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January - February 2020

Wreaths Across America - Great Lakes National Cemetery December 14, 2019



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Every year semi trucks loaded with wreaths make their way to the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Hundreds of volunteers lay thousands of wreaths to Remember and Honor our veterans. Photos provided by Harley Frankenfield.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES



The National League of POW/MIA Families reported in their November 22, 2019 update that there are still 72,638 Americans unaccounted from World War II, 7,605 from the Korean War, 1,587 from the Vietnam War, 126 from the Cold War, 5 from the Gulf Wars and 1 from Operation El Dorado Canyon for a total of 81,962. Of that number over 40,000 were deep sea, large ship losses. They also report that the total Americans accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War (1975) is 996. In addition they report that 41 ID's have been made on remains that came out of North Korea in the 55 flag-draped transfer cases.



Joint service members assigned to DPAA fold flags onto transfer cases, onboard a C-17 Globemaster III in Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati, September 27, 2019. The service members are preparing the transfer cases containing 12 sets of remains believed to be US service members who died in WWII. The remains will be repatriated to the US and will undergo analysis at the DPAA laboratory with hopes of being identified. (USN photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Amara Timberlake)



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FOOD BASKET REPORT

December was a busy month for everyone that helped with the Christmas baskets for needy families. The Post volunteers worked December 10th thru the 14th to make Christmas special for 56 families. The 40 volunteers worked a total of 147 hours. Claus Cause really did a great job with the toys. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make Christmas special for these families. - Bob Mutter



Photo by Dale Matteson

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

No report this month
- Donna Kelley, Club Manager

On December 15th volunteers decorated 48 trees which were taken to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. These trees along with over 100 lap blankets are one small way our post helps those veterans in need. It is a small way that we can say thank you and help to bring a little holiday cheer to those who can't be home with their families during the holidays.

Poppy Trees for the VA Hospital



PUZZLE PASSION

It appears that we have some true puzzle enthusiasts at our post. We seem to complete one per month although rumor has it the December puzzle is going to be painful!

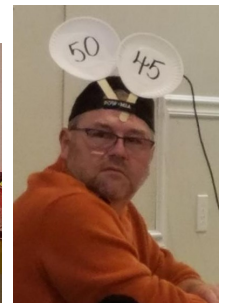
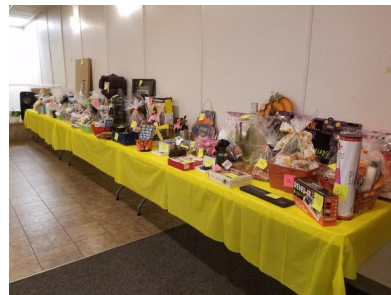
It is fun to see people wander over to the puzzle and then get hooked.

We could be running low on puzzles - if you have one to donate for the good of the group bring it on up to the post.



QUARTER AUCTION

Whose says we don't know how to have fun???? Tom LaForge found a handy way to handle his numerous paddles And he won stuff too!! Thanks to all who participated and especially to those who put in lots of hours planning and organizing this annual event!.



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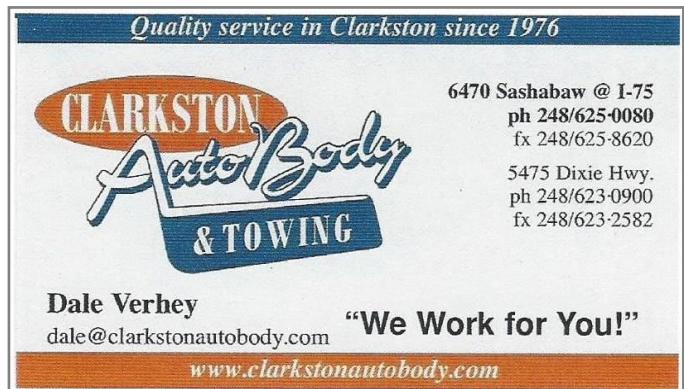
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Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Judy Coe, President - Post 1008 Auxiliary



There is a bus trip fundraiser from the Post to Firekeepers (1 day) on Sunday, March 1st. The cost is \$40 each. Reservation forms are in the Clubroom. If you would like to come along for a good time please have reservations made by January 10th or we will have to cancel the trip.

