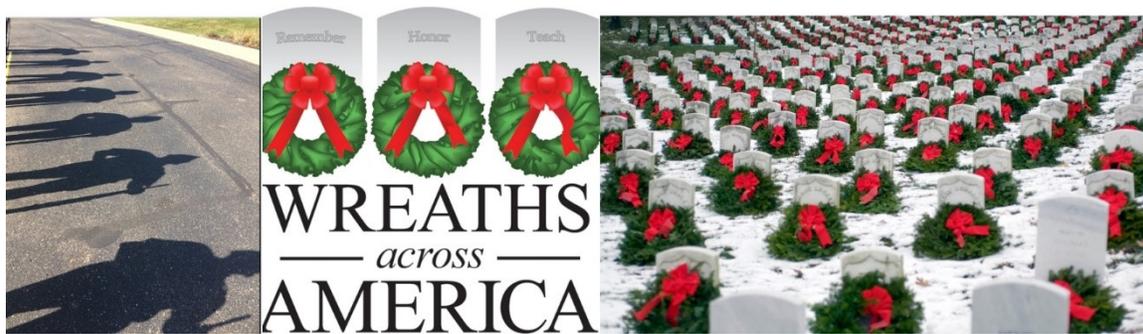
When you receive this newsletter, Christmas will have come and gone. My hope is that it was a joyous Christmas for you and yours. As we close out the year, we can reflect on just what kind of a year it was. We finished last year in fine fashion. Again, our Post was named an All-State Post and, Commander Mike Perusich awarded the coveted "White Hat" as our All-State Post Commander. Quartermaster Jay Benner was named an All-State Quartermaster. Then the new administrative year started with all the new goals for success. We accomplished many of our goals for this administrative year but much remains to be completed. We will continue to work toward the goal of a successful year. We have contributed to Military Support Programs, our VFW National Home for Children, and the USO. Our Legislative work continues to remind our Washington DC Senators and Congress Members of issues that our National organization and the delegates to our National Convention support. We have hosted the annual Gold Star Mothers dinner at our hall. We donated \$500.00 to them to aid in their work in our Veterans Hospitals. Their sacrifice has given so much to our nation. We have completed our Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs with our Auxiliary. Our Post winning students will be recognized at our District 5 Banquet on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Again, much work still lies ahead for us. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, we provided and laid 178 Christmas Wreaths at the gravesites of Veterans at Prestonville Cemetery.

In January, we will make available applications for our Carl LaRock Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors. Children and Grandchildren of our Post and Auxiliary Members are eligible to enter the competition. We will have three awards of \$1,000.00 each.

An important part of making a great year is membership growth. As I have stated before, "Membership is the one thing we do for ourselves". Everything else we do is for our Veterans and our Community, and we do that well. You can make a year end, or any time of the year gift, to your VFW Post. That would be for you to locate and contact an eligible veteran regarding joining our VFW Post. Get a name address and phone number of that veteran and pass the contact information along to me either by phone at 586-322-3304 or by e-mail at [wadobbie@prodigy.net](mailto:wadobbie@prodigy.net).

In closing, Gloria and I offer each and every one of you a most healthy and prosperous New Year, With your assistance 2018 will be another great year for Post 4659.

**Bill Dobbie,  
Post Commander**



## Wreaths Across America

On the 16th of December 2017 Old Settler's Post 4659 once again participated in the national Wreaths Across America event. Our designated gravesites to lay the wreaths is Prestonville Cemetery in Shelby Township. The Chairman for the event was Michael Flaker, who did a great job recruiting members of the **Cub Scouts**, **Girl Scouts**, and **Boy Scouts** to lay the wreaths, the scouts were terrific, through very cold weather they attacked the mission with youthful exuberance and earned their Wreaths Across America Pin and Cup of Hot Chocolate (donated by Wendy's).

Our Commander Bill Dobbie was present along with members of our Honor Guard, who performed the Three Round Rifle Volley and Taps. Honor Guard Members Present: Bob Bardecki, Bruce Hartung, Scott Metcalf, Ed Kettner, Joe Eliakis, Larry Pretzer, Mike Crampton, Mike Perusich & Phil Gannia.

There is 178 Veteran Gravesites we are responsible for, all received their Wreath, There were many Business & Personal Donations which helped, and the Post picked up the slack to make sure every grave was covered.

