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# Post 1008 Commanders Column

To our Members,

The past few months and summer have slipped by very quickly. The weather and our Post activities have been very good!! Thursday dinners, Clubroom Specials, KENO, Euchre tournaments and dance nights with the Starduster's Band have been very successful. Come and join in!!!!

## "What has happened recently"

7/16/16: Buddy Poppy: Donations received at Tenuta's totaled **\$872.70**

7/30/16: Golf outing at the Fountains GC. Rained out after (9) holes but prizes, a steak dinner and a few libations turned the day into a big hit. Net profit for the Post totaled \$4,167.65

8/06/16: Cap'n Kidd Clinton river crusade: All had a wet, wild & tipsy time!! **\$180.00** donated to the Agent Orange Riders.

8/07/16: Michigan Day at National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. J. Coe, R. Coe and I traveled to Eaton Rapids and represented our Post by posting our colors. **\$100.00** has been donated to the Michigan House for school supplies.

8/28/16: Oakland Airport Air Show: Our Post run a concession stand (hotdogs, chips & liquid refreshments) and provided volunteers to assist with collecting parking fees. Net profit for the Post totaled **\$1,666.75. GREAT JOB!!**

District Audit: Conducted by the District Commander, Dave Tester. The Quartermaster, all Trustees and I represented the Post. Dave stated we were one of the BEST Posts. We passed with flying colors!!

SEPTEMBER 9,10,11 2016: Youth Camp-out at Multi-Lakes: Our Post donated **\$250,00** to sponsor (2) Teams. Once again our volunteers worked very hard to have food donated and cook all of the meals for approximately 100 youth campers. **GREAT JOB!!**

9/10/16: Buddy Poppy: Donations received at Wal-Mart totaled **\$871.25**

Thursday dinner on the last Thursday of the month is changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

## "WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS"

Halloween Party	Euchre Tournaments	HOBO Stew NIGHT	Sunday Activities
Dirty Basement Blues Band	Starduster's Christmas Bash		Buddy Poppy Events

NOTE: As always, VOLUNTEERS are the difference between success and failure!! THANK YOU to our regular dedicated Post members and a SPECIAL THANK YOU to our AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS led by Judy Coe. **ALL OF YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!!**

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau

Post 1008 Commander



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# PLEASE READ IMPORTANT POST NEWS

*By Jon Kellner – Post 1008, Quartermaster*

*Go to these VFW Websites for valuable information..*

VFW National Website: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

Department of Michigan VFW: [www.vfwmi.org](http://www.vfwmi.org)

On the National Website you can pay your dues, find veterans benefit information and many more interesting aspects of our great VFW organization.

Take some time to reach out to a veteran in need. Encourage veterans that are worthy of joining our ranks to do just that, join the VFW. Many times people will say I just don't have time to participate. All we ask is a few hours of your time. So, consider this:

## **Only few hours of your time a year is all we are looking for:**

2 to 3 hours a year helping at one of our activities.

2 to 3 hours reading VFW information.

Attend several Post Membership Meeting which usually lasts 1 to ½ hours.

Come to our Thursday Night Dinners – your choice as to how long you stay.

Stop in to watch “the game” – good comradery here.

Thursday morning breakfasts, golf, pool and/or motorcycle riding.

Help with our Poppy donation collecting (for the veterans' relieve fund).

Euchre played on Tuesday nights – starts at 7:30 PM

A little time invested in your VFW goes a long way in keeping our Post active.

It's a shame that too often, only a small portion of members participate in activities and its usually the same continuous group of supporters.

We need new members! We need young members! We need members who participate!

There aren't many WWII members left, the Korean and Vietnam Veterans are getting up there in age.

So, in order to keep our VFW's going strong, we need some younger members. We have been getting a few of them the last couple of years, but not nearly enough. Reach out, find our next new member.

Don't forget our Auxiliary. Find people to join our Post Auxiliary. Consider buying lifetime memberships (gifts) for family members and friends. The more people we have supporting the VFW and its activities, the more leverage we have in assuring that our government and community support our veterans, many of whom have given so much for our freedoms.



**"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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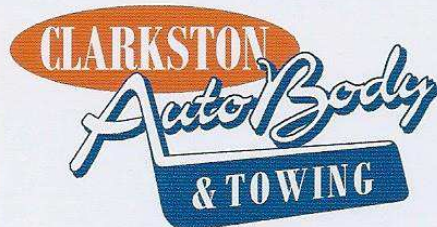
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## AUXILIARY NEWS

First I would like to thank everyone for the support you have given me and the auxiliary over the last few months, we have done a lot, but have a lot ahead of us to do.

