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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 9

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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. **Reminder:** Entries for the National Publication Contest must be received at Department Headquarters **no later than March 20, 2009.**
4. National will be sending out an **Election of Officer Form** to each Post Quartermaster in March. Posts are responsible to complete the form **immediately after elections.** Also in March, Department will send to each Post Commander an **Officers & Chairman’s Roster Form** for the 2009-2010 year. **Starting this 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.**
5. 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, 2009. 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.
6. Proposed amendments to the Department By-Laws must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster no later than **March 31, 2009** to allow time for publishing in the May/June issue of the MOV in accordance with Article XVI of the Department By-Laws.
7. The Department Commander and Department President Joint Testimonial will be held April 17-19, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, MI.

8. The Department Convention will be held June 18-21, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The housing, banquet ticket and ad book forms are included in this mailing.
9. The National Convention will be held August 15-20, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. The housing form is included in this mailing.

10. **Thinking of You:**

Department Service Office Director Dan Crocker recently fell and injured his shoulder and hip. Cards can be sent to Dan at: 1821 Leland Rd., Kimball, MI 48074.

Past Department President Sylvia Richardson recently had knee surgery. Cards can be sent to Sylvia at: 1874 Big Crane Loop, Port Orange, FL 32124.

Past Department President Jean Rardin was recently hospitalized. Cards can be sent to Jean at: 20900 18 Mile Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307.

11. **Condolences:**

Past Department President Sheryl Proteau's sister passed away. Condolences can be sent to Sheryl at: 26488 Q Dr. North, Albion, MI 49224.

Department Service Office Director Dan Crocker's Mother-in-Law passed away. Condolences can be sent to Dan and Christine at: 1821 Leland Rd., Kimball, MI 48074.

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

Post 2053 Meetings have been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

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

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ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER**

**BY ORDER OF  
RICHARD A. REDFERN  
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