



Old Settlers Newsletter



Post 4659 - District 5 November - December 2021

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



Greetings everyone!

Comrades, as our seasons change, we also have made hour changes in the Clubroom because of the support or lack thereof. I have been asked as to why we changed our hours again? Simple answer is that we are trying to remain fiscally responsible, the hours reflect the support of the members that use the clubroom.

We have had some fundraisers in the last couple of months and I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped run, work, or set them up. In the last newsletter, and included in this one, a calendar was provided for the members to see and plan for upcoming events. Look at the calendar and please come out and support as many of our fundraisers that you can.

We are planning a Veterans Day celebration in November and Thanksgiving party in the clubroom. This December we are also planning our Christmas party and possibly New Year's Eve party if the membership supports these things. The post can only do events if they are supported both by attending and working them.

Our Veterans Day Memorial will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday Nov. 11th at the Post, with a luncheon following. We will be having Friday night dinners from time to time so keep an eye out for notices at the post and in the calendar. Please volunteer to help or make plans to attend and support the post.

It's been a rough 18 months and its time to get back to our core values and service. We firmly believe that if we increase our service, increase our community involvement and partner with other organizations, potential members will be knocking on our doors to join. Let's welcome all those eligible to be part of the greatest combat organization the world has ever known.

As we end our 20 yr. war in Afghanistan, were as a nation owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airman, Marines and Coasts Guardsmen who served over the years in the conflict - including 2,420 killed and almost 20,000 wounded. To all our brothers and sisters in arms who served with honors, valor and distinction during Operation Enduring Freedom and Resolute Support, we say, "Thank You" and "Welcome Home."

**I would like to wish every Post member and their families a Happy Thanksgiving
and a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New year.**

God Bless
Joe Wrobel
Commander

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Membership Benefits



We at the post are always committed to help others. I get calls from post members regarding how I can help the family get a copy of a DD214. It is imperative that we verify the eligibility of every member that signs up for the VFW, not only to comply with our Bylaws but also to maintain the integrity of the organization. Member files at Post include just that, when the time comes to help. **Are you prepared** to put something in your file cabinet at home that the family can reach and find, if necessary? ***Make that list and tell the family where it's located.***

We have experience in advising where to go, who to call, how to help with difficult situations. Burial in National Cemeteries, Burial flags, benefits to family.

National Cemetery is offered to qualified veterans. This benefit includes all cemetery services, in addition to a grave marker. In some cases, grave spaces may also be offered to an eligible veteran's spouse and certain other dependents. It would be nice to get that call for we have a Post Honor Guard that can help with Honors. Our VFW Hall can be used for your Memorial service and luncheon.

Mike Perusich

Sr. Vice Commander

The Alexander Macomb Chapter, **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**, dedicated an NSDAR marker at the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Sergeant Joseph Goodwin October 16, at Romeo Cemetery in Romeo. They were joined by the **Honor Guard from Old Settlers VFW Post 4659** and



Bagpiper Paul Reno. Alexander Macomb Chapter Regent, Janet Calabrese, gave the welcome. Chapter Chaplain, Karen Chalmers gave the invocation.



Chapter Regent Janet Calabrese and Chapter Chaplain Karen Chalmers led those in attendance at the dedication of the marker with prayer and collective responses. The ceremony ended with the placing of the wreath followed by the **Honor Guard from Old Settlers VFW Post 4659** which provided a rifle volley

and played Taps, and Bagpiper Paul Reno played Amazing Grace.

A Bronze plaque will be placed next to the headstone commemorating Joseph's service in the American Revolution. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.dar.org For more information about the Alexander Macomb Chapter NSDAR, visit <http://www.macomb.michdar.net>



Macomb County Veterans Services is here to Serve!

The process of finding, applying for, receiving and maintaining veteran benefits can be confusing and frustrating. Our goal is to provide outstanding service to the veterans and their families who reside in Macomb County by maximizing the receipt of veteran benefits and eliminating or reducing the frustration and confusion that go along with the process. The mission of our professional staff is to provide accurate, efficient and timely services to ensure delivery of benefits.

