



### **SALUTE THE TROOPS**



CULVER VFW POST 6919 AND AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD



*Pictured:* Bill Napier, Joe Peterson, Dick Knoezer, Tim McCarthy, Greg Looney, Steve Shanks, Randy Banks, Greg Sefcheck, Judd Rousch, Rick Kelso, Thomas Schmidt

Welcome to the 39th Annual Culver Lakefest, we are thrilled you are here. Culver is a community that thrives on volunteerism and commitment to community. As you walk around the festival you will notice that there is a piece of our community around every corner. The Culver Community Football Team is



keeping the grounds clean, the Girls Volleyball Team is there to transport guests to and from the festival, the Lions Club is serving up delicious pancakes on Saturday and Sunday, you'll hear the Culver Pipes and Drums in the distance as we honor our service men and women this weekend, families will take part in the Family Contests with help from the Culver Community Swim Team, guests can also fish with the Bass Fishing Club, or shoot hoops with the Boys Basketball Team, or see how many hot dogs Tony "the boss" Ross can eat thanks to the Girls Basketball Team. Our community is all around us at this year's festival, thanks to our dedicated volunteers, donors and sponsors, and their willingness to give. Speaking of "giving", this year's theme is 'Salute the Troops', and we will honor those who have served, prepare to serve, and are currently serving in the U.S. Military at the "Flag Ceremonies" during the weekend. We will pay special tribute to our local VFW Post 6919 during the annual parade. These individuals are the men and women who were, and are, willing to pay the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy in this great country. In closing, we thank you for coming to Culver, and sincerely hope you enjoy our festival, our community and its people this weekend.

#### THE 2023 LAKEFEST COMMITTEE

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### LAKEFEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

4:00 PM Food, Arts, Crafts, Commercial Booths, & Games until 10 PM

4:00 PM Pop Up Artist Culver Paint Out Plein Air Artist

4:00 - 5:00 PM Registration open for Bass Fishing Tournament Public Boat Launch - West Side of Lake

4:30 PM Flag Ceremony - SALUTE THE TROOPS -

Outside of the Lions Club Depot Building

A salute to those who have served, are currently serving, and prepare to serve in the U.S. Military Featuring the Culver Pipes and Drums

5:00 PM Online Registration for Waves of Freedom Run ENDS

5:00 PM Bass Fishing Tournament begins - Use public boat launch,

West side of the lake Coordinated by, and proceeds to benefit, the Culver Community Bass Fishing Club

6:00 PM Miss Maxinkuckee Pageant - Damore Amphitheater

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7:00-8:00 PM Miss Maxinkuckee Pageant Crowning

7:00-9:30 PM Beer Garden between West Pavilion and Depot Building. Hosted by Journey's End

8:00 PM Live Entertainment - Point'n Fingers Band - West Pavilion Stage

9:00PM Bass Fishing Tournament Weigh-Ins - EAST Pavilion

9:30 PM Live Entertainment Ends - West Pavilion Stage

10:00 PM Vendor booths close

#### **SATURDAY JULY 15TH**

8:00 AM-11:00 AM Lion's Club ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES inside the Depot Building

8:00 AM 5K Run/ Walk - Waves of Freedom Run

\*Either register online by 5 PM July 14th OR

Day-of registration opens at 6:30 AM and ends at 7:45AM

Awards to take place at the Damore Amphitheater

8:00 AM 1/2 Mile Sparkler Run\* (Ages 3-10)

\*Either register online by 5 PM July 14th OR

Day-of registration opens at 6:30 AM and ends at 7:45AM

Awards to take place at the Damore Amphitheater

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Culver Farmers Market - Culver Town Park Basketball Court

9:00 AM Waves of Freedom Run Awards - Damore Amphitheater

9:00 AM Parade Registration - at the corner of College and Slate

- Closes at 9:30 AM

9:00 AM Food, Arts, Crafts, Commercial Booths, and Games - Until 11 PM

10:00 AM 39th Annual Culver Lakefest "Salute the Troops" Parade

Sponsored by The Lakehouse Grille and The Original Root Beer Stand

In honor of our local VFW Post 6919, our Parade Marshal:

Commander of VFW Post 6919. Rich Kelso

Co-Parade Marshal: Commander of the American Legion of Monterey, Thomas Schmidt - Escorted by VFW Post 6919 Members and Auxiliary.

and the American Legion of Monterey Members and Auxiliary

12 Noon Family Contests - Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Culver

Coordinated by the Culver Community Swim Team

12:00 PM Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest - Beach

12:40 PM Penny Find - Beach

1:20 PM Turtle/Frog Race - Grass by East Pavilion (must provide own turtle/frog)

2:40 PM Watermelon Eating Contest -

East Pavilion (watermelons donated by Park N Shop)

Medals Awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for each age group competing

12:30PM Flag Ceremony - HONOR - A tribute to our Veterans -

Outside of the Lions Club Depot Building

featuring the Culver Pipes and Drums

1:00 PM Pop Up Artist Culver Paint Out Plein Air Artist

1:30 PM Fireman's Waterball Contest -

Culver Union Township Fire Department Building

2:30 PM Hot Dog Eating Contest Featuring Famous Culver Faces -

Rootbeer Stand lawn

Competitors names to be announced!

