

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 10

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1. **Dave Marin has taken over as the Department Webmaster from Gary Brown. Any questions regarding the website can be sent to Dave at: vfwmi@att.net**
2. **Reminder to all Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Article II, Section 218 (a) (1) (k) requires the Commander to "Assure that he or his representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (if applicable)." Acting on his authority under Section 220 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, State Commander Dave Hutson will remove any Post Commander from office who fails to fulfill the duties of the Post Commander as required by Section 218.**
3. **Please notify your Post Quartermaster that checks for Camp Trotter camp fees, donations, maintenance, etc. need to be on a separate check from the regular Post donations. Camp Trotter Life Memberships have to be on a separate check from Camp Trotter fees or donations. Make the checks out to VFW Camp Trotter and earmarked for the specific donation and mail to Department.**
4. Proposed amendments to the Department By-Laws must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster **no later than March 31, 2010** to allow time for publishing in the Apr/May/June issue of the MOV in accordance with Article XVI of the Department By-Laws.
5. National will soon be sending out an **Election of Officer Form** to each Post Quartermaster. Posts are responsible to complete the form **immediately after elections**. Also, Department will be sending to each Post Commander an **Officers & Chairman's Roster Form** for the 2010-2011 year. **This form will be completed and mailed to your incoming District Commander NOT to Department. Department is only requiring the National election report form to be completed.**
6. Post Officer nominations shall be held in March and held open until the Officers are elected in April. Your attention is called to Section 217 of the National By-Laws & Manual of Procedure: **Order of nominations and elections. The order of nominations and elections shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and Trustee(s).**
7. Post Officers shall be installed prior to the convening of the State Convention but shall not assume duties until the State Commander is installed.
8. Delegate forms for the State Convention will be sent out to all Post Quartermasters in April. Delegate fees will be based on membership totals at National as of March 31, 2010. Each Post Quartermaster will receive a form to list their delegates and alternates. Prior to the Convention, the list of delegates attending must be received at Department Headquarters. Any name that is not on the form will not be able to register as a delegate. Please do not send any money to Department for delegate fees until after your Post

has received this form. Also, it is mandated by the Department By-Laws that all Posts pay their Department Convention delegate fees whether or not anyone is attending the Convention.

9. Buddy Poppy Days are May 6, 7 and 8, 2010. **If your Post has not already ordered their Poppies, please do so now!!!**
10. The Department Commander and Department President Joint Testimonial will be held May 7-9, 2010 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing, MI.
11. The Department Convention will be held June 23-27, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.
12. The National Convention will be held August 21-26, 2010 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

13. **Condolences:**

Past Department President Peggy Roth's husband Clare passed away. Condolences can be sent to Peggy at: 415 Pleasant St., Ionia, MI 48846.

Past Department President Eileen Rush passed away. Condolences can be sent to her son Scott Rush at: 22709 Raymond Ct., St. Clair Shores, MI 48082.

14. **Thinking of You:**

District 15 Commander Bob Whipple is recovering from a broken hip. Cards can be sent to Bob at: PO Box 427, South Range, MI 49963.

15. **Changes of Meeting Dates, Time and/or Place:**

Post 3672 Meetings have been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

16. **Changes and/or Corrections to Department Roster**

Muskegon County Council

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**OFFICIAL
ROBERT D. WEISS
ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER**

**BY ORDER OF
DAVID L. HUTSON
STATE COMMANDER**