



Old Settlers Newsletter



Post 4659 - District 5 July - August 2019

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



Greetings comrades, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to represent our post as Commander once again. Congratulations to all newly elected officers and committee members.

I would also like to say congratulations to all of the newly elected offices of the VFW Post Auxiliary. I am looking forward to working with them in the future.

As we venture into the next year, we should all see changes within the post, and clubroom. Congratulations to *Kathie Holloway* as she has taken over the duties of the clubroom manager. Kathie and the canteen committee are planning and looking into a number of events for the clubroom and the post, so please support them as they try some new and continue some traditional things and events at the post clubroom.

Our post meets twice a month and I would really like to see more members come and get involved in the day to day activities of the post and help with the operation of the post. This post just like all others needs the membership to help support the programs and committees that keep it going year after year. Remember it is the membership that makes up the post and the membership has a say as to how things are done, but without input it is just a handful that decide how and when things get done. I welcome all advise and suggestions that can improve the operation of any post function. Our House committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month, this is where the business of the post is discussed and once again, I would like to encourage all members to show up because it is an open meeting for our members to voice and share their opinions with the committee.

Thanks to all outgoing Officers and Commander Klee for a job well done for the past year.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Commander again.

Joe Wrobel



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VFW AUXILIARY

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Hi all Auxiliary members. It is again my pleasure to address you as your current President. We have a lot of work ahead of us this year to make our organization even better than it was last year. Congratulations to all on winning the Auxiliary Achievement Award. As we all should know this is a group effort and we have to work hard to achieve this award again this year.

We need to start now on building membership so we can achieve 100% or more by December 1st. Let's start now to ensure our Auxiliary is exemplary in the current year.

There is currently a fund raiser in process. We are selling patriotic bracelets at a cost of \$5.00 each. They are a string of wooden tiles that each have a different patriotic picture on them. Darlene Kaiser is chairman of this event.

Do you know a Veteran who needs. Help? Let's make an effort to direct our efforts on local level by serving the Veterans in our community who may be experiencing difficulty with paying bills or supporting their families.

Mary Ashbrook, President

Membership:

The Auxiliary again has approved a \$50.00 discount for this new year (July 2019 - June 30, 2020). This discount will apply to all new Life Members and any Annual Members that wish to convert to a Life Membership. For all that are annual members you will be seeing your renewal letter in the mail shortly. Think about converting to a Life Member.

Did you know that if your newsletter is not deliverable and it is returned to the Post it cost us .55 for each one returned. *Please let us know if you have moved* whether it be to a new house, apartment, condo or for some into a senior living situation or with your children. We'd like to keep you informed of all events and VFW news. Also, inform your family to contact us in the event of illness or passing. We'd like to be there for you.

Wishing all our members a great summer season.

Loyally,

Denise Frey

Membership Chairman

586-569-6336

Bello Woods Golf Course

23 Mile Road (south side) east of North Avenue

Check-in time 10 am - Shotgun start at 11 am - Cost is 40.00 per golfer

(includes 9 holes of golf and buffet luncheon back at the Post)

If anyone with the outing would like to golf an additional 9 holes before our event, you can do that for \$10.00, as long as times are available. You must call the course and set up your own tee-time and pay there. Just let them know that you are with the VFW outing

The phone number is **586-949-1200**.

Please join us for the Seventh Annual

**VFW POST 4659
CLUBROOM
GOLF
OUTING**



Sunday July 28th, 2019

Information and Registration forms available in
the Clubroom
This is a Fun Outing
All levels of Golfers Welcome

2019 VFW State Convention



Macomb County Commander Phil Gannia was Presented the All-American Award at the 2019 State Convention



Ken Klee and Quartermaster Jay Benner Received their All-State Award For 2018 - 2019 Year Along With their White Hats & Pins

Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen The 2019-20 Theme is: "What Makes America Great"



Our Auxiliary entries in the Young American Patriotic Art Contest did not place on the State level this year, but we are very proud of the students who participated and appreciate their efforts.

Even though summer has just begun, we are thinking about the first Scholarship Contest of the 2019 / 2020 VFW and Auxiliary Year. The Voice of Democracy Audio / Essay Contest is for students in grades nine through twelve. The theme is "What Makes America Great". The Patriot's Pen Contest is for students in grades six through eight. The theme is "What Makes America Great". Maybe you are wondering if this is a misprint, it is not! This is the first time that the theme for both contests is the same! We are looking forward to seeing how the different age groups define the theme. The deadline for entries to the Post in both contests is October 31, 2019. Information will be available on our Post website. Please share the themes and rules with your family and neighbors, and friends. Feel free to contact me for additional information. Entry forms are available on the VFW Department of Michigan website. We will be visiting the schools to provide the necessary information when they open in the fall. In the meantime, encourage the students in your area to participate in this Program. If you know of summer youth groups, share the excitement and ask them to join in. The summer months provide the perfect opportunity for the students to jumpstart their essays.

The Post will also participate in the Teacher of the Year Contest. This contest is open for outstanding teachers in Kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade. Rules and entry forms are on the VFW Department of Michigan website: vfwmi.org.

Thank you to the Post and Auxiliary for your continued support of VFW Auxiliary Programs.

