

### NEWSLETTER Dec 2017-Jan 2018

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Post 1008 decorated for Christmas, thank you Janelle. Come see and join us inside, it's even more impressive.



# Post 1008 Commanders Column

#### **Comrades & Auxiliary Members,**

WOW, our late Indian summer and fall have slipped by very quickly. Christmas is on the near horizon!!! Overall, our Post is continuing to do very well as we move forward into the future.

#### The latest news!!!!!!!

- 1. Oakland Airport Airshow. Our Post ran a concession stand again (hotdogs, chips & refreshments). Net profit was approximately **\$1,450.00**. Nice job by Chairperson B. Whitten and many Post & Auxiliary volunteers.
- 2. Euchre at the Post started again on Tuesdays. Chairs G. Smith & J. McClure.
- 3. Post Inspection by 5<sup>th</sup> District. We PASSED with ZERO discrepancies.
- **4.** Youth Campout at Multi-Lakes. 5<sup>th</sup> District volunteers from (7) Posts led by Chairperson M. Woods & Post 1008 volunteers set-up, cooked for (3) days, then packed up for next year. There were (12) Teams, approximately 150 people. Everything went very well.
- **5.** Post bar reopened on Sundays (1:00 7:00) with NFL Kick-off party. Linda is bartending again.
- **6.** National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at Oakland Hills Cemetery. The La Forges represented the Michigan Organization & our Post with other members. Our Honor Guard presented Colors & conducted a Rifle Salute. D. Johnson sang the Star Spangled Banner.
- 7. Fall VFW POW WOW at Boyne Highlands. R. Coe, D. Johnson, J. Kellner & the Commander represented our Post. J. Coe, D. Burmeister, L. Cerre & T. Johnson represented our Auxiliary.
- 8. Texas Hold-em (B. Whitten): (4) tournaments this fall, bringing in approximately \$5,000.00.
- 9. Buddy Poppy (R. Coe): Donations received increased to approximately \$5,400.00.
- **10.** Our Honor Guard was selected for the Special Veteran's Day Ceremony at Great Lakes National Cemetery. <u>Captain G.</u> Quackenbush led the Presentation of Colors & Rifle Salute. **Great Job!!!!**
- 11. Veteran & Auxiliary Member of the Year. Congratulations to Mark Woods & Pebble Van Conant!
- 12. Auxiliary Comedy Night: Brought in approximately \$1,400.00 of bar business. THANK YOU!!!!!!
- 13. Donations: We have sent donation checks to the National Children's Home, Blue Star Mothers, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Cancer fund, several Veteran & Military Support funds, Beaumont/Sam's Club Children Miracle Network Fundraiser, Wreaths Across America, Waterford Parks & Rec, Patriot Pen winner & Voice of Democracy winner.

#### "WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS"

Thursday dinners ( new Aux crew ), Pancake breakfast on Saturday ( J. Kellner ), Texas Hold-em tournaments ( B. Whitten ) & Starduster's Band ( Donna & Jerry )

<u>NOTE:</u> While our Post is doing well, our Clubroom continues to struggle financially due to extremely low patronage. Please stop by and say hi to your comrades, have dinner, watch sports, shoot pool, play shuffleboard or attend one of our hall events. OUR post needs your help NOW.

We are one of the best posts in Michigan!!! Please continue your support. New volunteers are always welcome.

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau



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# Quartermaster's Report

## **PLEASE READ, IMPORTANT POST NEWS**

No Article submitted by the Quartermaster

#### **Club Manager Report**

As the holidays approach and folks reflect on the year past, I'd like to thank those that have come in this year to help support the canteen and enjoy the camaraderie.

Changes have been made and not everyone was happy about it, but there still is no better place to be, where you can relax and sit among folks that understand the hardships you endured to be eligible for membership in this organization. You don't have to be a drinker, the coffee pot is always on and we serve a large variety of pop!

We're always looking for fun ideas and we'd love to hear from you as to what kind of functions you'd like to attend and bring your family to at your Post. Send me an E-mail, donnakelley1008@att.net!

We'll be running specials over the holidays in addition to the ones we already have, Bottle beer, \$2 on Monday and Thursday; Draft specials on Tuesday and Friday; and bar booze \$2.25 Wednesday and Saturday! Can pop is always just \$1.00.

VFW Post 1008 can survive without a canteen, but the canteen cannot survive without you, the members. So many other organizations are suffering too, but none can offer a Veteran the same comfort as 1008. Come support your Post, bring a friend, play Euchre with us on Tuesday nights! Come home for the holidays!!

#### Merry Christmas and a very safe and Happy New Year!!

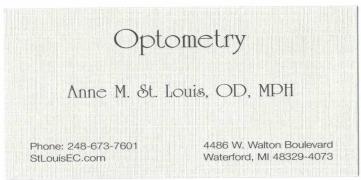
Donna Kelley

Club Manager

PS: Watch for tickets to go on sale for the Valentine Special February 10, 2018! We'll be serving dinner followed by an evening of music by "The Stardusters". Tickets will be limited, so watch for details in the clubroom!









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# December 2017

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# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calendar Legend Blue: Fund- raiser Gold: Holiday Red: Look At Me	1 New Years Day Open @12 for Football Bloody Mary Bar	2	3 Warthogs 7pm	4 <b>Dinner</b> , Chef's surprise @500pm	5	6
7	8 OCC Southfield #2645 730pm	9 Euchre @ Post 700pm	10 Board Meet- ing 700pm	11	12 Texas Hold'em 7pm-1am	13 Texas Hold'em 1pm-10pm
	S			MCL 7pm		
14	15	16 Euchre @ Post 700pm	17 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm	18	19 Mid-Winter Conf. K-Zoo	20 Mid-Winter Conf. K-Zoo
	S	Rental		Am Legion 7pm		
21	22 SOA Warren 9021 730pm	23 Euchre @ Post 700pm	24	25 <b>Dinner</b> , Chef's surprise @500pm	26	27 Chili Cook off @ Post 5-7pm
	S	Orange 7pm				
28	29	30 Euchre @ Post 700pm	31			
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#### Unwavering Support



## FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

# Post 1008 Huxiliary Colum

No article submitted by the Auxiliary



The Post's Honor Guard presenting arms ahead of the 21 gun Salute, at Great Lakes National Cemetery on Veterans day 2017.

Congratulations Mark Woods and Pebble Vanconant on being our Vet and Aux member of the year.



Our new Vet & Aux member of the year celebrating with past winners.





## Meetings held third Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.



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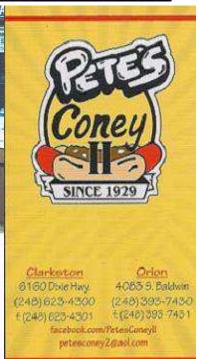


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# SHIMPER FIDELIS

Honor Guard working hard on Veterans Day 2017. This is at "The Inn at Cass Lake Senior Center". Take note of the Marine Corps dress blue, upper left. Semper Fi!! Merry Christmas brothers.

# The Marine Corps League 570

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.



Saying hello to our fellow Brother in Arms.



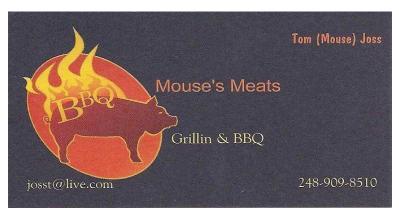
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