

The Bruce Post G-2

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Cpl. Walter F. Bruce Post #1146

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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Commander.....Tim Litz
Sr. Vice Commander.....Tara Perez
Jr. Vice Commander.....Amanda Eddie
Quartermaster.....Bernie Jarzombek
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Surgeon.....Dennis Houser
Adjutant.....Roger Kochan
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Commander's Column

Tim Litz

Bruce Post Members

Well...I hope everyone is having a great summer.

I am proud to have been elected your new Post Commander. I am confident we will have a good year. We all need to pull together and make things happen. Bruce Post received many awards at the Department Convention. We have much to be proud of. We will be working hard on recruiting new members and getting the unpaid members to get their dues paid.

Many events are being planned and I hope our members attend them. It takes all of us to make the Post successful. We have many wonderful volunteers but we need more.

Everything our volunteers do, big or small, help make our Post successful. When you get involved with your Post, you become a better member. Attend your meetings so you know what is going on. Read your G2 newsletter and sign up for the email blast. Be informed !

We have good people in elected and appointed positions. I will be working hard with them to move this Post forward. We will make changes where needed to help the Post. I believe in good communications. I am around the Post a lot and my cell phone is always on. Feel free to call to get your questions answered. Hearsay and rumours harm us. Hope to see you around the Post.

Semper Fi

Tim - Post Commander

Sr. Vice Commander's Column

Tara L. Perez

Hello Bruce Post!

Well, my first article as your Senior Vice Commander this term! We have lots in store for this year as fundraisers go! I am thrilled to serve another term for the Bruce Post and continue to foster good relations with our Post and Auxiliaries! Our Bruce Post is by far the best VFW Post in the State, not being biased...of course. We have gained in membership and have a lead on our younger members! Please continue to get the word out and help our membership grow. That is a big part of what keeps our Post thriving! Our new Clubroom Committee has been working effortlessly on updating things and will be a draw toward our younger membership! They are our future. But of course, all of our members are very important to our success! I am proud to be a member of our Post and look forward to new and exciting plans for our future! Please support the fundraising events as they help bring in revenue for our Post and Charities.

In Comradeship,

Tara Perez

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander**Amanda Eddie**

Greetings comrades.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for electing me to be your Junior Vice Commander for this fiscal year. I am very excited to get to know all of you and getting involved further in this amazing post and organization as a whole. Getting the younger generations active in the VFW is crucial for the growth of this fine organization.

My main goal this year is to tackle the membership issue that haunts most posts in this department. The number of unpaid members is my first step. Recruiting is right next to that. There is so many ways to bring new members to this post and organization, whether its VFW or auxiliary. Let's get proactive with this!

I am positive that we are going to have a great year ahead of us and many more to come. I've got a lot of ideas so let's get moving!

Please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone, text, or email.

Junior Vice Commander

Amanda Eddie

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Men's Auxiliary President**Greg Busch**

Hello,

Summer is finally here!!! The Men's Auxiliary is planning to have the second annual "RIB OUT" where we cook wonderful tender Baby Back Ribs with plenty of sides. Last year it was a big crowd pleaser, so stay tuned for dates after the planning meeting, you don't want to miss this one! Also we are going to plan some spaghetti dinners, and a poor man's new years, plus more. Every event will be fun, laid back, and the food will be delicious and plentiful, so please come enjoy. When we have final details, fliers will be available in the clubroom and via email. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help us with these events, please let me know, any help is greatly appreciated (my email address is shown below). My thanks go out to all of the help we have had in the past... you really do make a difference, thanks so very much.

Please remember to keep recruiting memberships, not only for the Auxiliary, but for the post as well. If you know someone eligible for the Men's Auxiliary, please give them an application.

Applications are on top of the mailbox in the clubroom near the Jefferson door. Otherwise have them email me at gregb@post.com and I will personally see they get the necessary paperwork.

Sincerely,

Greg Busch

President

gregb@post.com

Men's auxiliary – Sr. Vice VFW Post #1146**Charles Pegelo**

Hello All,

This is Charlie Pegelo, Sr. Vice President of the Men's Auxiliary,

I want to start by saying thank you for your full support in voting me in as Senior Vice for the Mens Auxiliary, It is with great pride I take this position and will do my very best to support and help in keeping our commitments to the Men's Auxiliary to support our Veterans and our VFW along with supporting all the charities we are committed to.

We are planning some great events that are family oriented, and look forward to the support of the post and family members as we always know we can count on all of you. Thank you in advance and I look forward to seeing you all at our fun functions throughout the year.

Remember we continue to need your support.

We continue to need new members for our Ritual Team.

Please check on our elderly as they need our assistance during the warmer months.

Sr. Vice President Mens Auxiliary

Charles Pegelo

Men's auxiliary – Jr. Vice VFW Post #1146**Dave Borgacz**

To the men and women of 1146. Hello! My name is Dave Borgacz.

To the members who elected me Jr. Vice of the Men's Auxillary, THANKS! It's an honor.

