



NEWSLETTER April - May 2019

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Post 1008 Commanders Column

Comrades & Auxiliary members,

Well, winter has come and is now almost gone. Time to spring forward with daylight savings time and warmer weather. Time to think about flowers blooming, ballgames, picnics and more. I'm ready!!!

What has happened???

1. **01/24, 25 & 26: Mid – Winter Conference:** Our Post was well represented by **S. Romeo, J. Kellner, D. Johnson, R. Coe, G. Navarrette & Commander**. Directors for ALL-STATE Programs provided updates. We received our **3rd straight 100% Membership banner**. **Thank you Quartermaster and members!!!!**
2. **02/03: Super Bowl party / fundraiser:** WOW, we had a fantastic turnout, great food with dishes to pass, terrific raffle prizes with a 50 inch TV, a good game to watch and most importantly, excellent camaraderie. Total donations were **\$2,300.00**. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!**
3. **02/09: Flag Disposal Ceremony:** Boy Scout Troop 9914 conducted a Flag Disposal Ceremony at our Post thanks to **M. Woods** scheduling the event. They did a fantastic job and earned a \$100.00 donation from our Post. Our Post was represented by **M. Woods, D. Woods, J. Coe, D. Romeo & Commander**.
4. **02/22 & 23: Texas Hold'em Tournaments:** The Tournaments went well, the food was great and the payouts were high. Many compliments from the players. With 50/50's and food, our total donations received were **\$2,700.00**. **Thank you B. Whitten, K. Ogg & ALL of our volunteers**.
5. **03/03: V.V.A. Chapter 133 & POST 1008 Partners:** For the Annual V.V.A Bowling Fundraiser at 300 Bowl, we were asked if we would like to man the non-perishable food donation table since our Post has a Food Bank. **B. Rambo, B. Mutter & Commander volunteered and brought back many boxes of food**. **Thank you V.V.A. Chapter 133**.
6. **03/06: Ann Arbor VA Hospital Quarterly visit:** **J. Coe, R. Coe, J. Kellner & Commander** visited many veterans there hoping to provide some camaraderie and lift their spirits. We handed out canteen books from the Post & Auxiliary as a small token of our appreciation for their service
7. **03/16: St Patty's Corned beef Dinner:** WOW, a great turnout with approximately (70) for dinner. The Food, drinks & raffles were all a big hit!! **Thank you volunteers** especially **G. Navarrette** for the corned beef discount & **Chef Donna** for cooking some great corned beef.
8. **03/21: Grand Slam Early Bird drawing (B. Rambo):** The mood was tense, palms were sweaty, white knuckles were gripping tickets and the winner of the Early Bird \$500.00 was **Jon & Lee Kellner**. **CONGRATS!!! A HUGE THANKS to Bob, Donna & all of our VOLUNTEER ticket sellers!!!!**
9. **Newsletter (J. Kellner):** We need approximately \$4,000.00 to cover the cost for 2019. We need approximately (33) sponsors @ \$120.00 each to advertise their business card. **Please help find sponsors if you can**. To date, we have (13) sponsors with donations totaling **\$1,560.00**
10. **Website (D. Woods):** Dianne Woods has recently volunteered to help our Post with the website. **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!**
11. **HVAC Replacement Project:** We have now received **\$10,510.00** in donations. **A great start!! If you have not done so already, please consider sending in a donation soon**.
12. **Honor Guard:** Welcome **Jerry Guest** as the newest member on our High Performing Team.

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

Hello Spring!! Let's hope we have seen the end of the snow (although it is Michigan) and we are moving on to green pastures, beautiful flowers and warmer temps! Sundays in the clubroom have been pretty busy now that we have the shuffleboard league. Everyone seems to be having a great time! League will continue through the spring, so come on in and enjoy the fun! We will be closed April 21st for Easter and May 12th for the important "Mothers Day"!

We have started spring cleaning here at the Post. New floors in the offices and food bank room, looks great! Been removing a lot of clutter around the place too. Bob Rambo and Rick Coe cleaned in the attic, no longer have papers from 1970 saved, but now we have room to store more recent needs. When you start cleaning and doing your yard work at home remember to take a break at your Post! Our beer is cold and the people are friendly and with 4 televisions to watch, Keno and pull tabs there is always something to do!

Have ideas for a new activity you'd like to see us try, let us know! This is your Post, help it grow!! Remember our planning meeting will be in July for the 2019-2020 calendar, there is always plenty of space for new ideas!

Donna Kelley
Club manager

Young Members Needed!

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.. If you know of a young Veteran that needs some help, please refer them to our Post' Service Officer, Don Roach

Remember: approximately 22 Veterans commit suicide every day!

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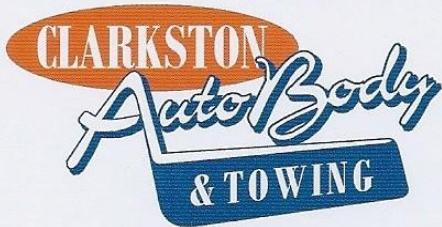
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Quartermaster's Report

Comrades,

I again want to thank all the volunteers that participated in our various fund raising activities over the last 3 months. Without your help we wouldn't have the income that we have, and we need a constant inflow of cash to keep the post going.

One of our biggest fund raising activity is the Grand Slam Raffle, and it's coming up shortly. Congratulations to Jon and Lee Kellner who won the \$500 Early Bird Drawing. Let's see who the lucky winners will be at the April 13th drawing. Good luck!