Karla LaForge has been shopping for toys for the kids whose families received food baskets from the Post. She also purchased presents for 13 children from the "Bucket of Love" mentoring program through Waterford Youth Assistance. In total we made 73 children's Christmas' brighter.

Michele Hinze has sewn for a total of 258 hours making 100 lap robes and 60 Ditty bags for the VA Hospitals and 100 fleece throws/hats and scarfs for the children receiving gifts from the baskets.

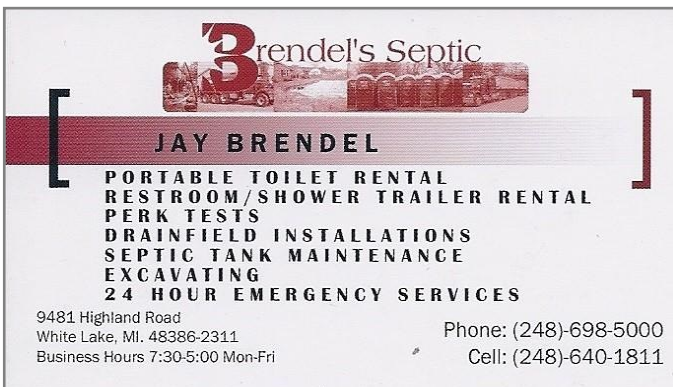
We made 48 Poppy Tinsel trees for the patients at Ann Arbor VA Hospital and laid wreaths at Great Lakes Cemetery.

We made a visit to Ann Arbor VA to hand out \$5 gift cards and Poppy trees to long term residents.

We had 2 VOD essays, 21 Patriot's Pen essays and 1 Teacher of the Year. Winning entries from District will be awarded in January.

A big Thank You to everyone that helped make these projects a success, a lot of work but very rewarding.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **** Thursday Dinners 5pm - 1/2, 1/30, 2/6, 2/27 **** Mid-Winter Conference / Kalamazoo, 1/23-25 **** District Meeting at Post 1008 / 2/16 10am.



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VFW Post 1008 - our Chopper gets a 'lift'literally

After many years of service, a few hard landings and many more years as an Icon at Post 1008, the struts on the chopper finally gave in. With the help of **HADLEY TOWING** and their monster wrecker and lots of people working on the ground the chopper was lifted so the old strut could be removed and a new one installed. Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate this repair. It was no small feat.



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Post 1008 Commander's Column

Comrades & Auxiliary members,

We have had a good 3 months since the last issue. Our membership is moving in the right direction. The new HVAC units have more than proved themselves to be up to the task. The research on the refrigeration for both bars has been inching along, they are 40+ years old and 3 or 4 months more won't kill us.

We have had events that the membership has enjoyed, to mention a few: Vet and Auxiliary of the year, helicopter repair, gift baskets for Christmas, the Claus Cause, 2 visits to the VA hospital bringing a couple hundred blankets, gift cards and small decorated trees, totally rewarding.

Puzzles are still going strong. Tuesday Euchre has been growing and should soon outgrow the front table section for larger accommodations.... So it appears.

Shuffle board will be starting back up in January on Sunday 01/12 at noon. Moving forward, the Texas Hold'em first round of the New Year will be the 10th and the 11th of January. Corn hole will be making its debut in mid to late January. The hot dog and Chili cook-off will be on January 18th @ 5pm. The Super Bowl party will be on (of course) February 2nd. A date of 2/21 and 2/22 are tentative dates for our second Texas Hold'em. With more to come, be aware of our calendar. Thanks for the privilege to be the commander of such a fine post.