Scout Troops included; Scout Packs 79, 149, 150, 156, 158, & 208

The Girl Scouts represented themselves well including Troop 71297 lead by Kelly Leal



Each December national wreaths across America, remembers, honor and teaches by carrying out coordinated wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states. at sea and abroad. This year, the Michigan Wolverine Chapter of the Nam Knights of America is proud to make a donation to VFW post 4659 that will be part of there donation to wreaths across America.

Let us continue to fulfill the mission of Wreaths Across America. ***“Remember, Honor and Teach”***

**Remember our fallen U.S Veterans. Honor those that Serve. Teach your children the value of freedom.**

## Scholarship & Michigan Department

### Comrades and Auxiliary Members



Two students will share the title of First Place Winner in our 2017 / 2018 Voice of Democracy Contest. They are Anand Seetharaman who is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Shelby Junior High School, and Delaney Sacra who is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Utica Academy for International Studies. Our First Place Winner in the Patriot's Pen Contest is Sophia Meguid who is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Shelby Junior High School. Our winners received their awards at the District 5 VOD / Patriot's Pen Banquet on January 7, 2018. You may recall that Anand Seetharaman was our First Place Winner last year in the Patriot's Pen Contest. Anand went on to win First Place in our District competition and advanced to the State Finals. He received a \$1,000.00 prize for his efforts. We appreciate the support of the students, parents, and teachers who make our program successful. Thank you to the Post and Auxiliary for providing the funds to ensure this important program continues.

A reminder that the deadline for entries in the Continuing Education Contest is February 15, 2018. Please contact me for details.

We invite our local high school students to participate in the Young American Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Students express their patriotism through their art. There is no specific theme, but there are rules for entries to qualify. The deadline for entries to our Auxiliary is March 31, 2018. If you have any family members, friends, or neighbors in grades nine through twelve, please encourage them to participate. Entry forms and rules are available on our Michigan Auxiliary website, or you can contact me for additional information.

As always, our Post and Auxiliary are at the forefront in our Community in offering opportunities to all who wish to participate in our Programs.

Gloria Dobbie  
Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman  
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## **Welcome to all Auxiliary Members**

I hope all enjoyed the holidays. Congratulations to all for reaching a membership of 100% + 3 before Dec. 31st. Good job! Here are a few things to look forward to in Jan and Feb, 2018. The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Banquet is on January 7th. Midwinter Conference in Kalamazoo is January 19th through January 21st. On January 30th is the Past President's luncheon, all are invited to attend. Our next regular meeting is February 12th, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The next District 5 meeting is scheduled on February 18th. If you would like to participate in any of these events let me know and I can fill you in on the details..

Mary Ashbrook, President

### **Membership**

We would like to welcome our new members that have joined the Auxiliary since the last newsletter. Welcome to Cristine Pierson, Matthew Kaiser, Michele Burkors, William Walsh and Gary Titus. Michele was in attendance at our December meeting and received her membership obligation. Hope to see more of her and other's to our monthly meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Our membership status as of the 12/31/2017 was 100% +3. Congratulations to our recruiters. You are all doing a great job.

Just a reminder to our annual members, to remain a member in good standing you had to have paid your dues by 12/31/2017. You can still pay your 2018 dues. Contact me for payment information and of your status.

### **Santa's Visit**

Yes, Santa was here and as always loved seeing the children and their enthusiasm. Santa is now back to the North Pole resting and he hopes that all children are in good health and feeling great. Santa also said he'll be eagerly looking forward to the children next year and seeing all the new ones that are on the way. Stay safe and warm during this winter season.

Denise Frey

Youth Activities Chairman - Membership Chairman 586-781-6797

### **Chaplain Notes:**

It is with heart felt sympathy that I inform you that we lost two of our Auxiliary members. Our condolences go out to the friends and family members of Kenneth Churchill and Richard Lees. They both will be deeply missed.



Mary T. Klee

Chaplain

# Clubroom News

Comrades, Friends and Family,

It is my sincerest hope and wish that everyone had a most joyous and loving Christmas celebration spent with family, friends and those closest to you. On behalf of my staff I would like to thank all of you who joined us for your Club Christmas Party. It was a great success that would not have been possible without your participation, your support and most of all, "Your Friend and Fellowship".