I would like to thank Commander Jerry for coming to our Sept. meeting and presenting us with a check for \$500, this represents our percentage of money earned from Poppy Sales, Booth at Air Show and various other events. There are a number of events coming up that we will need help with in a number of different ways, below is an example of what is needed:

### October Events:

- 6th: Post Dinner 5-7PM/Come out and enjoy a dinner for only \$7.00
- 7th: Hobo Stew/Enjoy a Bonfire, friendly company, refreshments all for a can of non cream soup
- 8th: Poppy Sales at Tractor Supply, Sign up sheet in the Clubroom
- 21st: 2nd Quarter Auction: We need donations to be auctioned off (letters for vendors that make donations are in the Clubroom) All donations must be in to us by Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Workers needed for Auction (door & Chip sales, Kitchen, Floor Workers and all persons interested in having a night of fun. Doors open at 6PM, Auction begins at 7. Come on down for a night of fun and you may even get your Christmas shopping started early.
- 22nd: Poppy Sales at Tenuta's-Sign up sheet will be in the Clubroom
- 27th: Post Dinner 5-7PM" Good Food/Good Friends
- 28th: Halloween Party: costume or not come out and have a haunting time

### November Events:

- 3rd: Special Post Dinner Honoring WWII and Korean Vets watch for details
- 6th: Veteran and Lady of Year Dinner 3PM, Bring dish to pass
- 9th: Packing Party for overseas Troops: List of items needed in Clubroom
- 16th: Auxiliary Inspection at meeting all please try to attend and make our guests welcome
- 19th: Chili Cook-off/watch for information and time.

Thanks again for everything you do, hope to see you at the events and meetings.

**Judy Coe**

# Capt'n Kidd's

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# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>Work Bee 9-12</b>  <b>POW-WOW</b>
2  <b>POW-WOW</b>	3  S	4 Euchre @ Post 700pm	5 “ Meet the Candidates” for Waterford board of Trus- tees 7pm	6 House Meet- ing 930- 1030am  Dinner Gou- lash @ 500pm	7 <b>Hobo Stew 7pm-close</b>	8 <b>TSC Poppies 8am-6pm</b>  Rental
9	10 OCC South Lyon 730pm  S	11 Euchre @ Post 700pm	12 Board Meet- ing 700pm	13  MCL	14   Rental	15   Rental
16	17  S	18 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Rental	19 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	20  A Legion	21 Quarter Auc- tion 6pm- close	22 Big 10 Conf, <b>Tenuta's Poppies 8am-6pm</b>  Rental
23	24 SOA @730pm Warren 9021  S	25 Euchre @ Post 700pm	26	27  Dinner Ham- burger/ Hot- dogs @500pm	28 <b>Halloween Party</b>	29 <b>Mich vs Mich ST Time TBD</b>
30	31	Agent Orange				Rental

