

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 6

DECEMBER 2008

1. **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 Richard Redfern will remove any Post Commander from office who fails to fulfill the duties of the Post Commander as required by Section 218.
2. Please make sure that your Post number is on all checks that are sent in to Department Headquarters!! We can not ensure your Post will get proper credit for a donation if the check does not have the Post number on it.

Also, 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 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.

3. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 23-25, 2009 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. The agenda is included in this mailing.
4. **Buddy Poppy Days are May 7, 8 and 9, 2009.** If your Buddy Poppy order is not into Department by February 1, 2009, 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, 2008.
5. The Department Office will be closed for the following Holidays:

Christmas:	Wednesday December 24, 2008 and Thursday December 25, 2008
New Years:	Wednesday December 31, 2008 and Thursday January 1, 2009

6. **Condolences:**

Assistant Department Cancer Director Frank Manke passed away last month. Condolences can be sent to Jason and Sara Manke at: 22232 P Dr. South, Homer, MI 49245.

7. **Thinking of You:**

Past Department Commander/Department VOD & Patriot's Pen Director Ernie Meyers recently had rotator cuff surgery. Cards can be sent to Ernie at: 925 Forest St., Charlotte, MI 48813.

Past Department President Sheryl Proteau recently had shoulder surgery. Cards can be sent to Sheryl at:

25488 Q Dr. North, Albion, MI 49224

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

Post 1859 The January meeting has been cancelled.

Post 4837 The meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Post 8846 November thru March meetings are now only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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

Children's Camp Committee

Change Term Date:

Gene Furgason – thru 11-2010

Lowell "Sam" Elston – thru 11-2010

Add:

Andrew Conklin 307 S. East St., Decatur 49045 – thru 11-2010 (6248) 269-423-8813

Remove:

Ronald Van Dorpe

Past State Commanders

Irving Wendt 928-328-8146

Post 1071

C: Merlin Dana 5273 W. Fike Rd., Coleman 48618 989-465-6634

Post 345

C: Irving Hamilton 11339 Farley, Redford 48239

Post 822

Q: Lloyd Schuetz 2227 E. Scottwood Ave., Burton 48529 810-210-1052

Post 1518

C: William Ahrenberg 989-732-5902

Post 3674

C: Larry Dabb 811 N. Lake Rd., Florence, WI 54121 715-696-3683

Post 3901

C: Philip Dupage 4110 Manavel Ct., Clay 48001

Post 4106

C: Robert Armbrustmacher 1009 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman 48893

Post 6013

C: Sidney C. Hurlburt PO Box 173, Elkton 48731

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

**BY ORDER OF  
RICHARD A. REDFERN  
STATE COMMANDER**