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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, JERRY GORSKI



I just returned from a very busy Legislative Conference in Washington DC. I attended the National Council of Administration Workshop on Sunday, Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, National Council of Administration Meeting and Parade of Winners on Monday, visited Congressmen & Staff on Capital Hill Tuesday, and Commander-in-Chief's Testimony to the House & Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

I want to now write entirely about a specific topic that occurred while I was representing you.

On Saturday, March 1st, I attended a National Council of Administration Workshop. One of the many items on the agenda was a "Voice of Democracy Proposal" which was to eliminate the Washington DC VFW Voice of Democracy Winner's Field Trip. I want to tell you the exact wording of this proposal that I was given to me at the workshop. So here it is in italic print. Please read it carefully!

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROPOSAL

*Recommendation for VFW National to fund the Spirit of America Leadership seminar attendance Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Eliminate the Departments expense to send Voice of Democracy winners which on average save the Departments \$1500. Purpose of trip is a four-day conference for high school students to interact with experts on citizenship, democracy, the free enterprise system, the judicial system, and the American political process. The program includes thought-provoking lectures, historical tours, and experimental workshops, all designed to develop leadership skills and deepen an understanding of the rights and*

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OUR 2019-2020 SHINING STARS

The 2019-2020 Voice of Democracy Banquet was held on January 25th at the Radisson Plaza hotel in Kalamazoo and what a wonderful event! Congratulations to all of our students and teachers as well as the Post's and District's that sponsored them.

This year's First Place Voice of Democracy Award went to Amy Ludescher (third from right in above photo). Amy was sponsored by Post #4139 in District 10. She received a \$6000 Ralph Sebold Scholarship, plaque, all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and all expense paid trip to the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge Pennsylvania.

Department's First Place Patriot's Pen Winner was Ruby Howe (third from left in photo above). She was sponsored by Post #334 in District 5. Ruby received a \$1,000 West Longenbach Memorial award and plaque.

Ruby also took First Place at the National level after receiving a standing ovation for her essay in March. Here she received \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. This is the first time in its 48-year history, a student from Michigan has won the national Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen essay contest!

Congratulations to all students, teachers, Post and Districts!

Visit the National VFW website to watch Ruby read her essay  
[VFW.org](http://VFW.org) > Community > Youth & Education > Youth Scholarships

See more photos on page 10



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**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

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*responsibilities of engaged citizenship. Tuition for 53 students is \$26,500 will travel approximately \$29k leading to a total expense at \$55,500.*

*Recommendation to eliminate the Washington DC VFW Voice of Democracy's winner's field trip. VOD winner's field trip is budgeted for a \$130k expense. This trip is purely an experimental trip with the awarding of scholarships and sight-seeing of the Washington DC memorials and museums. The VFW Legislative conference has an expense of nearly \$40k of stipends for Department commanders along with an additional \$35k in transportation costs to attend to escort the VOD winners in the parade of Winners. The stage and production costs are \$27k to host the parade of winners. Total expense to VFW is \$232k.*

*Recommendation to bring the top 5 place finishers of the Voice of Democracy and national 1st place Patriots Pen to the National Convention for a Mini Parade of Winners in which the announcement of their placement will be officially announced to the Convention. The Department commander for the winners' year will escort to the stage and announced to joint session and live streamed. Each winner will be authorized a (1) parent to escort. The winner will be provided 2-night hotel accommodation and per diem at the approved GSA rate. Cost approx. \$35k.*

So, I hope you read it carefully and are disturbed or upset, like I was and still am, when I first heard about it. Kevin Jones stated that Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold J. "Hal" Roesch, II, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic and the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Designee decided together on the Voice of Democracy Proposal and not Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz and not Adjutant General Kevin Jones.

Everything is about money. National is saying it costs too much to put on the Voice of Democracy and National Patriots Pen Winners Trip to Washington DC. National wants reduce the costs by giving an alternative four-day trip to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Well, Washington DC is where our Nation's Capital is located. The business of our Country is conducted in Washington DC. The White House is in Washington DC. There is so much HISTORY in Washington DC.

Here are some of the places in March 2018 that the (52) Voice of Democracy Winners and the National Patriots Pen Winner visited in Washington DC with me, when I was appointed Chairman of the VFW Programs Committee, Mount Vernon, Holocaust Museum, International Spy Museum, Jefferson Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, US Capitol, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery including seeing the Laying of Wreaths, Changing of the Guard and visiting John Kennedy's Grave. Also visiting the Newseum, White House Tour, Smithsonian

Museum, National Archives, American History Museum, National History Museum, Air & Space Museum, American Indian Museum and National Gallery of Art to name a few. Also, the Vietnam Wall, Korean War Memorial, World War II Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. On the evening of the last day, the students went on a riverboat cruise on the Potomac River.

Now, where do you think our students will learn more about the history of the United States? These students will remember the Washington DC trip & their new friends for the rest of their lives. They got to see things in our Nation's Capital, Washington DC, that most high school students and most middle school students could not afford to.

At this National C of A meeting, Adjutant General Kevin Jones brought up the Voice of Democracy Proposal. When the motion was made and seconded, I got up immediately and spoke against it with the 10 bullet points I prepared and NO other National Council member got up after me! Next, Florida rep., Benny Bachand, motioned to table the proposal until the July meeting in Reno, Nevada. He stated that each council member should go back to their Department and let his/her Membership know about the proposal to eliminate the Washington DC Trip for our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners.

Know this, VFW National receives a donation of \$130,000 from Twisted X for this trip each year. Twisted X makes Leather Boots. So, National must come up with the difference of \$102,000. There are ways that National can get the money and I am also on the VFW National Budget & Finance Committee, so I see where the dollars are budgeted and spent.

It was also suggested that if each Department donated \$2,000 from the combination of all the Posts "Relief Fund", then National would have \$104,000 for the trip every year.

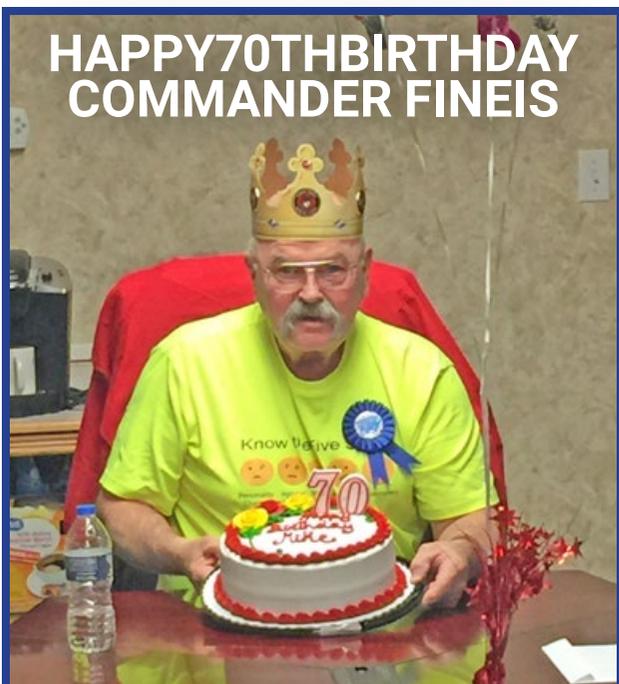
I would like each of you to give suggestions to your District Commander. District Commander's, please compile these suggestions and give the best 10 to me.

I also would like you to start writing letters to the National Officers that I mentioned above. If they start receiving letters from YOU, telling them to KEEP THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP in your own words, I think they will get the message.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as Your National Council of Administration Member representing the Department of Michigan. I want to end by thanking everyone who has contributed to my campaign fund so far, for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief 2023-2024. It is expensive! Please help me by sending your campaign contributions to: Su-jen Mauldin, 214 Endwell, Novi, Michigan 48377. THANK YOU!

God Bless You. Please say a prayer for our Armed Forces, who continue to guard the Gates of Freedom.

Jerry Gorski





**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, MIKE FINEIS**

**National wants to eliminate the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Programs as we know it. Please read Chief Gorski's article on this matter on page 1.**

To the members of the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars and it's Auxiliary, thank you!!! Thank you for all the smiles and warms hearts. Thank you for the friendship and love given to Cindy. You energize her.

Congratulations to all newly elected and appointed officers. I ask that you take a professional approach and read what your duties and responsibilities are for the coming year. Order from national supply the "Podium Edition of the - Congressional Charter - By-Laws - Manual of Procedure - Ritual". The more knowledge you have, the better off your Post will be.

Comrades many years ago I asked a mentor

of mine what was the difference between the VFW and American Legion. His answer was "to be eligible for the VFW you had to have the opportunity to die for your country". Think about it. To put your life in harms way to protect our loved ones at home. Having done so I am honored and consider it a privilege to be a member of "The Veterans of Foreign Wars", so should you!

To my partner for the past three years, President Della, thank you. Thank you for being so easy to work with. From the first time we worked together as Juniors we agreed on everything. The same was true as Seniors. As Commander I was simply "in charge of what you said". My article is very short in order to give space for Chief Gorski's articles.

Thank you.

**DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE, RAY LOPEZ**



As this year comes to a close, I would like to congratulate all the Posts that have reached their goals for this administrative year, especially the Posts that have reached 100% in membership.

I would like to remind all Posts to elect their delegates and alternates at their April meeting in accordance with sec. 222 of our National Bylaws. All delegate forms must be forwarded to Department **no later than 15 days prior to our Department Convention** in accordance with Article IV Sec 4 of our Department Bylaws.

I would also like to remind all Posts and Districts to submit an election report to National immediately after election of officers for the upcoming year.

I would encourage Posts that have not updated their Bylaws to take this time to do so. There are Bylaw templates available to assist Posts at the Department website.

In closing, I would like to wish all newly elected officers and Posts a very successful year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you, the membership of our Department in this great organization!



**DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, DELLA STEEGE**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After a few back to back trips to wonderful places, I suddenly realize that my term of office is nearing its end and

I'm left wondering...

*how did this year fly by so fast?*

Time flies so fast because we're always working months in advance for the next set of events. Preparation for April/May district meetings and June convention is well underway. We still have time to get those dues into Nicole at Department, membership isn't over till June 30th. Have you all reported in every chairmanship this year? Did you visit all the Facebook pages? I encourage members to start attending Department and District functions, there are so many changes and updates each year.

It's been a real honor to be your President this year. I hope I've served you well. I have tried to be a positive person. I hope the

members realize that I've only encouraged others to stop the gossip and be a team player, because we are all on the same team. I can tell you now that some of the Auxiliaries in the state gave did give us a real run for the money. While my team tried to tackle every problem, unfortunately it wasn't possible to get them all the attention they needed. I will be sitting with incoming President Carrie and giving her a list of items, she should attend to in the year to come. Being one team on the same page is the only way we can all excel.

