

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 9

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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 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. 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. Entries for the National Publication Contest must be received **no later than March 19, 2010**. Mail all entries to the MOV Editor: Matt David 10 Elder St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.
4. Proposed amendments to the Department By-Laws must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster **no later than March 31, 2010** 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. 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 2010-2011 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.**
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. 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, 2010. 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. Buddy Poppy Days are May 6, 7 and 8, 2010. **If your Post has not already ordered their Poppies, please do so now!!!**
10. The Department Commander and Department President Joint Testimonial will be held May 7-9, 2010 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing, MI. Information was sent out in the previous mailing.
11. The Department Convention will be held June 23-27, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The housing and ad book forms are included in this mailing. In lieu of a banquet at the Convention this year, there will be entertainment. Once that information is available, we will send it out in upcoming mailing.
12. The National Convention will be held August 21-26, 2010 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The housing form is included in this mailing.

13. **Condolences:**

Assistant Service Office Director Gary Putinsky's Mother-in-Law passed away. Condolences can be sent to Gary and his wife Colleen at: 5337 Chin Maya, Swartz Creek, MI 48437.

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

Post 1454 Meetings have been changed to the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Post 1669 Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm.

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

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