

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8

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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. **Buddy Poppy Days are May 5, 6 and 7, 2011. If your Post has not already ordered their Poppies, please do so now!!!**
4. **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.**
5. **The Department Commander and Department President Joint Testimonial will be held April 15-16, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, MI. Included in this mailing is the information for hotel reservations, banquet tickets and ad book.**
6. **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).****
7. **Post Officers shall be installed prior to the convening of the State Convention but shall not assume duties until the State Commander is installed.**
8. **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.****
9. **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.**

10. **Get Well Wishes:**

Past Department President Jean Rardin is recovering from angioplasty surgery. Cards can be sent to Jean at: 20900 18 Mile Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Past Department President Linda Burton is recovering from carotid artery surgery. Cards can be sent to Linda at: 18336 Jamestown Cir., Northville, MI 48167.

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

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District 4

Quartermaster

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**OFFICIAL
ROBERT D. WEISS
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**BY ORDER OF
LLOYD F. PUTMAN II
STATE COMMANDER**