My chairmen have gone above and beyond my expectations. Wow, you all did a wonderful job and I truly hope you all win a ton of awards at National Convention in July. I really must thank each one of our wonderful members for all their hard work this year. I hope you all achieved the goals set for yourselves and if you left anything on the "to do" list make sure it's on the top of the next year's list.

Thank you all for doing the work for our veterans & communities.

Loyally,  
Della Steege

**DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, BUTCH OGDEN**



Comrades our year is almost over and elections are upon us. Make sure that all elected positions are filled and election reports is filed timely. If you are

in contention of ALL STATE, make sure that all reports are in and your audits are current. Comrade Commanders, trustees are elected not appointed. For the newly elected Quartermasters and Trustees, there will be a VTS at Camp Trotter on June 20th with a steak fry on June 19th. Cost is \$30 for the dinner. This is a must to keep your Post in proper working order. See page 16 for form. Also Commanders, take a good look at your inspection report and correct the items that are marked. This will help in solving problems before they get out of hand. As always there is never a dumb question only the ones that you don't ask. Districts and Department are at your disposal for help at any time. Comrades your bonds must be sufficient to cover all liquid assets this includes your cd's and investments. Trustee's are to audit all accounts; club, bingo, keno, pull-tabs and cash on hand, no exceptions.

Commanders, you need to look at your Post by-laws and if they are prior to 2016 they need to be updated.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Department Inspector and I look forward to seeing you at Department convention, June 4th though the 6th.



**DEPARTMENT SR. VICE COMMANDER, SCOTT GLOGER**

Greetings to All the Comrades, Auxiliary members, (Our family),

Well, as spring is here and that means also election time.

Please choose wisely for the elected officers will be the voice of our membership. As we are all aware, we need to move forward in a positive and progressive manner. We cannot forget the reasons why we are doing what we need to do and why we do it, for all the Veterans and their families, Past, Present and Future. We also need to keep all lines of communication open to do what is right.

Do not forget to get your election reports in as soon as possible so the department roster can be compiled and put out to the members with the correct information. This is an important tool to have.

Please, get your membership team out

trying to get new, lapsed, and reinstated members. They are our life blood and our voice in Washington.

I attended the legislative conference and VOD/PP essay contest winners in Washington recently. It was enlightening and an eye opening experience for me. I would like to extend my thanks to President Della Steege and VFW Legislation Director Jennifer Smith for letting me to accompany them to meet with our with our representatives from Michigan.

Please remember, if you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to call me. If I do not have an answer I will try and get you one. Whether it is good, bad or indifferent.

**734-323-1188**

Keep the lines of communication open. Looking forward to seeing all of you in June (minus the corona virus). Everyone please be safe and stay as healthy as possible

Yours in Comradeship,  
Scott Gloger



**DEPARTMENT JR. VICE COMMANDER, KEVIN CONKLIN**

A great time was had by all that attended the Department Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Banquet. I was very impressed with the students this year. Great job to all those that participated in this program. The first time in the history of Dept of Michigan we have a Patriot's Pen winner at the National level! Ruby Howe's essay was absolutely amazing. As I write this article, Ruby is accepting her award in Washington DC. Post 334, District 5 and the Dept of Michigan are very proud of her. I was also very impressed how District 5 stepped up to ensure Ruby and her mother had a great trip to Washington DC.

Post 4139 and District 10 were the proud sponsors of the Dept of Michigan VOD winner Amy Ludescher. She did an incredible job with her speech. She has made us all proud. The teachers of the year were also presented their awards and did a tremendous job educating our students. With the great success of our programs I am optimistic that they will continue to grow each year.

I have signed an agreement to run digital billboards for advertising the department programs. The billboards will begin advertising the VFW Dept of Michigan for

the month of April. Unfortunately, due to the high costs of advertising, the billboards will only be seen around the Grand Rapids area this time around, targeting the major highways. There will be 37,800 total ads being displayed throughout the month. I have included examples of what will be displayed. I am anticipating expanding the advertising efforts across the state by working with the Budget and Finance Committee. I feel strongly that the Dept of Michigan needs to push advertising to increase our membership and promote our other programs. I would like to thank the line officers and Laverne Blaukamp for their input.

This coming year we have some great candidates who need your support in June. Please attend our Dept Convention in Flint to learn and be a part of moving forward. It doesn't matter how long you have been in the VFW, you will always learn something new by networking and attending our training seminars. We have many great minds in our organization that are always willing to assist you. If you want to succeed, ask questions, try something new, and visit our website for information.

I have been partnering with our incoming commander Scott Gloger and I am excited about his year beginning in June 2020. We want to ensure we have continuity at Department for years to come. I am continuing to plan for

2021 as well. If you have ideas to push our Department forward, I strongly encourage your input. If you have someone that would be a strong Chairman/Dept Director please send them my way. I am looking for fresh ideas to continue supporting our programs.

You may have noticed that more and more information is being made available on-line through the National and Department websites. In the near future, all reporting will be done on-line. There is no getting away from it so please start planning now. Please take advantage of the training aides, information about the VFW and programs on the websites.

[www.VFW.org](http://www.VFW.org) & [www.VFWMI.org](http://www.VFWMI.org)

These websites are continually growing and changing for the better. Be excited about our great organization!



**DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, JENNIFER SMITH**

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers:

We are at that time again and this MOV publication marks the last edition of this organizational year. It is spring in Michigan. Accordingly, may your selfless endeavors continue with gladdened hearts and renewed vigor.

As I am drafting this version and awaiting our yard's dandelions to bloom [grin], concerns regarding illness have resulted in a number of events being delayed, shortages of certain goods, and misc. Of course, we know that common sense precautions and faith – as your belief systems and/or faith groups allow

– help us to navigate unstable waters. Mark 4:35-41 (ESV) conveys, "On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Therefore, let us continue to be mindful of others, employ due diligence (Duet. 6:16, Luke 4:12), and assist, as we can.

Last, will state that it has been a humble honor being your Chaplain for this past year. However, the number of amazing Comrades, Sisters, Brothers, and other supporters and the terrific things they do to uplift and invigorate our veterans (and their beloved) in need, our youth, and our communities, far surpasses any steps taken by one. It is your work and diligence that remain the heart of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (and Auxiliary) and promote the traditions and dedication that inspire many. As Romans 8:28 (ESV) states, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Wishing each of you a wonderful springtime, full of love, joy, light, and calm seas.



**DEPARTMENT SAFETY DIRECTOR, JESSICA WRIGHT**

Greetings Comrades, Sisters and Brothers

This year we had 6 Posts submit entries for the Public Service Officer of the Year awards. I am pleased

to announce that this year's winners are:

- Law Enforcement Officer Scott Howden**  
- sponsored by Post 334, District 5
- FireFighter Chief Jeffery D. Locke**  
- sponsored by Post 10704, District 7
- EMT/Paramedic Barry Christiansen**  
- sponsored by Post 3701, District 9

Please help me in congratulating these fine officers at our June State Convention held in Flint! Thank you to all of the Posts that submitted entries this year. I look forward to next

year's entries.

Friendly reminder to all Posts that the reporting period ends April 30, 2020. If you have not submitted your Drug and Safety reports you need to get on it. Time is running out and I know you have all done something.

If you are looking for safety materials, the Michigan State Police have **FREE** safety information available for you. The form to obtain the safety information can be found online at

<http://bit.ly/31ZR9mC>  
or you call 517-636-4256

If you are unable to access the online form please call or email me and I will be happy to send you a copy. I am here to help you achieve your goals and assist with getting you the drug and safety points you need!

[ds@vfwmi.org](mailto:ds@vfwmi.org)

**HONOR GUARD CAPTAIN, JERRY ASHER**

Please check your flags to make sure they are in **GOOD CONDITION** with the proper poles.

This is very important for when you bring them to the National Home for posting.



**CAMP TROTTER DIRECTOR,  
BOB BENDERMAN**

I would like to introduce Kathleen Recchia as the new children's summer Camp Director. She's a member of Fraser VFW Auxiliary #6691. I will introduce her at June conference during the Camp Trotter meeting.

We will be putting docks in on May 2, around noon, weather permitting. Camp clean up will be on the weekend of May 30 and 31st. If you can bring some cleaning supplies that would be great. Cabins and mess hall will need to be wiped down. We will have a few painting projects along with some ground maintenance.

The committee approved of putting new hardwood or vinyl planking down in the Director's cabin on the first-floor living room, hallway and possibly the kitchen. This will hold up better and easier to maintain.

The new fencing project is still about \$400.00 short of our goal, if any post or Aux. could do a fund raiser this would help. I'll be working with Lowes, Home Depot and Menards to get a good deal. They've been pretty supportive in the past. If any money is donated please ear mark "fencing project".

The remodeling of bathrooms in cabin 5 & 6 are on track and will be completed by the golf outing weekend which is set for June 19. You can visit [vfwmi.org](http://vfwmi.org) > programs > Camp Trotter for entry form. Please become a hole sponsor. Ask your doctors, attorneys, and business owners. It's for the kids. Also we are in need of prizes to hand out. Lets make this a big year for the golf outing.

Pontoon boat is in need of seat replacements. Wear and weather have taken a toll. I will be taking it to some upholstery places in May for bids.

If anyone has connections to get fire retardant curtains for the cabins and first aid building, we could use some help. Online they are about \$30.00 per window. I believe there are 61 windows and 10 doors

I would appreciate any suggestion on what we could do to keep Camp Trotter improving. Please e-mail me at [rsb002@comcast.net](mailto:rsb002@comcast.net)

**NATIONAL HOME DIRECTOR,  
JAMES HUBBARD**

It was great, to see everyone at Mid Winter. Congratulations to all winners. Thank you to those that stopped by the table and made a donation for our "Make a Change for VFW National Home". All donations went to the food fund. This is where the greatest need was at the time. Together we raised \$705 and yes the Auxiliary again won the challenge. Thank you to all who donated.

The National Home 2019-2020 current needs vary. At this time we have 85 children and 50 parents living at the home.

The biggest needs at this time are: Maintenance, Technology, Daycare, Recreational Area Improvement, Activity, Transportation, Equipment & Furnishings.

If you can make a donation to any of these funds or hold a fund raiser please consider it. At this time the Michigan house fund is on firm ground.

Anything we can do for our Comrades & their families are greatly appreciated.



**PTSD DIRECTOR, DOUGLAS BRINKER**

Comrades & Auxiliary, We are in some very challenging times with the Covid-19 virus pandemic affecting our normal lives.

During this period, it is crucial that we keep our mental health in check as it can affect us in many ways. Those not just with PTS but all others with depression and other related mental health diagnosis. Our job is to take care of each other just as

we did while in the service and for those who were the crucial support network at home.

