



Old Settlers Newsletter

Post 4659 - District 5

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What a Great year we are having!

Thanks to all Our Post & Auxiliary Members who have volunteered their time to make our programs and community projects so successful.

Our Canteen Committee has brought new excitement to the clubroom with their Friday dinners. Our daily menus offer a wide range of new items and special discounts. Our bartenders are the best !

Our Building and Grounds Committee have been very busy bringing our hall into the 21st Century. Take a look at the new tile work and the upgraded hall bathrooms that our guests can enjoy while using the hall for playing bingo or celebrating an anniversary, birthday or graduation.

And we are not done - more renovations are planned. "Thank You" to the Post & Auxiliary members who donated two Bissell vacuum cleaners for the Hall and the Clubroom. It is an exciting time to belong to Old Settlers Post

The Membership Committee involved our younger generation of members to bring us fresh ideas to open our doors to men and women in their age range. We can't thank you enough for your contribution. Now let's make those ideas become reality!

Our past few months have found us busy with a variety of VFW activities and celebrations. Hopefully you were able to be a part of them, which were in Shelby Township and other parts of Macomb County.

Our membership meetings have continued to be informative, and we miss those of you who have not participated in them. Attending a meeting allows you to pick and choose those areas of interest to you. You just might have an idea for our next fund raiser or community project. Not to mention the fact that you can share in the camaraderie with your fellow warriors.

The coming months bring us the Romeo Peach Festival Parade, the Detroit Lions games in the Canteen, the Friday night Fish Dinners and baseball games at Jimmy John's Field. Get ready for our Ethnic Dinners and Halloween party.

Hope to see you all soon! If we haven't met, please introduce yourself to me and your fellow Marines, Navy, Army and Air Force Comrades.

Art Huge
Commander

Michigan Day - VFW National Home

A long, long, time ago (1922) an idea was born by 23-year-old Amy Ross, "Find jobs for thousands of Detroit Veterans." Millionaire Corey Spencer caught wind of this idea and "gifted" 472 acres (about twice the total floor space of the Pentagon) of land to support her idea. So, in a land far, far away in Eaton Rapids, Michigan the VFW National Home was founded on January 7, 1925. In the spring of that same year the first family of seven - widow Mrs. Pollett and her six children were welcomed home!

On cold, windy, rainy, and dreary August 6, 2023 - I was humbled in the presence of three Centurions - 2 female Cooties and 1 male Veteran (*The Military Order of the Cootie (M.O.C.) is the Honor Degree of the Veteran of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.*) - in the Parade of Checks where I was honored to present the Old Settlers Post of \$500.00 to the steeped in tradition to the Buddy Poppy Child. Total raised that day was \$31,000.00. There were at least 200 people in attendance - young and old - all pledging to "*Honor the dead by helping the living*" 101 years AFTER an idea was formed!!



Carol Dalpe
Jr. Vice Commander

Gold Star Mothers



Our Honor Guard supported Gold Star Mothers at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery August 13, 2023. It was the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the World War II Freedoms Memorial. *Norman and Su-Jen Mauldin served as the Ritual Directors.*

Many Post and other organizations were present along with the Department of Michigan 5th District Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States along with the Auxiliary.

Bill Barron
Captain Honor Guard



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VFW AUXILIARY

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Greetings to all Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary.

Greetings all,

We are excited to have initiated 5 New Members into our Auxiliary (*congratulations*).

Sunday September 10th and October 8th will be "Show Me The Money" and Saturday September 16th and October 21st will be Euchre Play.

Hope to see you all.

On August 15th, Denise Frey and I attended the luncheon for our new National President Carla Martines of Layton, Utah. Martines herself is a Navy Veteran & a Gold Legacy Life Member of both the VFW and the Auxiliary That was a new experience for both of us. She was a very eloquent speaker.

On Sunday October 8th, we will be honoring our Gold Star Mother's work in the Veteran Hospitals at the 50th Annual Gold Star Mothers Banquet at the Fraser Post

Hope to see many of you at our upcoming events at the Post.

Loyally,
Rosemary Diccio
President

SAVE THE DATE:

Santa's Coming to the Post

Yes, it's that time of year again. You may be thinking of Back to School, but I'm thinking of Santa and his visit to see our children and grandchildren. So, SAVE Saturday, December 9, 2023 for the Children's Christmas Party. More info to come next month. As always, the child has to be present to receive their gift.

Denise Frey - Youth Activities

Congratulations and Welcome to our new members who have joined our ranks as an Auxiliary member. They are as follows:

Jack O'Mara, Janice Meridith, Sylvia Polchil, Diane Huge, Doug Kelly, Debby Troy, Carol DeBaker, Deb Hadley, Nancy Lopez and Eric Hynak.

