

# OLD SETTLER NEWS

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**OLD SETTLERS POST 4659**

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**JULY-AUGUST 2018**

Commander Mike Crampton - Sr. Vice Cmdr. Ken Klee - Jr. Vice Cmdr. Larry Pretzer  
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant - Bill Tudrick



## Comrades & Auxiliary

First and foremost, let me say it is an absolute honor to be chosen to lead Post 4659. 4659 is not just a number. It carries with it a rich history of volunteerism and community involvement, and is well-thought of in the State and District VFW organizations. We participate, we support Veterans and their families, and we strive to demonstrate the respect and patriotism due our Flag and Country.

When I think of our Post, I think of our own excellent Honor Guard and also our members who support the Macomb County Ritual Team, and how they always respond professionally to any request. I think of the differences we make throughout the year with the many donations to those in need. I think of the community participation, such as our Memorial ceremonies, Parade participation, Bingo days, LaRock Scholarships, Homeless Veterans Days, Scout projects, Hall Rentals, and camp sponsorships. I think of all the improvements to our Post over the past few years, such as the electronic sign, digital TV's, new fencing, parking lot improvements and upkeep, and Eucre and Wii bowling leagues. I think of the fun and comradeship the Clubroom continually provides for all of us. I think of our great Auxiliary and their dedication to supporting all our functions.

All of that doesn't just happen. It is the result of many dedicated members stepping up to volunteer when called upon, and you all do it time after time. It is with much pride that I commend all of you for another great year completed, and I pledge to you that I will do my best to keep it going. Lastly, I will echo Comrade Dobbie's message in the last newsletter: We need to work on our membership all year long. If you have an uncle, brother, sister, or neighbor who is a veteran, approach them! We need to do more of that all year long, not only for participation, but to keep our Post 4659 at a high level for many years to come.

Mike Crampton  
Post Commander



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**Greetings to all Auxiliary Members**

**Congratulation to all our newly elected and appointed officers and a huge thank you to those auxiliary members who accepted program chairmanships. It takes all of us working together to keep this organization running and achieving awards from District 5 and from the Department.**

**At the Department Convention in June, our Auxiliary received awards for Veterans and family Support, Patriotic Art Contest, Voice of Democracy Contest and membership including a certificate from the Department VFW for supporting their programs. Some of these awards received an award in the form of a check issued to the Auxiliary. Thank you for your hard work in achieving these awards. Additionally, I had the honor of accepting the Auxiliary Achievement Award on behalf of Auxiliary 4659. This speaks to the dedication and hard work of our members.**

**Please come to the meetings and/or participate in some of our fund-raising events and the events we work to support the Post Veterans. It will be a pleasant and fun experience and we are always ready to hear new ideas. Come and share with us.**

**Loyally**

**Mary Ashbrook, President**

## **Membership**

**Once again the Auxiliary has approved a \$50.00 discount for new Life Membership applications. For information and applications, feel free to contact me.**

**This camp season the Auxiliary is sponsoring 4 boys to camp. Hope that Aiden, Andrew, Luke and Mark have a grand time. You all should have received your Camp Trotter raffle tickets. These raffle tickets help support the VFW Camp Trotter of Michigan. Help these campers have a wonderful place to visit. The funds assist VW and Auxiliary with the up keep and improvements on the camp. If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets please think about doing this. You still have time. The drawing will be August 25, 2018 at the Camp.**

**Denise Frey  
Membership Chairman/Camp Trotter Chair  
586-569-6336**

**Are you a crafty person, or just someone who wants to be helpful? We need those who can sew, knit, or crochet to make some lovely lap blankets for our needy veteran's in our hospitals and veterans homes. It is the goal of the Auxiliary to supply as many veterans as possible with lap blankets. They should be 36 inches by 48 inches and of any color and any pattern that you wish. When finished you can drop them off at the Post. If you have any questions please contact me at 586-749-9835. Please help us help our veterans.**

**Thank You  
Terri Klee  
Auxiliary 4659 Hospital Chairman**

**Auxiliary 4659 Chaplain**

**Get well wishes and prayers to Denise Frey who was hospitalized and is now home recovering.**

**Terri Klee**



## The Gold Star Mothers 70<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Victory in Japan Day Service

Sunday August 5, 2018 - At White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery - 621 West Long Lake Rd. Troy, MI.

Line up for all marching units is 11:00 AM - With Parade Of Colors At Noon

Luncheon Reception Following  
At VFW Old Settlers Post 4659  
8311 Wilson Dr. Shelby Twp. MI. 48316  
Public Welcome



Any Questions Contact Ken Klee @ [k.j.klee@comcast.net](mailto:k.j.klee@comcast.net)

From the MacombDaily. com website

**Representatives from all branches of the U.S. military and area public safety organizations received commemorative challenge coins. The celebration on Tuesday, May 1st coincided with Loyalty Day, a national holiday that recognizes the heritage of American freedom. The coins feature the official seals of the U.S. Army, USMC, U.S. Navy, USAF, U.S. Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the seals for local agencies as Macomb County Sheriff's, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The Macomb County bicentennial logo.**



# Scholarship & Michigan Department

## Comrades and Auxiliary Members



Our first place winning entry in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest received 5th place on the State level. Escorted to the podium at the State Convention were Megan Adam and her father. With her artwork in hand, Megan received her \$200.00 award check. Megan participated in our Program for 4 years. We congratulate her on her High

School graduation and extend our best wishes for her future as she attends Oakland University in the fall semester.

