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The Newsletter of the Largest Post in Michigan

May—June 2018

Cpl. Walter F Bruce Post #1146

Veteran of Foreign Wars of the United States

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Compatriots,

Summer is almost here, it's my favorite time of the year - so much to do and so much fun to have. But we still have to remember why we exist...Veterans Helping Veterans and being a part of our community. So let's all give a little back this summer.

Having said that, our Buddy Poppy selling season is upon us, I challenge everyone to raise between \$10 - \$20 toward "our" Buddy Poppy Fund. Donations can be sent to Bernie, our Quartermaster. This fund is used for charitable causes and over the last year it has dropped to its lowest level in many years. So as charitable people I'm asking all of you to donate and increase it to a level that enables us to take care of those in need. Thank You! I made the first donation of \$20.00!

Thank you to Tim Litz and our janitor, Toma, for going over and above with their effort to get the big hall's floor stripped and waxed and ready for the summer hall rental season, it looks great!

The Volunteers really kicked butt this year on our Fish Fry events! We made money!!! With that we are making a few improvements around the property and paying the bills...Thank you very, very much!

The Installation of our VFW Officers will be at our monthly meeting on May 16. The reception will be at 6:30 PM in the Big Hall, Installation will be at 7 PM. We will have a shortened meeting following that, and then we will all meet and celebrate in the Clubroom. I hope to see you all there.

The new outside benches built around two trees were paid for with money donated by Avondale Middle School in Rochester Hills. I think they are nice additions.

We are entered to participate in The Memorial Day Parade, we will have a military truck for people to ride on, and I plan on walking the route with 20 participants...please join in.

We will have our yearly ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day, on Sunday May 27, 0900 hours in Veteran's Memorial Park. Our Fallen Heroes must be honored -- we cannot forget them.

As always, I am honored to be serving as the Commander and doing my part to help keep The VFW part of this community. Children, Young Adults, and Non-Veterans look at us and see... Defenders of Freedom and Promoters of Patriotism! Keep Up The Great Work!!

**God Bless You and Your Families,
Randell J Shafer, Commander**

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

It looks like it is finally warming up out there. It's been one heck of a winter and early "spring". Now it's time to get some yardwork done! Membership has dropped some, so please, if you know anyone who is interested in joining our fine organization, please send them my way, or to Quartermaster Bernie Jarzombek at 586-778-1146. My phone number is 586-255-6356. Please leave a message. Also, all VFW Members should attend our monthly meetings to keep informed about current and upcoming events and other Post-related news.

Additionally, I would like to put in a couple of honorable achievements; Past Post Commander and current Chaplain Chester Landis received his 60 year membership pin and patch. Past Post Commander Tim Sedrowski received his 50 year membership pin and patch. What a great commitment to our Post!!! Congratulations gentlemen! It is an honor to know both of you.

Bob Pelot, Jr Vice Commander

FROM THE CLUBROOM

Our last event, the 80's Party, was successful! We plan to do a similar event again soon. We are also going to try to get a couple of bands in over the next 5 months. Amy Beltz recommended the last band, Cattywampus – maybe we can get them back. May 5th is Cinco de Mayo, the clubroom will be selling 2 kinds of Margaritas. Every Friday night is karaoke, provided by Stars and Stripes.

We have 7 different types of soup for sale, just ask your bartender.

On a side note, we were forced to raise some prices since the cost of everything is skyrocketing. However, we are still very affordable – come see us and find out!

Randy Rice, Clubroom Chairman

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PRESIDENT— VFW AUXILIARY

Happy Spring (hoping it will start soon) everyone. Hope you all had a blessed Easter.

It was that time again at our last meeting where officers were elected. Once again, I was nominated for President and accepted this position. The Officers are listed below:

President - Diane Stanley	Secretary - Chuck Hall
Senior VP- Cheryl Alberts	Conductress - Diane Clark
Junior VP- Linda Vendittelli	Assistant Conductress - Theresa Kujawski
Chaplin - Dolores (Dolly) Bellamo	Guard - Cindy Sedrowski
Treasure - Teri McCloy	Assistant Guard - Bertha Perkins

Congratulations to all Officers whom stepped up so that our Auxiliary can stay alive.

The 5th District meeting is being held on May 6th at the White Lake Post (4156). Our own Nancy Gaglio, will be elected and installed as the 5th District President. All Post and Auxiliary members our invited to these meetings...and we would LOVE to see many #1146 members there to support her. Thanks in advance.

