



NEWSLETTER June - July 2019

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Post 1008 Commander's Column

Comrades & Auxiliary members,

As you know, my 3rd and final year as Post Commander is coming to an end. I would like to thank our Post membership for placing your trust in me to lead our Post over the past 3 years. It has truly been an honor and privilege to be your Post Commander.

1. I would like to thank our Post Officers for your advice and direction over the years.
2. I would like to thank our Post Membership for all your suggestions, recommendations and personal donations over the years.
3. I would like to thank our Post Committee Chairmen for driving activities that have been essential to our Post over the years.
4. Judy, I would like to thank our Auxiliary for your unending volunteer support over the years.
5. I would like to thank Donna Kelley, Our Office Manager, Club Manager and Super Volunteer. Sharing her knowledge & wisdom with me, we worked together successfully conducting and completing our Post Business Affairs over the years. Again a big THANK YOU Donna.
6. I would like to thank our Honor Guard. As a high performing volunteer team, led by Captains R. Seaman & M. Woods, you have represented our Post extremely well leading to significant donations.
7. Our small core group of volunteers deserves special recognition. You have stepped up time and time again for events & activities necessary for the survival of our Post. You are without question, the LIFE BLOOD of our Post. I am very grateful for all your volunteer services over the years.

+ Grand Slam Raffle + Oakland Air Show + Dinners + Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony & Open House.

With all of us working together, we have made significant improvements and accomplished many things that have had a very positive impact on our Post and will help ensure the future of our Post.

Some NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & IMPROVEMENTS

- * We are an ALL-STATE Post with an ALL-STATE philosophy. Two straight years.
- * We are one of the top Posts in the state for recruiting. Three straight years.
- * We are one of the top Posts in the state for 100% plus in membership. Three straight years.
- * Our Financial & Audit processes are second to none.
- * We have made a substantial **reduction** in expenditures.
 - + Clubroom hours + Communication System
- * We have made a substantial **increase** in new receipts.
 - + KENO + (2) day Texas Hold-em + Euchre Night
 - + Antique Show Parking + Sunday Shuffleboard

We should all be proud to be members of VFW Post 1008. One of the BEST Posts in the State!!!!!!

Well, it's almost time to turn the reigns over to a new Commander (Mark Woods) at the State Convention. It's also the time to spend more time with my wife and family. Aruba here we come!!!

Thanks again for all your support,

Jerry Beseau

Past Commander

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Just a reminder that the Clubroom will be closed on Sundays for the summer and will re-open on September 8th.

Donna Kelley
Club Manager

Congratulations

Mark Woods and Judy Coe

2019-2020

Commander and Auxiliary President



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's Service Officer, Don Roach

Remember: approximately 22 Veterans commit suicide every day!

Spread the word.....Author Unknown

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Quartermaster's Report

Comrades,

Officers for fraternal year 2019 – 2020:

Commander - Mark G Woods
Senior Vice Commander - Walter (Bill) Storm
Junior Vice Commander - Michael T Jackson
Quartermaster - Robert T Benson
Chaplain - George H Smith
Judge Advocate (appointed) - Steven C Romeo
Surgeon (appointed) - Robert D Rambo
1 Year Trustee - Terrence R Wolf
2 Year Trustee - Michael J Roy
3 Year Trustee - Jon J Kellner
Adjutant (appointed) - Raymond E Hagermann
Service Officer (appointed) - Donald G Roach
Officer of the Day - Robert Mutter

Thanks for your support

Richard (Dick) Johnson, Quartermaster Post 1008

There is a difference:

ARMED FORCES DAY - 3rd Saturday of May

For those who currently wear the uniform

VETERANS DAY - November 11th

For those who used to wear the uniform

MEMORIAL DAY - Last Monday in May

For those who never made it out of uniform



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JUNE - 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed		HOUSE 7PM	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - FLINT →		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed		BOARD 7PM	MARINE CORPS LEAGUE		
DEPT CONV						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed		POST & AUX 7PM VAAA HOSPITAL VISIT 10AM 50TH ANNIV POW/MIA	5TH DISTRICT PLANNING- MENGE PST 7PM AMERICAN LEGION	GARAGE SALE	VTS Training CAMP TROTTER 9AM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed			DINNER 5PM		
31						

JULY - 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Clubroom Closed		HOUSE 7PM	CLUBROOM CLOSED		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed OCC MTG POST 1008 7:30PM		BOARD 7PM	MARINE CORPS LEAGUE		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed		POST & AUX 7PM	AMERICAN LEGION	GOLF TOURNAMENT	LAKEFEST
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed			DINNER 5PM		JOE ATCHOO PICNIC 3PM (tentative)
28	29	30	31			
Clubroom Closed	Clubroom Closed					



Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Auxiliary News

Welcome to a new year as of June 8th. The following are the new officers for the 2019-20 year.

President - Judy Coe
Senior Vice President - Sandy Stewart
Junior Vice President - Karla LaForge
Secretary/Treasurer - Donna Kelley
Chaplain - Diane Woods
Conductress - Michele Hintz
Guard - Tom Joss
Trustee #1 - Kim Master
Trustee #2 - Pebble VanConant
Trustee #3 - Debra Powrie

Looking forward to having another great year—more information will be coming in the next newsletter which will be after the planning meeting.