Our program is now 6 months old since approval last fall. We have intercepted 4 situations preventing the taking comrades' lives. As of this distribution we have two workshops scheduled to bring more awareness to you. Our intent as a team is to be there 24/7 when you don't feel safe.

In closing, if you are at a point where you feel your life matters no more please reach out to me and I will listen **517-499-0926**  
Yours in True Comradeship, Doug Brinker

**"HOPE IS A WAKING DREAM" - Aristotle**



**ALL STATE DIRECTOR, NORM MAULDIN**

**REMEMBER TO GET YOUR FINAL ACTIVITY & HOSPITAL REPORTS IN BY APRIL 30TH**

The All State Program ends on April 30, 2020. ALL requirements must be met and the checklist submitted to Department or myself by that time. If you have met all the requirements except for 100% membership, you will have until June 30th to reach 100%. Please review the spread sheet for accuracy and feel free to contact me at **248-767-3260** or [unreper@mi.rr.com](mailto:unreper@mi.rr.com) concerning any discrepancies. Good Luck to all in the running.

Provided everything goes as planned, we should have hats, pins, and certificates at convention for those who qualified by the deadline. If you are still working on your membership and had your checklist in by the deadline with at least 175 points, don't give up. Those who attain the membership requirements between May 1, 2020 and June

30, 2020 (the membership deadline), should receive their awards during Fall Conference (POW-WOW).

There will be a few changes to the All-State Program in the upcoming year. It will look more like past programs with the PTSD Program added in. There will be a maximum on the donations and the number of points required will be adjusted based on the maximum and minimum attainable. Please check the spreadsheet and the web page for information. REMEMBER, THE 2020-2021 YEAR STARTS MAY 1ST (except membership). Don't forget the May reports!

Thank You to the outgoing Commander, Michael Fineis, for the appointment for the 2019-2020 year. Thank You to the incoming Commander, Scott Gloger, for the appointment for the 2020-2021 year. Alas, Thank You to my lovely assistant Su-jen, the spreadsheet was a great idea.

**YOU FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY.  
NOW JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR VETERANS.**



**DEPARTMENT HOSPITAL DIRECTOR, DON MARTINDALE**

First off, I want to thank the hospital chairmen for their diligent effort to get your reports to me. It has been my pleasure to be your hospital Director and with a bit of luck I will be able to continue the next fiscal year also.

I asked you to please send your hospital reports to me and the activity reports to the activity Director, you listed and now the reports are going to the correct Director. Thank you for helping us do our job. I want to inform you that some of you that some of you are sending me multiple reports of the same on the website, when you hit the SEND button, please do it only once. The site is slow

so just wait a moment and it will send. I have had up to of the same report which I have to open each one to make sure there are no changes. So remember to just send it once.

I was a little bit disappointed at the number of Posts that neglected to send at least on report. I know that each and every Post has done some hospital work. It just isn't getting reported. You can report giving blood and holding a blood drive.

I am always available to answer any of your questions and help any way I can. Just call or email me. I thank you all for the work you do on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**586-771-2881**

I look forward to serving you again if I am chosen.



**LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR**

**JENNIFER SMITH**

Last article of the year for our Legislative Program but we know that important bills are in constant motion. Therefore, please sign up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly via:

<https://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly>

It features timely updates on federal legislation that affects veterans, troops, their families, and is a terrific source of information.

Broken CD/record/MP3/etc. in progress but please yet again note that attending other veterans' groups meetings counts as Legislative (and misc.) points as joint legislative efforts are often discussed. This is another great opportunity to obtain points, as well as your current efforts. Please see the All-State Guide via Activity Evaluation, which is also on this site under 'Programs' on the VFWMI.org website. In addition to other positive veteran supportive opportunities (writing relevant letters to lawmakers, misc.) the 'Legislative' section of 'Programs' is often updated all you need do is 'cut' and 'paste' into a Word document and report! Failure to report results in correct information on important matters ineffectively conveyed and volunteer credit/non-profit stats are lost for our organization.

So many federal VFW-supported bills to discuss and all deserve our attention. Please see VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Dept. of MI Legislative Program page for more links, etc. We do have 9 bills that are currently of increased focus (co-sponsorship and/or urging to be passed):



VFW National Legislative Committee Member Andy Conklin, Dept. of MI Commander Mike Fineis, Rep. John Moolenaar, & Comrade Carl Chen, VFW-SVA Legis. Fellow

Veterans' Benefits

- **H.R. 5610**, *Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act*; Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]; Co-Sponsored on 02/12/2020
- **H.R. 5739**, *Blast Exposure Protection Act of 2020*

Veterans' Health Care

- **S. 785**, *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019*; Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]; Co-Sponsored on 03/13/2019; Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]; Co-Sponsored on 03/27/2019
- **S. 514/H.R. 3224**, *Deborah Sampson Act*; Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]; Co-Sponsored on 02/14/2019; Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]; Co-Sponsored on 02/14/2019.
- **S. 319**, *Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2019*

Concurrent Receipt

- **H.R. 5995**, *Major Richard Star Act*

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment

- **H.R. 444**, *Reduce Unemployment for Veterans of All Ages Act of 2019*

Transition

- **H.R. 2326**, *Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William "Bill" Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019*

As previously stated, this is the importance of our voices as Veterans of Foreign Wars Comrades, in close collaboration with our Auxiliary Sisters & Brothers; we are a mighty force for good. It has been an honor being your State Legislative Director, with thanks to our Dept. Commander for the appointment and National Legislative Committee Member (Andy Conklin) for his dedication. While our state government has had its challenges with other matters this past year, the fight continues in earnest to keep veterans, troops, and their families a priority. The Department of Michigan has been legislatively active throughout this past organizational year in Lansing in both the Michigan House and Senate veterans affairs-related committee meetings, etc. Your collective voice has been conveyed and it has been a privilege to do so. Please keep up your efforts, report your positive endeavors, and know that YOU are our true legislative strength!

**NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, ANDY CONKLIN**

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary from the Department of Michigan visited with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. during the VFW National Legislative Conference from March 2-4.

After two days of meeting with Michigan legislators, they accompanied approximately 600 VFW and Auxiliary members from around the world to support VFW National Commander-in-Chief, William "Doc" Schmitz during his testimony to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on issues that are important to veterans and military families.

VFW national legislative priorities that received particular attention during this testimony include reducing veteran and military suicide rates and improving the quality of VA medical care for female veterans.



Pictured L-R : VFW Auxiliary National Senior Vice Commander, Sandi Onstwedder; United States Senator Gary Peters (MI); VFW National Legislative Committee Member, Andy Conklin; and VFW-SVA National Legislative Fellow, Carl Chen.

**VETERAN & MILITARY SUPPORT DIRECTOR, VINCENT OLTESVIG**



We are proud to announce that our latest Post to adopt a unit is Post 4553.

They have adopted 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment, Michigan Army National

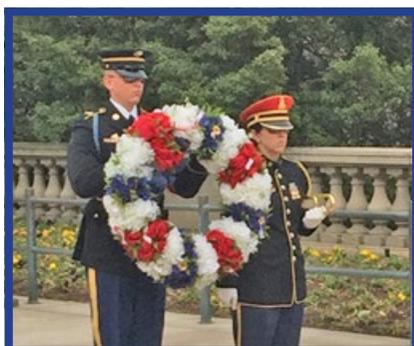
Guard, through the VFW's Adopt-a-Unit Program.

This is a great way for all Posts to support our active Military Units. Their are grants available for you (the Post) to host your adopt-a-unit.

This program and many other Veteran and Military Support Programs are available and explained at length on the National VFW website. [www.VFW.org](http://www.VFW.org)

All American points are awarded for Posts who participate in this and other VMS programs as stated.

Also, as previously noted in the last MOV, if you wish to get recognized for VMS donations, they must go to National and you must notify the Department of Michigan Quartermaster so that credit for All State points are awarded.



**BUDDYPOPPY&NATIONALHOMEAUXILIARYCHAIR**

**KATHYHUBBARD**

Are you preparing for May Poppy Days?  
**It's time!**

Do you carry poppies with you at all times? Buddy Poppies aren't just for the "official" once a year donation drive. You can use them to interact with your community in promoting Veterans.

The poppies are put together by hospitalized Veterans who are compensated for the assembly to make a little extra cash. Completed poppies are then purchased by local VFW & Auxiliaries who hold a yearly drive and other fund raisers or events for the welfare of our Veterans. The initial purchase of poppies also assists Veterans families residing at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI.

All monies collected from poppy drives is mandated to be held in your Relief Fund and can only be used to assist Veterans and their families. Some people who donate do not wish to take a poppy; be polite but tell them that by wearing or displaying it they are showing their support for our Veterans & their sacrifices.

Be sure to order your poppies for the coming year. How do we order poppies you



ask? First ask your Post Quartermaster to assist you, and if they have placed their order already, call our Department Quartermaster, they can get them ordered for you.

I would like to ask everyone who owns a cell phone, please add the phone number to our VFW Helpline as a contact

1-800-313-4200

Keep in mind this is a helpline not a hotline. It's not open on weekends. Share this with any Veteran that may need a help. Your one act of kindness can change or save a person's life.

Remember, As members of this great organization, it's our goal to help and assist our Veterans.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
VFW NATIONAL HOME  
FOR CHILDREN  
MICHIGAN DAY!  
AUGUST 2ND, 2020**

[www.vfwnationalhome.org/michigan-day-2020](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/michigan-day-2020)  
**for more information**

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, GARY GAMBLE**



**CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU** to all the Posts and Districts recruiting new & retaining existing members! When I review the membership statistics,

I can see we have some great results. We know that building our membership is a full-time activity and NOT a seasonal program.

Our Department currently stands at: 261 Chartered Posts. Unfortunately, there are 126 Posts that have not recruited a single new member since July 1st. In addition, 187 Posts have not recovered or reinstated a single member that walked away from our great organization! Our National Commander has offered a \$50 incentive to the VFW Store for any annual member that converts to a Life Membership or to a NEW Life Member that is recruited. Currently, 187 posts do not have a single annual member converting to a Life Membership, or recruited a NEW Life Member, or Reinstated an annual member to Life Membership since July. Comrades, our great organization cannot survive if we stop recruiting new Members or fail to RETAIN our existing members!

It is every member's responsibility to support a strong membership and work together every day at building and retaining our membership. Only with a large and strong membership will we be able to advocate for all veterans on Capitol Hill and complete the VFW mission of helping veterans and our community.

Here is our Department Membership statistics as of March 15. It's not over! We still have 107 days remaining until the end of the membership year (June 30) and we need to work together to ensure we finish the year strong and begin the next membership year on a good note!

