

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8

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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. **Buddy Poppy Days are May 7, 8 and 9, 2009. If your Post has not already ordered their Poppies, please do so now!!!**
4. **Included in this mailing is the information for the National Publication Contest. Mail all entries to Department Headquarters. Entries must be received at Department no later than March 20, 2009.**
5. **The Department Commander and Department President Joint Testimonial will be held April 17-19, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, MI.**
6. **Post officers will be elected in April.** Your attention is called to Section 217 of the National By-Laws & Manual of Procedure. Posts holding only one meeting a month may nominate in March with the nominations being held open until the election in April.
7. **Post officers must be installed not less than 20 days nor more than 60 days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. They may be installed anytime from April 20 to May 30, 2009. They will assume the duties of their office at the time the incoming State Commander is installed at the Department Convention.**

8. 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.**
9. 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.

10. **Thinking of You:**

Past Department Commander Don Nettler fell and broke his leg. Cards can be sent to Don at: 845 Moulin, Madison Heights, MI 48071

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

Post 6466 Meetings have been changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

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

Post 11256

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

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