Coordinated by, and proceeds to benefit,

the Culver Community Girls Basketball Team

Sponsored by The Rootbeer Stand

3:00 PM Registration: Corn Hole Tournament - Basketball Courts/West End of Park

4:00 PM Corn Hole Tournament BEGINS - Basketball Courts/West End of Park

5:00-6:30 PM Live Entertainment - Talent Show

Damore Amphitheatre - Coordinated by Expressions Dance Studio

7:00-9:00PM Live Entertainment - "Almost There" -

Band Performing at West Pavilion Stage

8:30-10:30 PM Lakefest Fireworks Show broadcasted LIVE on MAX 98.3

with DJ Tony Ross - outside of the Beach Lodge

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10:00 PM Spectacular Fireworks Display Presented by MAD BOMBERS FIREWORKS



#### SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00 AM Namaste on the Beach Yoga - Culver Beach Lodge

8:00-11:00 AM Lion's Club ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES - the Depot Building

9:00 AM Car Show - Town Park until 3:00 PM

9:00 AM Food, Arts, Crafts, Commercial Booths, and Games - til 3:00 PM

10:00 AM Citizens Church Service in the park (Non-Denominational) -The Damore Amphitheater

10:00 AM 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Registration Opens

10:00 AM-12 PM Live Entertainment - "30 South" -

Band Performing at West Pavilion Stage

12:00 PM Pop Up Artist Culver Paint Out Plein Air Artist

12:00 PM 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Begins

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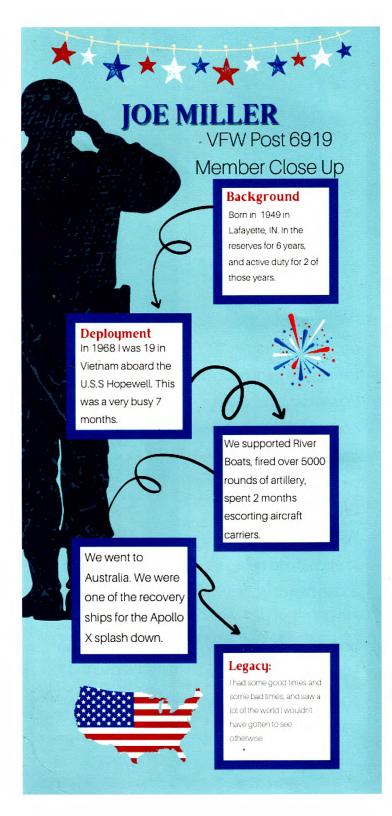
Culver Community Basketball Team

12:30 PM Flag ceremony - REMEMBER - A Tribute to the Fallen Featuring the Culver VFW Post 6919 Honor Guard - 21 Gun Salute

1:00 PM Pop Up Performance - Tony "the Voice" Mayfield, saxophone & vocals

3:00 PM Car Show Awards presented at the Information Booth







## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

I would like to honor, and say thank you to my Veteran, **Dave Kline**. Dave is a Viet Nam Veteran. I was adopted, but was able to find my birth parents after 50 years. In the last 5 years I have been able to learn about my dad, and we have connected as family. I am proud that my father is a Veteran, and want to thank him for all the sacrifices he made.

## WRITTEN BY, TIM MCCARTHY

Tim has been an Auxiliary member of the Culver VFW Post 6919 since 2019. In order to be an Auxiliary member, one must prove direct relation to someone who has served in a Foreign War. This can be done by submitting a copy of the Veteran's DD214 form along with your application to join as an Auxiliary member.



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**Pictured: George and Teresa** 

Well, he had other plans that night, and proposed to my mother! One problem though. His discharge from the Marines was imminent, and hers, yet two weeks away. And he would not marry a Marine. Fortunately, her mother stepped up, and took the former Marine in, while planning their wedding.

Being the youngest of four, I had a wonderful childhood. And although those WWII guys didn't talk much of the experience, I for one feel lucky to have had these two heroes in my life!

## Greg Looney VFW Post 6919 Member Close Up Current Quartermaster

Greg joined the National Guard while studying at CCHS. He joined the local armory in Plymouth as infantry in 2006 and retrained as Military Police in 2008. He deployed to Iraq in 2009 to train the Iraqi police in law enforcement and community engagement. Honorably discharged in 2012, Greg joined the VFW Post 6919 in 2019. In addition to being an active member, he created, and enjoys hosting, the VFW Open Mic Nights (open to all ages). Greg has also been in multiple local bands as a bassist.



