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**Merry Christmas and a  
safe and Happy New Year**



# Post 1008 Commanders Column

To our Members,

What a spectacular fall!! The Indian summer was truly fantastic. Fall colors were short but very nice. Halloween Trick or Treaters at the Post had fun. Then there is always deer hunting season, perfect. Our Post activities have been numerous and continue to be very good. Keno has really taken off and our Thursday dinners & Euchre tournaments are picking up. Come and join in!!!!

## “What has happened recently“

1. 09/29,30 & 10/1/16: POW WOW ( fall convention ): R. Coe, J. Kellner & the Commander represented our Post. A high emphasis was placed on conversion from manual to automated systems ( computer ) for record keeping.
2. 10/07/16: Hobo Stew Night: The evening festivities included Wind, Rain, Fire, STEW and refreshments. A small turnout but a very good time thanks to Gilly, Bill Whitten and Tony Kidd.
3. 10/08/16: Buddy Poppy: Donations received at Tractor Supply store totaled **\$292.47**. Volunteers were from the Post & Auxiliary.
4. 10/22/16: Buddy Poppy: Donations received at Tenuta’s totaled **\$650.99**. Very good support by Post & Auxiliary members.
5. 10/28/16: Post Halloween party: Attendance was very good. Adult Trick or Treaters sported some great costumes. Drink Specials were a big hit!! All had a lot of fun and our bar did quite well!!
6. 11/03/16: FREE Thursday dinner for WWII and Korean Veterans.
7. 11/10/16: USMC Birthday party at Post: Free drinks, Free food & raffle prizes!! All had a great time!!!!!! In addition, they have donated **\$500** to Claus Cause & **\$500** to our food baskets!!!!
8. 11/11/16: Veterans Day: FREE drinks all day for WWII & Korean Veterans. For all other carded Vets, the first drink was free and all other drinks \$.50 off all day.
9. Patriots Pen / Voice of Democracy: VFW sponsored essay competitions for students. J. Coe has taken the lead role. Certificates of Appreciation were given to participants & teachers. A **\$100** Check (Post & Aux) has been given to the (2) Post winners.

## “WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS”

Food Baskets	Euchre Tournaments	Claus Cause	Texas Hold-em
Wreaths Across America	Starduster’s Christmas Bash	Motown Review	

Our Post needs your help!! Please continue your support as a member, patron, donor and volunteer. YOU do MAKE a DIFFERENCE!!!!!!

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau

Post 1008 Commander





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# Quartermaster's Report

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT POST NEWS**

## In Memory of Sum Wun Else

We were saddened to learn last week of the passing of one of our members, Sum Wun Else. This created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Whenever there was a critical job to do, a committee slot to fill, one name was on everyone's lips; "Let Sum Wun Else do it"! Whenever there was a financial crunch, everyone just assumed that Sum Wun Else would make up the difference. Now, Sum Wun Else is gone! Who is going to take up the slack left by the passing of Sum Wun Else? Only time will tell: and time isn't getting any younger. So please remember, the next time you are asked to help, we don't have Sum Wun Else to rely upon anymore.

Author Unknown

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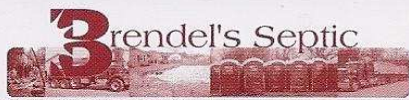
Quartermaster – Jon Kellner



"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

*George Washington*





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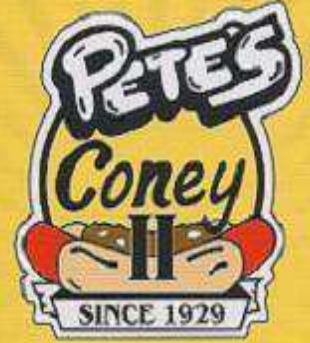
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# Post 1008 Auxiliary Colum

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Packing party was held on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> we packed and sent 14 boxes to servicemen and women overseas.

We have had 3 students submit entries to the Post for the VOD Program and 11 entries for the Patriot Pen Program, judging has been done and 1 entry for each has been submitted to District for judging.

The auxiliary raised \$1342.35 at the Quarter Auction. Thanks to everyone for their donations and help in making this a success.

