



Old Settlers Newsletter Post 4659 - District 5 May - June 2023



**Commander Ken Klee - Sr. Vice Art Huge - Jr Vice Carl Bonanni
Quartermaster Jay Benner - Chaplain Bob Bartkowski - Adjutant Bill Tudrick**



Comrades

As our administration year comes to an end in June, we must reflect back on the progress the Post has made during the year starting with membership, we had many new members join our Post, some who have transferred to our Post from other Post and several who have transferred from member at large to Post 4659. We welcome all to our Post. Our current membership stands at 382 for the 2023 administrative year. If you are a continuous member and have not paid your 2023 dues please do so soon. If your dues are recorded at

national by May 30, 2023 your name will go into a drawing for two free life memberships to our post. If you have any questions, please contact me.

We have had many fundraisers throughout the year and there have been many Post and Auxiliary members who have volunteered to work these events, many of them behind the scenes who never pat themselves on the back but are there just to help our organization to live up to the high standards of veterans helping veterans. We have had several charity poker events which are very successful for Post 4659 and contribute to our community service programs. Buddy Poppy distribution at local business's in the area support our relief program for needy veterans and their families. We have had steak out, spaghetti dinners and of course recently seven weeks of fish dinners, great job by many people involved. It takes a great team to make these fundraisers all come together to be successful. Our hall management also does a great job of keeping our hall rentals constantly booked, another source of income.

Thanks to the club room management and their team of Post employees who every day make our customers feel welcome. They are also an asset to Post 4659. To the management of our bingo committee and all of the Post and Auxiliary members who volunteer 52 weeks a year to successful raise funds to support our Post.

Memorial Day is May 29th., the Post will be having Memorial Day services at the Post Veterans Monument and at Prestonville cemetery and usually return to the Post for lunch and comradeship, every one is welcome to these events.

The Post also is the charter representative for Boy Scout Troop 391 who meet at our hall every week. Just lately the Post membership voted to also be the charter representative for Cub Scout Pack 276 at St Peter Lutheran school in Macomb. Great year for Old Settlers Post membership. Again Thank You.

Yours in Comradeship
Kenneth Klee



Post Member Bio

Scott Metcalf

USMC 1967-70 Active 70-73 Res MIANG 1976 - 1997

I quit High School in 1966 and enlisted in USMC in 1967, two weeks after my 17th birthday I landed in San Diego, CA, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot. After boot camp (8 weeks), infantry training battalion(4 weeks), then on to Artillery Scout Observer School (MOS0846)(6 weeks), still can't go to Vietnam yet, off to Ft Sill OK attended Artillery Meteorologist School(10 weeks) still too young, off to Fort Sherman Panama task force to test M16, and attend modified Jungle Survival School(10 Weeks). Lots of guard duty then went off to Vietnam in 1968. I was attached to B/co 1st Bn 4th Marines 3rd MARDIV as a Scout observer for seven months in I Corps(mainly Khe Shan Valley). Transferred to 12th Marines Artillery Ballistic Meteorology Station LZ Stud (later named Cunningham)



6 more months, sent home got early out. 1976 working

for 7-Up as a driver, low man on the totem pole, only working a couple of days a week, needed a part-time job, sign up for the Michigan Air National Guard (MIANG) on a "Try One" enlistment, only one year then can get out. Join the 127th Communications Squad, Selfridge ANGB. After a while and some changes in Command, I decided I liked it. 21 Years later, I retired as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the State of Michigan, also known as the *Command Chief Master Sergeant of the State*.

Sometimes things work out.



VFW 4659 Canteen Ceiling Renovation Update

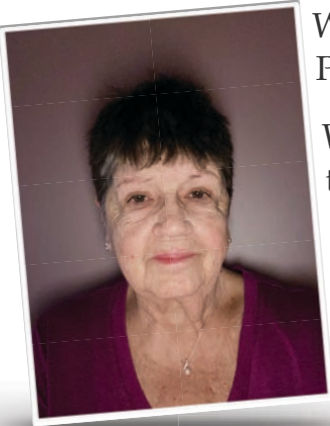
"If you build it, They will come."

The Canteen ceiling project has ended with the new ceiling up and looking good. Many thanks to those that supported the project. There is still time to buy a tile. If you are interested sign up at the club or contact me ASAP. Our committee is overseeing the process that is on-going. We are pricing the tiles at \$125.00 for the 2x2 tile printed with your Name, Branch of Service, and your Conflict. Any questions please contact me or send me an Email. The cost today is \$125.00 before the increase goes up. We still have plans to do some upgrades in the hall this month. Lions club member is working with the Post committee to do the floor tiling in the bathrooms and hall bar area. Home Depot may support some of the projects with products in the bathrooms. It's our home and it's time to make improvements. We always need help in our Post to continue the projects. Are you interested ?

Mike Perusich perusich@att.net 586 291-9914

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers

Congratulations to the new Post and Auxiliary Officers! Whether you've served in this capacity before, or you're new to the position, you have our best wishes for a successful year! We've got two new officers this year. Joe McDonald, 3 yr Trustee and Sylvia Polchok, Guard.



We have many opportunities to participate in our neighborhood to encourage the public to get involved.

We're looking forward to working hand in hand with our Post for another successful year. Please feel free to contact me on how to make use of your special skills for our Veterans and Community.

