

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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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. **ALL-STATE COMMANDERS REMINDER:**

THE ACTIVITY AND HOSPITAL REPORTS MUST BE IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY MAY 10, 2009 SINCE THIS REPORT WILL BE THE ONE THAT JUDGING IS BASED ON.

THE POST COMMANDERS INFORMATION SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY APRIL 30, 2009 FOR JUDGING. THIS WAS SENT OUT IN THE PREVIOUS MAILING.

4. All Post Quartermasters should have received an **Election of Officer Form** for the 2009-2010 year from National Headquarters. For any Post that did not receive that, one is included in this mailing. Posts are responsible to complete the form immediately after elections.

Included in this mailing is 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 have been mailed out to all Post Quartermasters. Delegate fees are 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. 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. **DELEGATE CARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED, THEY MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DESK.**

6. The Department Convention will be held June 18-21, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

7. The National Convention will be held August 15-20, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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

Post 2943 Meetings have been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

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

Post 5855

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**BY ORDER OF
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