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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Greetings to All,

It has been a while...these few months have been trying times for us all and it will continue. We have to be strong and persevere; being tested will make us stronger and more confident that The Bruce Post will make it through to better days again.

Our mission includes, "to be here for those who need assistance and to be a patriotic presence in our community". I think we all do a great job at both. Politics, Race and Religion sometimes are discussed, but at the end of the day we cannot let those things divide us and take us away from our purpose.

Our Buddy Poppy Fund had a very good May, THANK YOU to all who came to make a donation large and small, they all go to a worthy cause. Our old building continues to be a revenue drainer, we repair things and then something else needs attention. Therefore I am asking...over the next few months and the next few fundraisers -- **we need the support from our membership**. This property belongs to all of us and needs all of us to support its proper upkeep.

We had elections, and our 2020 - 2021 Officers need your support, not your negativity or opposition. Most members understand this concept and I appreciate you all. I have no selfish motives in doing my duties around The Post and expect the same from all of our members. If there any concerns please feel free to call me. Thank you again for electing me to be The Commander again! I will be the first 5 year Commander for The Bruce Post and will continue doing what I think is the best for the majority of our members. See you at the meetings!

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

CW2; US Army Retired

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Welcome Back Comrades,

First, I would like to thank everyone who came out and volunteered with our modified poppy drive this year. It was quite a success, especially due to the unique time we find ourselves in. This year is presenting new challenges for us, but with a little creativity, and your support, this too shall pass. We have started having the Friday night cruises again, two upcoming blood drives, an all-day Saturday fish fry as well as a golf outing and another beer and chili event coming up. As your new Sr. Vice Commander, I hope we can make this year an enjoyable and safe one. Stay safe, stay healthy and I hope to see everyone again soon.

Richard Cwik— Sr Vice Commander

THANK YOU!!
WE APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR
BUDDY POPPY FUND
SUPPORTERS!!



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Welcome Back Bruce Post comrades!

First off, for those of you that don't know me, my name is Mike Vogel, your new Junior Vice. I'm also on the clubroom committee and here at the post often. I look forward to seeing all of you back!

During lockdown, work around the club didn't stop. Our buddy poppy drive was successful, we now have two new steel-tip dart boards in the carpeted area, and NEW members! Our membership currently stands at 933, with 11 new members and 8 reinstatements, and new members joining as I'm writing!

Please join me in welcoming our new comrades to the Bruce post V.F.W and auxiliary!

Mike Vogel—Jr Vice Commander—Army/Air Force

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events!****

RITUAL TEAM

Hello!

Post Members and Auxiliary are eligible to be on the Ritual Team. It's absolutely our pleasure to deliver Military Honors to our fallen Comrades as they have well earned it with their service.

The Ritual Team is always looking for new candidates to carry out these respectful ceremonies locally. Please consider joining our team! The training is simple and it really requires very little of your time, but the impact on loved ones of a Veteran is worth more than words can express.

Additionally, the Ritual Team is adding an evening meeting to the schedule. On the Last Wednesday of the month we will meet from 7-8pm until further notice. All Post Members are welcome to attend, ask questions and get to know their Ritual Team. Pizza, donuts and coffee will be provided. Please note this in addition to, not in place of the 10am meeting.

If you would like to join the Ritual Team, please call me at 810-282-1213.

Victor RaCosky, Ritual Team Captain



Announcement:

Long Time Ritual Team Member, Roger Kochan, has retired from the Ritual Team.

THANK YOU
For Your Faithful
Service Roger!!



CLUBROOM CHAIRMAN

THE CLUB ROOM IS OPEN:

Monday-Friday - 11AM - 11PM

Saturday - 11AM-6PM*

Sunday - 11-6*

*Can stay open longer if number of members in attendance warrants it.

COME AND SUPPORT "YOUR" POST

George Eiswirth, Clubroom Chairman



POST CHAPLAIN

Hello My Fellow Comrades,

Thru this period of COVID-19, many of our fellow comrades have fallen and as we honor those of us whom have fallen we continue to reach out to all whom are in need.