Our Scholarships Program proved to be a success for the 2017/2018 year. We received recognition at the State Convention for our efforts in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Patriotic Art Programs by receiving citations. The 2018/2019 Themes for the Voice of Democracy Contest, (grades 9 thru 12), and the Patriot's Pen Contest (grades 6 thru 8) have be released. The Voice of Democracy Theme is "Why My Vote Matters". The Patriot's Pen Theme is "Why I Honor the American Flag". The deadline for entries to the post for each contest is November 1, 2018. Entry forms and rules are now available on the both the State VFW and Auxiliary websites. Use the summer months to encourage your students to begin their essays. Reach out to Church Groups, Scouts, Summer School Classes, and anywhere students can receive information. Visit our Post website for additional information as it comes available. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best wishes to all for a memorable summer!

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659

Scholarships Chairman

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## **POST 4659 GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

**Giles Richter - Vietnam - US Army**

## **New, Transfers, and Reinstated Members**

**Lee Price - USMC**

**Allan Schafer - USMC**

**Walter Obarzanek - US Army**

**Donald Reiss - US Army**



## Clubroom News

Comrades, Family and Friends

Time fly's when you are having fun and this past year serving as your Old Settlers Post 4659 Canteen manager sure has flown by. I am privileged and most honored to be given the opportunity to again manage your club for a second year. My most sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of you and to a most professional and fun staff I have had the good fortune of working with.



Your club will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as I fire up the grill for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Last 4<sup>th</sup> of July many of you brought a dish to pass making our Independence Day celebration one to remember. Please feel free to again bring a dish of your choice to share with your Comrades and Friends. Feel free to ask your bartender for the signup sheet.



Sunday 29, July will be, 'Boys and Their Toys – and Girls Too' day. Bring your classic car, hotrod and or bike to show off while enjoying our food and drink special

Plans are currently in the works for a club room Golf Outing and a Membership Appreciation day in the month of August. As the details firm up information will be posted in the club room and on the post web site and FaceBook page. Keep your eyes open or feel free to call the club.

Happy Hour drink prices are Monday – Friday 1:30 to 4PM and Tuesday and Free Jukebox all day long on Tuesdays.

Clubroom hours of operation are 12 Noon – 9PM Monday thru Sunday. Closing after 9PM is at the discretion and kindness of your bartender on duty, the number of members frequenting our club at that time and of course your generosity. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Randall P.



### CHARITY GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT VETERANS

When – Sunday August 5, 2018 – 9am Registration 10am Shotgun Start

Where – Timberwood Golf Course 23700 31 Mile Ray Twp

Includes:

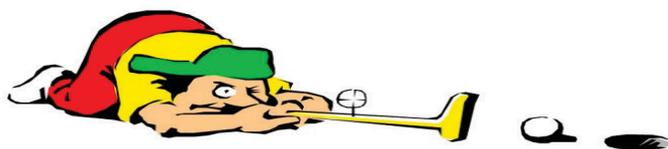
Coffee & Donuts – Hot Dogs & Chips on the turn – **UNLIMITED Pop, Beer  
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Two Meat Buffet Dinner & **2 Hour OPEN BAR**

Contact – Rich Kiempisty 586-801-6755 email: [kiem2015@comcast.net](mailto:kiem2015@comcast.net)

Total Cost - \$90.00 per person

**John W. Smith Old Timers Golf Outing**



## Post Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Holly National Cemetery Honor Guard** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each Month

**Post Meetings** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each Month – 7:00 PM

**House Committee Meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each Month – 7:00 PM

**Auxiliary Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month 7 PM

**Post & Auxiliary Bingo** – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

**Veteran Outreach Sessions with Lisa Marie** - 2<sup>nd</sup> month 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## Important Dates

**July 4th Independence Day**

**July 14th Bastille Day**

**July 15th National Ice Cream Day**

**August 13th Victory over Japan Day**

**August 26th National Dog Day**

## 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, for Post 4659. If you would be interested in volunteering at a future Charity Poker fundraiser, please contact

Mike Crampton at 586-747-1222.

Charity Poker Fundraisers for 2018 will be as follows:

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2018 at Rosemack – split day/night shifts

**Mike Crampton & Carol Dalpe,**

*Co-Chairpersons – Charity Poker Fundraisers*

**Comrades we really need Volunteers to continue this great Charity event. This is one of the most profitable events and ALL funds go to help other Veterans. So Please Volunteer if you can Thank You!**



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**Notice!**

**At a recent Old Settler's Post meeting a motion was approved to secure the needed Township and US Army permissions to have the M60 tank now located at the closed VFW post in Berville moved to our Post. The tank will be located on our Mall Property directly behind our Flag Pole on Van Dyke Road. It is hopeful that the addition of the Tank near Van Dyke will increase interest of Veterans driving by, and may help in our continue strive for new members**



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**VFW AUXILIARY BINGO – THURSDAY  
MORNINGS  
DOORS OPEN 9:30 AM – STARTS 10:30 AM**

**Veteran Outreach Sessions at Post 4659  
Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Lisa Marie (586) 463-3538**

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