Welcome All - Your fellow Auxiliary Brother's and Sister's



Youth Activities

Emerson Kozlowski (*Grand Daughter of Post Member Mark Jarosz*) baked cookies For The Veterans of our Post and presented them to our Hall Manager Joe Bonanni



Hall Project Update



Eldorado Tile and Marble Owner Mike DiGiovanni and his crew finished the hall upgrade. Many thanks for a job well done. It all looks great. We now have our floor and what a beautiful new look we have at the VFW. Nu-Way Kitchen & Bath in Utica helped with our cabinets in the hall bathrooms.

Our VFW Post crew Bill Barron, Joe Bonanni, Kevin Debruyne, Marty Wiencer, Randy Pierson, gave me a helping hand doing their fair share of the work. I want to thank all involved and a hearty salute for your support.

As we move on with projects the carpet needs an upgrade to the hall and the canteen. Yes, we are looking at quotes. If anyone wants to help donate time or give a donation to our projects, please do so, for it's our home.

Come in and enjoy your VFW. Check out the pictures.

Mike Perusich

Sr. Vice Commander - Membership Chairman,



Defibrillator Training Class

We would like to thank Eric Tessin for the training on July 19th at our Post in Shelby Township. It was very informative and educational. Everyone at the training was impressed with his knowledge and we all learned a lot about doing our best to save a life. (left) Chaplain Kevin DeBruyne crushing the dummy chest (Right) Sr. Vice Michael Perusich & Commander Art Huge pose with Eric Tessin Director of Education, Vital Medical Training from the Washington Township Fire Department who trained our members on using a defibrillator in an emergency.

Our new defibrillator was donated to the Post by the Lions Club and is located in the Hall.



Ray Nadolski-Keller Williams ad
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Note from the Commander:

Many programs and projects in the coming months. To learn how You can help - Contact any line officer or Committee Chairman. Thanks !

Post Member Kevin DeBruyne Bio



I dropped out of High School in 1971 and spent the summer working for a friend of the family installing carpet and linoleum. By October I had enlisted in the U.S.Navy and was sent to San Diego for 11 weeks of boot camp. My first ship was a Guided Missile Destroyer, the USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7). We left for Vietnam in June of 72. On one occasion we had gone in close to take out an ammo dump and got caught in between the mainland and Hon Mieu Island in the Nha Trang Providence. We took heavy fire from their 16" guns and sustained considerable damage to the ship while still completing our mission. The ship had to go into Subic Bay P.I. to repair all the damage which took a few weeks. Then it

was back to the firing line for the remainder of 9 months and then back home. Eight months after getting back we went into the yards up in Long Beach for 6 months. I made E-5 while there and so I got transferred to a light cruiser USS Gridley (DLG-21). I wasn't there long and we headed back to Vietnam for another 9 months. I was fortunate to see a lot of the countries while over there from Japan down to Australia.

After discharge I went to work at Dodge Truck for a little over a year and then used my GI Bill to get into the skilled trades. I worked as a Machine Builder for a few years and moved up north of Grayling for nine years. When I moved back, I got into Aerospace Tooling and stayed with that until I retired.



**Chaplain
Kevin DeBruyne**
USN 1971-1975

Life Membership Information

VFW MEMBER SERVICES (CURRENT MEMBERS ONLY)

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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.

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One Time Payment - Initial Payment - 11 Payments of

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| Through Age 30 | \$ 425.00 | \$ 45.00 | \$ 38.64 |
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CAPT. DENNIS L. HOPKINS, USN, RET.
USNR 1974-1977, USN 1977-2003

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Canteen - Clubroom Notes

**Hello Everyone, It's almost fall ya'll.
Time to start planning some fun indoor activities.**



We need to have another Triathlon. Lori & Marty do such a great job running them for us. The one on July 22nd was so much fun. **Just look at the smiles on the faces of our winners!** Thanks to the Martins for supplying the know how & the Medals!

Sharon will start running Show Me The Money twice a month in the fall. September dates are the 10th & 24th. October will be the 8th & 29th. Thank you Sharon Jeffrey. Speaking of October, our Halloween Party will be on Saturday the 28th! No theme yet, do we need one? What do you think? Any/all ideas are welcome. Don't forget our Fish Fry on the first Friday of each month, is open to the public. And a Members & Guests only dinner on the 3rd Friday of each month. September 15th will be a steak dinner, October 20th will be Mexican night.

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP IN THE CLUBROOM
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THESE DINNERS.*

Football season is upon us! Watch for beer buckets, food specials, and fun!

Free Jukebox on Tuesdays also Happy Hour is
1:00 PM till 3:00 PM on Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays.



See you around the Club,
Kathie Holloway, Mgr.

**When in the Clubroom, please return all glasses and bottles to the service bar. No waitress on duty here.* Thank you!

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Members Service Bio's

Mick Kolinski 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.

Mike Perusich
perusich@att.net
586-291-9914

Welcome our Newest members

**Edward Walgraeve Army Korea
Matthew Gorman Army Iraq**

**Welcome Transfers
Derek Polena & Darren Werner**



Our newest member being promoted Major Noelle Kerr received her Army promotion at our Post on Monday August 25th. Noelle's husband will also be joining our Post.



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Note from the Commander:



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