There are many functions and activities taking place this year.

Together may we work Hard!

Together may we play Hard!

Success and Happiness is always a good goal to strive for at "The BRUCE"

Dave Borgacz

Jr. Vice

Ladies Auxiliary President**Nancy Gaglio**

Hello again Sisters,

On June 6th, 7th, and 8th, I attended our State Convention in Troy, where our Auxiliary chairmen for Patriotism, and National Home both won awards. I am the Jr. Girls Adviser for our unit, and I received the award for Outstanding Adviser. Our Jr. Girls received awards for Best Overall Cancer Program and for participation in the Buddy Poppy program.

Our new year has started, and we look forward to seeing more members at our meetings, they are still the 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM.

Our Jr. Girls are having their annual Car Wash on July 20th in the front driveway at the Bruce Post from 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM. All proceeds will be going to the Camp Trotter Scholarship fund.

Hope to see many of you at Crusin at the Bruce on Mon. nights, come on down, grab a bite to eat and enjoy the awesome cars.

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far, keep it safe.

Nancy Gaglio

Ladies Aux. President

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Bruce Post # 1146**Joyce Tomaskovic**

Chairperson for Troop Mailing

If you have any questions I can be reached at 586-260-8216.

Sincerely,

Joyce Tomaskovic

LADIES AUXILIARY -- MEMBERSHIP**KAY EISWIRTH 586-771-7678****and Diane Clark 586-772-6737**

Thanks to all who renewed their annual membership dues and/or those of you who have taken out life memberships. We reach 96.72% -- close but still short.

Dues notices for 2014 we be mailed shortly and are now payable. You can send your dues (\$25) to Treasurer

Terri Mc Cloy 22105 Colony, St. Clair Shores 48080 If you are interested in becoming a life member

call Terri @586-899-9554.

Continuous (annual) members will have an opportunity to win a life membership. The auxiliary has raised funds to

pay for one life membership. Pay your 2014 annual dues of \$25 before November 30, 2013 and your name will go into

a raffle drawing and the lucky winner will receive a life membership for the 2015 year. The drawing will be in January 2014

but your dues must be paid before NOVEMBER 30, 2013. GOOD LUCK

Our new year is underway and your officers are:

President NANCY GAGLIO
Sr. Vice COLETTE KOVE
Jr. Vice JANICE BOSTICK
Chaplain MARIE SMARK
Conductress THERESA KUJAWSKI
Asst. Conductress DIANE CLARK
Secretary KAY EISWIRTH
Treasurer TERRI MC CLOY
Guard CINDY SEDROWSKI
Asst Guard BERTHA PERKINS

Our meetings are still the first and third Thursdays of the month and you are more than welcome to join us and renew

Acquaintances and make new ones.

Sympathies go out to families of our deceased sisters and a speedy recovery is wished for anyone ill.

Please keep our Chaplain MARIE SMARK advised of hospitalizations, illnesses and deaths. 586-773-1749

Ladies Auxiliary

Terri McCloy-Treasurer

586-899-9554 terri_mccloy@wowway.com

First of all, I would like to give our Auxiliary President, Nancy Gaglio, a big round of applause for her leadership to the Ladies Auxiliary. Secondly, I would like to give another round of applause to our Ladies Auxiliary Officers, Chairmanship Leaders and to all the Auxiliary Sisters for everything they do. Everybody has a busy schedule, but it is nice to know that we can take time out of *our* busy schedule to help out those Veterans. That is why we joined the VFW.

I would also like to congratulate our Auxiliary Sister, Joyce Tomaskovic, for her new position as 5th District President for 2013-2014. Let's all come together and assist Joyce to make her year a success. The first 5th District Meeting will be at the VFW Bruce Post #1146 on Sunday, August 18, 2013. Let's all show our support for our leaders and district at our Post.

Another Congratulations to our newly elected Post Commander, Tim Litz for 2013-2014, your officers and Men's Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary will do whatever we can to make your year a success.

Dues

It's that time of year again. The 2014 dues notices will be mailed in July 2013. Enclosed will also be a brief update on the Ladies Auxiliary, some upcoming events and a form to update our files.

Please complete the form, dues notice and a check for \$25 made payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW 1146 and mail back to:

Terri McCloy 22105 Colony St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

We will be having a drawing for a Life Membership for those that return their dues early. Who knows, your name could be drawn and you could win a Life Membership beginning 2015.

Do you know someone who would like to join? Ask for an application. We always are looking for new members. Remember, RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

Hospital Chairmanship

I am the Hospital Chairperson again this year. We send a monthly donation to a VA Hospital in Michigan each month. There are 7 VA Hospitals in Michigan (John Dingel, Ann Arbor, DJ Jacobetti, Lutz, Grand Rapids Home, Battle Creek and Iron Mountain).

We also get credit for HOMEMADE items that are taken down.

* 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 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.

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 ladies 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!