Would like to remind all that if you know of a comrade and or a veteran that is sick, in the hospital, or who has passed, please contact me.

A passage to remember:

JAMES 2:15-17

A brother or sister in Christ might need clothes or food. If you say to that person, "God be with you!

I hope you stay warm and get plenty to eat, " but you do not give what that person needs, your words are worth nothing. In the same way, faith that is alone—that does nothing—is dead.

God Bless-

William Davenport, VFW Post 1146 Chaplain

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Aux Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

The last few months have been rough on all of us, some of our friends have suffered losses without the physical support of their friend, which we have all grown used to, but please know that our hearts have been with you all during these difficult times. We have also had some very happy celebrations without our extended family. I hope things will be back to normal soon.

Starting in July we will be resuming our normal meeting schedule; the 1st Thur. 7:30 small hall. If social distancing becomes a problem, we can consider moving to the larger hall, if approved by Management (Annie).

Plans for the Nov. Feather Party are still on hold, a decision will be made by the Aux. hopefully before the next G2 is published.

The Car Shows have started again, so please, if you feel comfortable, come out in the fresh lake air and support our post.

I hope to see many at our next meeting, we have a lot of catching up to do.

Nancy Gaglio, VFW Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Dear Auxiliary Sisters & Brothers,

If you know of an auxiliary member who is sick, in the hospital, or who has passed away, please contact me, so that I can get a card out to them.

James 4:8-

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

Prayer List

- For all of our Men & Women serving in our military.***
- The healthcare workers, first responders, & essential workers risking their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.***
- All of the lives lost & their families from the COVID-19 pandemic.***

God Bless-
Marrisa Schnitz, VFW Auxiliary Chaplain
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AUXILIARY CHAIRPERSON –THERESA KUJAWSKI

Hello Members,

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and happy. This is Theresa Kujawski and I am the new chairperson for Veterans and Family Support for the Auxiliary. If you know of a veteran or a family member who needs any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is Theresa-sakujo@gmail.com I will do my best to provide the support needed.

Take care of yourselves,

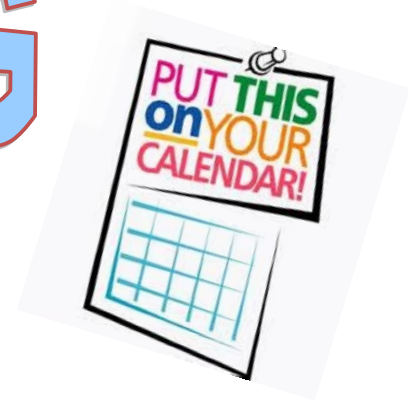
Theresa Kujawski, Veterans & Family Support Chairperson

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VFW BRUCE POST GOLF OUTING



DATE: Friday—September 11, 2020

PLACE: St. Clair Shores Golf Club

TIME: 8AM Check-in

COST: TBD

SAVE THE DATE!

More information coming soon.

TREASURER—VFW AUXILIARY

Hope everyone is doing well. It is good to be back at the Post after the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order. Let's all be smart and continue to wash hands and keep the 6ft. distance. Please make sure to have your mask with you at all times and wear it when you need to. **Try** to make an effort to come into the clubroom, which is now open, and support the Post. Being shut down and not bringing in any money sure didn't help. NOW is the time to come on down and support the Post.

During this Stay at Home Order we were unable to have our April and May meetings at the Post. Our Auxiliary had our May Virtual Zoom Meeting led by our President Nancy Gaglio. We had just under 20 members online. Very special thank you to Debbie Scheetz from Fraser Post 6691 in helping our President setup and have this virtual meeting. **It** was nice to see some of our members signing into the meeting from the comforts and safeness of their homes. We also had Virtual Zoom Meetings for the 5th District Meeting in May as well as the Department Conference (which was supposed to be in Flint) in June.

Meetings:

Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs.. The next meetings are *7/2/2020*, *8/5/2020* and *9/3/2020*. I know everyone has busy schedules, but please try to attend the meetings. We would like to see you and hear your ideas.