Post and Auxiliary members will be going to Ann Arbor VA Medical Center on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> to deliver gift cards and Christmas cheer to residents in the Community Living Center. We are also collecting—coats, hats, gloves, boots and blankets to take with us to donate to the Medical Center to Veterans in need, if you wish to donate please bring donation to the Post by Dec.12<sup>th</sup>

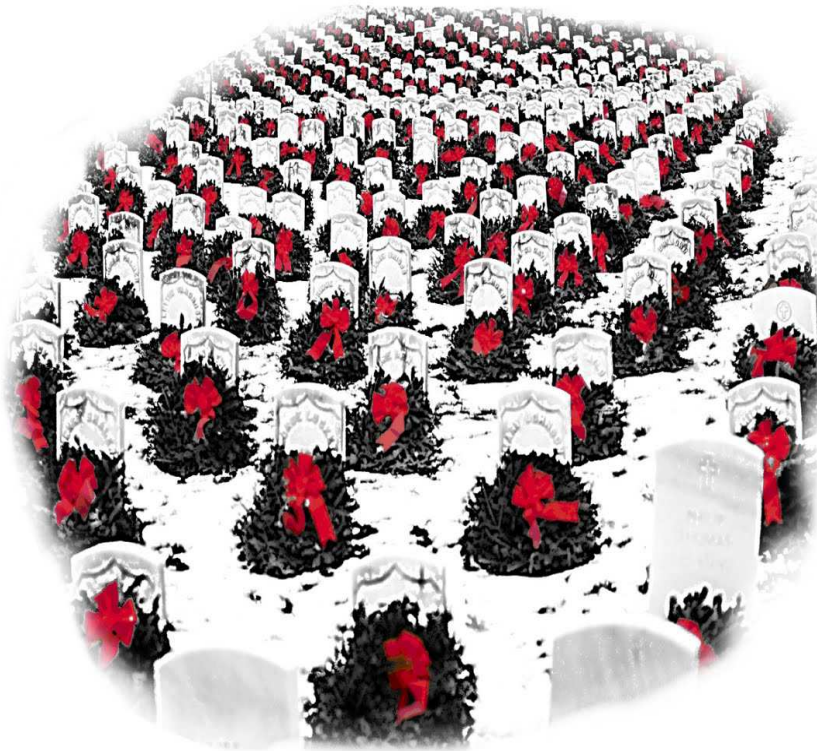
Looking ahead January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM we are planning a Motown Review and on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM we will be having a Comedy Night. Watch for information to follow at the Post and on our Website.

**Remember that to continue as a member in good standing and not have to rejoin the Auxiliary your dues must be paid and processed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.**



**Your Auxiliary Trustees Hard at Work**

# December 17th



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**HONOR** those that serve and their families and,

**TEACH** our children the value of freedom

## **Great Lakes National Cemetery, Wreaths across America Day**

If you'd like to ride share from Post 1008 please arrive at 730am, we're departing for Great Lakes National Cemetery at 800am. If you'd like to drive yourself, please be at Great Lakes National Cemetery by 830am. Wreaths will arrive at 1000am followed by a Memorial service noon. Please dress warm, it can be very cold there.

## **Euchre**

If you haven't joined us for euchre, please do. Euchre tournaments held every Tuesday at 730 pm, with sign in starting at 7 pm. Open to public and members, entry is \$8 with 5 prize spots paid out.

## **Specials**

Always keep an out for events and drink specials. Holidays and big games are good ones to look into.

# December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 House Meeting 930-1030am	2 Dinner Gou-lash @ 500pm	3 <b>Work Bee 9-12</b>  Rental
4 District 5 Meeting @ Post 1146 10AM	5 <b>← 4DEC.... Clause Cause 2-5pm Century Bowl</b>  S	6 Euchre @ Post 700pm	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 MCL	9 XMAS Stardusters Holiday Swing Door@7pm \$10 cover	10 <b>ARMY Vs NAVY Party</b> TBD Rental
11	12 OCC Royal Oak 730pm  S	13 Euchre @ Post 700pm  <b>Food Basket Stuffing</b>	14 Board Meeting 700pm  <b>Food Basket Stuffing</b>	15  <b>Food Basket Stuffing</b>	16  <b>Food Basket &amp; Toy Stuffing</b>	17 <b>Deliver Baskets</b>  <b>Wreaths Across America</b>
18  Rental	19  S	20 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Rental	21 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	22 Dinner Hamburger/ Hot-dogs @500pm  A Legion	23	24 Christmas Eve <b>Post Closes @ 6pm</b>
25 Merry Christmas  <b>Post Closed</b>	26  <b>Post Closed</b>  S	27 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Agent Orange	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve <b>Post Closes @ 6pm</b>



