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Post 1008 Commanders Column

Comrades & Auxiliary members,

Fall colors were nice this year and lasted just long enough for the Halloween Trick or Treaters. Winter is here!!!! Time to share Thanksgiving, Christmas & the New Year with family and friends.

“What has happened??”

- 09/27, 28 & 29: Fall Conference (POW WOW) at Boyne Highlands.** J. Kellner, D. Johnson, R. Coe, G. Navarrette & the Commander represented our post. Emphasis was placed on ALL-STATE Programs. Our post is doing very well thanks to the support from membership!
- 10/06 & 07: Antique Show Parking in Springfield Twp.:** A WET & WILD event! M. Woods & G. Navarrette did an excellent job coordinating volunteer efforts. Our volunteers did a great job, volunteering many hours & earning a **\$2,500.00** donation check!!!
- 10/06 & 07: Buddy Poppy Campaign at Springfield Antique Show:** M. Kerr (Chair), J. Kellner & R. Coe volunteered many hours to bring in **\$160.00** in donations.
- 10/26 & 27: Texas Hold-em Tournaments:** We had a good turnout and the tournaments went very well. Total receipts were **\$3,013.00**. This includes the tournament, 50/50's, food & the bars. Thank you B. Whitten (Chair), K. Ogg & all of our volunteers!!!
- 11/09, 10 & 12: Buddy Poppy Campaign at Sam's Club in Wixom.** WOW, Sam's Club customers demonstrated terrific support by donating **\$2,791.72**. A BIG thanks to Joe Atchoo (Asst Mgr), M. Kerr (Chair) and all our hard working volunteers!!!
- 11/10: Marine Corp League birthday party and \$500.00 donation to our post.**
- 11/11: Veteran's Day at our post:** We had a very good turnout. Members & guests took full advantage of our drink specials: \$1.50 beer, \$1.00 off all other drinks & free fountain pop!!
- 11/12: Veteran's Day luncheon at Sam's Club in Wixom:** A great luncheon buffet with the **Detroit Catholic Central band** playing. Open to ALL veterans. Our Post was well represented. Thank you Joe Atchoo.
- Tuesday Euchre:** Tuesdays at 7:30 with \$8.00 buy-in. Chaired by M. Wolf & G. Smith with help from Shauna T. Everything is going well. **COME OUT and JOIN IN!!**
- Buddy Poppy Campaign (M. Kerr, B. Benson):** Our 2018-19 Campaign has ended. We have received **\$7,427.33** in donations. **ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!!!** Our goal was \$7,000.00. A big thanks to our **Chairs** and all of our **VOLUNTEERS!!!**
- Newsletter (J. Kellner):** To date, we have received **\$2,880.00** in sponsor donations. We need more sponsors to advertise their business card in our newsletter to achieve our goal of \$4,000.00. **Please help if you can.**
- HVAC Replacement Project:** As a result of our letter to membership requesting \$200.00 per year over (3) years and donations from local business, we have now received **\$7,230.00** in donations. **A great start!! If you have not done so already, please consider sending in a donation soon.**
- Donations:** To date, Our Post continues to donate food, clothing, Equipment, services & checks **worth thousands of dollars** to needy veterans & immediate family, veteran organizations & programs as well as needy community members & organizations.

WITH YOUR HELP, we are doing our best to continue being an **ALL-STATE POST** in Michigan. **Thank you!!**

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau

CLUB MANAGER REPORT

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Hard to believe another year is about to end and another begin. Time really does seem to move quicker as we age, just another thing my mom was right about! We've been busy here at Post 1008 trying to come up with ideas to make our clubroom successful, some worked and some failed, but we keep on trucking hoping to find the right combination and keep providing a place for you to come and have an enjoyable experience.

We are still doing our "Birthday Month Fridays!" Birthday person gets a free drink to celebrate and everyone gets a free hot dog and cupcake! It's a nice evening and with Janelle as your bartender, you know it will be lively! It doesn't have to be your birthday to come out and join us!!

We are holding our annual "Bloody May Bar" on New Year's Day! We are closed on New Year's Eve so you can be home safe, but come noon on New Year's Day watch out let the good times in 2019 get started. Watch some football on one of our 4 screens in the clubroom or just hang out with your friends, we'd love to see you!

Mark February 3, 2019 on your calendar. That's the day of our Super Bowl party and you won't want to miss that! Lots of great prizes and raffles, good food and drink specials, plus we will have a football game on too, in both the back hall as well as the clubroom!

Remember, we can only succeed if you come out and support your Post. Drop by for a quick one or just sit and relax, we'd love to see you!! Hope everyone has a safe and happy

Holiday season!

Donna Kelley

Act Now!

Membership is the life blood of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Many of our members are getting up in age. Not many WWII Vets left. Korean Vets are close in age with the aforementioned group. Most Vietnam Vets are retired, or close to it. To remain a viable defender of earned veteran benefits, we must remain strong through many members. So, spread the word about the good works of the VFW.

To our future members: if you don't think the VFW can help you, do it for your fellow Vets that may be in desperate need of help from battlefield injuries to their physical and mental health.

