

# The Bruce Post G-2

The Newsletter of the Largest Post in Michigan

## March–April 2016

#### **Cpl. Walter F Bruce Post #1146** *Veteran of Foreign Wars of the United States* 28404 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2570









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VFW 1146 Bruce Post

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# COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Three of our seven Fish Fry Fridays are completed and doing well! I personally would like to thank everyone who comes out to help with this huge undertaking to benefit our Post, especially Chairman Dennis Houser and his crew who work all week long to deliver a smooth event.

Attendance at Post meetings has declined and it is very disappointing. This is YOUR Post and YOUR voice should be heard. We present motions and vote to make decisions at every meeting — if you care about YOUR Post, <u>PLEASE ATTEND!</u> Post meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. In fact, there will be Officer nominations at the March 16th meeting and Officer nominations and elections at the April 20th meeting — NOW is the time to get involved and be an integral part of this great Post.

For event information and updates, please be sure you are plugged into our Facebook Page, website and email blasts! There are numerous ways to be involved in making our Post the best it can be; attending meetings is one, but supporting events and fundraisers is another. We can only be as successful as our members' participation allows.

Tim Litz, Post Commander 586-713-1519/timlitzvfw@gmail.com

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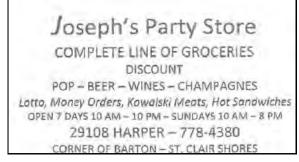


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# SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Spring is around the corner! Fish Fry is off to a good start and it has everything to with our volunteers! We are thrilled with the many new faces this year.

Post Members, please attend the March 16th meeting as we will be accepting nominations for the 2016-2017 year. Elections will be held at the April 20th meeting. Be sure to bring your membership card to the meeting with you, as you must be a member in good standing to vote and/or obtain an Officer position. Post meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Thanks again to all of our Members and Volunteers that support our Post!

Dennis Houser, Sr Vice Commander 313-790-5953 / houser1946@gmail.com

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Post Members! Lent is upon us as is our Post Fish Fry season. Dennis Houser is in charge of organizing the Fish Fry. While many people have stepped up to help and there is still a great need for additional volunteers. We invite you to join us early on Fish Fry Friday's to prepare. Working together during the Lenten season promotes Comradery and an overall good feeling. Remember the Fish Fry Season is main fundraiser for the year, so we encourage all to attend.

Our newest Ritual Team member is Charles T. Wieczorek. Chuck attended Army boot camp three days after graduating from Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, MI, in 1971. Chuck served in Vietnam as a gunner from May to November, 1972. He was also a member of the 81st. Army Band in Fort Sheridan, Illinois from 1972 to 1974. After his military service, Chuck worked in photography and became a retinal photographer, working first at Henry Ford Hospital and then the Detroit V.A. Hospital where he worked from 2004 to 2015. Chuck recently retired. We are proud of the service he has given our country.

Jim Johns, Jr Vice Commander



#### PRESIDENT-VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Members, yes I said members (and not Ladies) as we have accepted and initiated two gentlemen into the Auxiliary. We are hoping to have more gentlemen join under the new Member qualifications. This is a new and exciting time for the VFW Auxiliary.

A few upcoming events are the Past Commander and Presidents on March 5th at the Menage Post in Centerline, MI. We are also have one of our favorite fundraisers on March 5th, which is the Feather Party. Doors open at 6PM and we start spinning the wheel at 7PM.

The Ladies Pool Tournament is being held from March 17 - 20 at Post 345 in Redford, MI. We have several members from our Auxiliary shooting every day.

Also, elections are coming up in April for Officers. If you are considering an office, please make sure you come to meetings. We are also going to decide on delegates. If you would like to be considered, you need to attend meetings. It would be lovely to see new faces at our meetings, which are held the first Thursday of the month.

Spring is coming quickly, we need to start thinking about the Memorial Day Service and Parade. If you would like to participate, please join us at our meetings to start the planning.

#### **Diane Stanley, VFW Auxiliary President**

#### PRESIDENT-MEN'S AUXILIARY

There will be nominations at the March meeting and nominations and elections at the April meeting. These two meeting are very important for your voice to be heard. All Men's Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend.

We have a Beer Tasting event scheduled for April 2—we hope to see everyone there!

#### Charlie Pegelo, President Men's Auxiliary

#### 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
- Buy Queen of Diamond Raffle Tickets
- 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!!