#### In his words:

If eligible, you should join to be around peers who understand what you're going through. I used to be afraid of fireworks, but after joining I was finally able to enjoy them for how beautiful they are. It also helped me feel like I was doing my part, to be a part of the community.

### Called to Serve

THE NAMES BELOW ARE STUDENTS FROM LOCAL CULVER SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVE. THEY DECIDED TO COMMIT TO AN ROTC PROGRAM OR SERVICE ACADEMY, OR TO ENLIST IN 2023.

WE WISH YOU LUCK AND THANK YOU!

**Enlistments** 

PFC Sorg, Alexander: Culinary Specialist PFC Brown, Ian: Airborne Infantryman

PFC Kuykendoll, Landon: Culinary Specialist

**PVT Peterson, Roan: Infantryman** 

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**Specialist** 

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Faith Martinez, Faith Gorton, Harlie Hanley, Abby Sears

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**Air Force Academy** 

Alexis Dragne, Vlad Lovin

**Army ROTC** 

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AND 21 GUN SALUTE

# \*\*THANKS, DAD, \*\*\* OUR COMMANDER

## **WRITTEN BY, SANDRA KELSO**

My father, Wilbur R (Rich) Kelso III graduated top of his class in Air Force Navigation, flying every chance he could get as a "back seater" in F4 Phantom jet fighters. While stationed in Okinowa, he flew against North Korean planes who were testing the USA's vigilance in defending the boarders of their air space. He joined VFW Post 6919 shortly after leaving the military and moving back to Culver, having grown up just south of town. He has served as an elected officer in the Post for over 45 years. He is most known for serving as Commander and Quartermaster. He has been a large part of the many fundraisers, Friday night kitchens, Poppy donation days, funeral details, parade color guard, and Memorial and Veteran's Day services. He was involved in the "new" addition. He started Saturday Night Bingo and kept it running for over 30 years. You can often find Rich sitting at the bar of the VFW, chatting with friends and welcoming new quests while listening to their stories or telling fabulous ones of his own.

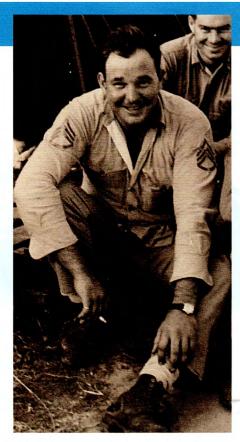
## A FAMILY IN THE SERVICE

Written by, Anna Neher



Pictured: Teresa Elizabeth Hartmann

I know I make fun of how weird it was being raised by 2 marines. Strict, so orderly. But it wasn't really like that. My mother and her sister decided to do what they could to help the war effort in 1941 and joined The United States Marines. My aunt was stationed in Quantico, Virginia. My mother was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina. They were "holding down the forts".



Pictured: George Edgar Lemar Jr.

After the Mayhem, my Daddy was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina, for rest and recuperation. The two met in a festive situation and became friends.

My mother worked in the PX on the base,

My mother worked in the PX on the base, and one night before a dance, that handsome dude sauntered into the PX and purchased a Diamond Engagement ring from none other than Teresa E. Hartmann. While being a bit jealous because she assumed he would propose to her 'bunkie", she was also happy for her friend.



## VFW POST 6919 LIETTE FAMILY TRADITION



Luke Liette was a member of the 95th Infantry which was part of the 3rd Army under the command of George S. Patton. The men of the 95th were known as the "Iron Men of Metz". Metz is a city in France that was liberated from the Germans by the 95th Infantry in December 1944. To this day, the city of Metz annually recognizes the "Iron Men of Metz". During the war, Luke was wounded twice. He received three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. In 1958, Luke moved his family to Culver, IN and became a life member of Culver VFW Post 6919 in 1959. Unfortunately, Luke was hurt in an industrial accident in 1965 and died of his injuries in February 1966. His wife, Eleanor was left to raise five children, Paul, Kitty, Bill, Angela and Patty. Eleanor joined the Post 6919 Auxiliary in 1966 and remained a member until her death in 2014. She was chaplain for the auxiliary for over twenty years.





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# VFW POST 6919 LIETTE FAMILY TRADITION (CONTINUED)

#### **★WRITTEN BY PAUL LIETTE** ★

Eleanor also enrolled her daughters, Kitty Davis, Angela Loehmer and Patty Hankins as life members in 1970. Kitty and Patty are both active in the club as they help with the lunches and dinners. Bill joined the Army in November 1970 and served in the ASA (Army Security Agency) in Thailand during the Vietnam war. Bill was discharged from the Army in 1980 and joined the Culver VFW Post in 1974. Bill too is a life member. Paul joined the Army in March 1970 and was discharged in March 1976. Paul was clerk-typist and worked in personnel and finance. He joined the Auxiliary in 2013 and he too is a life member. Paul is currently the treasurer of the Auxiliary of Post 6919 and assisting the Post with the Quartermaster duties. As of today, all of Luke and Eleanor's children are life members of Culver VFW Post 6919, a 64 year tradition that continues.





