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Post 1008 Commanders Column

Apr-May 2017

To our Members,

The winter weather has been very mild with the exception of our latest gale force winds and subsequent power outages. It is MICHIGAN!! Our Post continues to do very well and is moving forward.

- Changes over the months and the addition of some new events has stimulated membership participation and improved our net profitability.
- ✓ The HIGH PERFORMANCE of our Honor Guard led by R. Seaman & M. Woods has led to many donations being sent to our post.
- ✓ The HIGH QUALITY of our newsletter administered by T. Kidd is making an impact on local merchants leading to renewals and new sponsors for our newsletter and website.
- ✓ Significant donations from Sam's, Walmart & the Court made via G. Navarrette and MEM Co. via Kent Thomas to our food bank has saved our post thousands of dollars.
- Our post was informed by our Department/State Commander that we are Number (1) in the STATE for recruiting!

"What has happened recently"

- 01/21: Chili cook-off & hot dog bar: WOW, what a fantastic turn-out! Approximately (75) members & guests with (15) contestants. Jim Fisher was the winner. A special thanks to our volunteers J. Coe, R. Coe and our grille master B. Whitten.
- 02/05: Super Bowl party/fundraiser: A very good turn-out this year. We watched, ate and downed a few beverages during one of the greatest games ever played!! Ed's Waterford Shell & Market provided all the food & a \$500 check to the post. Our Post has presented ED with a Certificate of Appreciation. THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!
- 3. 02/10: Starduster's Band: A very good turn-out. The Valentine's Day ambiance was very good, the band was terrific and the dancers twirled & whirled.
- 4. 02/18:: Comedy Night: Our hall was packed! The comedians were good and all had a very good time. Congrats to D. Burmeister & L. Cerre as the Auxiliary co-chairs.
- 5. 02/25: Texas Hold-em: The Tournament went well. We passed a State Audit and made a few dollars. Excellent jobs by B. Whitten, Donna, K. Ogg and all our volunteers.
- 6. 03/05: Vet & Auxiliary Member of the Year Award dinner. A good turn-out and very nice dinner. All past Vet's & Auxiliary Members of the Year were acknowledged. The new Vet of the Year Award went to G. Navarrette and the new Auxiliary Member of the Year Award went to K. LaForge.
- 7. 03/11: Soup Challenge: A modest turn-out but (9) contestants. Soups were excellent with J. Kellner the winner with his French Onion soup.
- 8. ST. Patty's Day: A very nice turn-out. The corned beef, cabbage, taters and carrots were abundant and outstanding. Last I heard, folks were sipping on Lucky Charms and downing Dirty Girl scouts!! A big thanks to our volunteers!!!!

"WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS"

Grand Slam Drawings Post & Auxiliary elections Easter Egg Hunt Memorial Day Parade We are doing our best to continue our tradition of being one of the best posts in Michigan. <u>Please Help!!</u> Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau



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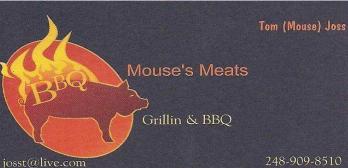
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NOMINATIONS FOR POST 1008 OFFICER POSITIONS

1. Commander	4. Quartermaster			
a. Jerry Beseau	a. Jon Kellner			
b. Bill Storm	b. Dick Johnson			
C	C			
2. Senior Vice Commander	5. Chaplain			
a. Rick Coe	a. David Maloney			
b. Bob Rambo	b. Bill Storm			
C	C			
3. Junior Vice Commander	6. 3 Year Trustee			
a. Bob Mutter	a. Michael Jackson			
b. Bob Rambo	b. Kent Thomas			
c. Bill Witten	c. George Smith			

Final nominations and the Election will be held at the Members meeting 19Apr17

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"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." *George Washington*



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APRIL & MAY 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

For Uncommon Heroes

- April 13th Stuff Easter eggs at 7PM
- April 15th Easter Egg Hunt 11AM to 1PM
- April 19th Auxiliary Elections (all aux. members able please attend/we need officers and chairman).
- April 22nd Grand Slam Drawing
- April 30th District Meeting Frasier 10AM
- May 11th—May 13th Poppy Days (locations and signup sheets will be in clubroom.
- May 17th Post and Auxiliary Installation
- May 29th Memorial Days Parade—all hands on deck
- They will also be placing flags on the Graves at Great Lake Cemetery watch for Blast with time and date.

Karla LaForge designed a Poppy Display for the Mid Winter Conference in January; it was a great display and took First Place in Michigan. Congratulations Karla, job well done. If you have not had the opportunity to see the display it is in the Clubroom.

I would like to thank everyone that donated a dessert for the Super Bowl Party.

Thank you to Donna and Darcy for the excellent meal they provided for the 5th District meeting, everyone enjoyed it.

Big thanks to Debbie & Linda for all their hard work, planning and worry to make the first Comedy Show a big success. Thank you April for your help in keeping the show flowing before hand and between acts. Thanks to everyone that come out and supported this event.

