



April 2023—June 2023

The Bruce Post G-2

The Newsletter of the Largest Post in Michigan

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VFW 1146 Bruce Post



Greetings! Happy Spring and soon to be Summer!

The things that bring joy to this Commander are the things we can enjoy in Spring and Summer. Flowers blooming, trees budding, and people getting outside to enjoy The Sunshine...I also enjoy good music by the pool and sipping cold beer with my Joyce. It is bringing a smile to my face right now.

I also enjoy seeing all of our volunteers working together to make The Bruce Post a great VFW. Auxiliary members and Veterans working hard to accomplish our Missions is a special thing for sure. We can Thank Brett Hilgendorf, The Fish Fry Chairman, for leading the efforts at our Fish Frys this year. He has done a Great Job! All workers' efforts are appreciated by him and me. We also have to Thank our Fish Fry patrons who made our efforts worthwhile and a success. Our efforts certainly paid off for The Bruce Post.

Remember the meaning of Lent...to love others because Jesus loved us. Sacrifice something because he sacrificed his life. and the motto of The VFW: Honor the Dead by Serving the Living. It is such a simple message that we too often forget.

Our VFW meeting is April 19, 7:30 PM in the Big Hall, I am expecting a large turnout. Voting is important!

This summer should be really fun. We start off with The Memorial Day Service, which is somber, but gives us the chance to commemorate our dead heroes and then celebrate what they preserved for all Americans. The parade follows and then our afternoon picnic in our pavilion.

We have 13 Car Show Fridays this summer, there is a lot of planning, shopping, set up, cooking, teardown, and clean up. We will need members to help from start to finish. Those efforts are worth it too.

The pavilion is rented all summer long so we have to be patient with our renters and all of the visitors which will come to our property.

We have had a good year so far and my plans are to continue this all summer long...with your support!

It is a never-ending Team Effort! No mission is too difficult and no task is too great when we all work together without drama.

Thank you all for helping at The Bruce Post!

God Bless you and your families.

Sincerely, Your Loyal and Hard Working Commander

Randell J Shafer, Commander,

CW2; US Army Retired

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings everyone from the Senior-Vice,

We are well into Fish Fry season; our last Fish Fry will be Good Friday April 7th.

Remaining Fish Fry dates are as follows:

Mar. 24th
Mar. 31st
Apr. 7th

Please come and enjoy some great food and even better company, the Fish Fry is an OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Fundraiser. We also have a grill menu in the Clubroom daily --- come be our guest!

Still looking for people to be on the Golf outing committee. Please contact me to get involved – 586-405-6389.

We will be having a Post Craft/Rummage Sale on May 20th in the big hall. More details to come.

Yours in service,
Brett Hilgendorf — Sr Vice Commander

2023 VFW Bruce Post Golf Outing Friday, September 15 at SCS Golf Club



If you would like to be a committee member or event volunteer, please contact Brett at 586-405-6389

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

No article submitted,.

Jeff Marsh — Jr Vice Commander

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****Ask a bar committee
member about renting
Clubroom space for small
events!****

Greetings Everyone,

Come check out the Clubroom. Karaoke twice a month, open mic night once a month and DJ on the off Friday and Saturday nights, Pulled Pork Tuesdays, Taco Thursdays and of course Coney dog Saturdays are still happening, check out our daily specials as well. Happy hour is M-F from 4 PM to 7:00 PM, members and guests are always welcome.

Upcoming Clubroom Events: Euchre every Monday, Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon just show up and ante in, prizes will be awarded, everyone is welcome to play.

We have karaoke April 7th and 28th, look for May and June dates on our Facebook page... As always DJ music on the non-Karaoke/open mic nights every Friday and Saturday night.

Open Mic night April 15th, May 13th, and June 17th

The band AquaMonkey will be playing again on June 10th as a Fundraiser if you missed them last time make sure you see them this time, they packed the Clubroom!

Please stop in and let us know if there may be an event you would like to see happen in the Clubroom. The carpet area of the club room is always available to rent for your party as well.

See you in the Clubroom,

The Club Room Committee



POST CHAPLAIN

Hello My Fellow Comrades,

Now that our winter has come and moved on, and many events have been accomplished we all need to prepare for the upcoming spring and summer events to come. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all the Bruce Post 1146 members and the members of the Bruce Post 1146 Auxiliary members whom have supported our Post with many hours as volunteers.

A passage to Guide for Life: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right. Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.

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.

William Davenport, VFW Post 1146 Chaplain

(586) 306-4554 — wiliamr.davenport@yahoo.com





AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Aux Sisters and Brothers,

I'm sure you are all ready for Spring, I know I am.