Recently we were the benefactor of a large donation from the Jeske Trust, in memory of Mike Jeske, one of our members. We are certainly grateful for this, and it will assure that the Post can go on for years to come **IF** we use it wisely. The current elected officers have invested the money in several short term CDs and a High Yield Savings Account. This way the money is secure, earns some interest, and is accessible if we need it. As our Commander pointed out recently, we already have sufficient funds to handle emergencies and projects in other accounts.

Membership has been increasing lately with 6 new members and several transfers. By the way, welcome to Aaron Stumm our latest addition. I cannot stress enough that we need new membership to keep the post going. So, if you know a veteran who qualifies, give him my number 248-909-1174, I will be happy to get him enrolled.

Spring is here! Let's put a spring in our step and a song in our hearts. Let's represent the VFW with a positive outlook.

Thanks for your support

Richard (Dick) Johnson, Quartermaster Post 1008

Super Bowl Party Food Spread. A fun filled time was had by all





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APRIL-2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Clubroom Closed	2 EUCHRE 7:30	3 HOUSE 7 PM Warthogs	4 Dinner 5 PM	5	6 5th Dist 75th Anniver- sary PC/PP 1 PM @ 1008
7	8 Clubroom Closed OCC @ 7:30 At Holly 5587	9 EUCHRE 7:30	10 BOARD 7 PM	11 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE	12	13 Grand Slam Raffle Drawing Fun Time! 7 PM
14	15 Clubroom Closed	16 EUCHRE 7:30 Rental	17 POST & AUX 7PM ELECTIONS	18 AMERICAN LEGION	119 Good Friday	20 Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM
21 Closed Easter	22 Clubroom Closed SOA @ 7:30 Warren 9021	23 EUCHRE 7:30	24	25 Dinner 5 PM	26 Texas Hold- em 7 PM	27 Texas Hold- em 1 PM
28 5th Dist @ 1008 Navarrette Installation	29 Clubroom Closed	30 EUCHRE 7:30				

MAY - 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 House 7 PM Wart Hogs	2 Dinner 5 PM	3	4
5	6 Clubroom Closed	7 EUCHRE 7:30	8 Board 7 PM	9 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Poppy Days	10 Poppy Days	11 Poppy Days
12 Closed Mothers' Day	13 Clubroom Closed OCC 7:30 Royal Oak VfFW 1669	14 EUCHRE 7:30	15 Post & Aux 7:00 Installation	16 American Legion	17	18
19	20 Clubroom Closed	21 EUCHRE 7:30 Rental	22	23 Dinner 5 PM	24 Flag Place- ment @ GLNC 5 PM	25
26 GLNC Memorial Day	27 Parade Memorial Day Ceremony & Open House	28 LAST NIGHT EUCHERE Flag Pick up @ GLNC 5PM	29	30	31	



Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Auxiliary News

HELP WANTED: On April 17th at 7PM come out and choose the position that you would like to help make your Auxiliary a success for the coming year: many positions open. This will take place at the Auxiliary monthly meeting, see you there.

We also need help at Burke Lumber and Rite Aid on Dixie and Sashabaw for the Memorial Day Parade. It takes many hands to make this parade a success for all our Veterans, please call if you have any questions please call me (Judy) at (248)877-4886 or the Post.

On April 20th we will be having our annual Children Easter Egg Hung. Once again we are in need of plastic eggs to fill and candy to fill them with. Please leave your donations in the Post Clubroom.

April 28th we will be hosting the 5th District Meetings at our Post. Meeting start at 10AM anyone interested can attend coffee and donuts in the morning; Lunch by Tom and Christy and Aux. at 11:30, cost \$7.00. This year we have the honor of George becoming the 5th District Commander, come out and give him our support.

Thank you for all you do.

Judy Coe, President—Post 1008 Auxiliary

Honor Guard News

Honor Guard Flag Disposal Ceremony with Boy Scouts



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Detachment 570 is on a recruiting drive. Even in small numbers, last year we pulled off our 29th Annual Chili Cook-Off at the White Lake Inn. The Inn has been a great supporter of ours; we encourage all to stop in and enjoy their hospitality. Also with the help of our friends at the Heart of the Lakes VFW, our Marine Corps Birthday Bash on November 10th, yes, the same date every year, was the best ever. We raised enough funds to pay the bar tab and put money into our aid account.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. Such occur the second Thursday at 1930 hours.

Don Roach



Service Officer Letter:

A new year and hopefully some improvements to the VA system. Those of you with active claims in progress may be encouraged, not by me, to go online and update information or even be asked to submit your claim to an online speedy system; taking your claim out of the hands of local County Veteran Affairs Officers. I sincerely hope you DO NOT do so. That is really unknown territory and will most likely delay or even eradicate the claim. Show me any correspondence you receive and I will see you get the latest intel on such.

The Board has put together a document that details how a veteran can request emergency financial aid. This is a multi-step process to be followed in sequence. It takes in account existing procedures at the State and County levels. Not to say Post 1008 won't consider every request. We want to be certain that veterans use the resources available to them at State and County first. After all, their pocket books are deeper than ours.

We are in for a lot of cold temperatures over the next weeks. If you know of a member or neighbor in need, pass the word. We can put together a food basket on short notice. I recently did so, surprising the recipient who thanked the Post most earnestly.

I have a Bi-County service officers meeting this week and will pass along any pertinent info I gather at our next general meeting. Again, thanks for all your support.

Don Roach 248.794.7773

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