**Dept. Membership Stands at: 94.08%**

Districts 8, 5, & 14 are leading at above 95%. I am very hopeful that we will have

many Districts/Posts ending the year at or above 100%.

**Life Members: 29,232**

**New Members: 554**

**Reinstate Members: 134**

**Paid Annual Members: 5183**

**New\ Reinstate Life members: 177**

**Total Membership: 35,120**

**Posts at 100% or more: 39**

Currently we have 3,244 annual members that are expired or will be expiring before June 30th. Michigan is currently 2,206 short of 100% in membership! As you can see, renewing our existing members can provide us a pathway to 100% and beyond!

Currently, 247 members have recruited 505 new or reinstated member! Thank you to each and every recruiter for your work helping to build a stronger VFW for the future! Unfortunately, 360 recruited\reinstated members did not have any recruiter credit. Please keep in mind; it is very important that the Post Quartermaster **MUST INCLUDE** the recruiter information when transmitting new and or when reinstating returning members.

Here are our TOP (double digit) recruiters

Post	Dist.	Recruiter	Recruited
9914	5	Vincent T. Oltesvig	18
2144	8	Garrett R. Dickey	16
2406	8	Gary E. Brown	16
1146	5	Bernard Jarzombek	13
2780	13	Eric Boals	12
4659	5	Michael J. Perusich	10
2144	8	David Martin	10

When speaking to prospective members, it is important to be a well-informed recruiter. Knowing the VFW and its programs will give you the ability to speak with confidence. Be sure to stay informed by reading your Department MOV and the VFW Magazine. Know your Post and District programs and events. Visit the Department & National websites

[www.vfwmi.org](http://www.vfwmi.org) / [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

You will find even more information about our great organization. Keep in mind, to get the most out of our VFW National website you

**MUST** login as a VFW member. You will need to create a unique username and password to log in using a id.ME account. If you're having trouble logging in or need any help, please do not hesitate to contact me or VFW Member Services Center.

Membership Recruiting & Retention, visit [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention) and login <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention> Here you will find videos and other useful information that will help you be a better recruiter. Visit this web link to view a YouTube video on How to Conduct a Phone Campaign.

<https://youtu.be/rvOL9lmqNB0>

We are in the final weeks of the Life Member Incentive Program. All members who either join the VFW as a new life member, reinstate as a life member, or upgrade their existing annual membership to a Life membership through June 30, 2020, will earn a \$50 VFW Store credit. Also included are all members on the life member installment plan. Final payment **MUST** be made before June 30, 2020 to be eligible. This \$50 credit **MUST** be used prior to Aug. 31, 2020. Please remind your membership! Please consider an upgrade, pay off, or reinstate as a Life member today. Use this web link to do it online!

[oms.vfw.org/QuickRenew.aspx?srcid=275](https://oms.vfw.org/QuickRenew.aspx?srcid=275)  
Member Service Center / 833-839-8387

Any existing or unpaid annual member can call this number to pay annual dues, upgrade to life membership, change mailing address, reach the VFW Store, etc. All you need is a credit or debit card to safely renew over the phone. The Member Service Center is open Mon-Fri 9:15am - 5:15pm.

If you need any help with membership, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our Department Membership Team!

Thank you again for everything you're doing supporting the VFW Mission and Membership!

**313575-6258/Ggamble354@sbcglobal.net**

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, BOB LUTZ**

Greetings Comrades, the reporting this year has been anywhere from outstanding to non-existent. There is NO reason for zero reporting Comrades. The forms have been changed to make it easier than ever. When I was trying to figure out why this is so, I concluded that there are a few reasons why.

The main one being that the District Commanders are NOT doing the job that they were elected for. Their own Posts are poor on reporting. Remember, lead by example.

District 7 Commander Thick

Post #4073 5 months of zero reports

District 8 Commander Ringersma

Post #3946 3 months zero reports

District 9 Commander Gleason

Post #4406 3 months of zero reports

District 13 Commander Russell

Post #6985 5 months of zero reports

District 15 Commander Caron

Post #6507 4 months of zero reports

Commanders, when you took this job it came with responsibilities, get your own Posts to report and don't let a Post leave a District meeting without turning in a report if they are lacking. Please do not take this lightly. The Directors are reporting to the District Commanders, but it seems to stop there. In other words, do your job if you expect others to do theirs.

On a brighter note, like I said earlier there are some Posts that are doing outstanding. I know it can be a hard and thankless job, I've been there.

I would like to mention some of the mistakes being made on reporting:

- When reporting online, put all your reports in one entry. You shouldn't add a separate entry for each activity.
- Do not put abbreviations on the report, ex. Donated \$50.00 to the CYO, you might know what CYO stands for but it doesn't mean that I do.
- Please do not send in duplicate reports, I have some posts that are doing them online, emailing them to me and sending them to dept. It gets very confusing.
- The reporting dates are from the first of the month to the last of the month, NOT the tenth to the tenth.
- Cootie functions, VFW Riders, Auxiliary, District meetings, conventions etc. are NOT reportable.
- I have numerous posts that report that their Honor Guard did 6 funerals. Put down how many Comrades attended the funeral. Ex: Honor Guard did 6 funerals with a total of 36 members, 360 total miles and 72 total hours.
- Don't forget to put down the value of the hall when donating it. If your hall rents for \$300.00 to the public than that is what you put down as value for a hall donation.

I just touched on a few things but if you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch with me, if you leave a message make sure that you leave your name and Post number.

(586)924-4591 / [activity@vfwmi.org](mailto:activity@vfwmi.org)

**VFWRIDERS****GARY GAMBLE**

Do you have VFW and or VFW Auxiliary members that love to ride motorcycles at your Post? If so, you should consider forming a VFW Rider Group VFWRG.

Forming a VFW Rider Group is easy and simple under the guidance and control of the Post. Keep in mind that forming a VFW Riders group is NOT the same as forming an M/C, Motorcycle Club, or Motorcycle Gang with any of the associated negative connotations that may apply. In fact, we are talking about some of our most charitable and giving VFW and Auxiliary members that just happen to ride motorcycles and wear leather. Forming a VFW Riders Group is very similar to forming a new committee or activity with a group of members at the Post. These members will be required to comply with all National and Post Bylaws in their conduct and operation at the Post level. Forming a VFW Rider Group

is a great way to encourage younger veterans to join the VFW and or participate in VFW related activities while enjoying the ride.

Please go to: [WWW.VFWMI.ORG](http://WWW.VFWMI.ORG), then click, "About" at the top of the page, then "VFW Riders". Here you will find more information about the VFW Riders and how to form your own group. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the VFW Riders and how to form a Riders Group at your Post.

**VFW Riders Group in Michigan**

District 4 – VFW Riders

Grand Ledge - Post 3293 - VFW Riders

Edwardsburg - Post 2284 – VFW Riders

Roscommon - Post 4159 – VFW Riders

Please contact me if your VFW Riders Group is not listed.

Ride safe. Please look twice for motorcycles and save a life!

**DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF****JERRY GORSKI**

As of February 28, we have 6,139 chartered Posts nationally. There are 16 less Posts since December. There are currently 33 Posts under suspension, four of which are new. Michigan is part of these suspensions statistics. Administrative operations are engaged in 30 Article IX disciplinary actions, 10 administrative actions and six membership eligibility challenges.

As of Wednesday, March 11, Michigan is in 17th place out of 52 Departments at 93.93%. National is at 92.71%. We have 35,061 members and we need 2,265 in order to reach our Goal of 100%. WE CAN DO IT!

Michigan is in 3rd place at in the Big Ten Conference. Minnesota is in 1st Place at 94.01%. Wisconsin is in 2nd Place at 93.97%. We are just .05% from being in 2nd place.

With everyone's help, Michigan will again be able to achieve 100% in membership by June 30th. Thank you everyone for all your hard work on membership. KEEP IT UP!

I just returned from attending the National Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. I attended the Parade of Winners on Monday Evening which were the 52 Department Voice of Democracy Winners and Michigan's 1st National Patriots Pen Winner Ruby Howe from Post 334 North Oakland in District 5. Ruby Howe did a Great Job with her speech. Ruby received a standing ovation and received a large check from Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz in the amount

of \$5,000. WOW!

Norman Mauldin, Su-jen Mauldin and I visited our Michigan U.S. Congressmen's Legislative Staff in the Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Our other Michigan Delegation were visiting our 2 Senators and other Congressmen & Congresswomen in the other buildings on Capitol Hill. Our Department Legislative Director Jennifer Smith did a great job of splitting up the Michigan Delegation into 3 groups, so our Michigan Delegation could visit everyone in the different buildings on Capitol Hill.

I attended the Commander-in-Chief's Testimony on Wednesday Morning at 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2020. As you can see, I was very busy representing you and the Department of Michigan.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve You as Your National Council of Administration Member 2019-2023 and Your Chief of Staff 2019-2020 representing the Department of Michigan.

I want to end by Thanking "Everyone" who have contributed to My Campaign Fund, so far, for My Candidacy for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief 2023-2024. It is a very expensive campaign! Please help me by contributing to my campaign by sending your contributions to: Su-jen Mauldin, 214 Endwell, Novi, Michigan 48377. THANK YOU! God Bless You.

**WREATHLAYING**

**SU-JENMAULDIN**

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers by Department Sr. Vice Cmdr Scott Gloger, Department President Della Steege, VOD/PP/TOY Chairman Gary Brown, and his wife Blanche. Thank you to Karla LaForge for making such a beautiful wreath and Post 1008 for donating it.



**MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, ZANETA ADAMS**

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is making major strides to connect more veterans to the benefits they earned for their service. Since I was appointed Director of the state agency in June 2019, we have made outreach to Michigan's 600,000 veterans and their families our top priority.

And our efforts appear to be paying off. Consider this: From October through February, our Veteran Resource Service Center handled 24% more cases of veterans seeking assistance than during the same five-month period from the year before. More importantly, the number of cases our staff referred to a Veteran Service Officer skyrocketed 262% during that period, strongly suggesting that hundreds more veterans were being connected to health care, education and other benefits.

Here are a few more of our successes in supporting veterans:

- In fiscal year 2019, the MVAA's five Veterans Service Officers submitted 1,136 applications for veterans looking to connect to benefits -- totaling nearly \$20 million in recoveries for veterans and eligible family members.

- We have reached more than 80,000 Vietnam veterans using the state Vietnam Veteran Coalition Appropriation made to our agency in 2019.

- We held more than a dozen "listening sessions" and recognition ceremonies for veterans around the state last year, connecting to hundreds of veterans.

We plan to keep that momentum going through a continued agenda of ambitious outreach this year and beyond. That includes facilitating veteran-centered events and increasing awareness through our 10 Regional Coordinators, who cover the entire state.

