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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 4

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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 Dave Hutson 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. **Buddy Poppy Days are May 6, 7 and 8, 2010.** If your Buddy Poppy order is not into Department by February 1, 2010, 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, 2009.
4. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 29-31, 2010 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. Included in this mailing is the housing form, banquet ticket form and the ad book form.
5. The Department Office will be closed on Wednesday November 11, 2009 in observance of Veteran's Day.
6. **Condolences:**

Past National Commander-in-Chief/Past Department Commander Jim Goldsmith passed away on October 3rd. Condolences can be sent to Jim's family at his sister's address: Barb Applebee 11051 N. Jennings Rd., Clio, MI 48420.

Past Department President Ruth W. Smith's son passed away. Condolences can be sent to Ruth at: 3950 N. Peacock Trail, Irons, MI 49644.

7. **Thinking of You:**

Gloria Dobbie, wife of Past Department Commander/National C of A Member Bill Dobbie, was recently hospitalized but is now home recuperating. Cards can be sent to Gloria at: 12451 Clinton River Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

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

Post 6950 The November meeting has been changed from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. The December meeting only will meet at 6:00 pm.

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

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**BY ORDER OF  
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