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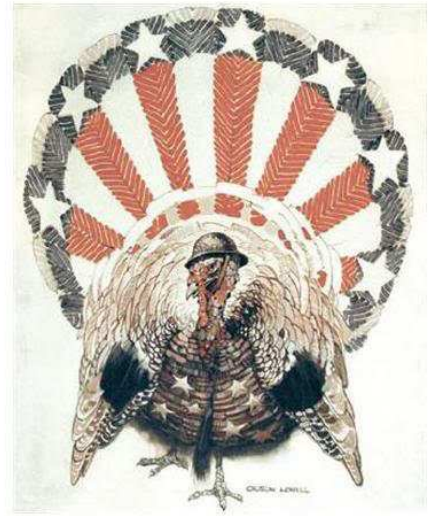
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Post 1008 Commanders Column

To our Members,

The up & down days of summer this year have slipped by quickly. Now it's time for baseball playoffs, football, basketball, hockey and of course HUNTING!! Overall, our Post is continuing to do well as we move forward into the future.

“What has happened recently?”

1. 08/06: Michigan Day at VFW National Home for Children. R. Coe, J. Coe & J. Kellner posted our colors and gave a donation check to our Michigan House.
2. 08/19: Pancake breakfast at Post open to community. Good turnout, very good food & camaraderie was high. Nice job by Chairperson J. Kellner and numerous volunteers.
3. 08/27: Oakland Airport Airshow. Our Post ran a concession stand again (hotdogs, chips & refreshments). Net profit was approximately \$1,450.00. Nice job by Chairperson B. Whitten and many Post & Auxiliary volunteers.
4. 09/05: Euchre at the Post started again on Tuesdays. Chairs G. Smith & J. McClure say attendance is increasing.
5. 09/06: Post Inspection by 5th District. Inspectors were N. Mauldin, S. Mauldin & G. Navarrette. We PASSED with ZERO discrepancies.
6. 09/08, 09 & 10: Youth Campout at Multi-Lakes. 5th District volunteers from (7) Posts led by Chairperson M. Woods & Post 1008 volunteers set-up, cooked for (3) days, then packed up for next year. There were (12) Teams, approximately 150 people. Everything went very well.
7. 09/10: Post bar reopened on Sundays (1:00 – 7:00) with NFL Kick-off party. Patronage was good & camaraderie high.
8. 09/15: National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at Oakland Hills Cemetery. Our Honor Guard presented Colors & conducted a Rifle Salute. D. Johnson sang the Star Spangled Banner.
9. 09/21, 22 & 23: Fall VFW POW WOW at Boyne Highlands. R. Coe, D. Johnson, J. Kellner & Commander will represent our Post.
10. Donations: We have sent donation checks to the National Children's Home, Blue Star Mothers, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Cancer fund, Veteran & Military Support funds & Beaumont/Sam's Club Children Miracle Network Fund-raiser.

“WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS”

Thursday dinners, Pancake breakfast on Saturday & Texas Hold-em tournaments

NOTE: While our Post is doing well, our Clubroom continues to struggle financially due to extremely low patronage. Earlier this year we addressed this issue by reducing Clubroom hours of operation. Please stop by and say hi to your comrades, have dinner, shoot pool, play shuffleboard or attend one of our hall events. OUR post needs your help NOW.

We are one of the best posts in Michigan!!! Please continue your support. New volunteers are always welcome.

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau



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Quartermaster's Report

PLEASE READ, IMPORTANT POST NEWS

Comrades;

Just a brief note to say thank you all. Throughout the last several months, many of you have worked hard and participated in fund raising activities that have generated income for the Post. With these activities and fund raisers, we survive as a Post. It's because of not just your sweat, but also your ideas that Post 1008 exists. It takes about \$5,000 per month to pay our bills for the Post excluding the Clubroom, which is supposed to support itself, and for the most part does. The point is, without your efforts we would not be here so thanks again.

Of course, I would be remiss not to mention our Honor Guard. Because of your tireless, (and overworked) efforts many families donate money to Post in honor of their departed loved ones. I applaud all of you!

Our membership is up, thanks to your efforts. So far this year we have 6 new members, 2 converted to life membership, and 6 transfers. Again, because you talk up the Post in our community we are reaping the benefits.

Lastly, we have some exciting and hopefully profitable activities planned for the fall; Texas Hold'em, and Poppy sales are just a couple. So keep up the good work!! The welfare of our Post depends on you.