Another way we'll reach more veterans is through new and enhanced partnerships. Last year, for example, we welcomed the opportunity to build a partnership with the Bay Mills Indian Community in Brimley. I'm proud to say that State Veterans Affairs Offices can now accredit members of tribal organizations and that soon we will partner with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee as well.

As the central coordinating agency for Michigan's veterans and their families, we must break down silos and eliminate misconceptions while building stronger partnerships with all veteran-connected agencies and organizations. But we need your help to do this.

I believe that we are stronger together and owe it to our veterans to make sure they are supported.

To learn more about the MVAA, call

**1-800-MICH-VET**

or visit **MichiganVeterans.com**

You can also stay informed by connecting with us on our Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn channels.

**AUXILIARY LEGISLATIVE CHAIR**

**JENNIFER SMITH**

Sisters and Brothers: As your Auxiliary Legislative Director for this past organizational year, I wish to convey thanks to Madame Department President Steege for the appointment. Appreciation to others for their assistance as well but tremendous gratitude also belongs to each of you that reported and toiled to support our Comrades and their families as well as to educate regarding civics. Of course, must also include [grin], gently urging all to please sign up for the informative VFW Action Corps Weekly at

<https://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly>

It features timely updates on federal legislation that affects veterans, troops, their families, and Prisoners of War/Missing in Action updates.

Reports are still imperative, so once again, thank you for all you do. We definitely have content and time requirements for certain things but please keep up the great work and reporting as it is important and end-of-year is coming. As previously mentioned, please be sure to include a valid telephone number or email on your reports so I can contact you in case of questions.

Please be certain to follow the guide sheets and review the bulletins. Your legislative efforts should relate to veterans, active duty, and their families, VFW Priority Goals, and Community Legislative Education and

Engagement, as described in the guide sheets. For those that do not know, the VFW Auxiliary Department of Michigan Legislative Facebook page is often updated with easy-to-download Word files that feature VFW Action Corps Weekly summaries, misc. The VFWMI.org site's Legislative Programs section is frequently updated as well.

A few current federal bills that could use our support: The Retired Pay Restoration Act (HR 303; 2019); VFW-supported H.R. 5739, the Blast Exposure Protection Act of 2020; and H.R. 5610, Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act. For all federal bills supported by the Veterans of Foreign Wars please see:

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>

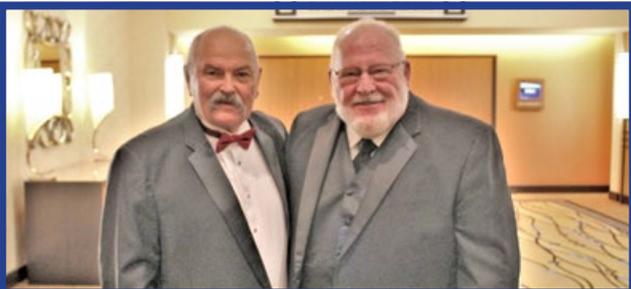
Last, wanted to convey that our Dept. of MI Auxiliary President Della Steege was part of a MI VFW and AUX contingent, including Madame National Sr. Vice President Onstwedder, which met with federal legislators on the Hill in March. All 16 Michigan federal legislative offices in 4 buildings, with a few of our members assigned to each building, were visited to drop off Priority Goal information and meetings were had with 15/16 to discuss further. Madame Dept. President visited the Longworth and Hart buildings, meeting with staff and legislators and was very effective. Kudos, Michigan!



(L-R) Rep. Slotkin staffer Kevin Rodgers, VFW Dept. of MI Sr. Vice CO Scott Gloger, Dept. of MI VFW AUX Pres. Della Steege



(L-R) Dept. of MI VFW AUX Pres. Della Steege, Senator Debbie Stabenow, VFW Dept. of MI Sr. Vice CO Scott Gloger



State Commander Mike Fineis & Past Commander in Chief Keith Harmon

# MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AND VOD/PP BANQUET



District 4  
VOD Lisa Tasavage & PP Micaya Cannon



District 5  
VOD Daniel Liu & PP Ruby Howe



District 6  
VOD Abigail Morris & PP Maddux Overweg



District 7  
VOD Anna Leach & PP Richard Duis



District 8  
VOD Maria Fickel & PP Ava Dalton



District 9  
VOD Elizabeth Tolrud & PP Zachary Nyhuris



District 10  
VOD Amy Ludescher & PP Hector Leon-Ariza



District 11  
VOD Anna Erickson & PP Morgan Townsend



District 12  
VOD Emily Mann & PP Lucy Zamojcin



District 13  
VOD Adia Archer & PP Hannah Tracey



District 14  
VOD Bonni Li & PP Anna Robinson



District 15  
VOD Angus Butler & PP Jazmyn Ricker

**GARY GAMBLE**

Candidate for Department  
Jr. Vice Commander  
2020-2021



Unwavering \ Dependable  
Knowledgeable \ Committed  
Endorsed by family, Post & Dist. 4

**JOHN GRIFFITH**

Candidate for Department  
Jr. Vice Commander  
2020-2021



Integrity & Transparency  
Endorsed by Districts 6, 7 & 13  
many posts and my family

**VERN BLAUWKAMP**

Candidate for  
Jr. Vice Candidate  
2020-2022



Striving to Lead the Department  
with TEAMWORK! Endorsed by my  
family, District 8 and many Posts

**JENNIFER L. SMITH**

Candidate for  
Department Chaplain  
2020-2021



Selfless service Through Faith  
Endorsed by Post 6464, Dist. 6,  
Her Husband, Family, & Church

**RAY LOPEZ**

Candidate for Department  
Judge Advocate  
2020-2021



Endorsed by Districts 4 & 6  
Looking forward to  
continually serving you

**MIKE FINEIS**

Candidate for Department Jr.  
Judge Advocate  
2020-2021



**JAY BENNER**

Candidate for  
Department Quartermaster  
2020-2021



**DEREK BLUMKE**

Candidate for  
Department Quartermaster  
2020-2021



Founder, Student Veterans of  
America. Crisis management  
leader and fighter for the VFW

**JERRY GORSKI**

Candidate for National  
Jr. Vice Commander-In-Chief  
2023-2024



Please send donations for my  
campaign to Su-Jen Mauldin  
214 Endwell - Novi, MI 48377

**NORMAN MAULDIN**

Candidate for  
Big 10 Delegate  
2020-2022



Endorsed by District's 5, 9 & 10,  
Oakland County Council, Posts  
9222, 4156, 9914, 6756 & wife

**VFWMI.ORG QUICK LINKS**

- [vfwmi.org/contact](http://vfwmi.org/contact)
- [vfwmi.org/vethelp](http://vfwmi.org/vethelp)
- [vfwmi.org/join](http://vfwmi.org/join)
- [vfwmi.org/directory](http://vfwmi.org/directory)
- [vfwmi.org/officers](http://vfwmi.org/officers)
- [vfwmi.org/allstate](http://vfwmi.org/allstate)
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- [vfwmi.org/gallery](http://vfwmi.org/gallery)





## DISTRICT COMMANDER REPORTS



### DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER - GEORGE NAVARETTE

The 5th District would like to congratulate Ms. Ruby Howe for winning the National VFW's Patriot's Pen Award for 2020.

Post #334 submitted her essay entitled "My Grandmother's Quilt" which compared America's multi-national ancestry to the patchwork pieces of a quilt top. Ruby is a seventh grader at Kingsbury Country Day School in Oxford, Michigan. I would like to commend #334 for their in-depth efforts in acknowledging entries on all levels of Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen.

Please read Jerry Gorski's article in the MOV about proposed changes to the Voice of Democracy program. He'd like to have feedback to National VFW on this proposal.

As Commander of the 5th District, I'm against the proposed changes. Gerry would like to know the feelings of other members.

The 5th District was also honored in the last month to be chosen to place a memorial wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier during the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. The wreath was donated by Post #1008 and designed and created by Carla LaForge, an Auxiliary member. Thank You Carla. Pictures of the wreath are in this issue of MOV.

Spring is just around the corner and with it brings elections of new officers for Posts and the District. Leadership is an important factor in the success of your Post and the programs you support. A Commander sets the tone of what your Post will achieve over the coming year. Become involved. Take a part in helping your Post achieve its goals.

Commanders, election reports must be submitted by May 1st to the Department and District, so all officers can be documented and relayed to National.

As I travel to Posts in my District, membership issues are dominant. Why are we on a system that requires monthly starting dates but only one ending date (June 30th) to achieve 100 percent membership for the Post? This makes it harder to attain if a member's dues are not outstanding until the last half of the year. My answer: I don't know why National VFW adopted the system. I, like many of you, belong to groups outside of the VFW that have one annual date when everyone's membership is due. This seems most logical.

I hope to see all of you at the state convention in June.



### DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER - DON CASWELL

To the fighting 6th! I want to thank you for having me as your District Commander for the

term of 2019-2020. I want to thank all the Officers and appointed persons for a job well done.

Mid-Winter conference was a great success. I want to thank the winners and their families for receiving their awards at the VOD banquet. The Patriot's Pen winner was Madduy Overweg from Post 6056, & the Voice of Democracy winner was Abigail Morris from Post 1584. I wish them well in the future. The next District meeting will be held on April 25th at the Springport Post 6056, this is for the nomination and election of Officers who will representatives for the District at the Flint convention June 4th-7th. Hope to see all of you there.

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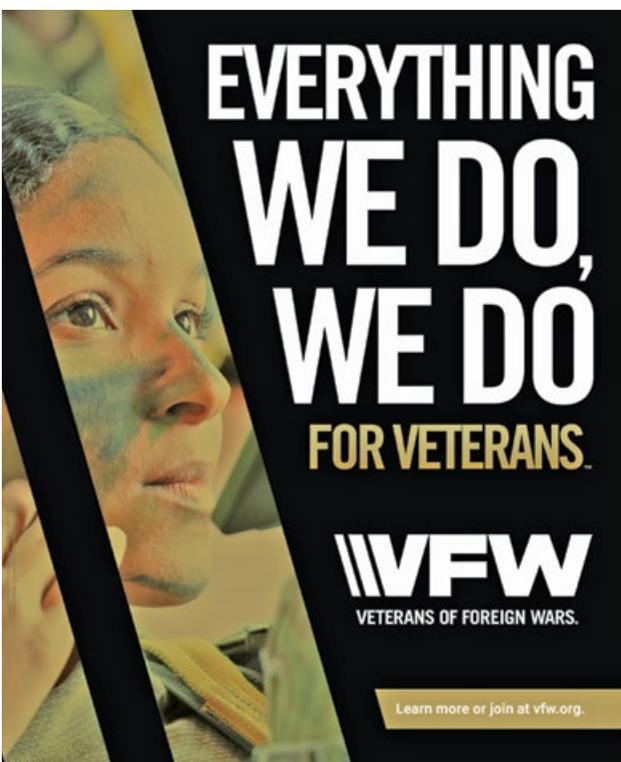


### DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER - RICHARD RINGERSMA

Comrades and Auxiliary, Thank You for all your support and hard work for the Great 8th District. It has been a wonderful and challenging year. A big thank you goes out to Gary Brown and his counterpart for making our VOD/PP a success. Congratulations to our state VOD winner Amy Ludescher and National PP winner Ruby Howe. These high school students are proof that this country is in good hands. To all the Posts, please make this program a must next year. Also the Veterans of Foreign Wars has many other programs that should be considered. At this writing our District is at 95.03%. We

are currently in first place in the state. Keep up the good work and contact your members and remind them to renew if they haven't already. The National Commander has a bonus program if you member converts to life membership. Go on the VFW website for information. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. A couple things that need to be addressed is your hospital and activity reports. These reports must be submitted to keep your non-profit standing. I know your doing the work, so repost it.