National Home

Marie Smark from the Ladies 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.

***Reminder, Ladies Auxiliary meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month @ 7:30PM.
We would like to see you there!***

Save OUR Post

Again we will publish "A Heart felt THANKS" (THE List continues... this is the latest as of June 24, 2013)

***To those listed below for their contributions to the "SAVE OUR POST" appeal!
Roy McCarver (twice this period again)***

***2013 WILL BE A GREAT YEAR, Let's keep it going!!!!
Thanks to this dedicated individual!!!!!!***

DON'T forget to buy your 500 Club tickets!!!

They are important to our fundraising efforts!!!

Also, please patronize Joseph's Party Store on Harper, as they pay for the printing of the 50/50 tickets.

NEW WEBSITE.....

PLEASE CHECK US OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[http:// vfw1146brucepost.org](http://vfw1146brucepost.org)

NEWS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

GEORGE

NEWS FROM THE CLUB ROOM ----- GEORGE

SUMMER IS HERE AND THE CLUB ROOM WILL GET EVEN SLOWER!!!!

PLEASE COME IN AND UTILIZE YOUR CLUB ROOM..

AND WHILE YOU ARE HERE DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR 500 CLUB

TICKETS. \$1 CAN GET YOU \$500!!

(each month a winner is awarded \$500 BUT the post is not getting its full fundraising profit because all the tickets are not being sold) Make it an effort to buy a ticket or a book or least buy more than you did and buy some every month.

Please patronize Joseph's Party Store on Harper as they pay for the printing of the tickets.

So, come in and have a "pop" and enjoy our menu. Personal size pizzas have been added to the menu.

ENTERTAINMENT *****

Karaoke is off for the summer and will return in the Fall.

Dad's Post #193

Gerald S Dezenski

Dad's doings VFW #1146 Dad's Post #193

A few lines to let the dads know what's going on in there Post. To start with, aside of a low attendance we had our election of officers a couple of months ago, the new officers elected were Dad Jerry Boddy, President, Dad Doug Smith, Sr. Vice Pres., Dad John E. Jaissle, Jr. Vice Pres., Dad Louis C. Stempowski, Chaplain, Dad Gerald S. Dezenski Sect'y/treas, Dad Harold J Widman, Sgt. @ arms, George P. Shammass, 1 yr. Trustee, the rest of the chairs are vacant at the present time. Why not come down to our next meeting and meet your new officers, we have had a lot of changes at the post.



Post # 193 just completed holding a successful Dept. Of Mich. Annual Convention the 2nd weekend in June and my thanks go out to Anne, Tim Litz, the crew from St. Nick's catering, the dad's and moms from other post that pitched in to help at registration, donated raffle items, my wife Donna for the hand made jewelry and Dad John E. Jaissle for his support at the convention. Once again thanks all for your support

The Dads will resume post meetings once again on Sept. 22nd at 2:00 pm in the Post club room. If you need any more information please contact me Dad Gerald S. Dezenski @ 313-527-6571 or gdezenski @ comcast.net. Hoping to see some new faces at our next meeting. God bless our service men and women and enjoy your summer
Dad Gerald S Dezenski post #193 Sect'y/ treas.

July 2013

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



	1 82nd Airborne Meeting 8 pm Cruisin at the Bruce 5-8 pm	2 M.C.C. Meeting Post 4659 7:30 pm	3 Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7:30 pm	4 Bell Ringing Post 7573 noon  Independence Day	5	6
7	8 O.C.C. Meeting Post 1669 7:30pm Cruisin at the Bruce 5-8 pm	9 Men's Aux. Meeting 7 pm	10 Jr. Girls Meeting 6 pm Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14	15 Cruisin at the Bruce 5-8 pm	16 Exec. Board Meeting 7 pm	17 Post Meeting 7:30 pm Ritual Team Practice 10am	18 Ladies Aux. Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 VFW National Convention Louisville , Ky
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28	29 Cruisin at the Bruce 5-8 pm	30	31 Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7:30 pm			

August 2013



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				1 Ladies Aux. Meeting 7:30pm Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm	2	3
Happy Birthday U.S. Coast Guard Ritual Team Quarterly Meeting 11am Gold Star Mothers White Chapel 11 am	4	5 82nd Airborne Meeting 8 pm Cruisin at the Bruce 5-8 pm	6 M.C.C. Meeting at Post 1146 7:30 pm	7 Ritual Team Practice 10am & 7:30pm	8	9 10
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18 District 5 Meeting Post 1146 10am	19 Cruisin at the Bruce 5-8 pm	20 Exec. Board Meeting 7 pm	21 Post Meeting 7:30 pm Ritual Team Practice 10am	22	23	24 Camp Trotter Family Day
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Taps

Post Members

Thadeus Elias

Albert Florin

Raymond Fuhrman

Albert Miller

Edward Palaszewski

Anthony Zeiser



New Members

Post Members

Dale Fournier

Gary L. Smith

Ronald L. Uppleger Sr.



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