

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 3

SEPTEMBER 2009

1. The Department Roster dated July 1, 2009, as printed and distributed, constitutes General Orders Number 1. Each Post Commander should have received by now three Department Rosters, one roster for each of the Post Commander, Adjutant and 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 Dave Hutson 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 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. An order form was previously mailed out to all Post Commanders.
5. The Fall Conference will be held October 8-11, 2009 at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste Marie. An agenda is included in this mailing.
6. The Big Ten Conference will be held October 16-18, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska. The forms for the Big Ten Conference were sent out in a previous mailing.
7. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 29-31, 2010 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.
8. The Department Office will be closed for the following Holidays:

Monday October 12, 2009
Wednesday November 11, 2009

Columbus Day
Veterans Day

9. **Condolences:**

Past Department President Lorraine McLelland's Granddaughter passed away. Cards can be sent to Lorraine at: 19415 Brandywine, Riverview, MI 48193.

10. **Thinking of You:**

Past National Commander-in-Chief/Past Department Commander Jim Goldsmith was recently diagnosed with cancer and is in University of Michigan Hospital. Cards can be sent to Jim at: U of M Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., Room 5133 Section 5B, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Past Department President Judy Winnie's husband Don is recuperating from pneumonia. Cards can be sent to Don at: 1105 Maple, Albion, MI 49224.

Department Community Service Director Bob Williams is recuperating from having a pacemaker put in. Cards can be sent to Bob at: 1224 Ravina, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

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

Post 446 The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Post 995 The meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Post 1669 The meetings have been changed to the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm.

Post 3941 The October meeting has changed to the 16th.

Post 8846 The meetings have been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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

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**BY ORDER OF
DAVID L. HUTSON
STATE COMMANDER**