April Elections

Our Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President: - Rosemary Diccio
Sr. Vice President: - Donna Miller
Jr. Vice President: - Sharon Jeffery
Treasurer/Sec'y: - Denise Frey
Chaplain: - Jo Harder
Conductress: - Dolores Misovich
Guard: - Sylvia Polchok
Trustee #3: - Joe McDonald
Trustee#2: - Darlene Kaiser
Trustee #1: - Robin Brooks-Campbell

Happy summer to all!
Rosemary Diccio, President

Upcoming Events:

The Auxiliary April Euchre Play was rescheduled to Saturday, May 20, 2023 in the clubroom with a starting time of 2:00 PM. Bring your favorite snack to share. Have fun playing and meeting new and old friends.

Denise Frey, Secretary

Chaplain:

Our heartfelt prayers go out to the friends and family of Gary Temczyk, an Auxiliary member who passed in March.

Jo Harder, Chaplain

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Membership Elections



Comrades:

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ELECTING ME
AS YOUR 2023-2024 POST COMMANDER.**

The number of members at the April 26th Post Meeting indicates that you are all concerned with the direction of our Post moving into the future.

I have been a member of this Post for 22 years, but like many of you, after I returned from Vietnam in 1968, I began a career in the automotive business as an automotive supplier to the Big 3 and its Tier One suppliers. I have been in Sales & Marketing management positions for the last 30+ years. I retired in 2019 after 50+ years in business.

During that time, I have been married twice and have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren from my first marriage. They are scattered all over the country, so as a result, I always have places to travel to visit them. My wife, Diane, and I were married in 1994.

I have lived in my current home in Shelby Township for over 30 years. Upon retirement, I became very active in our Post and jumped in with both feet because I liked what I saw our Post doing for the veterans in the area. As your Sr. Vice Commander, many of you know of my involvement in the Post and I plan on continuing to lead our Post to making veterans' lives better.

Our Number One Goal should be to increase our Membership. Old Settlers Post 4659 is filled with many Vietnam and Korean war vets who have kept our Post as one of the best Posts in the State. I plan to continue that growth through a series of new programs to encourage post 9/11 veterans to join Old Settlers Post 4659. Concentrating on membership at every event we participate in will add new members and new ideas to our accomplishments.

Formal membership drives several times during the year will bring our accomplishments and activities to the public and educate them on the benefits of a VFW membership.

A strong Membership and Public Relations Chairman can accomplish this by developing a close relationship with the local news media, both written, television and social media. Keeping our Facebook page up to date will be a priority of that Chairman.

Internally, our Newsletter will contain a Monthly Activities Calendar. I also plan to have an Agenda printed prior to each Post meeting to inspire conversation & questions during the Post meetings. This is your Post, and you need to know and understand what is happening here every month.

We will seek a committee to review our By-Laws, which were last adopted in 2013.

Our Auxiliary President and I are committed to developing and promoting projects together. The Auxiliary is an important part of our Post.

Let's stop doing the same thing year after year and move into the future with new ideas, new plans and continue the accomplishments that have kept our Post 4659 praised throughout the State.

Art Huge 2023-24 Commander-Elect

California Pizza Kitchen

"CPK Annual Luncheon."



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 General Manager Radislav "Ray" Tasevski, Linda Brohl, Bob Bartkowski, Jay Benner, Art Huge, Mike Perusich.

Linda did it again with her drive to support our Veterans. CKP provided their time and again passed to our Veterans, gift cards to come back for more of the great food and service. Did I mention they have been doing this for the past 8 years? Looking forward to February 2024



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John W. Smith Old Timers Club



On Sunday August 20, 2023, the John W. Smith Old Timers Club will hold their annual charity golf outing to benefit our Michigan Veterans, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and other Charities. It is being held at the Timberwood Golf Club which is located at 23700 31 Mile Rd., in Ray Michigan. \$100 per golfer includes golf & cart, driving range, coffee & donuts at Registration, hot dog & chip at the turn, pop, beer, mixed drinks or water on the course. Immediately following is a two meat dinner buffet along with a two hour open bar. \$30.00 per person dinner only includes a two meat buffet and two hour open bar starting at approximately 3:30 PM.

Registration: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Shotgun start: 9:00 AM

Registration Deadline is August 10, 2023. Please come out and support this good cause!

**For more information please contact
Lenny Maciborski at 586-258-9313**

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."

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Age 41-50	\$ 375.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 34.09
Age 51-60	\$ 335.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.45
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



Elections

Post 4659 223-2024 Term elections were held on Wednesday April 26TH

Congratulations in-coming Officers

Commander - Art Huge
Sr. Vice - Mike Perusich
Jr Vice - Carol Dalpe
Adjutant - Bill Tudrick
Quartermaster - Jay Benner

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NEVER FORGET OUR FALLEN COMRADES

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NEW MEMBERS

DAVID BUCK.

TRANSFER MEMBER

**DAVID MILLER
GERALD TOLSDORF**

Members Service Bio's

In the upcoming newsletters if someone wants to write their bio of experiences in the service to our country, we will put it into the newsletter. Please include some Photos that can be used. Jay and I will find the room somewhere in the newsletter.



Carol Dalpe will be featured in the next issue This will give Members a chance to know you better, where you were stationed, what you did and your tours away from home. If I can be of any help please contact me.

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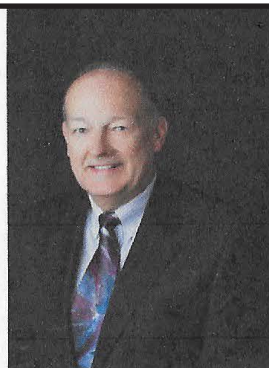


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