Judy Coe, President—Post 1008 Auxiliary

Honor Guard News



These past two months were rather slow for us but good for the Vets. Unfortunately we are seeing a sharp rise of families requesting our services. The week of 5/21 we did 4 Great Lakes funerals and have been requested by GLNC to act on their behalf as the VSO for the 10th of June which could potentially turn into 16 funerals. We are getting busy.

I want to thank Steve and Vickie Romeo for building four very comfortable benches to mount on his trailer so veterans who were not able to walk the Memorial Day parade route could ride and still participate.

Mark Woods



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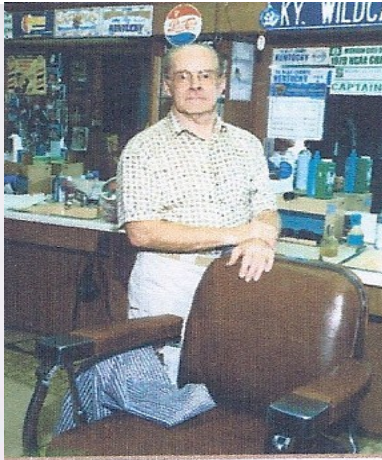


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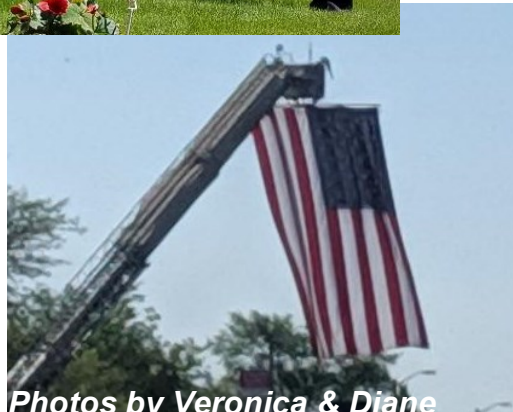


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The Marine Corps League 570

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North Oakland Marines Detachment 570

Greetings Marines,

For those of you keeping up with the USMC Active Duty rosters, we have seen a number of changes in several commands. Most of these under the UCMJ were for the good of the Corp; meaning morale and leadership issues. These were not especially bad as any organization of competent individuals needs change to grow and develop. As your Sr. Vice Cmdr., it is my job to encourage all our members to share in the decision making process. I am open to working with any League members whom would like to learn more about Officer positions.

At our upcoming June 13th meeting, we will be discussing the future of our Annual Chili Cook Off. This year would make number **Thirty** (30). Will it happen? What would be raffling off? How many Devil Dogs are willing to work it? It's your Detachment, have you got what it takes? — Don Roach



Service Officer Letter:

Thanks for having me back and for all your support as well. If you haven't heard, the VA has opened the door to more of Blue Water Navy vets of the Vietnam campaign. This would be as victims of Agent Orange, the gift that keeps on killing. My regret is that we have already lost sailors and Marines in the interim. Now, a number of claims must be reconsidered and new claims will surely be filed. My advice: if you qualify don't wait, get your claim moving. I am working with several veterans who have not filed for their service dates of the late sixties and early seventies. How can we blame the VA for dragging their feet when troops still do the same? If you enjoy history lessons on YouTube, just search for VA related videos. The treatment many of us were subjected to is really criminal.

Oakland County Veteran Services has some of the best qualified staff of any I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with. At 1200 Telegraph Rd., Building 26E, 2nd Floor, these counselors are anxious to be of service to you. Remember, they may not know your individual story, so they will have to ask questions; all of which help them plan out just what sort of claim you can convince the Veterans Administration of granting.

I am a Board member of the Oakland County Veterans Relief Fund. When a veteran is in need of emergency assistance, financially, he or she should see one of these counselors. They can approve a Meijers Store purchasing card of up to \$100.00 dollars. A check would be issued for you to take and purchase that card in their service department. The Office Manager can approve up to \$200.00 dollars. Any amount above that, say for a utility bill, etc., has to go before the Board. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to review the applications. It is our job to see that the requests are legitimate and helpful. We cannot tolerate abuse of the system as our budget also covers burial flags, headstones, etc.

All that being said, I can tell you volunteering to work with fellow veterans is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I hope our youngest Post members catch this bug and when possible, step up and ask to serve as well. Even being able to drive a veteran to a doctor's appointment is a rush.

Best wishes to all the newly elected Post Officers, you stand strong where we need you.

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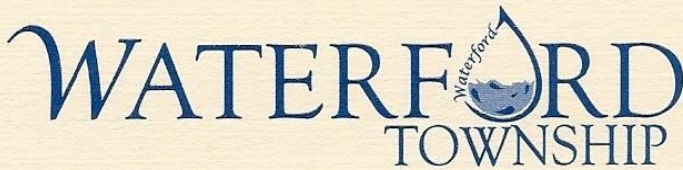
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