

### **NEWSLETTER April-May 2018**

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## **Happy Easter**







## Post 1008 Commanders Column

Commrades & Auxillary Members

Well, our winter weather has been unpredictable according to our local weather Swami's. Quite a bit of snow and below average temperatures. We did have some teasing days!!! Time to SPRING forward!! Time to think about baseball, NBA & NHL playoffs, Flowers, yard clean-up, putting the dock & boat in, etc. Whew, I'm worn out!!

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#### The latest news!!!!!!!

**Building Maintenance**: Our heating/ventilation/AC (HVAC) units will need to be replaced soon. The (2) units have been repaired numerous times, courtesy of Wes Coe. The units are now past their estimated life!! A Post letter has been sent to all members requesting a donation of \$600 to be paid over (3) years (e.g. \$200,00 per year). This is the same process we used for our new roof. Your support will be greatly appreciated now and in future years. **Bob Rambo** has volunteered to Chair our building Maintenance & Work Bee Committee's. Bob's already hard at it but claims he needs some **HELP!** 

**Membership**: Our <u>Post is # 1</u> in the state for recruiting new members (20) again this year. Just thinking, should some of your friends consider being a Post member or Auxiliary member??? See our <u>Quartermaster</u>, <u>Dick Johnson</u>.

**Newsletter & Website: Jon Kellner & Bill Storm** have volunteered to step forward and continue on with our first class Newsletter and to initiate enhancements to our Post website. The transition process with **Tony Kidd** is currently ongoing. We do need help with Newsletter sponsors. Do you know of a business that would like their Business Card in our Newsletter?

**2018 BUDDY POPPY Campaign:** Michael Kerr & Bob Benson have volunteered to be CO-CHAIRS for this committee. We have already scheduled Kroger, Tenuta's & Market Place Meats. Mike & Bob are out recruiting Volunteers!!

**2018 Billy Condon Golf Outing: Bill Fridlington** has volunteered to Chair our golf outing this year. He's talking about a weekday!! If you would like to play or volunteer, please contact Bill.

**Honor Guard:** Mike Roy & Shauna T. are new additions to our 5 – Star Honor Guard team.

**Elected Officers**: 1<sup>st</sup> nominations at March General membership meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> nominations & Election at April General Membership meeting.

**Lawn Maintenance**: Gilly & Bob Benson took our riding lawnmower in for annual maintenance. Gilly insisted on paying the bill. Thank you!!!!!

**Post Communications BLASTS:** Debbie Burmeister has done an outstanding job of continuously sending out great blasts to our membership for upcoming events. Don't let her blasts go to waste!!

**St Patty's Day Dinner**: WOW, we had approximately (80) for dinner and many more at the bar. The food, drinks & raffle prizes were great. A BIG thanks to our **dinner volunteers**, **G. Navarrette** for the outstanding food discounts & **CHEF Donna** for a wonderful corned beef dinner.

"WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS": Thursday dinners (Toni, Judy & Marge), Texas Hold-em tournaments (B. Whitten), DJ & Karaoke Night (G. Smith), next Comedy Night (Debbie & Linda)

We continue to be one of the best posts in Michigan!!! Please stop by and say hi to your comrades.

Respectfully, Jerry Beseau



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# Quartermaster's Report

### **No Report This Month**



## **The Marine Corps League 570**

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.

"Closed: due to lack of interest." Is that really what we want to say this year? Our detachment of the North Oakland Marines has recruited several new members over the past eighteen months; but for whatever reasons they have been "no shows" this year. I have been "elected" to be Commandant for the third year in sequence. From E-4 to Commandant, does that make me a Mustanger? Kidding! I am faced with the decline in members that make a Detachment meaningful. Time has taken some really loved and meaningful Marines from us. They served with positive interest, ability, drive, and reliability to our membership. I wish I'd been able to make a mold of each and then replicate them. If the situation continues, I may be forced to retire our colors and merge with another more complete group.

The Marine Corps League is the only congressionally recognized organization for Marines. We uphold the same standards as our active duty brethren. Our purpose is to promote community interest in serving Marines and Fleet Corpsmen. We also help with that recognition by contributing to local fund raising events.

Our presence at funerals, flag raisings, and my favorite; the initiation of Eagle Scouts, is very satisfying to our Detachment members. Our annual golf outing a Selfridge ANG Base has had great weather and good food for several years. The good times at White Lake Inn, for our Chile Cook Off, have been going on for nearly thirty years. Unfortunately, our Winter event, the Ice Golf, has been cancelled 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row due to poor ice thickness on White Lake. Safety first, always. Because of losing that fund raiser, we are in real need of foursomes for golf. Would you give us a hand with that?

Don Roach, Commandant





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#### Service Officer Letter: April -May2018

I serve the Veterans of Post 1008 at the discretion of it's Commander. I work with him, or her, as closely as possible. Neither one wants loose ends, or anyone with a question to be ignored. I personally enjoy being healthy and mobile enough to try and make a positive difference in the lives I touch. That being said, I very much appreciate the help from my fellow members in getting vets to reach out when they really need it.

