

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 5

NOVEMBER 2010

1. **Please remind 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 and 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.**
2. **Buddy Poppy Days are May 5, 6 and 7, 2011.** If your Buddy Poppy order is not into Department by February 1, 2011, National can not guarantee your order will be delivered in time for Poppy Days. For All-State points, orders need to be into Department by December 31, 2010.

3. The Department Office will be closed on the following days:

November 11, 2010 Veteran's Day
November 25 & 26, 2010 Thanksgiving

4. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 28-30, 2011 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. Enclosed in this mailing is the housing form, banquet ticket form, ad book form and agenda.

5. **Thinking of You:**

Past Department Commander Richard "Chic" LaFave has recently been ill. Cards can be sent to Chic at: PO Box 1104, Gwinn, MI 49841.

6. **Changes and/or Corrections to Department Roster:**

Children's Camp Committee

Remove: Andrew Conklin
Lowell Elston
Lloyd Putman III

Add:	Ernest Meyers, Director 925 Forest St., Charlotte 48813	(2406)	517-543-0014
	David Hutson 2014 E. River Rd., Muskegon 49445	(8846)	231-747-6005
	Richard Rought 8328 W. 64 th St., Fremont 49412	(6898)	231-924-5226
	David Reeves 9036 Brookline Ave., Plymouth 48170	(6695)	734-718-9546

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

**BY ORDER OF
LLOYD F. PUTMAN II
STATE COMMANDER**

Wreaths Across America



Worcester Wreath Co. and its involvement with the Arlington project was inspired when at the early age of 12 years old, as a Bangor Daily News paperboy, Morrill Worcester won a trip to the Nation's Capital. It was a trip he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression. In later life, he recognized that his success as a businessman was in large part, due to the values of this Nation and the Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Seeing an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality, efforts to do something special with those wreaths began in earnest. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of DC, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington. Again an impression was made and he vowed to bring the wreaths every year.

In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide. With the help of the Civil Air Patrol and many others, ceremonies were held simultaneously at 230 locations. From the snow banks of Alaska to the sands of Iraq our Nation's heroes were honored. From here Wreaths Across America™ was born.

Heading into our nineteenth year and over 450,000 wreaths later, the original group has been joined by many others who wish to participate in the project each year. **National Remembrance Ceremony: DECEMBER 11, 2010; 12 NOON EST**

Michigan Cemeteries Participating in Wreaths Across America:

Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly

Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta

Michigan Veterans Cemetery, Grand Rapids

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Grand Rapids

Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit

Saint Claire Allied Veterans Cemetery, Port Huron

Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, East

Prestonville Cemetery, Shelby Township

Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak

Maple Grove Cemetery - Calvary Cemetery, Hudson

Ridgelawn Memorial Cemetery, Oxford

Mount Elliott, Detroit

Gilmore Township Cemetery, Farwell

Surry Township Cemetery, Farwell

**Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars
32nd Mid – Winter Conference
Thursday January 27, 2011 – Sunday January 30, 2011**

THE HOTEL IS A NON-SMOKING SITE

*(The Auxiliary line officers and District Presidents have a Thursday afternoon meeting.
The VFW program starts early Friday morning.*

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS JANUARY 5, 2010

Mail Call, or Fax, your Reservation to:

Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites

100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Phone: (269) 343-3333, Fax: (269) 381-1560

Reservations

- Room reservations received after 12/28/09 will be subject to availability and higher room rate.
- To reserve your room, please call (269) 343-3333. You may fax this form to (269) 381-1560 or mail the perforated portion to hotel to the above address. Reservation must be guaranteed with deposit or major credit card.
- To receive the group rate, you must identify yourself as a Department of Michigan VFW Mid-Winter Conference participant when calling to make your reservation.
- Quoted rates are subject to state and local taxes (11%).