By the time you get this newsletter we will have already had the Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 year. The results will be posted on the Aux. Facebook Page.

We will have our Installation of Officers at the May meeting on May 4th, and that meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

We had our Spring Feather Raffle in March, it was another success. Thank you to every member who helped!

The Bunny Hop is April 1st. Everyone is welcome! If the weather is agreeable, it will be in the front parking lot, otherwise, inside.

The next 5th District meeting will be at Post 1008, Waterford on April 23. This meeting will also be the Election of Dist. officers and their Installation.

Don't forget that our June meeting will also be at 7:00 pm, because this will be our Potluck. Please join us and bring a dish to pass. If you don't attend meetings regularly, this is a good one to start with. Plenty of time to get to know our Officers and visit with other members.

Looking forward to seeing you around the Post.

Nancy Gaglio, VFW Auxiliary President

SUPPORTING OUR POST

Roy McCarver	Alana & Lynnette Essenmacher	Erika Batcha
Anthony & Valeria Austin	Walus Law Group	Richard & Karen Werback
Irene Kokuba	Curt & Terri McCloy	Jackie Anderson, Hall Mgr
Tim Litz, QM	Jeff Kohlitz, Asst QM	Brett Hilgendorf, Sr. Vice/FF Chairman
Jeanne Reske, FF Ordering	FF Prep People Day/Night Shifts	FF Cooks
FF Food Runners	FF Bussers	FF To Go Workers
FF Order Takers	FF Cashier	FF Bartenders (both sides)
Cullen, FF MVP		The Greatest Aux in the World—

And also a GREAT BIG Thank you to everyone in our community that came to the Friday Fish Fry events! We appreciate your support!!!

TREASURER—VFW AUXILIARY

Meetings:

Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs. The next meetings are 4/6/2023, 5/4/2023, 6/1/2023 & 7/6/2023. 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

Our new year of 2022-2023 started July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023. We are currently at 716 members = 100.99%. (2021-2022 we ended with 709 members) There are still quite a few people that have not sent in their 2023 payment of \$25.00. If you have not paid your 2023 dues, you are no longer a member in good standing. Check your mail. Reminders have been sent out. Get those dues in ASAP!!!!

Even though keycards have 2021 date on them, they are valid. The Post will not be issuing new cards. Nancy Gaglio will now be the person to contact if you need a key card.

Media Relations

Kevin Wofford (Auxiliary Member) is our Auxiliary Facebook page coordinator and is doing a wonderful job. You can follow at: VFW Auxiliary Bruce Post 1146 If you have any pictures of Auxiliary events or flyers for events, please email to Kevin: kevntracy2005@yahoo.com

4th Quarter - Year End Reports

CHAIRMAN - All 4th Quarter - Year End Reports for 2022-2023 MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN 4/20/2023!! At that time you will not be able to enter reports. So...GET THEM IN

Dates to Remember - (Watch Facebook & Clubroom for details / changes)

Thurs. 4/6/2023 - Auxiliary Meeting w/Elections 7:30pm
Sun. 4/9/2023 - HAPPY EASTER
Sat. 4/22/2023 - Auxiliary Fundraiser for Camp Trotter - See Kevin Wofford
Sun. 4/23/2023 - 5th District Meeting - #1008 Waterford
Thurs 5/4/2023 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
Sat. 5/13/2023 - Casino Day Bus Trip to Gun Lake Casino - Sign up sheet in clubroom
Sun. 5/14/2023 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Sun. 5/28/2023 - SCS Memorial Day Parade
Mon. 5/29/2023 - MEMORIAL DAY
Thurs. 6/1/2023 - Auxiliary Meeting/Pot-Luck Dinner - 7:00pm Large Hall
Thurs. 6/8/2023 - Sat. 6/10/2023 - Dept. Convention - Radisson Hotel - Kalamazoo, MI
Wed. 6/14/2023 - FLAG DAY
Sat. 6/17/2023 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUXILIARY #1146 PRESIDENT NANCY GAGLIO
Sun. 6/18/2023 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Thurs. 6/29/2023 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMY BELTZ - THANKS FOR PUTTING G2 TOGETHER
Tues. 7/4/2023 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
Thurs. 7/6/2023 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS & OUR TROOPS!

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 near future:

- ◆ 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 "Support Our Post"
- ◆ Make a donation to the Poppy Fund

AUX MEDIA RELATIONS:

Kevin Wofford at
Kevntracy2005@yahoo.com

Send your Aux event pics!

Follow VFW Auxiliary
Bruce Post 1146 on
Facebook.