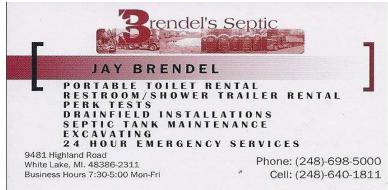
The Oakland County Servicemen's Relief Fund has as annual budget, this year, of a bit over \$30,000.00 for veteran burial benefits (headstones, etc.) as well as for emergency funds for utility bills, food, rent, and such. The extreme need is compared to how and why the vets came to be in their situation. As a Board Member, I see requests from small to large (usually under one thousand dollars). We meet the third Tuesday of each month. The necessary forms are filled out through a Veteran Affairs Counselor at either the Pontiac or Troy offices. Sometimes we have to explain that these funds are strictly for emergency situations; they are not pension money. There is a limit to access, usually once per fiscal year.

Transportation is not considered to be an "emergency". We cannot make car payments, buy tires, you get the picture. Taxpayers are picky. There is no penalty to vets making requests; we do want to be of legitimate service. If anyone hears of someone making an application, please let me know whom it is and whatever details you learned. The personal touch can make the difference in some cases. Thanks for your attention. Remember to sell advertising in our newsletter.

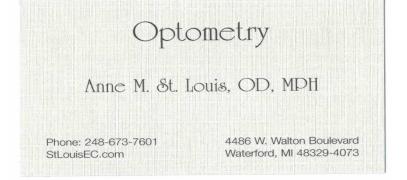
#### Don Roach

Tell callers to LEAVE A MESSAGE: Name, Number, reason for call. 248.794.7773









# **April 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY	2	3 Euchre @ Post 700pm	4	5 1700 –Dinner	6	7
SUNDAT				1900—Early		
				Bird Drawing		1930 Comedy Night
8	9	10 Euchre @ Post 700pm	11	12	13	14
	OCC in Holly		1900 Board Mtg	MCL 7pm	2000-2400 Karaoke \$3.00	
15	16	17 Euchre @	18	19	20	21
		Post 700pm	1900			1200 POW- MIA
			Post & Aux Elections	Am Legion		1900
			Licotions	7pm		Grand Slam
22	23	24 Euchre @ Post 700pm	25	26	27	28
		·	RENTAL			
				1700		
				Dinner,		RENTAL
29	30					

## **MAY 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Euchre @ Post 700pm	2	3	4	5
				1900 Dinner		
6 5th District Oxbow	7	8 Euchre @ Post 700pm	9	10 POPPY DAYS Tenutas	11 POPPY DAYS Tenutas	12 POPPY DAYS Tenutas
13 POST CLOSED MOTHER'S DAY	14 1930 OCC At 1008	15 Euchre @ Post 700pm	1900 Post & Aux Mtg Installation	17  Am Legion 7pm	18	19
20 Last Sunday Of Season	21	22 Euchre @ Post 700pm	23	24 Dinner, @500pm  POPPYS Market Place Meats	25 POPPYS Market Place Meats	26 POPPYS Market Place Meats
27	28 Memorial Day Parade	29 Euchre @ Post 700pm	30	31		





# Post 1008 Auxiliary Colum

## April & May 2018

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, support and the help that you have given Rick and I the last 3 months.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> members of the Post and Auxiliary took a trip to Ann Arbor VA Medical Center to visit with the long term care residents and pass out canteen certificates. We will be going again on June 20<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in going we would love to have you come along.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 1pm, help is needed in hiding the eggs and with crafts. Donations of candy and eggs are also needed to make this event a success; donations are being collected in the clubroom. Come and enjoy the children for the community as they hunt for eggs.

Comedy Show #3 will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, tickets are sold as "tables" with pricing based on location, and on sale now in the clubroom. Show start at 7:30pm, please arrive early.

Most important is the election of officer's that will take place on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, to continue to have an auxiliary we need officer's so please come to the meeting, think about taking a position and keeping you auxiliary in place.

We have a dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 5pm to 7pm, menu varies, cost is \$7.00 per person so get out of the kitchen for a night and join us. We are also in need of desserts, donations would be appreciated.

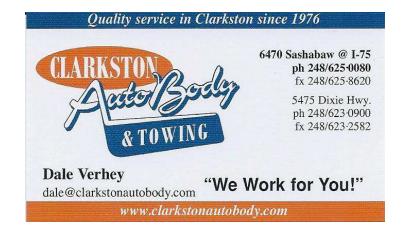
Thank you for all you do.

Judy Coe

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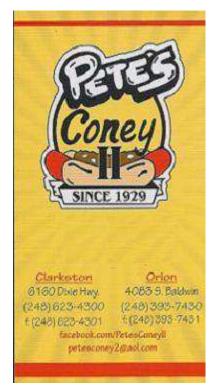


### Meetings held third Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.



Meetings held fourth Tuesday monthly @ 7:30 PM.

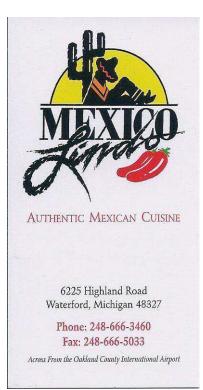








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\*\*George Washington\*\*