The Feather Party fund raiser was a success again THANKS to Chairman Nancy Gaglio and Asst. Chairman Teri McCloy and all of the members that assisted in making this a success.

That will basically close out this calendar year. A Planning meeting will be scheduled in July. I will put that information in the next G2. If you have anything you would like to do as a fundraiser, please come to the May or June Meeting to present it for a vote and get it scheduled.

Well, that's all the news for now. We would love for more members to attend meetings and support the Auxiliary.

Have a Great Spring!

Diane Stanley, Auxiliary President

Cruisin' at the Bruce

The Car Show is back AGAIN! Every Friday in June, July and August—
Weather Permitting. Join us from 4-8pm in the Bruce Post Yard...where
the view of beautiful cars and beautiful lake St Clair are mesmerizing!

Great music and grilled fare for purchase too!

TREASURER—VFW AUXILIARY

Meetings:

- Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs. NOTE CHANGES with next meetings: 5/3 is at 7PM (Meeting & Installation). 6/14 was moved to 2nd Thursday due to convention and will also be at 7pm in the Big Hall with Potluck dinner following.

Membership—Chairman Kay Eiswirth 586-413- 9934 & Co-Chairman Terri McCloy 586-899- 9554:

- There are still 20 members who have NOT paid their 2018 dues. Money MUST be received by 5/15/18 or your membership will lapse and not be in good standing.
- Don't let your membership lapse or you have to go through the application process all over again! Get those dues PAID!
- Renewals will remain at \$25. You may also convert to a Life Member at this time. Make checks payable to VFW Bruce Post Aux #1146.

Chaplain- Dolly Bellamo 586-773- 9628:

- If you know of an auxiliary member who is sick, in the hospital or who has passed away, please contact our Chaplain to get a card out to them.

Auxiliary Fundraiser Updates:

- Casino Bus trip on 4/21 –4/22 was a great time! We went to Saganing in Flint and then to Kewadin in St. Ignace. Keep an eye out for next one!
- Feather Party was success! Thank you to all volunteers and participants.
- Kids Lunch with Easter Bunny was another great event too!

Eligibility:

- For more information on the Co-ed eligibility requirements, please visit our website—<http://www.vfw1146brucepost.org/-vfw-auxiliary.html>.

Dates to Remember:

5/3/18—Aux Meeting and Installation at 7PM. Pizza & Salad to follow. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to support our Officers oath of office.

5/6/18—5th District Meeting at VFW #4156 (White Lake) Joint Meeting at 10am followed by lunch and district meeting at 1pm. Please join us as Aux #1146 member Nancy Gaglio gets sworn in as 2018-2019 5th District President.

5/27/18—Memorial Service at Veterans Memorial Park at 9am. The SCS Memorial Parade at 1pm and VFW Bruce Post Open House following parade. All Aux members are encouraged to walk or ride in the parade with us!

6/7-6/9—Department Conference - Holiday Inn, Flint.

Terri McCloy, Treasurer—VFW Auxiliary
586-899-9554/terri_mccloy@wowway.com

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!



Your Post NEEDS your participation! While we appreciate every membership, we require every member to participate in our mission in some way. It's the only way we can expect to keep the doors open and our mission to "honor the dead, by serving the living" progressing forward!

Please consider participating in 2 or more of the options below in 2016:

- ◆ Pay your dues on time
- ◆ Attend Meetings
- ◆ Run for an officer position
- ◆ Upgrade to Lifetime Membership
- ◆ Rent a hall for an event
- ◆ Attend Post Fundraising activities
- ◆ Make a donation to "Save Our Post"

This request does not come lightly, it is crucial! We NEED our members to take a more active role in 2016...our survival and our mission depend on it!!

NEW AND DECEASED MEMBERS

New VFW Members		Deceased VFW Members	Deceased VFW Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maynard J. Monson Gary W. Scott 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louis L. Adams Gary W. Borton Frank F. Budzisch Robert F. Bushbaker Henry C. Butterworth Anthony Caffarelli William T. Collins Albert J. De Backer Chesidio D. Di Vito Donald W. Domanski Rodney A. Durham Steven W. Estep Donald W. Frohriep Sr. Edwin Gustafson John C. Haley Leroy H. Holmes Terry W. Hunter Roy H. Jackson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert W. Kelly James R. Knight Donald S. Krakus Jerry W. Lambert James M. Lang Frank J. Mancik Arthur E. Mandrella David E. Manhold Frank Marchese Kenneth D. Patt Eugene D. Pringle Alfred L. Schatz William F. Simmons Eugene P. Towles Dale G. Unger David E. Van Denheede Robert H. West Henry R. White
New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members	Deceased Auxiliary Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steven Bieda Emerson Duquette Monroe Goble Jr. Charles R. Klapp Jacqueline Klapp Theodore Korodan Sr. Tony Kraft Matthew Marsiglio Daniel Ostrowski Stephanie Vandermolen 			