Veteran Services helps veterans get the benefits they deserve including but not limited to:

Burial Allowance **Survivor Benefit Claims** **Service Connected Disability** **Grave Markers.**
Non Service Connected Pension **Medals Requests** **Burial in National Cemetery** **Education Benefits**

Emergency Need requests such as help with rent, utilities, car repairs etc

To better assist you please call 586-469-5315.



VFW AUXILIARY
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To those who attended our September Auxiliary Meeting, please accept my apology for publicizing that our monthly drawing would be \$100.00 instead of the voted upon amount of \$10.00. It was too late to edit the article after proofreading it. Lesson learned, proofread before hitting send! A sincere thank you for your patience. We are continuing to offer a discount of \$50.00 to purchase a life membership. This is for current members who wish to convert to a life membership, and to all new members. We are looking forward to our fundraisers. We have many scheduled for our Auxiliary, and some joint with the Post. Continue to check the Post Facebook page for upcoming events. We will be available to assist the Post in all of their endeavors. Please add our new meeting day and time to your schedule. It is 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month. This article was duly proofread!

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. It is not necessary that these studies be provided by a school or college. Trade schools, online learning, and any accredited line of study is acceptable. 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.

Thank you for Promoting our Scholarship Program!

Gloria Dobbie

Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman

For full instructions and entry forms, visit vfw.org/YouthScholarships

Auxiliary Updated Information Requested:

In the event you are planning to move or change phone numbers, please contact me and provide me with your new address and/or phone number. If you don't provide us with your current information, your newsletter will be returned. The U.S. Postal system charges us .58 postage for each returned item. This can add up and that's less we have to work on our Veteran Programs. Call me or email me with your new information.

Denise Frey, Secretary

frey11@comcast.net

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Hospital - Community Service - Youth Activities



The VFW National Home for Children's mission is to provide children, youths, and families of veterans, active-duty military, and members of the VFW and its Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community, and by doing so, serves as a living memorial to all veterans

Over the years, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of Americas military and veterans' families. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: the National Homes commitment to honor our nations veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families.



Our Michigan Home and the National Home Campus in Eaton Rapids, Michigan is a good place to do just that. Donations of time and funds help the children and parents who have lost loved ones serving our Nations call.

Donations; send to VFW National Home 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Kenneth Klee
National Home Chairman

Comrades, did you volunteer at church, school, with the scouts, or any other community organizations please let me know the hours, miles driven, and any cost to you. Any patriotic function, participate in any other veteran organization meeting report it, hours spent and miles driven. Do you fly the American or POW-MIA Flag? Did you visit any veteran in hospital or any home bound veteran, drive a veteran to hospital, report hours and miles driven? Did you donate blood report it?

Thank you
Ken Klee
Community Service Chairman
586-260-4200

Charity Poker

Recently Old Settlers Post hosted a charity poker event at Rosemack Bingo Hall in Roseville, it was a great success for our Post. I would like to thank Jay Benner, Mike Perusich, Tom Smith, Robert Bartkowski, John Disalvo, and Randy Pierson for all of their help. Looking forward to the next one.

Kenneth Klee
MI Charity Poker 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."

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Canteen-Clubroom Notes

Happy Fall, Y'all!

Let me start by clearing up any confusion about our hours. I realize things have changed a bit while we've adjusted hours of operation that will work for all of us.

The Clubroom opens at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays and Tuesdays.

CLOSED ON MONDAYS & open at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

We have SHOW ME THE MONEY and Potluck on Sundays. Aside from that (and during meetings) the kitchen is generally open daily till 8:00 p.m. Please bear with us as we try to keep up with our usual Menu. Some items we offer are getting difficult to find, and prices keep rising. We're trying to stay consistent with keeping favorites available. Like our delicious burgers, come in for one soon!



