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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 9

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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. Entries for the National Publication Contest must be received at Department Headquarters **no later than March 20, 2008.**
3. **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.
4. 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.
5. National will be sending out a 2008-2009 **Post Election Report Form** to each Post Quartermaster in March. Posts are responsible to complete the form **immediately after elections** and mail a copy to National Headquarters or complete the information online at <http://vfwpost.vfw.org>

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.**

6. 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.
7. 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, 2008. 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.

8. 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.
9. The Department Convention will be held June 18-22, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The housing, banquet ticket and ad book forms along with the agenda are included in this mailing.
10. The National Convention will be held August 16-21, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The housing form is included in this mailing.

11. **Thinking of You:**

Past Department President Pearl Elston recently had surgery. Cards can be sent to Pearl at: 15608 El Paso Dr., Fenton, MI 48430.

Past Department President Betty Ooten recently had gall bladder surgery. Cards can be sent to Betty at: 5247 Old Haver Hill Ct., Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

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

12. **Condolences:**

Past Department Commander Ed Gucwa passed away. Condolences can be sent to his wife Barb at: 5636 Renville St., Detroit, MI 48210.

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

Post 3897 The meetings have been changed to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Post 9222 Effective March, the meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm and will be held at the American Legion Post 374 located at 2079 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Berkley.

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

Post 78

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