#### BANQUET RENTALS

VFW Bruce Post 1146 has 3 beautiful banquet halls for rent! Available for most occasions;

- Weddings
- Showers
- Banquets
- Graduations
- Corporate Parties
- Holiday Parties
- Reunions
- Anniversaries
- Meetings
- Bowling Parties
- Funeral Luncheons

...and more

#### *FULL SERVICE CATERING AVAILABLE*

Outdoor Rental Facilities too! Ask about our;

- Lakefront Pavilion
- Lakefront Gazebo

For more information -Call Ann Pemberton

586-777-9265

586-778-1146

Photos available at www.vfw1146brucepost.org

# TREASURER-VFW AUXILIARY

#### Meetings:

Reminder: Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs. Next meeting is March 3, 2016. Following meetings are April 7, 2016 and May 5, 2016. Let's all join in and work as a team and have a successful year.

#### Membership:

The 2016 membership dues were due December 31, 2015. If your dues are not paid, your key card will not work in the door and you are not member in good standing. So get those dues in! Dues are \$25 for continuous member. You can always convert to a life membership. As of August 21, 2015, the Ladies Auxiliary is now called the Auxiliary. This is a change at the National level. We are now accepting applications from eligible men. Eligibility criteria and application cards can be found on our website, www.vfw1146brucepost.org. Any membership questions can be directed to Kay Eiswirth (membership chairman) 586-413-9934 or Terri McCloy (Treasurer) 586-899-9554. Please make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary 1146 and mail to Terri McCloy, 22105 Colony, SCS, MI 48080.

#### Hospital Chairmanship:

#### \*\*Special thanks for those that have donated their time & donations!

- HOMEMADE items are taken down to the John Dingell VA Hospital.
- If you like to crochet, how about making some lap robes so we can take down to the VA Hospital. Call me and I can make arrangements to pick them up. Do you sew? How about making ditty bags?
- Do you volunteer your time at the VA Hospital, Nursing Homes or Hospitals? If so, let me know the hours volunteered, where you volunteered, miles driven and date. If you know of someone who is not a member and volunteers, let me know. There are awards for auxiliary and volunteer work.
- Books and magazines-not more than 3 months old can be brought in to be taken to John Dingell VA Hospital.
- Always looking for small containers of toiletries.

\*\*LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF YARN (for lap robes) & MATERIAL (for ditty bags)

#### **Cell Phones for Soldiers:**

Thanks to everyone who has donated used cell phones. So far our post has collected over 800 phones. For every phone that is turned in, a 100 minute calling card is sent to the troops. The auxiliary adopted a Cub Scout troop that are now Boy Scouts and have assisted them with their worthwhile project. There is a box in the clubroom marked "Cell Phone for Soldiers". Keep the phones coming!

# TREASURER-VFW AUXILIARY (CONT.)

#### Veterans & Family Support

Kathryn Dailey-Holstein from the Auxiliary is collecting Campbell's Labels for National Home. Bring to a meeting or look for the box in the clubroom to put them in. Contact: Kathy @ 810-841-8579.

#### Youth Group

Boys & Girls may join this group. This group does different projects for the Veterans. Contact: Nancy Gaglio 586-757-4883.

#### **Feather Party**

Our Meat Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 in the large hall. Doors open at 6pm. Come join us for a night of fun. You may bring in your own munchies, but no beverages. Drinks will be for sale. We will be serving hot dogs. This is a night of a lot of fun!!!! You can even win an Easter basket filled with all the fixings for Easter, even the large ham. Contact: Nancy Gaglio 586-757-4883.

#### **Kids Easter Party**

Kids Easter Party is Saturday, March 26, 2016, Noon – 2pm. Register your kids to see the Easter Bunny! Contact: Nancy Gaglio 586-757-4883.

# Terri McCloy, Treasurer—VFW Auxiliary 586-899-9554/terri\_mccloy@wowway.com

# FROM THE CLUBROOM

Come and enjoy your Clubroom. We have Happy Hour daily, along with menu specials! Specials are posted on our Website under the Clubroom Tab. Also, karaoke will now be every Friday night at 8pm with Joe Santo Yepez from Santo Sounds. Joe is an excellent entertainer.

We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the Clubroom by offering Grilled Corned Beef sandwiches for purchase starting at 1pm (while supplies last). Price TBA. We will also have Irish Music playing on the Juke Box all day—FOR FREE.

On March 29, we will be celebrating the 50th Commemorative Anniversary of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans in the Clubroom. More information to follow.

We encourage members to play Keno and Pull tabs, but please remember that the bartenders must handle drinks and food as a priority. Also, please BRING AND USE your key card for Clubroom Access.