It is with heavy heart that two of our most valued members were unable to join us this holiday season as we had to say our goodbyes to both Ken Churchill and Richard Lees. "Godspeed and Merry Christmas old friends, you will surely be missed." In the words of Col. Sherman Potter (M\*A\*S\*H\*) – "Here is to the New Year, May She Be a Damn Site Better

than the Old One!"

For all you Euchre players, we will be holding a Euchre Tournament on Saturday, 13 January, 2018. Signup at 1PM and card playing begins at 2PM.



I am planning on putting together an afternoon/early evening 'Pub Crawl' visiting other VFW's, American Legions and related clubs. If interested in showing others how Old Settlers Post 4659 does it up right, please ask your bartender for the signup sheet so I can begin working the logistics and cost of renting a bus.

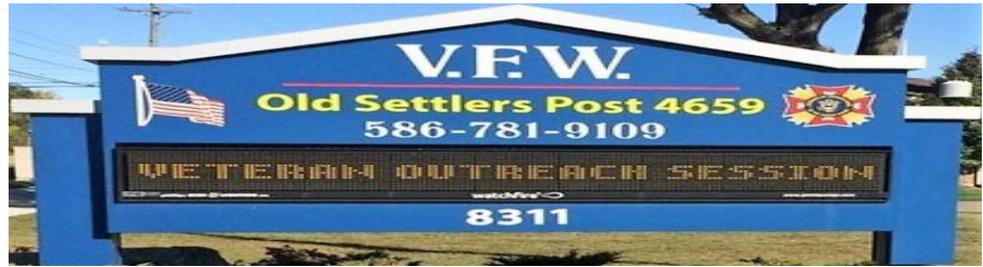
We still have some club swag available with more post apparel on the way. (Ask Your Bartender)

Tuesday is free Jukebox.

Happy Hour drink prices daily from 1:30 to 4PM and during the remaining Lions football games.



Again, I Thank You All and, God Bless, Randy Pierson - Club Manager



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- Holly National Cemetery Honor Guard – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each Month
- Post Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each Month – 7PM
- House Committee Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month – 7 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month
- Post 4659 VFW & Auxiliary Bingo – Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 AM
- Veteran Outreach Sessions @ Post 4659 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month 10 AM – 430 PM

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- January 1st – New Years Day
- January 15th - Martin Luther King Day
- February 12th - Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14th – Valentine's Day
- February 14th – Ash Wednesday
- February 19th – President's Day



**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN  
 POST 4659 MEMBERS**

Dale Goodhue, Eukle Stamps



**New Members**

**Daniel Pietrosky, Robert Juengel, Karl Mair**

**Renew/Transfer Members/**

**John Moran, Paul Szeliga, Kurtis Schneider**

## Thank You Volunteers!

A big thank you to all the participants in the recent Charity Poker Fundraiser at Ciccarelli's! The 4 day fundraiser went very well, raising \$4300 for Post 4659. Without our post volunteers stepping up to help run this charity event, we would not have this revenue to help us do what we do in supporting veterans, their families and performing community service throughout the year. If you would be interested in volunteering at a future Charity Poker fundraiser, please contact Mike at 586-747-1222.

I would like to thank Carol Dalpe, Mike Perusich, Phil Gannia, John DiSalvo, Scott Metcalf, Jay Benner, Bill Tudrick, Rich Kiempiesty, and Bob Bartkowski for generously giving their time and effort to support this fundraiser. We heard great comments about our volunteers from Ciccarelli's staff and the players!

Also, a big thank you to Carol Dalpe for taking hold of the Co-Chair position. She did a great job and it was good to have her on board!

**NEXT CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISER IS February 5-8, 2018 NIGHT SHIFT AT CICCARELLI'S!**

February will be a two shift schedule, and I will have the schedule ready for you to sign up at an upcoming regular meeting. Please consider doing a late shift if you can.

Note: Charity Poker Fundraisers for 2018 will be as follows:

- February 5-8, 2018 at Ciccarelli's – Night shift
- April 9-12, 2018 at Ciccarelli's – Night shift
- June 25-28, 2018 at Ciccarelli's – Night shift
- Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2018 at Rosemack – split day/night shifts
- Mike Crampton & Carol Dalpe, Co-Chairpersons – Charity Poker Fundraisers



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