If you know of a Post or Auxiliary member sick, in the hospital, or recently deceased—please let our respective Chaplains know;

Dolly Bellemo—Aux Chaplain
586-773- 9628

Chester Landis—Post Chaplain
586-778-1146

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it; it flies with the last breath of every soldier who died defending it."

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Make check or money order payable to Bruce Post 1146 Memorial Fund and mail to Bruce Monument at 28404 E Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, MI 48081-2570. **Please print clearly and leave a space in between names.**

Bernie Jarzombek: 586-778-1146

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1146BruceTeam@gmail.com



JOIN OUR RITUAL TEAM

We want to be able to continue providing the proper Ritual Services to which our deceased comrades are entitled...so we NEED MORE Ritual Team Members!

It is truly an honor to be part of the team that delivers military honors to a fallen comrade. A final tribute in ceremonial fashion!

If you are interested in joining one of the Best Ritual Teams in Michigan, please contact Dave Clark at 586-772-6737.



MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Loyalty Day - VFW	Ritual Team Practice 10am	VFW Aux Meeting 7:30pm with INSTALLATION	Karaoke 7pm	
		MCC Meeting at Post #4659, 7:30pm				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5th District Meeting at Post #4156 (White Lake) at 1pm with Joint Installation	82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm		Ritual Team Practice 10am	National Poppy Days		
				Bar Committee Meeting 6pm	Karaoke 7pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day		Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	Ritual Team Practice 10am		Karaoke 7pm	
			Post Meeting 6:30pm with INSTALLATION			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Ritual Team Practice 10am		Karaoke 7pm	
	SOA Meeting at Post #9021 at 7:30pm					
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Memorial Service @ Memorial Park, 9am SCS Parade, 1pm	Memorial Day		Ritual Team Practice 10am			
Bruce Post #1146 Open House, after parade						

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	1 Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm Karaoke 7pm	2
3	4 82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm	5 No MCC Meeting	6 Ritual Team Practice 10am	7	8 Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm Karaoke 7pm	9
10	11	12	13	Department of MI Conference - FLINT, MI		
			14 Ritual Team Practice 10am	14 Flag Day Bar Committee Meeting 6pm VFW Aux Meeting 7pm with Potluck in Big Hall	15 Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm Karaoke 7pm	16
17 Father's Day	18	19 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	20 Ritual Team Practice 10am Post Meeting 7:30pm	21	22 Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm	23
24	25 SOA Meeting at Post #9021 at 7:30pm	26	27 Ritual Team Practice 10am	28	29 Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm Cruisin' at the Bruce Car Show 4-8pm	30



National Buddy Poppy Days

May 10, 11 & 12, 2018

Please support our local Vets out in the local community selling Buddy Poppies, especially on these days, which will be a National effort. The money raised by selling poppies helps Veterans in need. Our fund is lower than it has been in years and we would like to ramp it back up and help as many Veterans as we possibly can.

If you are not out and about or do not come across a Poppy stand, you are welcome to mail in a donation or stop in the Quartermaster's office to make a donation — just clarify that you would like to be designated to the Poppy Fund.

The poppies themselves are assembled by disabled Veterans in need, which provides them much needed financial assistance.



"Wear it Proudly"

Thank you in advance for your support.

Memorial Day Activities

VFW Bruce Post #1146



Sunday, May 27, 2018

Memorial Day Service

Veterans Memorial Park at Masonic/Jefferson

9am

SCS Memorial Day Parade—Harper

1pm

VFW Bruce Post #1146 Open House

Bruce Post Pavilion Overlooking Lake Saint Clair

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No Pets Please

Cpl. Walter F. Bruce VFW Post #1146
AUXILIARY APPLICATION
28404 Jefferson St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Thank you for your interest in joining the Auxiliary. Attached is a membership form you will need to complete. Please make sure you fill out and sign in both **areas.

