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1. **REMINDER: Gary Brown is still receiving emails regarding the Department website. Gary is no longer the Department Webmaster. For any questions regarding the website contact the current Department Webmaster Dave Marin at vfwmi@att.net.**
2. **Please remind 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. **Included in this mailing is the information for the National Publication Contest. Mail all entries to the MOV Editor: Matt David 10 Elder St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Entries must be received no later than March 18, 2011.**
4. **Proposed amendments to the Department By-Laws must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster **no later than April 1, 2011** to allow time for publishing in the Apr/May/June issue of the MOV in accordance with Article XVI of the Department By-Laws.**
5. **Post Officer nominations shall be held in March and held open until the Officers are elected in April. Your attention is called to Section 217 of the National By-Laws & Manual of Procedure: **Order of nominations and elections.** The order of nominations and elections shall be **Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and Trustee(s).****
6. **Post Officers shall be installed prior to the convening of the State Convention but shall not assume duties until the State Commander is installed.**
7. **National will be sending out an **Election of Officer Form** to each Post Quartermaster in March. Posts are responsible to complete the form immediately after elections. Also in March, Department will send to each Post Commander an **Officers & Chairman's Roster Form** for the 2011-2012 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.****
8. **Delegate forms for the State Convention will be sent out to all Post Quartermasters in April. Delegate fees will be based on membership totals at National as of March 31, 2011. 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. Please do not send any money to Department for delegate fees until after your Post has received this form. 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.**
9. **The Department Commander and Department President Joint Testimonial will be held April 15-16, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, MI.**