#### FAMILY CONTESTS

Coordinated by the Culver Community Swim Team
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Culver and Park n' Shop

12:00 PM - Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest at the Reach

> 12:40 PM - Penny Find at the Beach

1:20 PM - Turtle/Frog Race
On grass by East Pavilion
(must bring your own turtle/frog)

2:40 PM - Watermelon Eating Contest

East Pavilion

Medals to be Awarded for

1st. 2nd. & 3rd place for each age group competing





### **ANNUAL LIONS CORN ROAST**

Saturday, July 22nd 4:30-7:00pm The Culver Lions Club



Hamburger | Drink | All you can eat Corn

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Listed below are those who donated on or before May 30th, but we want to thank all our donors, LakeFest is not possible without you!

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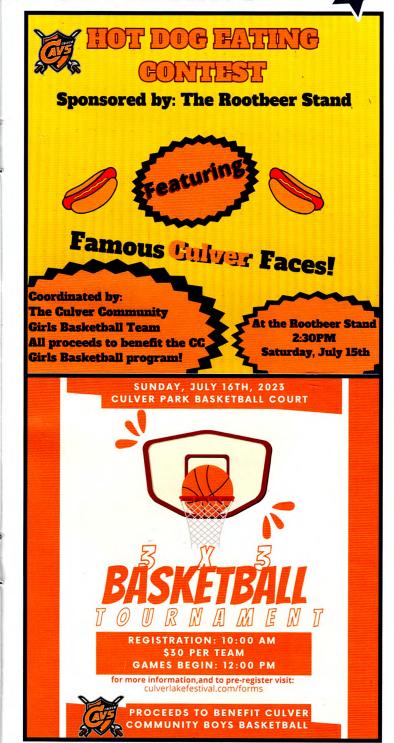
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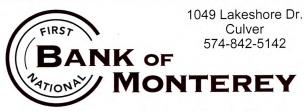
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As a trusted optometrist in our community, generous and kindhearted individual, and one of Lakefest's most longstanding supporters, we congratulate Mark on a wonderful

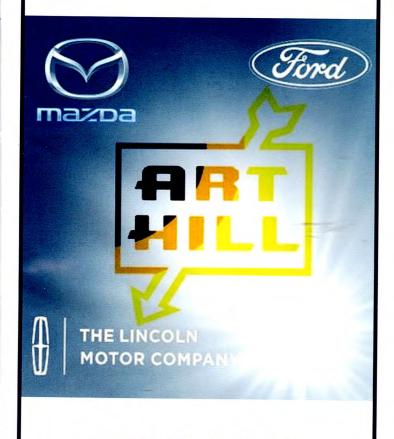
career as he enters into retirement this year.

We wish you a wonderful future with plenty of time to enjoy your family, friends and interests.

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OUTDOORS: MAY-OCTOBER When:

Saturdays 9am-1pm (all season) Tues. 5-7pm (Memorial - Labor Day) Where: Culver Town Park, West Pavilion 819 East Lake Shore Drive

INDOORS: NOVEMBER-APRIL When:

Saturdays 10am-1pm Where: Culver Town Library 107 North Main Street



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April 8: Culver Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 28 & 29: Town-Wide Garage Sales

May 13: Max Move - Walk/Run

June 9: Culver Youth Club Annual Auctic

June 17: Concert in the Park

June 23: Outdoor Movie at the Park

July 12-13: Adaptive Water Ski Clinic

July 14-16: Culver Lake Fest & Fireworks

July 21: Outdoor Movie at the Park

July 22: Fireman's Festival & Lions Club C

July 29: Concert in the Park

August 5: Lake Max Triathlon & Duathlon

August 5: Concert in the Park

August 11: Outdoor Movie at the Park

August 12: Dash N' Splash - MC Humane Sc

September 16: Run Lake Max - 10 Mile & 5K

September 29 & 30: Town Wide Garage Sales

October 13-15: Culver Fall Fest

October 28: Culver Lions Club Halloween Party

October 31: Town-Wide Halloween Trick or Treati

November 11: By the Lake Holiday Bazaar

November 23: Turkey Trot

December 1 & 2: Culver Holiday Weekend

December 2: Holiday Hop - Shopping & Dining Event

December 9: Lions & Library Children's Christmas Party

#### **CULVER FARMERS' MARKET**

Location: Culver Park - West Pavilion

May 13 - October 21: Saturdays 9 AM-1 PM May 30 - August 29: Tuesdays 5-7 PM

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