Our next District meeting is at Charlotte Post 2406 on May 2. Lunch at 11am, meeting at 12:30pm. The Department VFW meeting will be in Flint, June 3-7. Get your reservations in pronto. I hope we have a great turnout from our district. Again, Thank You.



### DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER - THOMAS GLEASON

On Feb 28 and 29 VFW Auxiliary had a statepooltournament at Belding Post 4406. Singles First place was Tom Hill, 2nd Steve Romel 3rd Mike Bunting, 4th Gordy Nummer. Doubles First place was Ken Schlosser/Don Smith, 2nd Mike Thomas / Chris Venneman, 3rd Steve Romel / Mark Kandow, 4th Paul Gooseman / Tony Alexander. Teams First place : Brad and Mike Thomas, Tony Shepard, Chris Venneman, Gordie Nummer and Ron Conroe. 2nd : Tony Alexander, Paul Gooseman, Mike Hart, Dan Blunt, Chuck Miller, Wanda and Mike Bunting. 3rd : Danny and Jimmy Woldt,

Derek Pavich, Ken Schlosser, Jay Malicoat, Don Smith. 4th : Bob Brown, Joel Pena, Marty Vennamen, Ron Regan, Matt Schoenfelden, Tom (Tag) Gleason. The Aux did a great job! Post 4406 thanks everyone who came. A big thanks to tournament Director Wanda Bunting and her helpers Ruth and Diane.

May 16 the traveling wall will be at Post 7302. PP winner Zachary Nyhuiss II and VOD winner Elizabeth Toltud great job kids. We will miss Gary Anderson, Laingsburg Post Commander and Kathryn Doran District 9 Aux. President.

Lets see what we can do together and help make the Veterans of Foreign Wars and it's Auxiliary grow and become the family that we are.



**DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER - BOB WILSON**

Dear Comrades and Aux Members of the 10th: In times of hardship and crisis, leaders must work together for the common good of the American people.

Let's work together as a team to fight this virus. Follow the safety tips given and let's not get stupid. Enough said!

Our Year is coming to a close. We must continue making proactive decisions at our Posts to ensure we are prepared for anything which might happen due to COVID-19.

I mention in the last MOV Article that we still needed help in reporting of Hospital Work. That has not changed, but with the current COVID-19 problems it will be a lot harder to visit our sick veterans. Please take the time and call our fellow brothers and sisters who are sick. Put a smile on their face

and let them know they are not forgotten.

You've heard it before, Membership is the life blood of our organization. Without membership there is no organization. The push is still on; please keep your membership lists up to date. If you know of a member who has not paid his or hers dues, please get them to do so. Remember, if a member is having hard times your Relief Fund can be used. Post and district officers remember what happens if your dues are not paid. For those posts who are at 100% + 1 great job.

As of this date, elections should be getting done. Remember you are responsible in notifying the Department and National of your elections. Also, you will get a notice from Department about your convention responsibilities. Even though you do not plan to attend the convention, you are still responsible for filling out the necessary paper work and sending it and the fees in to Department. Last year 11 posts fail to

execute their responsibilities and thus the district lost half our voting strength. Get your quarterly audits in as soon as possible. If you are having issues with your audit, please let us know ASAP. Let's remember they are due 30 days after the quarter. Please make sure your bylaws, 990's and other tax responsibilities are taken care of. Don't wait to hear from the IRS or local tax boards.

At the District Convention we will have our elections and announce our next year's schedule. Installation will follow right after the convention. District Convention - May 9th, 2019 - (VFW Meeting) - Burton-Clark-Durocher VFW Post 2777 2260 S. Belsay Rd. Burton, MI. 48509 810-743-4138. (Aux Meeting) unknown of this publication.

School of Instructions at 10:00 (am) Catherine Martinez from the VA will be there to discuss any problems you might have. Lunch at 11:30 (am) with the District Convention starting at 12:30 (pm).



**DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER - RICK SCHAFER**

Comrades,

It is time for me to mention the word that seems to be the annual rallying cry. It is the most important word that keeps our great organization

going. That word is MEMBERSHIP. Writing this article, the end of March, I find that only two of our Posts are at 100% or higher. Congratulations to Post #9388 and Post #6333. Over half of our Posts need 5 members or less to be at 100%. Even with Post #6842 in Ludington closing, the District only needs 187 members to renew or recruit new members to be at 100%. This is an election year and our elected officials (I do not like using the word "politicians" in public) only pay attention to numbers when dealing with any organization like the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The more members that we have, the more influence we have at the national and state level.

This year there is an election at the local, county, state and national level. As veterans we defended our right to vote so be sure to vote. Remember, when working for a candidate for office, do not wear your VFW cover or any uniform insignia. The VFW does not endorse any Presidential candidate.

On a more pleasant topic. Camp Trotter is in our District and has set Saturday, May 2nd as the day to put in the docks and swimming platforms. There are many more jobs that need to be done for the camp to be ready for this season. There are points for All State available for working at the camp. Camp fees are the same as last year.

Being District Commander again has reminded me how fulfilling and rewarding the office is. When you attend the District meetings have you noticed how many of the past Commanders are repeats? Special thanks to Robert Cascaddan, Billy Stancroff, and Stan Preidis for being District Commander more often than I.



**DISTRICT 14 COMMANDER DEAN MAKI**

Greetings Comrades,

Spring has almost sprung in the U.P. Typical March

weather; 35 degrees one day, 25 the next. Looking forward to some of that nice lower Michigan spring weather this June in Flint at the Spring Convention. I would like to congratulate again our District 14 essay winners: Bonnie Li whose VOD entry placed third in the Department competition, and Tiffeney Stratton whose Patriot's Pen entry placed second in the state. Both of these young ladies were sponsored by Post 3676 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Due to the Coronavirus scare, access to state nursing homes and hospitals have been restricted which include the Jacobetti Home for Veterans and the VA hospital in Iron Mountain. We hope this pandemic ends soon so we can once again visit our shut in veterans.

Thank you to Post 5114 Saint Ignace, Post 5670 Gwinn, & Post 9714 Chatham who are all 100% in membership. Post 6 Marquette is 98% and Post 4420 Manistique in 99%. Unfortunately more than half the District is without a hospital report. And several posts are missing many projects in the activities report. Please visit a shut in veteran, get some literature on Drug & Safety out to public view, write your government representatives about a veteran concern, or sponsor/support a community service project, etc. And REPORT it. Report it online or print off a form from the Department website; fill it out; sign it; and mail it in.

Elections are coming up at our Spring Convention hosted by Post 3165 in Negaunee in April. Think about taking a position; even if it is a minor one; to learn about District and Department operations. Let's keep rebuilding District 14.

I wish to thank all those who offered me advice and assistance during this term. I've made some mistakes but I've learned from them. Again. I am looking forward to getting back together with the C of A in Flint.



**DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER - DAN CARON**

When you read this, our District 15 Mid-Winter Conference at Post 3134 in Iron River is over with 100% Posts in attendance. Congrats to every

post in District 15 for all your hard work.

We had the honor of having our past Department Cmdr. Bud Huuki, Department Cmdr. Mike Fineis, Dept. Membership Chair Gary Gamble & Laverne Blauwkamp, Day of Challenges Director Butch Paavola, All-State Director Norman Mauldin visit our District Meeting.

Day of Challenges is over and was again a great success. Thank you to the Posts and Districts in the State for their contributions to this Department Program. Thank you Day of Challenges Chairman Butch Paavola for making this successful again this year.

I want to thank Jack and Carol Lillar, Wakefield Post 9084 for all the work they put in as Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen and Teacher of The Year Chairs. District 15

winners are: VOD Winner Angus Butler 4th Place. Post 6165 South Range and Patriots Pen Winner 5th place Ema Schneiderhan, CLK Post 3900 Calumet.



Our Next Convention will be April 25th and 26th, 2020 at Chassell Post 6507. Reminder this is a 2-day event, election of District Officers and Quartermaster Training so bring your laptops. A complete April schedule will be mailed to each post in the District by our Adjutant Jack Lillar prior to our Convention.

All posts, we still need work in the membership department. Again, thank you comrades for all your hard work.

# ★ AUXILIARY DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS ★



## DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT - LESIE GILLIES

Hello Super 6th!! This is my final article for the MOV as the District 6 President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Auxiliaries for their hard work & dedication to our veterans and communities. I have enjoyed my time as President, visiting

each Post, making new friends and learning every step of the way. It's truly humbling to see the care and generosity that you all show through your efforts.

I would also like to congratulate and wish luck and success to all of the newly elected officers and chairmen for the 2020-2021 Auxiliary year. You've got this! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention in Flint June 4-7.



## DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT ALLEN HENSON

Greetings from the 7th District.

Now is the time to be thinking about your officers for the 2020-2021 year.

It is important that you have officers to lead your Auxiliary. These people will help your Auxiliary lead the way. As always, membership is the key. All your members must help and participate in all the programs. We must all get along to maintain a strong organization. We are here to help our VFW Post as they are here to help us. We need to make sure that all our programs are reported by April 15th so we will have proper credit for the work that we have done.

Nominations and elections of Auxiliary Officers for 2020-2021 at your April meeting. It is important to elect the right officers to run your Auxiliary.

Will see you at the Department Convention in June. It will be held in Flint.

I thank you for the jobs all of you have done this past year. Our Auxiliaries need to remain strong and continue to seek new members. It has been an honor to serve as the 7th District President this Year.



## DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT - JANE DADY

As the 2019-2020 year is coming to a close, I would like to thank every member of District 11.

membership!

