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GENERAL ORDERS #3

SEPTEMBER 2017

1. The membership year begins on July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2018. Member dues are now due. Please encourage members to re-new now.
2. The Commander and Quartermaster of Posts participating in the All State program that attain 125 All State points and 100% in membership by April 30, 2018 will be presented their All State hats, pins, and certificates at the 2017-2018 State Convention in June at the Gateway Holiday Inn in Flint, MI.
3. All posts participating in the All State program **MUST** submit the All State checklist application by April 30, 2018 even if they have not attained 100% in membership. **If a post fails to submit the checklist by the due date, they will not be considered for All State.**
4. The All-State Program runs until June 30, 2018. If a post has reached 125 points by April 30, 2018 but has not reached 100% in membership, the post has until June 30, 2018 to reach 100% in membership. The Post Commander and Quartermaster will both receive their white hats at their first 2018 District meeting or at the 2018 Department Fall Conference.
5. The Department donations page will now have separate columns for National Home donations and National Home life memberships.
6. Trustees Quarterly Audits must be completed by the three elected trustees and approved by the Post Commander. If a Trustee is not able to attend the audit, a letter of explanation must be sent with the audit. Trustee Quarterly Audits must be completed and sent to Department Headquarters within 30 days following the end of the quarter.

Trustees are to audit ALL accounts involving money. NO EXCEPTION!

If a Post is behind in two quarterly audits the post will be placed on suspension.

7. Post inspections must be completed accurately and in a timely manner. The goal is to have ALL Post inspections completed and received at Department Headquarters by the Fall Conference, September 22, 2017.
8. Activities and Hospital reports must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

9. Every Post Commander or their representative must attend all properly called District conventions or meetings. Failure to attend two District meetings will result in the removal of the Post Commander.
10. If your Post is considering consolidating with another Post, selling, purchasing, or turning in the charter, you must contact Department Headquarters and your District Commander prior to doing so. Consult the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure for detailed instruction on how to do it.
11. Any unauthorized money removed from the Post that is not approved by the membership at a scheduled Post meeting by the Post membership will not be tolerated and action will be taken.
12. On August 31, 2017, the current Quartermaster's Bond expired. Application forms and complete information were mailed out all Post, District and County Council Quartermasters. If an outside company bonds the Quartermaster or other Post members, you must provide a copy of the bond to the Department Headquarters. The information needs to show the amount that is being bonded and the expiration date. This must be provided to Department Headquarters every year.
13. Beware of scammers calling saying they are from DTE, AT & T, etc. claiming your Post has a past due account that needs to be paid immediately or the service will be shut off. Do not fall for this. You should contact your Quartermaster and they should call the company in question and verify the account status.
14. If you are a Post Officer and an annual member, pay your dues immediately. If you allow your dues to expire, National will remove you from office and you will not be eligible to run for that position again until the next administrative year.
15. The Department Fall Conference will be held September 22–24, 2017 at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs. The housing information can be found on the Department website.
16. The Big Ten Conference will be held October 13-15 at the Minneapolis Marriott Airport Hotel in Bloomington, MN.
17. **Post Changes:**  
  
Post 1071 – The September meeting has been changed to the 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.  
  
Post 1669 – The September meeting has been changed from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Post 4005 – The September meeting has been changed from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.
18. **Department Roster Corrections:**

District 12 Commander – New Phone Number  
Richard Plater

480-375-0924

Post 422 – New Commander Donicio Trevino 8579 Chain O Lakes Dr., Delton 49046		269-953-7160
Post 446 – New Quartermaster Raymond Meloche 2475 Marquette, Muskegon 49442		231-747-9702
Post 2496 – Quartermaster New Address Jeremiah Shields 3470 Piper Rd., Alpena 49707		231-944-6369
Post 3033 – Quartermaster New Address Scott Connor 1333 Crestwood Dr., Mt. Pleasant 48858		
Post 4093 – Commander Phone Number Randall Baldwin		734-654-9258
Post 4106 – Quartermaster Correct Address Scott Bliss 3697 N. Nottawa Rd., Mt. Pleasant 48858		
Post 5600 – New Quartermaster Scott Cleary 509 Heard St., Ontonagon 49953		906-235-9390
Post 7439 – Commander New Address Rickey Rose 6723 Vola Rd., Indian River 49749		
Post 8872 – Commander Correct Phone Number Roger Bobby		810-622-0566
Post 10194 – New Adjutant Steven Bucher 10400 Austin Rd., Jackson 49201		517-395-1591
District 10 – New Jr. Vice Commander Gary Burns 1310 Maplewood Ave., Flint 48506	(2777)	810-813-5099
District 10 – New Surgeon Karl Adrian 108 3 <sup>rd</sup> St., Yale 48097	(8594)	810-304-1517
District 10 – New 1 Year Trustee Roger Bobby 1178 Wakeside Dr., Port Sanilac 48469	(8872)	810-622-0566

**OFFICIAL  
LYNN PATTERSON  
ADJUTANT**

**BY ORDER OF  
MATTHEW DAVID  
STATE COMMANDER**