Post Affiliated: (Must be a current member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary you are applying). You will NEED the Eligible Veteran name & VFW Membership ID # and your relationship to Eligible Veteran. This information then will be given to the Quartermaster to confirm the Veteran is a member.

You will also have to submit a copy of the Eligible Veteran DD214 or Proof of Eligibility.

Non-Affiliated: (Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying). You will NEED the Eligible Veteran name, the VFW Post # (if applicable) and your relationship to Eligible Veteran.

You will also have to submit a copy of the Eligible Veteran DD214 or Proof of Eligibility.

Along with the membership form, you will need:

1. A copy of the DD214 - IF NOT POST AFFILIATED (Certificate of release or Discharge from Active Duty) attached to the membership form. If you need a copy of the DD214, you can go online to: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> or fill out form 180 and mail back.
*Cash or Check must be with application.
*Continuous member (pays dues yearly) – \$25 + \$10 Adm. Fee (1 time only) = \$35.
*Life Member – see application form for amount + \$10 Adm. Fee (1 time only) + \$1 Key Card for Clubroom
2. Mail application to: Kay Elswirth 25578 Island View Dr. Harrison Township, MI 48045 or to the above Bruce Post address marked Auxiliary Application. You can drop off at the Quartermaster station or you can put in the Auxiliary box by the pool table in the Club Room marked Auxiliary Application.

The application must be approved and voted on the floor of our meeting. We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Once application has been accepted, you will receive a call from the secretary. Please be patient. Until approved on floor at meeting there is nothing we can do to expedite.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

Membership
Kay Elswirth
586-413-9934
keiswrth@yahoo.com

Treasurer
Terri McCloy
586-899-9554
terri_mccloy@wowway.com

Auxiliary President
Diane Stanley
586-322-1575
oma.stanley@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN JOINING THE VFW AUXILIARY!

Eligibility to the VFW Auxiliary:

*Must be at least 16 years old and a citizen of the United States

*Those eligible:

Husband/Wife, Widower/Widow, Father/Mother, Grandfathers/Grandmothers, Sons/Daughters,
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Of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the VFW of the United States

*Must have received a campaign medal for overseas service, have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea, or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

MEMBER/TRANSFER APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Recruited/Recommended by: _____

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☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life ☐ Rejoined Previous Member No. _____ Previous Auxiliary _____☐ Member-at-Large ☐ Life Member-at-Large In Department of _____ or In ☐ National

These fields required.

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
 Address _____ Male _____ or Female _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

☐ POST AFFILIATED: (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

☐ NON AFFILIATED: (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post _____ (if applicable)

☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Note: Eligibility proof and investigating committee not needed.)

Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____ Date _____

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying _____ or Nonpaying _____ ? (check one)☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership Information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Dates of Service ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW.

I further state that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Election Date _____ Obligated Date _____LIFE MEMBERSHIP ☐ Check here if this is a gift.

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*Signature _____

Date _____

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Name of Bank _____

Bank Routing No. _____

Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE. (Required)



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56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

OBLIGATION

In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

*Signature _____ (Must be signed by all members.)



VFW Bruce Post #1146 Apparel Order Form



The Bruce Post "On The Lake" sailboat logo will be printed on the left chest. Color options are royal blue with white logo, navy blue with white logo, white with blue logo or black with white logo. All shirts are adult sizes only—50/50 Cotton/Polyester. If you prefer *Made in USA* products, please inquire as those items will have a slightly higher cost.

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$10	
MD			\$10	
LG			\$10	
1X			\$10	
2X			\$13	
3X			\$14	

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$12	
MD			\$12	
LG			\$12	
1X			\$12	
2X			\$15	
3X			\$16	

Short Sleeve Polo

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$17	
MD			\$17	
LG			\$17	
1X			\$17	
2X			\$19	
3X			\$20	

Long Sleeve Polo

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$19	
MD			\$19	
LG			\$19	
1X			\$19	
2X			\$21	
3X			\$22	

Sweatshirts

Size	QTY	Color	Type (circle)	Cost (circle)	TOTAL
SM			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25	
MD			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25	
LG			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25	
1X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25	
2X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$15 \$22 \$27	
3X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$16 \$23 \$28	

QUESTIONS:

Tim Litz
586-713-1519

Orders must be prepaid. Checks made payable to Bruce Post #1146 VFW. Print clearly below. Drop in Post mail box outside Quartermaster's office or mail to Tim Litz, 28404 Jefferson Ave, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Phone: _____