# November 2016

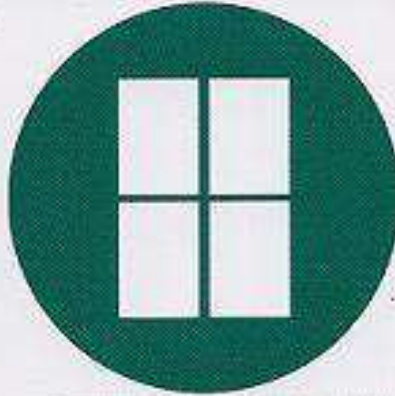
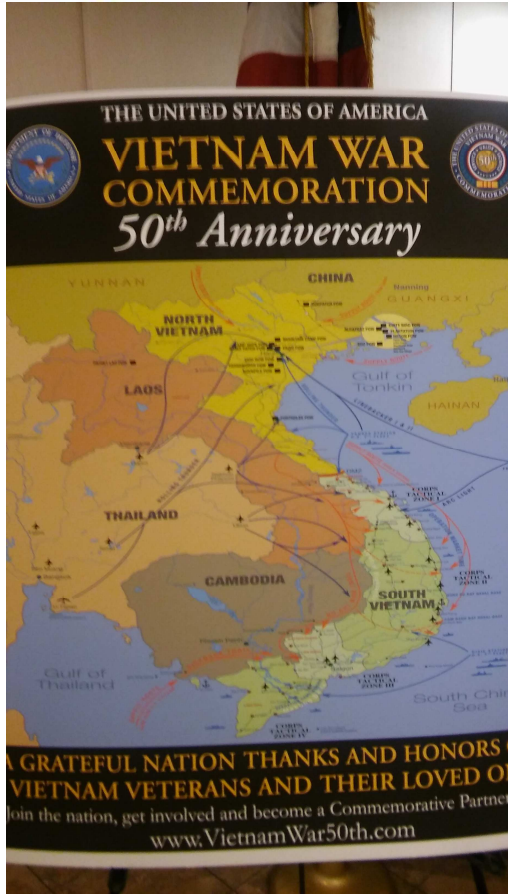
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Euchre @ Post 700pm	2	3 House Meeting <b>Special Din- ner @ 5pm For WWII &amp; Korea Veter- ans</b>	4	5 <b>Work Bee 9- 12</b>
6 <b>Vet &amp; Aux member of the year pot -luck 3pm- close DST Ends</b>	7  S	8 Euchre @ Post 700pm  <b>Election Day</b>	9 Board Meet- ing 700pm <b>Box Packing Party for De- ployed Ser- vicemen</b>	10 <b>USMC Birthday</b>  MCL	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>  Drink Specials All Day!!!	12
13	14 OCC South Lyon 730pm  S	15 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Rental	16 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	17  A Legion	18 <b>Dirty Base- ment Blues Band. Doors open @ 7pm \$5 Door cover</b>	19 <b>Mich ST vs OSU Time TBD</b>  <b>1008 Chili Cook Off</b>
20	21  S	22 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Agent Orange	23 Freedom Cen- ter Dinner @ Airport	24 <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	25  <b>CLOSED</b>  Post Cleaning	26 <b>Mich vs OSU Time TBD</b>  Post Cleaning
27	28 SOA Warren 730pm  S	29 Euchre @ Post 700pm	30			



Meetings held  
third Thursday  
monthly @ 7:30 PM.