Mark Woods, Commander

The lap blankets mentioned on the front page are lovingly made by our own Michele Hinze. Michele has made over 100 lap blankets for the VA Hospital and 85 blankets and 75 hats & scarves for the holiday gift baskets. She has devoted over 200 hours making these wonderful blankets. Next time you see her let her know how much you appreciate all her hard work!!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JANUARY 2020			1 Bloody Mary Bar House Com 7pm	2 DINNER 5PM	3	4
5 VOD BANQUET NEW BALTIMORE 1PM	6 Clubroom Closed	7 Euchre 7:30	8 Board Mtg 7pm	9 Marine Corp League	10	11
12 Shuffleboard 1pm	13 OCC ROYAL OAK 1669 Clubroom Closed	14 Euchre 7:30	15 Post & Aug Membership 7pm	16 American Legion	17	18 HOT DOG & CHILI COOKOFF
19 Shuffleboard 1pm	20 Clubroom Closed	21 Euchre 7:30	22	23	24	25
				MID-WINTER CONFERENCE KALAMAZOO		
26 Shuffleboard 1pm	27 SOA Warren #9021 7:30p Clubroom Closed	28 Euchre 7:30	29	30 DINNER 5PM	31	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY 2020						1 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 2PM
2 SUPER BOWL 5PM Shuffleboard 1pm	3 Clubroom Closed	4 Euchre 7:30	5 House Com 7pm	6 DINNER 5PM	7	8 STARDUSTERS
9 Shuffleboard 1pm	10 OCC SOUTH- FIELD 7:30 Clubroom Closed	11 Euchre 7:30	12 Board Mtg 7pm	13 Marine Corp League	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16 DISTRICT MTG 1008 10AM Shuffleboard 1pm	17 Clubroom Closed	18 Euchre 7:30	19 Post & Aug Membership 7pm	20 American Legion	21	22
					TEXAS HOLD'EM	
23 Shuffleboard 1pm	24 Clubroom Closed	25 Euchre 7:30	26	27 DINNER 5PM	28	29

Honor Guard News



A word from the VFW Post 1008 Honor/Color Guard.

The Honor/Color Guard has been enjoying this fine balmy weather and staying quite busy. We have performed several funerals, Veterans Day ceremonies, and flag folding ceremonies over the last couple of months.

The Honor Guard has attended and performed military rituals for eleven funerals in some very unfriendly weather. Most of the funerals were performed at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

The Color Guard has performed 3 Veteran's Day ceremonies. One of the ceremonies was at the Waterford Senior Center, one was at Arsenal Harley-Davidson (Veteran's Appreciation Day), and another at Waterford Parks Recreation Center (CAI Building of yore). At these three facilities we performed the posting of the Colors and the flag folding with the reading of the meaning of each fold.

We, also, posted the Colors at the Veterans Court Graduation opening ceremony at Waterford's 51st District Court.

Other activities included a flag folding and reading of the folds at a evening program at Lakeland High School. Mark Woods and I (Ron Seaman) folded the flag with the reading by Diane Woods for her first reading in public . Awesome job, Diane.

Mark, Diane, and I performed a flag folding and reading at Waterford's Knudsen Elementary School for the cub scout pack for the opening of their meeting. Afterwards, Mark and I trained the Wolf Pack how to fold the flag. Average age was 7-8 years old. Their primary questions were, "Did you serve in WWI or WWII?" They seem to know about WWI and WWII, but not Vietnam or Korea.

As you may see we stay quite busy. A GREAT CAUSE. We can always use more help. Join the Honor/Color Guard Team. We are highly rated and it is an absolute rewarding experience.

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VA announces proposal to increase access to dental care

December 13, 2019, 04:02:00PM

WASHINGTON – Today the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it has submitted to Congress a waiver request and pilot program under Section 152 of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (**MISSION Act**) to improve access to dental care for Veterans.

The MISSION Act authorizes VA to submit statutory waivers to Congress for the purpose of testing innovative service delivery models to improve the quality of care for America's Veterans. Under existing statute, VA has limited authority to provide dental services for Veterans. With this waiver request, VA is submitting a proposal to increase access to dental services for enrolled Veterans ineligible for dental services through VA by connecting them with community-based, pro bono or discounted dental service providers. **See va.gov for more information



Quartermaster's Report

Comrades,

From the desk of the Quartermaster: MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP.