For the big picture, the State of Michigan VFW Auxiliary is divided into 12 Districts. Within each District are the Auxiliaries which make up the District, or the "puzzle pieces". Each Auxiliary is a part of that puzzle and some don't know where they fit in. The District is not complete without every member or "piece". Our District believed, achieved and succeeded in completing that puzzle by reaching 100% in

You are all amazing, and you did amazing deeds for our veterans. The secret to your success was preparation, hard work and knowing what works. And my goodness, did you work! There was not a single need or want of a veteran that you knew of that was not taken care of. Like that puzzle, our veterans' lives were not complete without each of you.

In a puzzle, it always takes each piece to make up the picture. Thank you to each of you for being a "piece". Thank you for completing our puzzle. You, your hard work and dedication is more beautiful than the picture.

## COOTIECORNER

PGCROBERTE.WILSON

Our 91st Grand of Michigan VFW National Home Cootie Christmas Party was a great success. Grand Commander Eddie Dandridge and Grand MOCA President Rosalyn Dandridge would like to thank all of you who participated in this years Cootie Christmas party. Without your help and contributions this function could never get off the ground. Word has it that Santa is looking forward to next year.

Our next project for the children of the National Home is the trip to Ceder Point in June. Please, when sending your contribution, make your checks out to: "Grand of Michigan MOC" and not the National Home. Any donations sent to the National Home will not be forwarded to us. Send donations to:

Ernest A. Paulin, Grand Quartermaster  
710 Aldrich St. Linden, MI 48451-9050  
Phone: (810)-735-7920.

### "Michigan Nitpickers" for 2019-2020

The Grand of Michigan fund raiser is moving along. Proceeds from this project will help support the Grand programs. If you are interested in participating in this worthy program you can send your request to

PGC Bob Routhier Jr.,  
P.O. Box 117, Clio, MI. 48420.

In closing, remember membership. The life blood of both the VFW and Military Order of the Cootie is membership. Without it, there would be no VFW, Cooties Auxiliaries'. Sign a new member up today! Stay Safe and be well

**Keep 'Em Smiling in Beds of White**



Cooties at play at the Michigan MOC Council of Administration hosted by Pup Tent 32 on March 7, 2020. Pictured; Jr. Grand Commander Nate Powell and Pup Tent 32 Seam Squirrel Horace Frazier. "What the heck is going on?" could not be determined.



Hospital visits are fun for everyone involved. This motley crew were full of cheer, baring gifts and winnings for patients at the John Dingell VA Medical Center mental health ward. L-R, MOC Jr. Vice Grand Commander Nate Powell, MOC Ron Graus, MOC Axillary Madelene Breese, MOCs Don Martindale, John Miller, and Brat Breese.



## DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT SHEILA PICKARD

I would like to take this time to thank all our Auxiliary Scholarship Chairpersons for another year well

done. Our District Chairpersons Tom and Carol Belanger did an awesome job again. I am sorry to see them leave us. We all had a great time and the students were amazing. I enjoyed all the Mid- Winter events and meeting everyone.

Well this year is coming to end soon and I hope all new officers have great experiences with their endeavors.

You all Rock, Thank you



## DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT JUDY FELL

We have an adopt-a-vet program with local school's 3rd & 4th graders. This program has been around for 4 years.

We work with local medical facilities and housed veterans. The students make cards for birthdays and holidays. This was started by the Auxiliary of post 2891 of Crystal Falls. The Auxiliary also had canteen cards for the veterans which they apply money to on Veterans Day and Christmas. This allows veteran buy treats they wouldn't be able to get otherwise.

May is when fish fries start. Post 2891 of Crystal Falls is very busy serving fish to raise money for different veterans needs.

# POST REPORTS

## POST #334 LAKE ORION

The VFW 5th District Annual Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at VFW Post 7576 Lempke-Blackwell, New Baltimore, Michigan. This Banquet was held for students and teachers from Oakland and Macomb counties who had participated in the annual VFW Patriot's Pen (grades 6th-8th), VFW Voice of Democracy (grades 9th -12th) and VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards (grades K-12th). Participating VFW Posts in Oakland and Macomb counties selected the winners from their posts to advance to the District level.

VFW Post 334 North Oakland, had four winners selected:

Patriot's Pen winners-1st place, Ruby Howe, 7th Grade at Kingsbury Country Day

School and 3rd place, Grace Minton, 8th Grade at Van Hoosen Middle School. These students were recognized for writing a 300-400 word essay on "What Makes America Great".

Teacher of the Year awards: K-5th Grade, Rita Flynn, Daniel Axford Elementary School and 9th -12th Grade Bryan Lindstrom, Rochester Adams High School. These teachers were recognized for instilling a sense of national pride in their students. Contact: James Hubbard, Commander VFW Post 334, 248-496-1213.

Pictured below are all winners, with Kathy Hubbard, Auxiliary President and James Hubbard VFW Post 334 Commander. All four pictures taken by James Muys.



Department of Michigan Patriot's Pen First Place, Ruby Howe 7th Grade of Kingsbury Country Day School and First Place High School Teacher of the Year, Bryan Lindstrom, Rochester Adams High School



North Oakland VFW Post 334 presented a check for \$1,200 to the Oxford/Orion FISH Pantry to adapt-a-shelf for the second year

## POST #582 ORTONVILLE



Commander Hoffman and Sr. Vice Jeffrey with Post Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners.



Commander Hoffman standing by newly installed Purple Heart Trail Memorial Highway sign.



Commander Hoffman with state Rep. John Reilly discussing Purple Heart Trail signs on M-15 in Ortonville village limits.

## POST #2144 HOLLAND

The members of Henry Walters VFW Post 2144 of Holland voted to order the installation of a LED sign for the Post. A long time wish of the Post was to better inform the public of meetings and other events happening at the Post. The members also felt that it would modernize the look of the Post. After the sign was ordered from Stewart Signs, we were informed that we are the first VFW Post in the nation to order an LED sign with the new logo and they would be informing National about that fact.

Post 2144 is always trying to lead the way in the 8th District and the Department and we are proud to have done it again.



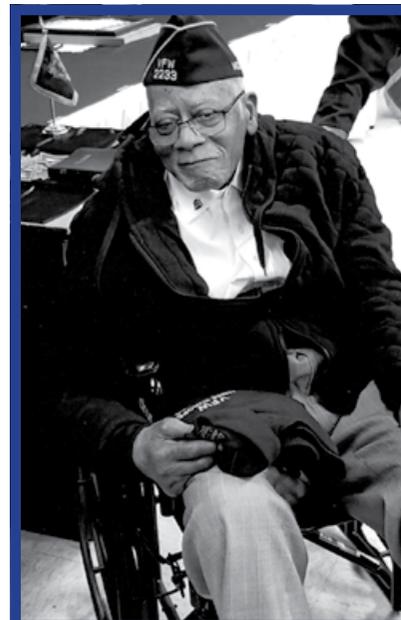
## POST #2233 DETROIT

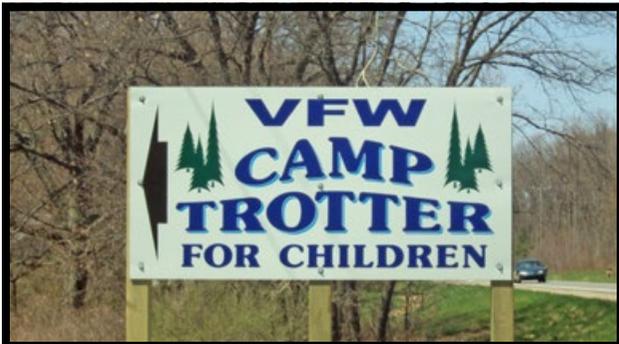
The Post and Auxiliary celebrated Recognition Day for WWI veteran, James Europe, whom the Post was named after. On this day, James Europe would have been 140 years old.

During the celebration, Julius Warren Mallard Jr., a WWII veteran, was given the VFW oath of obligation and presented the Cross of Malta by Post Commander Marshall

Hawkins. Comrade Mallard also received his VFW garrison cap and Post shirt. It was also his 100th birthday.

Wayne County Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick was the honorary guest speaker who spoke on the history of Lt. James Europe. She then presented the Post with a resolution from the County. Benediction and feast followed!





**CAMP TROTTER  
VETERANS TRAINING SEMINAR  
2020-2021  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

**June 20th**  
\$30.00 per person  
(\$35 on the day of)

Make Checks out to:  
**VFW Department of Michigan VTS**  
924 N. Washington Ave.  
Lansing MI. 48906-5136

Name

Position

Post

District

Total Attending

Notes

Bring your own bedding,  
and shower items.

Please provide the number of Comrades  
that will be attending the Seminar,  
along with what positions they  
presently hold: Post County Council,  
District, or Department.

VTS Director:  
**Ronald Amend PSC**  
ramend@vfwmi.org / 586-255-3871

Adjutant/Quartermaster:  
**Lynn Patterson**  
vfwqm@vfwmi.org / 517-485-9456

Department Office:  
**Amanda Helms**  
amanda@vfwmi.org / 517-485-9456

**POST REPORTS CONTINUED ...** ★

**POST #2725 FRANKENMUTH**

This year marks the seventh year Post 2725 has held the Warrior Appreciation Rally. This event is open to any military, first responders, police officers, firefighters and their families. We would love to have members throughout the Department join us and tour the Military Heroes Museum. It is fabulous!

The Warrior Appreciation Rally will be held on Sunday, July 12th from noon to 4 pm, rain or shine. This is a FREE, family friendly

event which includes lunch for all heroes and their family. It is held at Frankenmuth River Place Shops, 925 S Main Street. Enjoy music, entertainment, activities, displays, games and resource booths for all.

There will be a non-perishable food drive for the 1% Food Drive of Saginaw County if you would like to donate items.

For questions, contact  
Larry Schluckebier : 989-652-6823



**POST #3701 LAKEVIEW**

The Lakeview Post held their first ever Honors Banquet in which they presented 14 awards to the community and members of the Post and Auxiliary. The event was a huge success with over 150 attendees to include Past State Commander Phil Patterson.

Along with a plaque & certificate from the Post, honorees were also awarded with a special tribute from Senator Rick Outman and a Commander's pin from Phil Patterson. The awards presented were :

- Barry Christensen, EMT/Paramedic of the Year**
- Dan Kain, Firefighter of the Year**
- William Russel, Police Officer of the Year**
- Max Lehman & Big L Lumber, Sponsor of the Year**
- Anthony Warchuck, Eagle Scout of the Year**
- Linda Heath Huckins, Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- Dennis Bacon & Wanda Eckles, Volunteers of the Year**
- Jessica Wright, Post Member of the Year**
- Holly Hoover, Teacher of the Year**
- Boston Sryjala, Patriot's Pen 1st Place**
- Rachel Evans, Voice of Democracy 1st Place**



**POST #3734 FRUITPORT**

On January 6th, Post Commander Max Riekse presented Korean War veteran and Post Jr. Vice Commander, Edward Vokal with the Republic of Korea Ambassador of Peach Medal during the Post member meeting. The award was meant to honor Comrade Vokal's service and express the everlasting gratitude of the Republic of Korea and their people for restoring their freedom and democracy.