Dennis Houser, Clubroom Chairman 313-790-5953 / houser1946@gmail.com



# PRESIDENT—DADS POST #193

Now that the Holidays are over, we need to renew our strength in membership by signing up new DADs. Let's also and re-engage those that have become distant, just come to a meeting again and meet a lot of great DADs — it should do the trick! We only have 8 meetings a year, so let's try and attend at least 2 or more to support the DADs Post.

Reminder: Dues are now in the amount of \$15 a year, plus \$1 for key card. Make checks payable to Treasurer Dads Post #193 and mail to DAD Gerald Dezenski, 18589 McCormick, Detroit, MI 48224.

Our DADs Bingo is coming along, but we still need more volunteers and players. Please stop by and check it out, it's well worth the time!

March Meeting—3/20 at 2pm April Meeting—4/24 at 2pm May Meeting—5/22 at 2pm (Last meeting before summer break)

Gerald Dezenski, President DADs #193 gdezenski@comcast.net / 313-527-6571

# \*NOTICE TO OFFICERS\*

#### **NEW G-2 SUBMISSION PROCESS:**

Please send all G-2 submissions to 1146FBteam@gmail.com in email or Word format. Please do not use ALL CAPS or submit in PDF format.

Thank you!!

#### BINGO-EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

DADs Post #193 hosts Bingo every Monday night in the Big Hall.

#### $\Rightarrow$ DOORS OPEN at 5pm

 $\Rightarrow$  STARTS at 6:15pm

Come support DADs Post and enjoy a few rounds of Bingo! Also, spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. Bingo is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!







# SAVE OUR POST (SOP) DONATIONS

Roy McCarver

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE-CHARITY MOTORS

Cpl. Walter F Bruce Post is now one of the charitable organizations participating in the Charity Motors, Inc. Car Donation Program. People can donate a car they no longer need or want, receive a tax deduction, and designate "BRUCE POST" to receive the proceeds from the sale of their car!

If you are interested in participating in this program, please call Charity motors, Inc at 888-908-CARS (2277) and designate Cpl Walter F Bruce Post #1146 as your charity.



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

#### NEW AND DECEASED MEMBERS



New VFW Members	Deceased VFW Members
•	<ul> <li>Clarence (Joe) Lassaline</li> </ul>

lew Auxiliary Members	Deceased Auxiliary Members
Lorrie J Sczepanski	Evelyn Dolland
Laura A Court	Linda Dupke
Stephen Woodbury	Lucille Friesema
Allison Scheetz	Catherine Krupa
Michael Japowicz	

New Men's Auxiliary Members	Deceased Men's Auxiliary Members
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# ORDER YOUR BRUCE POST MEMORIAL BRICK

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The Bruce F	ost Memorial is giving ev	veryone the oppo	ortunity to participate	e in a historical project.	
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PLFA	SE HURRY A		E VOUR OR	DER NOW!	
All orders are fir	al. No cancellations/refu	inds can be acce	oted. Name must fit o	on 3 lines of 12 spaces each.	
Name		Address			
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Make check or i	noney order payable to E	Bruce Post 1146 N	/lemorial Fund and r	nail to Bruce Monument at	
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#### Cpl Walter F Bruce Post #1146

28404 Jefferson Ave St Clair Shores, MI 48081

> Quartermaster: 586-778-1146

Clubroom: 586-772-1146

Email: post\_bruce@comcast.net



#### 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 Charlie Pegelo at 586-778-7156.



March 2016									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
		<b>1</b> MCC Meet Post 6782 (Eastpointe) 7:30pm	<b>2</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am	<b>3</b> Bar Committee 7pm VFW Aux Meeting 7:30pm - <b>Nominations</b>	<b>4</b> Fish Fry 4pm-8pm Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	5 Feather Party –Doors at 6pm PC/PP Banquet at Post#6756 – 1pm			
6	<b>7</b> 82nd Airborne 7pm Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	8 Men's Aux Meeting 7pm – Nominations *Bruce Post is a Public Voting Station Today	<b>9</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am	10	<b>11</b> Fish Fry 4pm-8pm Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	12			
13	14 OCC Meeting 7:30pm Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	<b>15</b> Executive Board Meeting 7pm	<b>16</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am Post Meeting 7:30pm - <b>Nominations</b> Ladies Pool – State Toumament in Redford, MI	17 St Patrick's Day DAV Meeting 5pm Ladies Pool – State Tournament in Redford, MI	18 Fish Fry 4pm-8pm Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm Ladies Pool – State Toumament in Redford, MI	19 Ladies Pool – State Tournament in Redford, MI			
20 DADs #193 Meeting 2pm	<b>21</b> Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	22	<b>23</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am	24	25 Good Friday LAST Fish Fry 4pm-8pm Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	26 Kids Easter Party 12pm- 2pm			
27 Easter – Clubroom Closed	28 SOA Meet Post 9021 7:30pm Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	<b>29</b> Welcome Home Vietnam Vets Party - Clubroom	<b>30</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am	31					