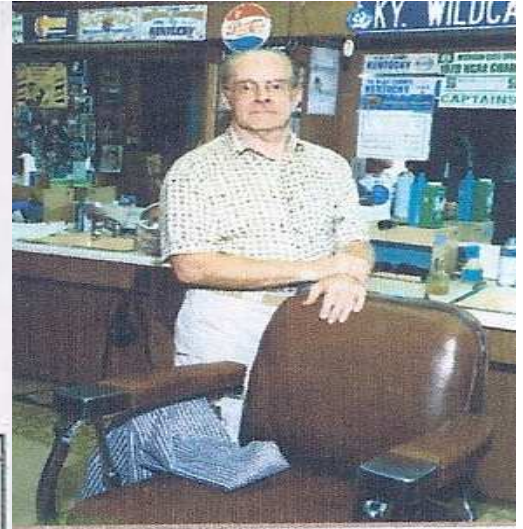


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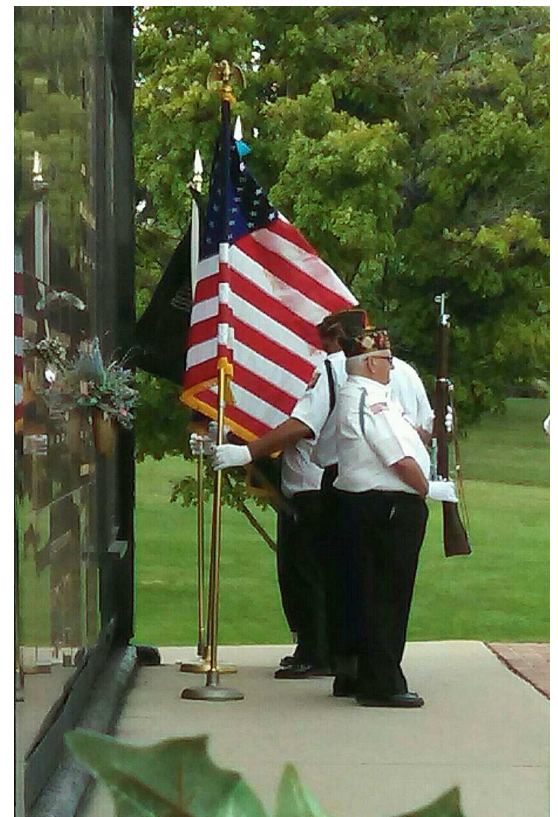
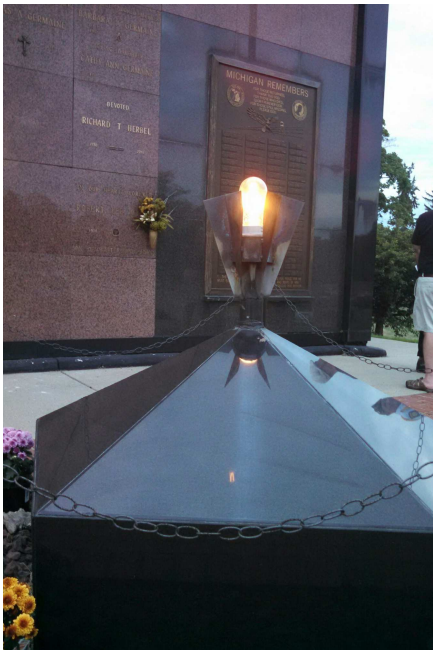
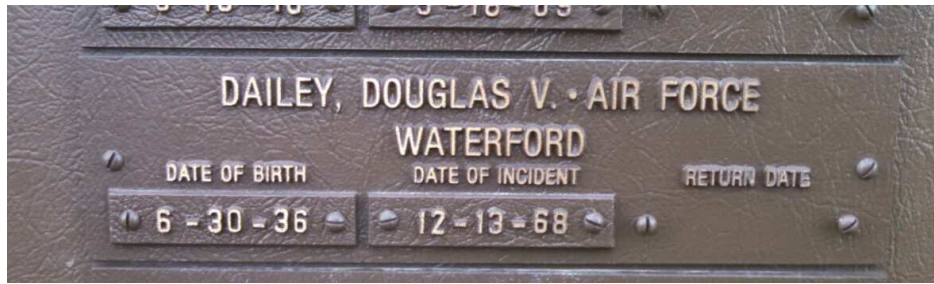
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# POW/MIA Recognition Day

## September 16, 2016





# The Marine Corps League

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.

## **Marine Corp League, Detachment 570 North Oakland Marines**

I'd like to thank those of you who purchased lottery tickets to our White Lake Inn Chili Cook-Off event of this past Sunday. The turnout was really great. Sunshine with a breeze was an answer to our prayers. Our cooking teams did their usual fine job and kept the crowd entertained with amazing smells and tastes.

Our 2016 Golf Outing takes place at Selfridge ANG Base this Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We have 72 golfers looking forward to playing the course like champions. The dinner that awaits them afterwards should be their treat of the day.

Years ago, at a charity golf event called "The World Champions of Golf", I used to set up Sam Snead's card table in the back room of the Wigwam Resort, Litchfield, Arizona, North of Phoenix. He told me he "earned" more money playing cards than he ever did golfing. In the course of a few hours, I'd watch player after player lose to him while displaying the biggest smiles they could muster. Life is always a matter of perception. No card playing this weekend, Sam isn't available.

The North Oakland Marines look forward to the Christmas Toy Drive and joining in with our VFW brothers in making that event rewarding for all.

Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome.

Sincerely, Don Roach—Commandant, Contact: [droach0311@gmail.com](mailto:droach0311@gmail.com), Cell: 248.794.7773

## **VFW Post 1008**

### **Service Officers Report**

The recent VA report of reducing their backlog, by over 60%, has apparently had but little improvement on the timeliness of resolving open claims. In the past few months, several of the veterans I have consoled report the same lag, by the VA, of keeping them advised of the status of their claims as we all have seen in the past years. Recently, discussing one such claim with an Oakland County service officer, I learned that the VA sent a veteran a denial touching only on one part of an active claim. When pushed to research that response, that officer found that the VA was still processing another portion. It would have been nice of them to state such in their correspondence.

I don't believe there will ever be a perfect system for keeping up with claims and appeals in the VA. All we can do is to each keep copies of everything submitted and acknowledge that vigilance on our part is the key to acquiring the benefits promised us. If you have a claim, even one that was granted some time ago, and have new information, such as a change in your disability, please bring it to my attention. There may be an opportunity to file for an increase in care and compensation.

Thank you, Don Roach

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