# DEPARTED AUXILIARY

LISTED BY LAST NAME / FIRST NAME / LAST NAME / CITY

Kathryn Aalto, Marquette	Ian Campbell, Howell	Ivadell Engelhardt, Sebawaing	James Hindes, Port Huron
James Abbey, Alma	Ethel Carson, Howard City	Betty Ericksen, Spring Lake	Lena Hollowell, Fremont
Carol Adams, Burton	Beverly Carver, Three Rivers	Marjorie Erickson, Lake Odessa	Olive Holovach, Flint
Patricia Adrian, Alpena	Winifred Caverly, Prescott	Irene Erickson, Rockford	Marie Hone, Shelby Township
Doris Aldrich, Kimball	Loreen Chadwick, Coral	Carole Erickson, Rogers City	Linda Horton, Sault S Marie
Marlin Allen, Cassopolis	Leslie Chase, Montague	Faye Fallon, Gwinn	Patricia Houseman, Eastlake
Martha Allen, Highland	Shirley Chichester, Athens	Sandra Fantozzi, Saint Helen	Bonnie Howard, Pontiac
Marie Allen, Hillman	Rosa Chisholm, Inkster	Francis Farrier, Hillman	Erma Hull, Byron
Dorothy Anderson, Hesperia	Dolores Cicotte, Tecumseh	Marjorie Federowski, Fairfax	Larry Huls, Rothbury
Donna Anderson, Lincoln Park	Beverly Clark, Marcellus	Doris Ferguson, Traverse City	Leona Huttenhower, Waterford
Carol Antle, Sioux City	Mary Jo Clewley, Alpena	Sandra Ferney, Muskegon	Sheila Ihle, Warren
Donna Appel, Grand Haven	Doris Clewley, Lansing	Nina Fierro, Holland	Bernice Jamison, Hazel Park
Esther Armstrong, Pierson	Mary Clinesmith, Caro	Linda Finkbeiner, Vassar	Maisie Jaques, Center Line
Alice Ashby, Fowlerville	Violet Conant, Owosso	Betty Jane Finout, Lake Ann	Elizabeth Jeskey, Dearborn
Joyce Atkin, Ortonville	Sandra Congdon, Burton	Danice Fleming, Port Huron	Ruth Johnson, Edwardsburg
Lois Ayotte, Champion	Constance Converse, Athens	Glenna Fogg, Holland	Karen Johnson, Flint
Janice Ayotte, Grand Blanc	Lorraine Conway, Manistee	Marie Fojtik, Hopkins	Doneva Johnson, Grawn
Mary Babb, Flint	Shirley Corwin, Lansing	Rose Forbes, Whitehall	Betty Johnson, Lapeer
Carrie Baerman, Whitehall	Sharon Cotter, Mount Pleasant	Joan Fox, Saint Johns	Jessie Johnson, Traverse City
Faye Bahrman, Au Train	Pat Coughlin, Scotts	Janice Francoeur, Addison	Cheryl Johnson, Warren
Rose Bardecki, Utica	Ronald Courtney, Clinton Township	Nancy Franz, Linden	Mary Johnstone, Lake Orion
Betty Barrett, Greenville	Mildred Courtney, Westland	Gertrude French, Howard City	Haley Jones, Augusta
Lucille Bartreau, Alpena	Edward Craig, Holland	Virginia Gast, Toledo	Donna Jones, Fort Gratiot
Patricia Bates, Montague	Mary Craig, Roscommon	David Geerlings, Manistee	Joyce Jones, Hale
Sophie Baweja, Byron Center	David Cribbs, Muskegon	Leebella Geiger, Freeport	Shila Judy, Belleville
JoAnne Baxter, Harrison	Louise Culver, Howard City	Shirley Gerhardt, Monroe	Margaret Kalfebeek, Hesperia
Marge Beauchamp, Holland	Joan Cypher, Estero	Virginia Gerske, Detroit	Carolyn Kaminski, Dryden
Doris Bell, Arcadia	Jack Cyr, Byron	Jeanne Gerue, Arizona City	Niffa Kapolka, St Clr Shores
Norma Bell, Saginaw	Alice Darga, Presque Isle	Arlene Giannecchini, Hopkins	Wilma Karhoff, Corunna
Mary Bellingar, Edmore	Dorothy Darnell, Corunna	Virginia Gilbert, Charlotte	Laura Keski, Wakefield
Joyce Bergman, Tipton	Ethelyn Davey, Hubbell	Eloise Gilbert, Portland	Richard Kies, Traverse City
Robin Betts, North Branch	Jerome David, Saline	Judy Gilbertson, Joliet	Rosella Kiley, Standish
Vivian Bierhalzer, South Haven	June Davis, Chase	Mary Jane Gill, Foley	Donna Kimball, Fenwick
Honey Bills, Webster	Lois Davis, Holland	Gloria Gillan, Montague	Nellie Kimber, Holland
Mary Bishop, Clio	Johanna Davis, Waterford	Adeline Gladys, Harper Woods	Patty King, Riverdale
Edward Blanchard, Whitehall	Jolene Davis, Webberville	Jerry Glasscock, Sherwood	Mary Kordie, Westland
Leah Marie Bloom, Sturgis	Mary Deaver, Clio	Donna Glendenning, Grand Ledge	Dolores Kotowski, Dearborn Heights
Kenneth Boggs, Warren	Jean Debrowsky, Clinton Twp	Irene Goetzinger, Alma	Mary Kowalski, Manistee
Irene Boitel, Hillman	Norma Jean Decess, Garden City	Gerald Goodfriend, Adrian	Mary Koziol, Onstead
Dolores Bond, Waterford	Josephine DeFelice, Silver Springs	Edith Goodrow, Hale	Alice Kragt, Holland
Ann Bonello, Wakefield	Stacey DeKeyser, Saint Ignace	Mary Gothup, Grand Rapids	Geneive Kreeger, Sheridan
Victoria Bosse, New Era	Joan DeKlyen, Zephyrhills	Ron Graf, Bear Lake	Lucille Kubik, Twining
Dennis Boucher, Wyandotte	Janet Demarr, Fruitport	Katrien Grande, Coos Bay	Deanna Kumpula, Shawano
Donna Bourgeois, East China	Gertrude Dembny, Posen	Catherine Grant, Stanton	Deborah Lacey, Farwell
Clayton Boze, Delton	Michael Demmy, Westland	Maxine Gray, Hale	Sandra Lacy, Newcomb
Cheryl Bradley, Coldwater	Ila Diane Denman, Crystal	Joy Clara Green, Mount Pleasant	Theresa Lally, Westland
Donna Bradley, Holland	Daniel Diaz, Flat Rock	Colleen Green, Wakefield	Emma Landberg, Riverview
William Branan, Swartz Creek	Alice Dibble, Waterford	Carolyn Gregg, Roseville	Reta Lane, Georgetown
Barbara Bratschi, Elk Rapids	June Rose Dodd, Spring Arbor	Wanda Gronck, Port Huron	Dorothy Lardie, Traverse City
Daniel Bridge, Tecumseh	Elsie Dodge, Owosso	Carol Groters, Hudsonville	Brenda Latreille, Burton
Patricia Bristol, Marcellus	Mary Dolinski, Harrison	Anna Jean Guenthardt, Manistee	Edna Laurila, Negaunee
Mary Ann Brockett, Willis	Kathryn Doran, Hemlock	Rosemary Gunderson, St Ignace	Alice Le Duc, West Branch
Wayne Brondyke, Muskegon	Marjorie Dowd, Alpena	Blanche Gursky, Iron River	Margaret Lefke, Portland
Cheryl Brouillette, Calumet	Michael Downey, Dearborn Heights	Eleanor Gyvis, Beaverton	Mae Lehman, Grand Ledge
Carolyn Brouillette, Laurium	Marilyn Doyle, Mount Pleasant	Vera Hale, Flushing	June Lester, Port Huron
Donna Buelteman, Menominee	Laura Dozzi, Gwinn	Martha Hamilton, Dowagiac	Janice Livingston, Portland
Isla Buikema, Zeeland	Selma Dragan, Dearborn Heights	Karen Hammett, Davison	Irene Logic, Clare
Rose Bullis, Ishpeming	Diane Droz, Shelby Township	Sam Hanna, North Branch	Beverly Loomis, Elwell
Judith Burley, Lincoln Park	June Dunn, Pigeon	James Hardy, Lawton	June Lukas, Brooklyn
Barbara Burns, Waterford	Helen Duty, Carleton	Carol Harris, Fowlerville	Bettie Lund, Sheridan
Evelyn Burrell, Hesperia	Blanche Duvall, Westland	Joan Irene Hart, Utica	Demetra Maglinger, Inkster
Valeria Butts, Fenton	Judith Dyer, Charlotte	Betty Hawkins, Romulus	Charles Mains, Sturgis
Gladys Byers, Charlotte	Loretta Eck, Menominee	Jeanne Healey, Ishpeming	Helvia Maki, Wakefield
Nancy Caincross, Dexter	Sharon Eldridge, Stanton	Eileen Heck, Erie	Dorothy Malinowski, Alpena
Larry Campbell, Detroit	Wilma Jean Ellis, Alpena	Joyce Heinrich, Tawas City	Mary Malmberg, Chassell
		Genevieve Hendricks, Howard City	Mary Mann, Orleans
		Cecilia Hewitt, Standish	June March, Tallmadge
		Carol Hicks, Attica	Shirley Marcotte, Negaunee
		Beverly Jane Hietala, Houghton	Mary Jane Marcozzi, Alger
		Jennie Hill, Houghton	Tracy Martens, Ahmeek

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Our Commander-in-Chief is offering a new Life membership incentive program. All members who either join the VFW as a new Life member, reinstate as a Life member, or upgrade their existing annual membership to Life beginning Sept. 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, will earn a \$50 store credit. This credit must be used prior to Aug. 31, 2020. Upgrade, pay off or reinstate your Life membership today! <http://bit.ly/2VDSulH>

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Quartermasters now have the ability to update snowbird addresses to ensure members to receive their VFW mail.

- Go to Post QM Services
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- Click on "Edit"
- You will see the "From" and "To", these are dates that the member will be at their winter location.
- Add the winter address
- Hit "Submit"

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I hope you all are surviving these crazy times and taking the precautions needed to keep you and your family safe. Please take

a moment to reach out to your fellow members and check on them. They may be unable to get groceries or have trouble dealing with the isolation. Hope to see you all in June.

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