# January 2017

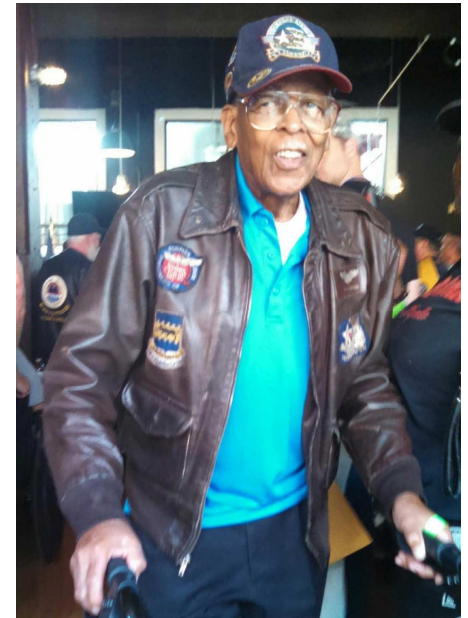
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day <b>Open @ Noon</b> <b>Bloody Mary Bar</b>	2 S	3 Euchre @ Post 700pm	4	5 House Meeting 930-1030am  Dinner @ 5pm	6	7 <b>Work Bee 9-12</b>
8	9 OCC Royal Oak 730pm	10 Euchre @ Post 700pm	10 Board Meeting 700pm	12  MCL	13	14
15	16  S	17 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Rental	18 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	19  A Legion	20	21 Motown Review DJ 7pm-Close
22	23 SOA Warren 730pm  S	24 Euchre @ Post 700pm  Agent Orange	25	26 Dinner canceled due to Mid-Winter conference	27  <b>Mid-Winter Lansing</b>	28  <b>Mid-Winter Lansing</b>
29	30  S	31 Euchre @ Post 700pm				



**Broad on her Port Bow**



**Tommy running Anchor Ops**



**One of the two  
Tuskegee Airmen  
we had the  
privilege of  
meeting that day**



**The unflappable Quack**



**The Motley VFW Crew**

# **Our VFW's visit to the USS Detroit on 18 Oct**

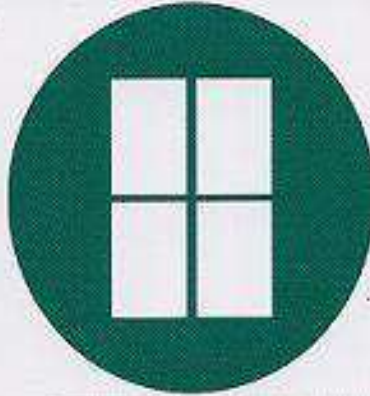
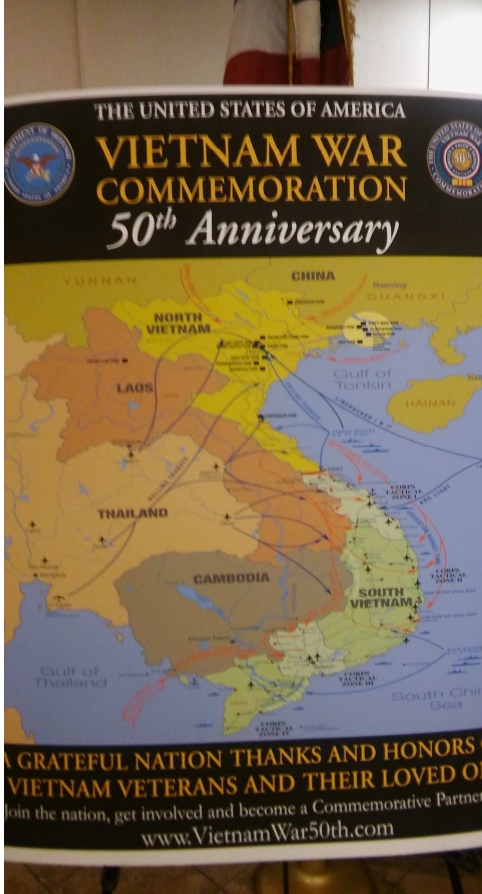




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# The Marine Corps League 570

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.

Detachment 570 was pleased to donate \$500.00 to Post 1008 towards the food bank and another \$500.00 to the Clause Cause. We are blessed to be able to do so. We thank our VFW brothers and sisters for their participation in our fund raising events. This year, the Ice Golf, at White Lake Inn, was cancelled due to temperatures well above freezing. I'm hoping 2017's event will be back on track. Our Golf Outing at Selfridge ANG Base went very smoothly. Fun, good food and prizes were a great reward for our players. I plan to reorder the same weather for next year. Come play along. Thanks one and all for attending our annual Birthday Party, Nov. 10th. We have next year's scheduled the same date. Please join us.

Don Roach  
Commandant



## **Post 1008 Service Officer Letter**

November was a good example of just what a VFW Post can mean to veterans of any armed conflicts this country faces. We had members working with those not so familiar with the “system” and referring them to either myself, another Post Officer, or sources found on our Vet Table Pamphlets. Well done to all.

Attending the Post General Meeting, third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., is the best way you can be in the loop of factual information. I share the latest news gathered at the Oakland-Macomb Service Officers meeting/training session. There may be a veteran in need; how else would you know what needs to be done to assist them? Come to the meeting!

