

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 4

OCTOBER 2008

1. The Department Roster dated July 1, 2008, as printed and distributed, constitutes General Orders Number 1. Each Post Commander should have received three Department Rosters, one roster for each of the Post Commander, Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster.
2. **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.**
3. **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.

4. **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.
5. The Fall Conference will be held October 9-12, 2008 at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste Marie.
6. The Big Ten Conference will be held October 17-19, 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri.
7. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 23-25, 2009 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.
8. The Department Office will be closed on Monday October 13, 2008 in observance of Columbus Day and Monday November 11, 2008 in observance of Veteran's Day.
9. The 2008 Wreaths Across America program takes place on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Information regarding the history of this program is included in this mailing. Fort Custer National Cemetery, Great Lakes National Cemetery and the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans cemetery will participate as well as three other cemeteries in Michigan.

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

- Post 1669 Meetings have been changed to the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Post 3941 The Post is now located at 34389 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia. (September General Orders had the street number incorrect).
Post 6165 The October meeting has been changed from the 9th to the 2nd.
Post 9973 Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.

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

- Post 1823
Q: George Rosario 738 Celia St., Ironwood 49938 858-437-2035
- Post 3901
C: Richard Wilhelm 6951 River Rd., Cottrellville 48039
(Also District 10 Sr. Vice Commander)
- Post 4087
C: Randy Sumner 8142 Faulkner Dr., Davison 48423
- District 15
Service Officer
Patrick Holcomb 113 Karhi Rd., Negaunee 49866 906-475-7935

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

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