Auxiliary member of the Year was celebrated on March 5th, Karla LaForge was honored as our outstanding member. This is an honor she well deserves for all her had work and commitment to our Veterans and Community.

We need Volunteers: Inquire at Post 1008



Cash Only, Buy your tickets at the VFW or at the gate. Tickets available at VFW Post 1008.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calendar Legend Blue: Fund- raiser Gold: Holiday Red: Look At Me						1 Work Bee 9- 12
2	3 S	4 Euchre @ Post 700pm	5 Warthogs	6 House Meeting 930- 1030am Grand Slam Early Bird 7pm Dinner 5pm	7	8
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16 Easter Closed Easter	17	18 Euchre @ Post 700pm	19 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm Nominee Elections	20	21	22
	S	Rental		Am Legion		
23 30 5th District	24 SOA Warren 730pm	25 Euchre @ Post 700pm	26	27 Dinner, Ham- burger/ Hot- dogs @500pm	28	29 Grand Slam Dinner 7pm w/ Hors d'oeu- vres
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May 2017

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14 Mothers Day	15	16 Euchre @ Post 700pm	17 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	18	19	20
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21 Last Sunday for the Sum- mer (Bar)	22 SOA Warren 730pm S	23 Euchre @ Post 700pm Agent Orange	24	25 Dinner , Ham- burger/ Hot- dogs @500pm	26	27 Work Bee 9-12 For Memorial Day
28	29 Memorial Day Parade: Muster@9am March@10am	30 Euchre @ Post 700pm	31			

Get behind one of our own! He needs our help.

VETERANS MEMORIAL 150 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 26 – 29, 2017

THE RUN

This event will be a 150 mile run across the state of Michigan over Memorial Weekend 2017. This can be ran solo, or as a team for any total mileage. The run will start on the beach at Lake Michigan in Ludington, and end at the Saginaw Bay in Essexville. Basic food and drink will be provided at 17 aid stations/relay stops which will be staged approximately every 5-10 miles staffed by volunteers. Visit <u>www.vml50.com</u> to register to run or volunteer.

THE BENEFICIARY

For the 2017, VM150 is pleased to partner with the Michigan Warriors Hockey Program. The Michigan Warriors Hockey Program (MWHP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created for charitable and recreational activities, namely, providing an educational and developmental hockey program for Disabled Veterans and to participate in volunteer community services.

The Warriors welcome Veterans of any disability or injury and any skill level to join the program and especially encourage those who have never played hockey before to come out and try. For more information, please visit www.michiganwarriorshockey.com.



LAKE MICHGAN TO SAGINAW BAY ULTRAMARATHON BENEFITTING MICHIGAN WARRIORS HOCKEY PROGRAM VM150 www.vm150.com info@vm150.com Kurt Adams, President

His name Is Dan Sweeney, he is running solo for Team RWB. He is a member of VFW Post 1008 in Waterford.

http://vm150.com/ gear-donate





AUX Display That won 1st for 1008

Lady of the year Karla LaForge, with Vet of the year George Navarrette.

Her plaque will be In another Newsletter.





Plaque that our Post won thanks to our Aux Members hard work.



The Marine Corps League 570

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.



The pain of discipline is nothing like the pain of regret. *United States Marine Corps*



Apr-May 2017 SERVICE OFFI-CER LETTER

This March, after listening to the President's Address, we are encouraged to continue paying attention to the Veterans Administration and its handling of existing claims and the filing of new ones.



Ask Me What I Was

I'll reply with what I've done. Those things others would not do, I did; Those rivers others would not swim, I swam; Those hills others would not climb, I conquered: Those bridges others would not cross, I crossed; I have celebrated. I have mourned. I have smiled and I have frowned. I have seen death and felt its warm breath. I did not faze me, For I was different. I was a warrior. You ask me what I was? It was my destiny, Until my last breath, To be a United States Marine. And my spirit shall live forever.

Semper Fidelis For I was, am and shall forever be a

"United States Marine"

I am keeping my eye on the new Administrator, hoping he knows

how to fire any of those persons merely occupying a seat and not producing for veterans. The Law of the Land directs the VA to, when there is doubt, decide in favor of veterans.

When that doesn't happen, the veteran doesn't have to accept the decision. He can appeal it. The follow up is critical; it requires carefully worded thoughts and additional information. Don't try this on your own, let a VFW S.O. help.

I am still assisting with old claims, some ratings are over twenty years old. They are due for a review if the original situation has altered. I refuse to leave money in the VA'S coffers. Seeing vets get what is due them insures recent veterans will acquire their full amount.

Keep in mind we all must work together on this mission. Ask questions as they arise, Thank you all..

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Meetings held third Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.



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Great photo of the Vet & Lady of the year past.



This photo may be a little distorted, but believe you me. You need to see and feel this great gift to our Honor Guard.

I need photos. Not overwhelming amounts, just all events. It is a community effort, pitch in a little. Brothers, all is appreciated . Heart of the Lakes VFW Post 1008 Banquet Facility

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