April 2016								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					<b>1</b> Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	2		
3	<b>4</b> 82nd Airborne 7pm Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	<b>5</b> MCC Meeting Post 4659 (Shelby) 7:30pm	<b>6</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am	7 Bar Committee 7pm VFW Aux Meeting 7:30pm – Nominations & Elections	<b>8</b> Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	9		
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17 G-2 Deadline Ipm	<b>18</b> Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	<b>19</b> Executive Board Meeting – 7pm	20 Ritual Team Practice 10am Post Meeting 7:30pm - Nominations & Elections	<b>21</b> DAV Meeting 5pm	<b>22</b> Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	23		
24 DADs #193 Meeting 2pm	25 SOA Meet Post 9021 7:30pm Bingo – Doors @ 5pm	26	<b>27</b> Ritual Team Practice 10am	28	<b>29</b> Santo Sounds Karaoke 8pm	30		

# FEATHER PARTY MEAT RAFFLE

# License # R35771 SAT. MAR 5, 2016 7 P.M. TIL ? DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

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COME ON DOWN BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME DON'T FORGET YOU CAN EVEN BRING SOME MUNCHIES NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ALLOWED FREE ADMISSION - HOT DOGS - POPCORN DOOR PRIZES

> NO IT'S NOT BINGO! BUT YOU'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY

> FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL NANCY 586-757-4883 OR CHARLIE PEGELO 586-778-7156



@ VFW Bruce Post



# Saturday, March 26, 2016 12:00pm—2:00pm

The Easter Bunny is Coming! The Easter Bunny is Coming!



YOU MUST SIGN UP—Flyers in Clubroom or Call Nancy/Ben @ 586-757-4883						
Member Name:						
Kid Name:	Age:					
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# **Paul McIvor- Deb Hanes**

Testimonial

Doubletree Hotel One Wenonah Park Place Bay City, MI 48708

# April 15 - 16, 2016

ROOM RATE: \$105.00 per night plus tax.

# \*<u>TO MAKE YOUR HOUSING RESERVATION, YOU</u> <u>MUST CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY BY CALLING</u> 989-891-6000.

(Please ask for the VFW Rate. )

# **Deadline for Reservation is March 26, 2016**

# JOINT TESTIMONIAL BANQUET Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and Auxiliary Honoring

# Commander Paul McIvor President Deb Hanes

APRIL 15-16, 2016

Doubletree One Wenonah Par4k Place Bay City, Ml 48708

BANQUET 6:00 PM APRIL 16TH SOCIAL HOUR 5:00 – 6:00 PM with Cash Bar Banquet will be open seating

Price \$35.00 per person/no tickets sold at the door

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS – APRIL 10, 2016** Dinner Tickets will be picked up at the door

Entertainment in hospitality room following the banquet

# Attire will be Casual

NAME:	ADDRESS	
CITY:	STATEZIP	DIST#POST#
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$	CHECK#	NUMBER TICKETS

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dept. of Mi. VFW Testimonial

Mail to: Ronald L. Amend 3565 Ringle Rd. Akron, Michigan 48701







The Bruce Post "On The Lake" sailboat logo will be printed on the left chest. Color options are 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**

# **Long Sleeve T-Shirt**

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL	Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$10		SM			\$12	
MD			\$10		MD			\$12	
LG			\$10		LG			\$12	
1X			\$10		1X			\$12	
2X			\$13		2X			\$15	
3X			\$14		3X			\$16	

#### **Short Sleeve Polo**

#### Long Sleeve Polo

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL	Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$17		SM			\$19	
MD			\$17		MD			\$19	
LG			\$17		LG			\$19	
1X			\$17		1X			\$19	
2X			\$19		2X			\$21	
3X			\$20		3X			\$22	

#### **Sweatshirts**

Size	QTY	Color	Type (circle)	Cost (circle)	TOTAL	
SM			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25		QUESTIONS:
MD			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25		Commander,
LG			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25		Tim Litz
1X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$13 \$20 \$25		586-713-1519
2X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$15 \$22 \$27		
3X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$16 \$23 \$28		

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: \_\_\_\_\_