My fellow comrades we have a significant task ahead of us to meet our 100% goal. Our task is to meet last year's goal of 393 members. We are currently at 368 members Including the 3 members approved at our last meeting. Keep in mind that transfers to our Post do NOT count. We have 6 months to accomplish this goal. I encourage everyone to bring in one member. If we are 7% successful in this endeavor we will meet our goal. To the people that have expressed an interest in joining but are having difficulty with obtaining documentation or financial difficulties - I will be contacting you to offer any assistance that I can. Call me at the Post (248 674-2826) if you have any questions.

Thanking you in advance for your expedient co-operation on this issue.

Bob Benson



The Marine Corps League 570

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.

North Oakland Marines - Detachment 570

No report this month

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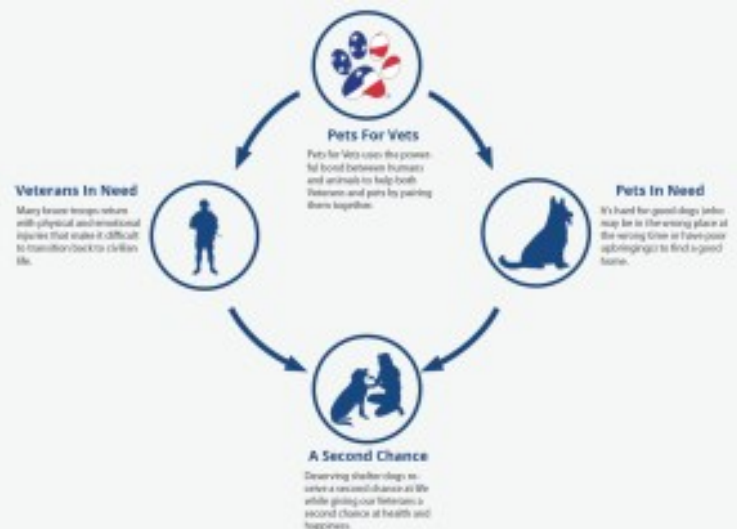
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Service Officer Letter:



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The Huron Valley Council for the Arts held their 'Our Heroes' concert on November 16th. In conjunction with the concert there was an art show featuring original art work from Military and First Responders. Two members of Post 1008 entered art work at the show. Jerry Guest entered his 'Field Cross' and Mark Woods entered his wood turned pens. A total of 45 pieces of art were on display for the evenings event. In addition, Mark Woods, Diane Woods & Ron Seaman performed a flag folding and reading ceremony.



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Our Loved Ones Corner



William Joss, father of Tom Joss earned the Korean Service Ribbon w/2 Bronze Service Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and a Combat Infantry Badge.

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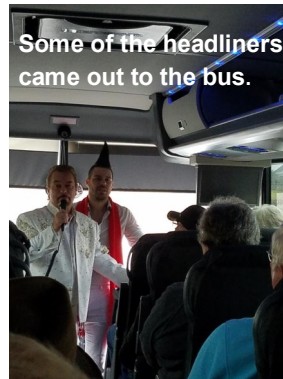
Come Check Us Out!

Our members havin' fun!

Several members of Post 1008 went on a bus trip to Branson Missouri in November. It was a week of food, fun, food, shows, food....did I mention the food? Thank you Bill Storm for making all the arrangements....and for showing us all the places we weren't going to. Ask Bill the next time you see him what 'but we're not goin' there' means.



Our fearless leader on stage



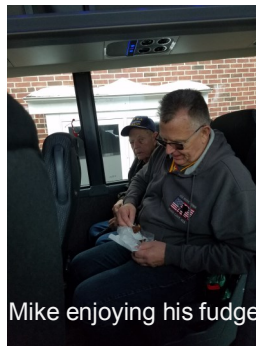
Some of the headliners came out to the bus.



More of the motley crew



Quack travels 'light'



Mike enjoying his fudge



Quack getting warm at Cracker Barrel



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