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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8

FEBRUARY 2008

1. **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.
2. **Reminder: Camp Trotter Life Membership Fee is now \$35.00.**
3. Included in this mailing is the information for the National Publication Contest. **Mail all entries to Department Headquarters. All entries must be received at Department no later than March 20, 2008.**
4. **BUDDY POPPY DAYS: MAY 8, 9 & 10, 2008.** Deadline for ordering poppies is **February 1, 2008.** **Orders taken after this date will not be guaranteed in time for Poppy Days.**
5. The National Legislative/Community Service Conference will be held March 2-5, 2008 in Washington DC.
6. The Joint Testimonial of Department Commander Sherwood Pea and Department President Sheryl Proteau will be held April 12, 2008 at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland.
7. **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.
8. 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, 2008. They will assume the duties of their office at the time the incoming State Commander is installed at the Department Convention.
9. 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 2008-2009 year. The Commander elect is responsible to complete the form and return it to Department **immediately after elections.** **This is not the same form as the Election of Officer Form which comes from National, both the Department Roster Form and Election Report Form must be completed.**

10. Proposed amendments to the Department By-Laws must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster no later than **March 31, 2008** to allow time for publishing in the May/June issue of the MOV in accordance with Article XVI of the Department By-Laws.

11. **Thinking of You:**

Past Department Commander Richard Lehner recently had surgery and is doing well. Cards can be sent to Richard at: 8175 S. Luce Rd., Perrinton, MI 48871.

Gloria LaFave, wife of Past Department Commander Chic LaFave, recently had knee surgery. Cards can be sent to Gloria at: PO Box 1104, Gwinn, MI 49841.

12. **Condolences:**

Department Headquarters Bookkeeper Geneva Krueger's mother passed away. Condolences can be sent to Geneva at: 3192 Christner St., Burton, MI 48529.

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

Post 3243 Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Post 3256 The February meeting be on the 20th and the March meeting will be on the 19th.
Post 4087 Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.
Post 6579 Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Post 8846 The January – March meetings will only be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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

Post 5587

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

**BY ORDER OF
SHERWOOD H. PEA JR.
STATE COMMANDER**