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October - November 2019



Michigan Day at National Home - Eaton Rapids Michigan

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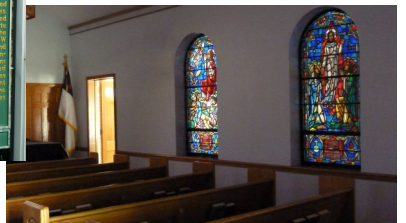
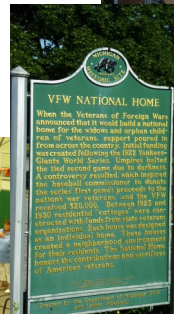
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DID YOU KNOW ?????

FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE - POW / MIA



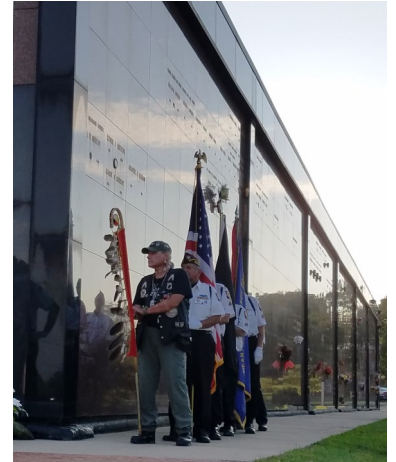
Once an excavation site has been identified a recovery team is activated. That recovery team of 10 -14 people includes a team leader, a recovery leader (a forensic anthropologist or an archaeological anthropologist), a team sergeant, a linguist, a medic, a life support technician, a communications technician, a forensic photographer, an explosive ordnance disposal technician and several mortuary affairs specialists. Missions last 35 - 60 days with teams traveling with up to 10,000 pounds of survival and excavation equipment.

In Fiscal Year 2018 203 formerly missing persons were accounted for.

Vietnam War - 10 Korean War - 37 World War II - 156

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY



Photos by Karla LaForge & Diane Woods

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

As the weather turns to cooler temps folks start thinking about places to go and things to do indoors! How about stopping in and checking out your Post? We are now open again on Sundays for football, hours are 1 to 7, but don't worry, if those winning Lions play at noon, you won't miss a thing, we'll compensate for that!! Shuffleboard tournaments return in October too! Sign up sheets are in the clubroom. The shuffleboard is open every day for those of you that want to practice! Pool table is available every day too, where else can you go to play a game of pool for only 25 cents? Don't forget we have pull tabs and Keno too. There are lots of things to do and lots of great people to share them with, so next time you're sitting at home wondering what you can do think Post 1008 and come on down!



Remember the holidays aren't too far off, we're a nice place to bring you friends too!!!



Donna Kelley, Club Manager

The annual Quarter Auction for the Auxiliary is October 12, 2019. Doors open at 6 and the auction starts at 7:00. This is a major fundraiser for the Auxiliary plus it really is a lot of fun! To be successful we need the help of our members, all items we auction are donated, either by members or local businesses, please help us secure more items. We need between 80 to 90 items, price range \$100 or less, to make this work. If you have never been to the auction, mark it on your calendar! We have food available too! Don't miss this fun event!

Donna Kelley
Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer



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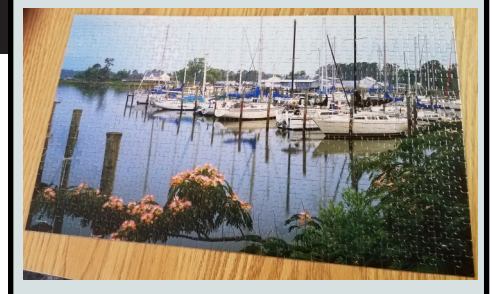
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For all those who spent time on our puzzle this is the finished piece. Thank you everyone! The new puzzle is coming along nicely. 😊



Meetings held

third Thursday

monthly @ 7:30 PM.



Quartermaster's Report

Comrades,

Had a great time at the Youth Camp this year. Fed a lot of hungry Boy Scouts. A big thank you to Multi Lakes for the use of their facilities. Thank you also to Joe Atchoo for again providing all the food.

