

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 5

NOVEMBER 2008

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. Posts are asked to make suitable observance of Veterans Day, Tuesday November 11, 2008.
4. Reminder: Starting this year, all Posts with income under \$25,000.00 must file a 990-N (e-postcard). Deadline for filing is November 15, 2008.
5. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 23-25, 2009 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. A housing, banquet ticket and ad book form are included in this mailing.
6. **Buddy Poppy Days are May 7, 8 and 9, 2009.** If your Buddy Poppy order is not into Department by February 1, 2009, National can not guarantee your order will be delivered in time for Poppy Days. For All-State points, orders need to be into Department by December 31, 2008. An order form was sent out in the previous mailing.
7. The Department Office will be closed for the following Holidays:

Veterans Day:	Tuesday November 11, 2008
Thanksgiving:	Thursday November 27, 2008 and Friday November 28, 2008
Christmas:	Wednesday December 24, 2008 and Thursday December 25, 2008
New Years:	Wednesday December 31, 2008 and Thursday January 1, 2009

8. **Thinking of You:**

Past Department President Janet Oosterbaan fell and broke her arm. Cards can be sent to Janet at: 360 W. 40th St. Apt. 322, Holland, MI 49423.

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

Post 1137 Meetings have been changed to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Post 2496 The November meeting has been changed to the 10th.
Post 3701 Meetings have been changed to the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.
Post 6950 The December meeting only has been changed from 7:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
Post 9388 Meetings are now the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meetings are now being held at the Ciggrees Real Estate Office located at 3355 Merriman St. in Muskegon Heights.

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

Post 1075
Q: Myron Georgia 644 Hughes Pt., Harrison 48625 989-539-3622

Post 3734
C: Max Riekse PO Box 82., Fruitport 49415

Post 4357
C: Ramon P. Tovar 3306 Pine Creek Dr., Brighton 48114

Post 9388
C: Flate Staples 1927 Wood St., Muskegon 49442 231-728-2579
Q: Orville Sydnor 3127 Woodcliffe Dr., Muskegon 49442 231-739-4215

Post 9507
C: Otis Kline 23352 Vance Ave., Hazel Park 48030

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Service Officer
John Dorsky 331 Elm St., Portland 48875

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

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