Respectfully,

Richard Johnson Quartermaster

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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Gold Star Mothers Banquet Post #4659	2 S	3 Euchre @ Post 700pm	4 Warthogs 7pm	5 Dinner, Chef's surprise @500pm	6 Hobo Stew Dusk till dawn	7 MSU vs Mich Time TBD Work Bee 9-12 Rental	
8	9 OCC S. Lyon #1224 730pm S	10 Euchre @ Post 700pm	11 House Meeting 6-7pm Board Meeting 700pm Rental	12 MCL 7pm	13	14 Quarter Auction Doors @ 600pm	
15	16 S	17 Euchre @ Post 700pm Rental	18 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	19 Am Legion 7pm	20 Texas Hold'em 6pm-1am Big Ten Conf	21 Texas Hold'em 1pm-10pm Big Ten Conf	
22	23 SOA @ Warren #9021 730pm S	24 Euchre @ Post 700pm Agent Orange 7pm	25	26 Dinner, Chef's surprise @500pm	27	28	
29	30 S	31 Euchre @ Post 700pm Halloween					Calendar Legend Blue: Fund-raiser Gold: Holiday Red: Look At Me

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calendar Legend Blue: Fund-raiser Gold: Holiday Red: Look At Me			1 Warthogs 7pm	2 Dinner, Chef's surprise @500pm	3	4 Comedy Night Doors @7pm
5 Vet Parade Detroit Vet And Lady of the year 2pm @ Post	6 S	7 Euchre @ Post 700pm	8 House Meet- ing 6-7pm Board Meet- ing 700pm Packing Party 630pm	9 MCL 7pm	10 Marine Corps Birthday 6pm @ Post	11 Veterans Day MSU vs OSU Time TBD
12	13 OCC S. Lyon #1224 730pm S	14 Euchre @ Post 700pm	15 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	16 Am Legion 7pm	17	18
19	20 S	21 Euchre @ Post 700pm Rental	22	23 Thanksgiving Closed	24 Closed	25 OSU vs Mich Time Noon The Post is Open
26 The Post is Open	27 SOA Warren 9021 730pm S	28 Euchre @ Post 700pm Agent Orange 7pm	29	30 Dinner, Chef's surprise @500pm		

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Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Auxiliary News

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I want to thank everyone for supporting the Auxiliary Soup & Salad Dinner. Thanks to everyone that donated soups/salads/desserts and breads, it was enjoyed by all that attended.

October 14th is our 3rd Quarter Auction it starts at 7PM. Donations of gift baskets, Gift cards and prized to auction off are need to make this a success. Please have donations in to the Post by Tuesday Oct. 10th so we can inventory and list items. Come out and have a good time, quarters are not needed as we will be selling chips at the door.

Comedy Nite is coming again to the Post, it will be on Saturday, November 4th at 7PM. We will go on sale in the beginning of October, get yours early, they will again be sold by tables. Watch for more information coming soon.

We will be packing boxes to send oversea to our service persons on Nov. 8th at 6:30. There is a donation box in the clubroom along with a list of items that are needed to send. If you know of anyone serving overseas leave their name and APO address in the clubroom. Veteran and Lady of the Year dinner will be held on November 5th at 2PM, bring a dish to pass and enjoy.



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Marine Corps League – Detachment 570

North Oakland Marines – Donald Roach, Commandant

Detachment 570, the North Oakland Marines, wishes to thank you all for joining with us to make our annual Chili Cook Off, this one being the 28th, a successful venture. The heat kept our turnout lower than past dates, but the spirit and ticket sales were good.

Give yourselves a hand and don't forget to join us on November 10th, for our annual Birthday Party.

Marines and FMF Corpsmen are encouraged to come to our meetings the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., in Post 1008.

570 is working with Commander Jerry Beseau on some mutual fund raising events. Such are needed in these critical times of dwindling memberships. The attrition is hard to overcome. Vets of all branches of service find themselves in need and have no idea of where to turn. That we are here is a high standard.

My best to you all, Don Roach



VSO's get information from many sources. More email than a sane mind can handle, it seems. Some of this info concerns job opportunities from either the VA or private concerns. I urge veterans in need of full time work to contact a VSO; the sooner the better. In Troy, there is a week-long training course in learning tools to find work. The graduates then meet with industry reps looking for veterans to fill their employee needs. This program is having success.

Post 1008, as with most of the VFW, has aging members with health needs. I want to emphasize we each make certain to share the knowledge. This month, I came across a life member, Vietnam service, USMC, transferring to our Post. I'd like to bring Bill Leshow to a meeting: if only his health improves. He was not on the VA radar at all. We fixed that with trips to Oakland County to file for a DD214, one to John Dingell Hospital to register, another to the Pontiac Clinic where I was directed to get him to the ER at Dingell. Different days. He's somewhat better, has the Agent Orange symptoms, and will be seen once again for a treatment program. I'm doing the driving but certainly would make room from time to time if there is a volunteer out there. He uses a walker but needs a wheelchair in hospital. He will be opening a VA claim.

I appreciate our members and the bar staff in consulting with guests and the referrals to myself or Bill Coleman. I prioritize veteran service over most anything else. The else being boat trips. As crew, I am obligated to make. Sailing is my relief valve and the season is short.

Let's hope for a beautiful Fall season and mild Winter.

Don Roach, Service Officer

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