Membership - Chairman Kay Eiswirth 586-413-9934 keiswirth@yahoo.com

As of this writing, we are currently at 103.15% for membership. We have 655 paid 2020 members, 2019 we had 635 members. If you are reading this and have not paid your 2019-2020 dues, then you are not a member in good standing. You will not be able to receive a cancer grant and your current key card will not work. The dues notices for 2020 - 2021 will be going out in July. Make your check payable to: VFW Bruce Post Aux. #1146. You can drop off in the Auxiliary mailbox in the clubroom, Quartermaster or mail to: Terri McCloy 22105 Colony St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. **Try** and recruit at least 1 new member.

Auxiliary Officers for 2020 - 2021

President - Nancy Gaglio
Sr. Vice President - Linda Vendittelli
Jr. Vice President - Cheryl Alberts
Treasurer - Terri McCloy
Secretary - Kay Eiswirth
Chaplain - MARRISA SCHNITZ
Conductress; Diane Clark
Assistant Conductress - Theresa Kujawski
Guard - Cindy Sedrowski
3 Year Trustee - Pam Croyle
2 Year Trustee - Darlene Kochan
1 Year Trustee - Diane Clark

Dates to Remember:

7/2/2020 - Aux. Meeting @ 7:30
8/4/2020 - Election Day - Get Out & Vote
8/6/2020 - Aux. Meeting @ 7:30
8/16/2020 - 5th District Meeting @ Menge Post 6756 @ 10am
8/29/2020 - District 5 Picnic @ Oxbow Post 4156 White Lake @ 11 am
9/3/2020 - Aux. Meeting @ 7:30pm
9/20/2020 - Gold Star Mother's Bnqt- New Baltimore Post 7573 - 1 pm/Dinner 2pm
Thurs - Sat *10/1/2020* - *10/3/2020* - Fall Conference - Boyne Highlands

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenneth Jaynes • Bryant Dixon 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Berkau • Ronald V Bowman • Michael W Brown • Michael J Buckley • George Conant • Lawrence A Fatafski • John C Jonas • Robert Martz • Frank C Morelli Jr • Victor H Newell • Maurice Roche • Donald Sherry • Paul VanderMarliere • Leo F Zelmanski Jr
New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Deschamps • James Elbode • Joyce Fulghum • Mara Karpuk • Gloria Kemmis • Joseph Wiedenholfer 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marjorie Eckout • Marlene Stahl-Brophy

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

Marrisa Schnitz—Aux Chaplain

William Davenport—Post Chaplain

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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 Victor RaCosky at 810-282-1213. It is simple training and takes very little of your time.



JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Ritual Team Practice 10am	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	Independence Day Holiday	Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm	MCC Meeting Post 4569 7:30pm	Ritual Team Practice 10am VVA #154 Meeting 7pm	Clubroom Committee Meeting 6pm VFW Bruce Post Blood Drive		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Executive Board Meeting 7om	Ritual Team Practice 10am VFW Post Meeting 7:30pm			Fish Fry 11am-6:30pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Ritual Team Practice 10am			
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	SOA Meeting Post #9021 7:30pm		Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7pm			

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm	MCC Meeting Post 2052 7:30pm	Ritual Team Practice 10am	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Ritual Team Practice 10am VVA #154 Meeting 7pm	Clubroom Committee Meeting 6pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
5th District Meeting @ Post 6756, 10am		Executive Board Meeting 7om	Ritual Team Practice 10am VFW Post Meeting 7:30pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	SOA Meeting Post #9021 7:30pm		Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7pm			5th District Picnic at Post #4156, 11am
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Ritual Team Practice 10am	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day	MCC Meeting Post TBD 7:30pm	Ritual Team Practice 10am	Clubroom Committee Meeting 6pm	VFW Bruce Post Golf Outing Fundraiser	
			VVA #154 Meeting 7pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm	Executive Board Meeting 7om	Ritual Team Practice 10am			
			VFW Post Meeting 7:30pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Gold Star Mother's Banquet Post #7573, 1pm			Ritual Team Practice 10am			Craft Beer Tasting and Chili Cookoff
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	SOA Meeting Post #9021 7:30pm		Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7pm	Fall Conference in Boyne Highlands		

Rentals

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Clubroom

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