If you have a source that another Vet might need, please pass it on. Here's my email:



# A Worthy Letter

*By Jon Kellner – Post 1008, Quartermaster*

*Go to these VFW Websites for valuable information..*

VFW National Website: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

Department of Michigan VFW: [www.vfwmi.org](http://www.vfwmi.org)

VFW Post 1008 Waterford MI: [www.vfw1008.com](http://www.vfw1008.com) or [www.vfw1008.org](http://www.vfw1008.org)

On the National Website you can pay your dues, find veterans benefit information and many more interesting aspects of our great VFW organization.

Take some time to reach out to a veteran in need. Encourage veterans that are worthy of joining our ranks to do just that, join the VFW. Many times people will say I just don't have time to participate. All we ask is a few hours of your time. So, consider this:

## **Only few hours of your time a year is all we are looking for:**

2 to 3 hours a year helping at one of our activities.

2 to 3 hours reading VFW information.

Attend several Post Membership Meeting which usually lasts 1 to ½ hours.

Come to our Thursday Night Dinners – your choice as to how long you stay.

Stop in to watch “the game” – good comradely here.

Thursday morning breakfasts, golf, pool and/or motorcycle riding.

Help with our Poppy donation collecting (for the veterans' relieve fund).

Euchre played on Tuesday nights – starts at 7:30 PM

A little time invested in your VFW goes a long way in keeping our Post active.

It's a shame that too often, only a small portion of members participate in activities and its usually the same continuous group of supporters.

**We need new members! We need young members! We need members who participate!**

There aren't many WWII members left, the Korean and Vietnam Veterans are getting up there in age.

So, in order to keep our VFW's going strong, we need some younger members. We have been getting a few of them the last couple of years, but not nearly enough. Reach out, find our next new member.

Don't forget our Auxiliary. Find people to join our Post Auxiliary. Consider buying lifetime memberships (gifts) for family members and friends. The more people we have supporting the VFW and its activities, the more leverage we have in assuring that our government and community support our veterans, many of whom have given so much for our freedoms.

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**V.F.W. Post 1008 membership is 472 combat veterans. Auxiliary has 162 members.**  
**Here are some of the many projects we support yearly.**

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10000+ miles driven doing hospital work.  
Hundreds of hours donated doing hospital work.  
Numerous community based service projects.  
Host multiple Drug & Safety prevention projects.
- Support numerous veterans' causes in legislation. Both State and Federal.
- Help Veterans with claim evaluations, and processing in conjunction with the VA.
- Our food bank distributes over 5 tons of food yearly, to the needy in our community.
- Host an annual youth campout at Multi-Lakes conservation club for 40-130 kids, at no cost to the participants.
- Support Camp Trotter, a summer camp for kids 12 and under.
- Sponsor Parks & Rec. projects and Waterford baseball teams.
- Visit V.A. hospitals to support and financially help disabled vets.
- An active Honor Guard providing more than 100 funeral and Flag services for veterans yearly.
- Conduct Flag Ceremonies' at senior citizen homes.
- Post 1008 has sponsored the Waterford Memorial Day parade and open house since 1968.
- Sponsor "Voice of Democracy" program for high school students; assisting to earn college scholarships.
- Sponsor "Patriot Pen" program for middle school students.
- Donate to the Michigan Cancer Fund.
- Donate to the Baldwin Center, Grace Center of Hope, food, clothing and household items.
- Members deliver Meals on Wheels.
- Give to the area high schools "All Night Senior Parties".
- Support the National Home in Eaton Rapids, a facility for homeless children of Vets. The home also provides rehab and shelter to young widows and children of veterans.
- Donate our hall and grounds to various groups including, North Oakland Marine Corps League, American Legion, Boy Scouts Troop #134, Oakland Co Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 238, Group 702, Cancer Groups, Drug & Alcohol meetings, as well as accommodate other active community groups.
- We open our hall to many nonprofit organizations in need of place for Christmas parties or functions.
- Sponsor annual community Easter Egg hunt for over 150 children with WFD providing fire safety program.
- We are a platinum sponsor of the Waterford Veterans Memorial, having risen over \$5,000.
- Luncheon for homeless veterans of southeast Michigan, 60-80 yearly.
- Donate to the Waterford "Relay for Life" program.
- Purchase and lay wreaths at Great Lakes National Cemetery during Christmas.
- Place flags at Great Lakes National Cemetery for Memorial Day.
- Donate to Waterford youth coalition for backpack filling program.
- Donate to Waterford youth coalition for Christmas program.
- Donate and collect clothing and personal items for the Cass corridor Social Services and Detroit homeless Vet programs.
- The Auxiliary donates yearly to each of the 7 veterans medical facilities in Michigan.

**We are proud to serve our community and all veterans!**



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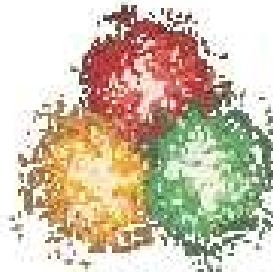


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