

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 12

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1. The Department Roster dated July 1, 2013, as printed and distributed, constitutes General Orders Number 1. Each Post Commander will be receiving two Department Rosters.

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. Section 218 (K) States. The Commander will assure that he or his representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (If applicable).

4. If post is looking to consolidate with another post you must notify Department HQ.

5. Please visit the Department web site at www.vfwmi.org for more information throughout the year.

6. If your post is missing two audits The Department Commander has the authority to put the post on suspension for up to 90 days under SEC 211

7. **INSTALLING OFFICERS:** Will see that the provisions of section 216 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed.

8. Post-Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to National Headquarters. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post-Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to Department Headquarters.

9. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay , in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee.

10. **LOYALTY DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY ABSERVANCE:** Section 223 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure provides that each Post shall make the necessary arrangements for proper

observance of Loyalty Day and Memorial Day. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.

11. **Change of meeting dates, time, or location:**

Department Surgeon Jerry Smith new phone number is 616-293-7544

VFW POST 4187 has changed there meeting time ! It will be the third Thursday of the Month at 6pm

VFW POST 4162 new meeting dates:

April 19, 2015 at 12noon

May 16,2015 at 12 noon

June 21, 2015 at 12 noon

July 12, 2015 at 12 noon

VFW POST 6896 Quartermaster has a new address:

Richard Ciaramitaro

1519 Gloria St.

Westland, MI 48186

VFW POST 6250 Commander resigned as of April 14, 2015

VFW POST 2622 Buena Vista and VFW POST 9931 Bridgeport have merged and now meeting at Bridgeport

VFW POST 1407 and VFW POST 9507 have merged and now meeting in POST 9507 Madison Hts.

VFW POST 2358 Roseville and VFW POST 9961 Fraser have merged and meeting in Fraser 6691

OFFICIAL
William B. Coats
State Adjutant

BY ORDER OF
HARRY L, CROYLE
STATE COMMANDER