Gloria Dobbie
Auxiliary 4659 Scholarships Chairman
586-739-8095



and

MEMBERSHIP HELPS THE VFW POST 4659 GROW



Our present membership is getting older, not younger, and we have been losing the battle lately with the passing of many of our long-time and active members. We ALL need to make this a top priority and put in some extra time to BRING NEW MEMBERS into our Post. Active members are great, but we need members in all modes of participation, active or passive. I suspect every one of us knows SOMEONE who qualifies, whether it is parents, children, in-

laws, grandchildren or other relatives, your mail carrier, grocer, barber, electrician, doctor or dentist, pharmacist, police officer, firefighter, lawyer, religious leader, co-worker, banker, car dealer, insurance agent, or teacher. **APPROACH them!!** Help them to fill out an Application! Tell them what they are missing:

- We have expert assistance of State and National Service Officers, and our own expert Service Officer, Laura Rios.
- The VFW provides assistance to PROTECT existing Veteran benefits that you now receive or may receive in the future.
- An opportunity to take an active part in Post 4659's patriotic, community service, and youth activity programs.
- Satisfaction in knowing that you are supporting an organization that fights for the maximum defense and security of our country.
- Receiving the acclaimed VFW Magazine each month, keeping you informed on all matters pertaining to you as a Veteran.
- The feeling of true comradeship that exists only among Veterans who served overseas in time of war.
- Many social functions at your Post and Canteen for you as well as other members of your family.
- The opportunity for your spouse and family members to join the VFW Auxiliary, working hand-in-hand with Post members in all functions and programs.

If there is a question, have them bring in their DD-214 or other proof of serving overseas in times of conflict or war. Other proof might be "Returning Orders", "Leave and Earnings Statement", "Free mail/War Zone pictures", "Hostile fire/Imminent Danger Pay," or "Qualifying award citation". If you have ANY questions on a particular prospect, call me.

Membership Chairman,

Mike Perusich

586-291-9914



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Hello and Happy 4th of July Everyone!



We have some fun activities planned for this summer. To start things off, please join us for our **Independence Day Party on Saturday, July 6th**. We will be grilling burgers and brats and having some fun with a corn hole tournament. We open at 1:00, grilling starts at 2:00! We will be closing at 6:00 pm on the 4th. Enjoy the fireworks and celebrations!

Here are some additional dates to keep in mind: Sunday, **July 14th** – Boys and their Toys. **Come and show off your coolest rides!** Sunday, **July 28th** – Clubroom Golf Outing – Show me the money and potluck. Sunday, **August 11th** – Boys and their Toys and Picnic/Ice Cream Party. Children are welcome! Saturday, **August 17th** – Steak out (grill your own) featuring music and dancing with **Weezie and the Rascals!** Sunday, **August 25th** – Show me the money and potluck.



There is plenty of interest in corn hole and/or Euchre mini tournaments on Saturdays so keep an eye on your Clubroom postings for info and sign up sheets for these and other Clubroom activities!



I want to thank Randy and Darlene, not only for all their help, but also for all the information they have passed on to me to keep our Clubroom running smoothly! Many, many thanks to you both!

We are open to any ideas and suggestions that many of you may have. Please feel free to contact the clubroom staff, or better yet, attend meetings and have your vote count. We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for supporting our Clubroom,

Kathie Holloway
Clubroom Manager



Welcome Our Newest Transfer Members
Marvin Pimentel & Brian Thomas

Buddy Poppy Thank You

The Poppy drive was a huge success with many surprises. Even though only 11 post members solicited funds they were able to generate \$6800.00 for our Relief Fund Account. All collected will be donated to a needy veteran and his or her family.

Comrade Tom Smith led the Post with contributing \$1500.00. Comrades Pretzer and Crampton contributed over \$1000.00 each.

Our Quartermaster Jay Benner ordered large Poppy posters and by displaying them in the clubroom and members signing them, we were able to add \$215.00 to the Relief Fund

Thank You for all that you do;

"We Honor the Dead by Helping the Living".

**Bill Tudrick & Larry Pretzer
Poppy Chairman**



**Gone But Not Forgotten
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Conrad Wagner**



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Post Members Upcoming Meetings and Events

Holly National Cemetery Honor Guard – 1st Wednesday of each Month

Post Meetings – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each Month – 7:00 PM

Council Meetings - 1st Tuesday of each Month - 7:30 PM

District 5 Meetings - 2nd Sunday each Quarter -

House Committee Meeting – 3rd Wednesday of each Month – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 2nd Monday of each Month 7 PM

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

Veteran Outreach Sessions with Lisa Marie

- 2nd Monday of each Month 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Important Dates in July & August

July 1st - Post Membership Drive Begins

July 2nd - U.S. Army Air Corps Established (1926)

July 4th - Independence Day

July 6th - Post July 4th After-Party

July 27th - Korean War Ended (1953)

July 28th - World War 1 Began (1914)

August 1st - Air Force Day

August 4th - US Coast Guard Established (1790)

August 7th - Vietnam War Began (1964)

Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)

August 14th - Japan Surrendered Ending WWII (1945)



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

A big thank you to all the participants in the recent June Charity Poker Fundraiser at Ciccarelli's! The fundraiser went very well, raising \$3788 for Post 4659. Without our post volunteers stepping up to help run these charity events, 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, Bruce Hartung, Dave Wagner, John DiSalvo, Scott Metcalf, Jay Benner, Bill Tudrick, Bill Barron, Larry Pretzer, Rich Kiempisty, and Bob Bartkowski for generously giving their time and effort to support these fundraisers. Many went over and above with multiple shifts to fill empty spots. We heard great comments about our volunteers from Ciccarelli's staff and the players!

**NEXT CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISER IS October 23-26, 2019
DAY & NIGHT SHIFTS AT ROSEMACK!**

October will be a two shift schedule, two days and two nights, which is a bit different than we are used to. I will have the schedule ready for you to sign up at upcoming meetings. Please consider doing a late or early (or both!) shift if you can.

**Mike Crampton, Carol Dalpe, Mike Perusich, Bill Tudrick
Co-Chairpersons – Charity Poker Fundraisers**

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