The Clubroom will be open at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. There will be a service at the Monument at 11:00, followed by a Luncheon provided by our Auxiliary.

Join us at our Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 7th. Clubroom will provide the turkey & gravy. Sign up with your favorite dish to pass. It's always a delicious meal and a great time.

The Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 17th. As the details become available, they will be posted in the Clubroom, on our Website, as well as on Facebook.

We had a fantastic Rib Dinner on Friday, October 22nd! It was absolutely delicious!! Steve Smith worked for 2 days on the ribs, prepping one day and slow cooking the next. Joe Bonanni and Carl Bonanni finished them off on the grill and the result was perfection. Everything was delicious! You really shouldn't miss the next one. Huge thank you to Steve and all of his hard work, he really did a great job on this, even making the beans, coleslaw and corn bread himself. Big thanks to all that helped. Marty and Lori Martin, you both rocked!! You'd never know it was your first time volunteering, you don't mess around, you're awesome! Thank you to Art Huges and Gail Harris, great job and both always ready to volunteer for everything. Thankful to have you! Also, thank you so much to Vicky Kogelman and Tom Smith for your help with clean up. Much appreciated!



Keep an eye on the sign by the road, the website, Facebook and Posting in the Clubroom and you'll be in the know about all that is happening. We're always open to ideas and suggestions, just attend your Post or Auxiliary meeting.

We will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but hope to see you on New Years Eve!

Kathie Holloway
Clubroom Manager

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa will be here Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Time: Noon - 3:00 - **Ages:** 0-10

Deadline for names: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Watch for the **Santa Slips** in the clubroom approximately November 2, 2021.

You need to complete the slips for your children and grandchildren in person. Do not call and request the clubroom server's to take your information over the phone. The child **MUST** be present the day of the party to receive their gift from **Santa**. Just a reminder, the hall is an alcohol free zone during the party. **Santa** can hardly wait to see the kids.



Denise Frey,
Youth Activities
586-569-6336

Legislative Agenda - Washington DC

H.R. 2724, VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act

The VFW has long advocated for the expansion of VA's peer support programs. The VA MISSION Act of 2018 paved the way for peer support to be integrated into the patient-aligned care team of 30 VA medical centers. The care team is the foundation of veteran-centered health care. It provides an added touch point within the care team to which the veteran can relate, and gain encouragement and empowerment to live their best life.

H.R. 2800, WINGMAN Act,

This legislation would direct the Department to give veterans the option to grant read-only access of their VA claim records to certain congressional staff. The individuals must be employed by a member of Congress who represents the veteran's district of residence and must satisfy the criteria of VA for recognition as a claims agent or attorney, though may not be formally recognized as a claims agent or attorney. This access may be desirable when a veteran requests assistance from a case worker within their elected representative's office.

H.R. 4601, Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act

The VFW supports the intent of this legislation to improve outreach to veterans regarding the VA benefits to which they are entitled. We see this as a duty of the Department, with the help of Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) and partners, to continuously seek to improve communications and outreach to veterans regarding their earned benefits, health care, and other services.

Jay Benner
Legislative Chairman

Welcome our Newest Member

Joesph Macan
Joseph Tringali

Transfer Member

John Dobrenich

Reinstated Member

Alex Herrera



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Mike Fineis



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to safely renew or convert to Life Membership over the phone with credit or debit card. Also, VFW members can update mailing address and or contact information.

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

One Time Payment - Initial Payment - 11 Payments of

Through Age 30	\$ 425.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.64
Age 31-40	\$ 410.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 37.27
Age 41-50	\$ 375.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 34.09
Age 51-60	\$ 335.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.45
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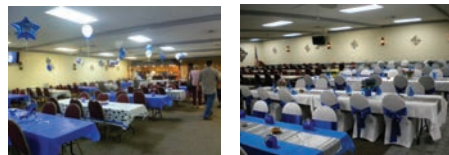
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