Bob Benson



Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Judy Coe, President - Post 1008 Auxiliary

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Membership dues are now payable, all annual dues must be paid by December 15th in order to have them processed by the end of the year. All dues that are not processed through National by the end of December will not be a member in good standing and have to re-apply for membership.

The Auxiliary will have their Thursday night dinners on October 3rd, October 24th and November 7th. Watch for the menu to be posted in the Clubroom or on a blast. Dinner runs from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Our Quarter Auction is on Saturday, October 12th. Doors open at 6pm and bidding starts at 7pm. Come on down for a good time! We also need donations of items to be auctioned off. Letters for persons making donations are available in the clubroom. Please help make this a success for the Auxiliary.

On November 10th we hold our annual Veteran and Auxiliary Member of the Year Award banquet. The event starts at 1pm, please bring a dish to pass.

There will be a District 5 meeting at Oxbow Post #4156 on November 24th. Meeting starts at 1pm, lunch served at 11:30am. There is a joint meeting starting at 10am. All are invited to attend.

Have a good Thanksgiving.

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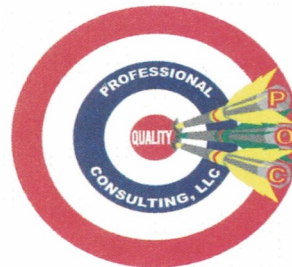
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Post 1008 Commander's Column

Comrades & Auxiliary members,

This past month has been a whirlwind for Diane and I. Two weeks in England - it was great but I will spare you the details.

George Navarrette, Judy Coe, along with Diane and I spent time at the National Home for Michigan Day and got an education to say the least. They had a successful fundraiser bringing in approximately one hundred thousand dollars.

The Air Show was a complete success with a long list of volunteers from the Auxiliary and Post. We had fun start to finish.

The Freedom Festival was not the success we had hoped for but still brought in a decent crowd with a lot of children. Good food and good times - again supported by Sam's club and Joe Atchoo. We will do it again next year.

The post has been running smoothly with an increase of members dropping in for the fun. We have signed new members and are striving to obtain more. We are getting members returning to our ranks that had gone elsewhere. The post, as you can see on the calendar, is now open on Sundays for the winter.

We have been contacted to do the parking lot duty again at the Antique Festival. We need about 18 people.

Go Lions!!!

Mark Woods, Commander

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Thank you Mouse's Meats

Chalk art
Thank you
Veterans

Joe Atchoo trying his hand at chalk art

No shortage of food or friends

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
OCTOBER 2019			House Com 7pm	DINNER 5PM		MI Antique Festival Parking 7am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MI Antique Festival Parking 8am	OCC Post 9914 7:30 <i>Clubroom Closed</i>	Euchre 7:30	Board Mtg 7pm	Marine Corp League		Quarter Auction 7pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<i>Clubroom Closed</i>	Euchre 7:30	Post & Aug Membership 7pm	American Legion	Hobo Stew— (tentative)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>Clubroom Closed</i>	Euchre 7:30		DINNER 5PM		
27	28	29	30	31		
	SOA Warren #9021 7:30p <i>Clubroom Closed</i>	Euchre 7:30		Halloween		

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NOVEMBER 2019						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<i>Clubroom Closed</i>	Euchre 7:30	Post & Aug Membership 7pm	American Legion		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
District 5 Oxbow #4156 10AM	SOA Warren #9021 7:30pm <i>Clubroom Closed</i>	Euchre 7:30		HAPPY THANKSGIVING <i>Clubroom Closed</i>		

Honor Guard News



From the VFW Post 1008 Color/Honor Guard:

The Honor Guard team had a busy summer this year with many funerals and flag ceremonies. This trend is still occurring as we enter the fall months. Presently, we have performed seven funerals since August with more already on the schedule for September.

We are now an International Honor Guard Team. Mark Woods and Ron Seaman performed a Canadian Military Funeral for a fallen World War II, Royal Canadian Air Force Vet at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake. A totally different ritual and flag folding with the sounding of "The Last Post" instead of the US "Taps". The family was extremely grateful and thankful.