<u>Room rates:</u>	Single	Double	Triple	Quad	Suites
	\$102.00	\$102.00	\$102.00	\$102.00	\$149.00

Please put your e-mail address or phone number to received your confirmation number from the hotel below:

e-mail address: _____, or phone no: (_____) - _____

**Group: Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars Mid -Winter Conference
January 27, 2011 –January 30, 2011**

Please reserve _____ Rooms for _____ # of people (Credit Card or Advanced Deposit required)

* Request room with: Circle One
 King bed 2 Double beds Rollway Suite

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Rates:
 Single \$102.00 Double \$102.00
 Triple \$102.00 Quad \$102.00
 Suites \$149.00
 Plus state & local taxes, currently 11%

Date Arrive: _____ Date Depart: _____

If you have special needs, or need a barrier free room please indicate here _____

Circle type of payment: Credit Card Check Money order

Card Type Number Expiration Date

Credit card type, number and expiration: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

****** IF YOU CALL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS – YOU STILL MUST SUBMIT HOTEL RESERVATION FORM WITH CONFIRMATION NUMBER. (WE MUST HAVE A HARD COPY ON FILE) ******

V.F.W. AND AUXILIARIES
32nd MID – WINTER CONFERENCE
Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suite, Kalamazoo, Michigan

BANQUET TICKETS
JANUARY 29, 2011

Price \$35.00 per person /All seats are reserved
No tickets sold at the door

DEADLINE DATE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS JANUARY 15TH, 2011

BANQUET TICKET ORDERS WILL BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE, INCLUDING NO SHOWS UNLESS
AUTHORIZED BY STATE COMMANDER FOR REFUND

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PICKUP BY 12:00 NOON
SATURDAY THE DAY OF THE BANQUET.

BANQUET TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ DIST # _____ POST # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VFW
(NO CASH)

MAIL TO: RON AMEND
3565 N. RINGLE RD.
AKRON, MICHIGAN 48701

BANQUET STARTS 6:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
V.F.W. AND AUXILIARIES

32nd ANNUAL MID WINTER CONFERENCE AD BOOK
(VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT PEN)

COMRADES/SISTERS WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
DEADLINE FOR ALL AD'S IS DECEMBER 15, 2010

RATES:

FULL PAGE -----\$100.00

½ PAGE -----\$70.00

¼ PAGE -----\$45.00

PATRON (NAME AND POST OR AUXILIARY NUMBER ONLY) -----\$4.00
PLEASE PRINT DO NOT WRITE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN V.F.W.
(NO CASH)

MAIL TO: Harry (Les) Croyle
30086 Trailwood Dr.
Warren, Michigan 48092

DEADLINE FOR ALL AD'S IS DECEMBER 15, 2010

MESSAGE:

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
32nd ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 28 – JANUARY 30, 2011
RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL & SUITES

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011

7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Registration	Exhibit Hall
8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	PAC Table	Exhibit Hall
	Cancer Table	Exhibit Hall
	Program Display Tables	Exhibit Hall
	BANQUET TICKETS	Exhibit Hall

Closed for lunch from Noon to 1:30 P.M.

8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Service Office Committee Budget & Finance All Directors	Plaza Prairies Rooms
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	TBA
1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Judge Advocate	Plaza Prairies Rooms
2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Commanders, Seniors & Juniors	Plaza Prairies Rooms
2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Qm, Adj. & Trustees	Stone Theater

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	District Commanders/Presidents Reception	Hospitality Suite 837
5:30 P.M.	Night on the Town	TBA
6:00 P.M.	VOD Event (Winning Students Only)	TBA
7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.	Joint Department Welcome Room	Suite 837

ALL-STATE CHECK LIST

Total Points _____

Post # _____

Review your records and record the points of every program that the Post participated in and return to Department Headquarters by April 30, 2011

_____ Ten (10) points – Post is 100% by November 30, 2010

_____ Eight (8) points – Post is 100% by December 31, 2010

_____ Six (6) points – Post is 100% by January 31, 2011

_____ Three (3) points – Post is 100% by March 31, 2011

_____ Two (2) points – Post is 100% by April 15, 2011

_____ New/Reinstated members - one (1) point for every three (3) new or reinstated members (or fraction thereof)

_____ One (1) point for every percentage point (or fraction thereof) over 100%

_____ Americanism – three (3) points – reported by September 30, 2010

_____ Americanism - one (1) point per month per report (must be in Department by the 10th of the month following the activity)

_____ Buddy Poppy – five (5) points –if a Post purchases ten (10) poppies per member by December 31, 2010 (minimum 500 Poppies)

_____ Buddy Poppy – two (2) points for ordering more than previous year

_____ Buddy Poppy – one (1) point for ordering a minimum of 500 poppies

_____ Camp Trotter – three (3) points for every student [fifteen (15) points maximum] – Post sponsors or co-sponsors a student during camping season

_____ Camp Trotter – one (1) point for each life member [five (5) points maximum] – Post purchases a life members!

_____ Camp Trotter – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to Camp Trotter through Department

_____ Cancer – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] through the Department of Michigan Cancer Research Program