Spread the word.....Author Unknown

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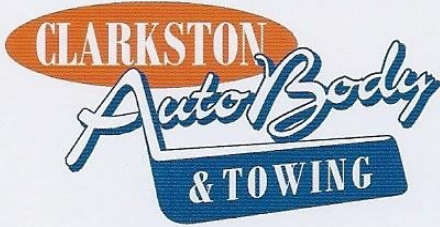
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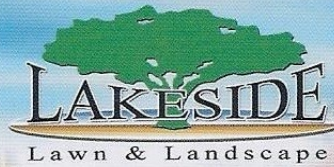
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Quartermaster's Report

Comrades;

Once again I want to congratulate you all on a job well done in these past months. The Post is on solid ground financially because of your efforts. Keep up good work!

As we move toward the end of the year, please take note of your membership status. If you have a membership that expires by March 31st of 2019, please consider paying your dues early. Please send all the dues to the Post and to my attention, rather than to National. By doing this we aid out efforts at All State Post for 2019. We are back up to around 400 members but we need to push it to 430 or so. If you know any veterans who qualify, please steer them my way.

My Cell phone number is 248-909-1174 call me with any questions.

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Hope all of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving season and a blessed Christmas time. Be Safe

Dick Johnson

Poppy Campaign at Sam's in Wixom



Parking Lot fundraiser - antique show at Springfield Oaks Oakland County.





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December-2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 30 | 1 |
| | | | | | Texas Holdem 6 PM | Texas Holdem 1 PM |
| 2 | 3 Clubroom Closed | 4 EUCHRE | 5 HOUSE Warthogs AM Legion | 6 Dinner | 7 | 8 Army / Navy Reserves AM Stardusters 7:30 / \$10 |
| 9 Dist. 5 Holly #5587 10 AM Claus Cause | 10 Clubroom Closed OCC Cancelled | 11 EUCHRE | 12 BOARD | 13 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE | 14 | 15 Wreaths Across America Deliver Baskets |
| 15 Rental | 16 Clubroom Closed | 17 EUCHRE | 18 POST & AUX 7PM Aux Christmas Party | 19 AMERICAN LEGION | 21 BIRTHDAY NIGHT 7-10 Texas Holdem | 22 Texas Holdem |
| 23 | 24 Clubroom Closed | 25 Closed Christmas | 26 Closed | 27 DINNER | 28 Birthday Night 7 to 10 PM | 29 |
| 31 | 31 Closed | | | | | |

January - 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 New Years Day Bloody Mary Bar—Noon | 2 House | 3 | 4 | 5 EUCHRE Tournament \$25 ENTRY |
| 6 | 7 Clubroom Closed | 8 EUCHRE 7:30 | 9 Board | 10 MARINE | 11 | 12 MARINE |
| 13 | 14 Clubroom Closed OCC 7:30 Southfield VFW 2645 | 15 EUCHRE 7:30 Rental | 16 Post & Aux 7:00 | 17 American Legion | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Clubroom Closed | 22 EUCHRE 7:30 | 23 | 24 Tentative Dinner Mid Winter Conf | 25 Birthday Night 7 to 10 Mid Winter Conf | 26 Mid Winter Conf |
| 27 Rental | 28 Clubroom Closed SOA 7:30 WARREN 9021 | 29 EUCHERE 7:30 | 30 | | | |
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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Clause Cause will be held on December 9th from 2 to 5 PM at the Century Bowl, Raffle Gifts and Toys are needed. Come down bowl, visit with friends and have a great time for a good cause, There will also be a donation box in the clubroom for toys, please help make it a great year for the kids.

Wreaths Across America is December 15th at Great Lakes National Cemetery starting at Noon. Arrive early and dress warm; help honor our Veterans.

On December 15th we will be having our annual Christmas Basket Delivery, help is needed, arrive at 9:30.

We will be holding the Auxiliary Soup and Salad Dinner on Jan. 12th from 5 to 7, sign up sheet will be in the Clubroom for donation of soup, come out for a great meal.

Annual dues need to be paid by December 15th so we can process them before the end of the year to keep your continuances, if not paid by year's end this effects your Cancer Insurance.

Judy Coe, President—Post 1008 Auxiliary

WIN WIN \$1,000 was received from the Veteran's Court. \$500 to the Auxiliary and \$500 to food bank. We will be purchasing children's toys and clothes as well as a new freezer.



Service Officer Letter:

We held a poppy campaign at Sam's Club in Wixom. I helped and Sam's made it easy to work with heated indoor work space. Let's get more volunteers to engage our community for this fund raising. Proceeds go into our fund to assist those in need. We aren't buying pool cues, chalk, stools, or pool passes (remember those?). The generosity of this Post makes a huge difference to those in need. We are in the process of laying out guidelines to make it easier for our Officers to regulate the issuance of such funds.

My personal thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Mike Kerr, he has helped me in many ways and is an asset to us all.

Thanks again,

Don Roach

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To all you Navy and Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners, thanks for joining in as guests and members of Post 1008. Your contributions of time and monetary donations are very much appreciated.

Oorah!

Semper Fi,

Pat Gibbens, Cmdt.

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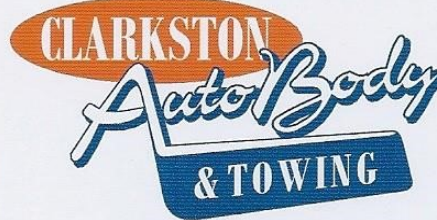


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