We performed six back to back complete mock funerals at Great Lake National Cemetery, Shelter 1. This was for Great Lakes National Cemetery's very first Open House, demonstrating to the public what Honor Guard Teams and Military Members do there. It was long day, and successful.

The Fall months will not only bring more funerals, but many other VFW functions as well. For example, the POW MIA Recognition day in Novi at the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 20th Sept 2019 at 6:00 PM, the Veterans Day Ceremonies at the Waterford Senior Center, Waterford Parks luncheon, and ABC Harley Veterans Recognition Day in November. We will also be performing a flag folding on November 16th for the *OUR HEROES* concert put on by the Huron Valley Council for the Arts.

At the State Convention we received Number One Honor Guard recognition from the State of Michigan. Our team has worked hard and diligently to receive this recognition. As their Captain, I thank all of the team for the hard work and support they have provided. Without them, this could not have happened.

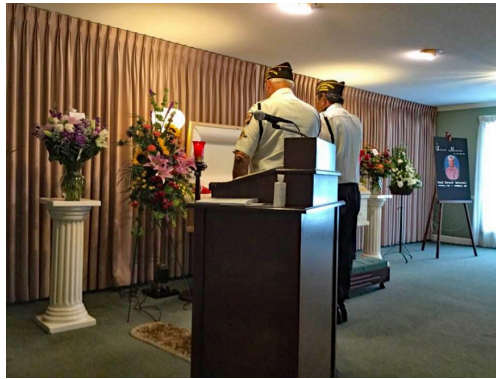
We are all volunteers, and I would like to thank our newest member, Charlie Van Bibber, for joining our team. We are always busy providing special services to our communities and for our fallen Vets. We need all the help we can get. Please, consider joining our team. It is an Honor and extremely rewarding.

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Thank you,

Ron Seaman,

Color/Honor Guard Captain



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I'd like to think we have your support. We have a few regulars in White Lake that do show up, buy chances on our games, and load up on our tasting cups; after which they cast their ballots. Cooking starts at 12:30 p.m...

If you are a Marine, or FMF Corpsman, we encourage you to come and see us. No long meetings, no war stories during meetings (that's what bar time is for). We do offer comradeship and concern for your well-being.

Members of the United States Armed Forces are invited to our Birthday Party on November 10th, the Corps turns 244 years old. The Navy turns the same on October 13th. Don't know what they are planning, we also never heard from the Army on June 14th. Yeah, we have attitude, but it's to the benefit of all Americans.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. Such occur the second Thursday of each month at 1930 hours. Don Roach, Sr. Vice Commandant 248.794.7773

Service Officer Letter:



Boating season has been quite iffy this year. You know I crew on a sailboat for my "brother", Joe, as I have since I met him at age 21. Joe is a Navy Corpsman, served in DaNang back in the relevant years. I was originally referred to as "ballast". Then I earned my way up to "crew". Now, I'm "The Marine Contingent". Our families adopted each other and I wouldn't have it any other way. Man, that's been 49 years and we haven't sunk once. Accordingly, I have made the effort to be available by appointment and to be on hand as many evenings as I can. Of course, for any immediate event, my priorities change. I took an oath as all our VFW Officers have. The Bi-County Service Officers meetings should resume the last Monday of the month. They are held at 1900 Hours at Post 9021, 32100 Ryan Rd., Warren, Michigan. You are welcome to observe and ask questions. Only members can vote on relevant matters, of course. A light meal is served prior to the meetings. Any Veteran wishing to join me can have a free ride from Post 1008. Get ahold of me to confirm.

Once the Wahoo is secured for the winter, I'll be even more visible at our Post. Providing service to others has been the best therapy for me. There are a small number of members doing the same, month after month. All I can say is: "Help when you can, as much as you can." There comes a day to all of us when we cannot. Don't miss out.

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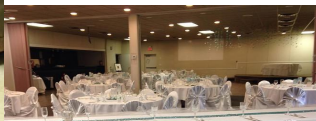
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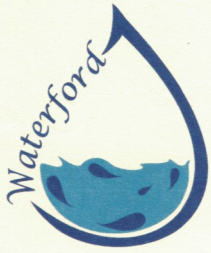
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