_____ Community Service Activity – three (3) points if reported by September 30, 2010

_____ One (1) point per month the post submits a Community Service Report

_____ Community Service Special Project – three (3) points if reported to Director by program deadline.

_____ New Member community - three (3) points if reported to Director by program deadline.

_____ Outstanding community Project - three (3) points if reported to Director by program deadline.

_____ Commanders Special Project – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to the Veteran homes or camp Trotter (Donations must go through Department)

_____ Scout Program – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to the Scouting program(donation must go through Department)

_____ Scout of the year five (5) for each youth category the Post sponsors to the Dept. director for judging by April 1, 2011 [max 15 points]

_____ New Scouting unit – five (5) points for sponsoring a new scouting unit, three (3) points for chartering any scouting unit Twelve (12)points max

_____ Day of Challenges one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum]– through Department

_____ Drug – three (3) points – reported to Department by September 30, 2010

_____ (1) point if Post reports after September 30, 2010

_____ Safety – three (3) points – reported to Department by September 30, 2010

_____ (1) point if Post reports after September 30, 2010

_____ Safety – five (5) points per category if Post submits Firefighter, Law Enforcement or EMT of the Year [max 15 pts]

_____ Employment/Homeless Veterans – five (5) points – sponsor program report of project must be reported to the Directo

Employment/Homeless Veterans – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to homeless Vets program all donations must go through Department

Five (5) points will be awarded to a Post that sponsors a Job Fair report must go through Employment Director

Gold Star Mothers – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to Gold Star Mothers all donations must go through Department

Blue Star Mothers – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to Blue Star Mothers all donations must go through Department

Hospital – three (3) points – reported in a Hospital Program by September 30, 2010

Hospital – one (1) point per month – if reported by 10th of month following activity

Legislative – three (3) points – Legislative Reports to Department by September 30, 2010

Legislative – one (1) point if Post contacts a legislator and submits proof of contact to Activity Evaluations Director

Michigan Freedom Academy – six (6) points – sponsors or co-sponsors a student

Michigan Freedom Academy – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to MI freedom Academy

National Cemeteries one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to National Cemeteries, all donations must go through Department

National Military Services – five (5) points – purchases twenty (20) MAP Pins @ \$3.00 each

National Military Service – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to Military Assistance Program(MAP)

National Military Services – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to Adopt-a-Unit Program

National Military Services Operation Uplink – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to Operation Uplink

National Military Services– one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points Max] to unmet needs

National Home for Children – three (3) points – registers colors on Michigan Day

National Home for Children – one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to VFW National Home for Children

National Home for Children – one (1) point – purchases one Life Membership to VFW National Home for Children – five (5) points maximum (five Life Memberships)

OTS –two(2) point per officer (Cmd,Sv,Jv,QM,Adj) that attend OTS, one (1) point per Post member who attend OTS. Fifteen (15) points total

PAC – one (1) point for every \$5.00 pin donated (five (5) point maximum) donations go through Department

PAC– one (1) point for each \$25 or \$1.00 per member a Post donates [four (4) points maximum] to PAC

Patriots Pen – five (5) points – sponsors a student to District for judging.

POW-MIA – three (3) points – sponsors a program, must be reported to director

POW-MIA – one (1) point – if a post member participates in a POW-MIA program, three (3) points max, must be reported to director

Service Officers Class three (3) points if a Post holds a class. Sign-in sheet must be sent to All-State director.

Service Officers Class two (2) points if a Post sends their service officer to a class, one(1) point for any other Post member. Ten (10) points max

Teacher of the Award – five (5) points per category if Post sponsors teacher to district for judging

Voice of Democracy – five (5) points – sponsors a student to District for judging.

Youth Activities – three (3) points – reported by September 30, 2010

One (1) point if Post reports after September 30, 2010

total points

_____ Leadership Entry Form with Commander's Photograph (2" x 3")

_____ Hat Size (male/female) – specify Life Member and Post number

_____ Commanders branch of service

All donations should have been made through the Department of Michigan.

If you have any disagreements with the program reports, you must contact the Director of the program to clear up the mistake.

Any disagreements with any Post donation, you must contact Department Headquarters (Genieva).

Commander's Name: _____

Post Name: _____ Post Number: _____

Post Address: _____

City: _____ State: MI Zip: _____

Mail to: Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Michigan
924 North Washington
Lansing, Michigan 48906