NEW AND DECEASED MEMBERS

New VFW Members		Deceased VFW Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Buschmohle • Brent Hawley • James Hermes • David Hoger • Jacob Holka • Erin Johnston • Thaddeus Kapuscinski • Jon Noble • Leonard Olechiw • Paul Plaza • Nathan Ryan • Timothy Toutant • James Turner 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert A. Barnes • Irene W. Courtney • Mark F. Denske • John A. Feldpausch • Albert R. Gruber • Raymond C. Grudzinski • Robert R. Luzenski • Richard W. Mulrenin • Patrick M. Murphy • Eugene R. Perye • Walter Sobolewski
New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Carducci-Treham • Michael Fitzpatrick • Kevin Houser • Jason Marable • Joseph Marable • Sean Migliore • Joan Poupard • Carolyn Tokish • Ofelia Toone • Kyle Voelker • James Williams • Olivia Wolf 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Courtney (dual member) • Sharon Jaissle <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

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
405-436-8905

William Davenport—Post Chaplain
586-306-4554

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

Unknown

ORDER YOUR BRUCE POST MEMORIAL BRICK

The Bruce Post Memorial is giving everyone the opportunity to participate in a historical project. The personalized brick may be ordered by mail. Orders are restricted to an individual or family (i.e. John Jones, John and Mary Jones, John Jones Family, John Jones, Miami FL). A separate order form is required for each brick. Additional order forms are available in the Bruce Post Clubroom.

Personalized Bricks are ONLY \$75.00 each!

PLEASE HURRY AND PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!

All orders are final. No cancellations/refunds can be accepted. Name must fit on 3 lines of 12 spaces each.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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.**

Tim Litz 586-778-1146

JOIN OUR RITUAL TEAM

**Cpl Walter F Bruce Post
#1146**
28404 Jefferson Ave
St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Quartermaster:
586-778-1146

Clubroom:
586-772-1146

Email:
1146BruceTeam@gmail.com



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 Commander Shafer at 586-524-0449. It is simple training and takes very little of your time.



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						Kids Bunny Hop 12pm-2pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	82 Airborne Meeting 7pm	\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Aux Meeting 7:30pm Taco Thursday in Clubroom	Good Friday Last Lenten Fish Fry - 4pm-8pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday CLUBROOM CLOSED		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom	VVA #154 Meeting 7pm	Clubroom Committee Meeting 6pm Taco Thursday in Clubroom		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Executive Board Meeting 7pm \$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom	Post Meeting 7:30pm	Taco Thursday in Clubroom		Aux Karaoke Fundraiser for Camp Trotter 7pm-12am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5th District Meeting at 10am at Post #1008 Waterford	SOA Meeting Post 1008, 7:30pm	\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Taco Thursday in Clubroom		
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Aux Meeting 7:30pm		
		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Taco Thursday in Clubroom		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	82 Airborne Meeting 7pm			Clubroom Committee Meeting 6pm		
		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom	VVA #154 Meeting 7pm	Taco Thursday in Clubroom		Casino Bus Trip - Sign up in Clubroom
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day		Executive Board Meeting 7pm	Post Meeting 7:30pm			Craft Show/Rummage Sale Fundraiser - Big Hall
		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Taco Thursday in Clubroom		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SOA Meeting Post 1008, 7:30pm					
		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Taco Thursday in Clubroom		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
SCS Memorial Day Parade and Bruce Post Open House	Memorial Day				National Donut Day	
		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom				

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Memorial Day			Aux Meeting 7:00pm, Potluck following Taco Thursday in Clubroom	Friday Night Car Show - 4pm-8pm weather permitting	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	82 Airborne Meeting 7pm	\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Clubroom Committee Meeting 6pm Taco Thursday in Clubroom	Friday Night Car Show - 4pm-8pm weather permitting	AquaMonkey Band Live in Clubroom - -- A Buddy Poppy Fundraiser, 8pm
VFW Dept of MI Conference - Kalamazoo, MI						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Flag Day		Friday Night Car Show - 4pm-8pm weather permitting	Happy Birthday Nancy Gaglio, Aux President
		\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom	VVA #154 Meeting 7pm	Taco Thursday in Clubroom		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day		Executive Board Meeting 7pm \$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom	Post Meeting 7:30pm	Taco Thursday in Clubroom	Friday Night Car Show - 4pm-8pm weather permitting	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
G2 Officer Articles Due by 9pm - drop dead date!	SOA Meeting Post 1008, 7:30pm	\$3 Pull Pork in Clubroom		Happy Birthday Amy - G2 Designer Taco Thursday in Clubroom	Friday Night Car Show - 4pm-8pm weather permitting	

Rentals

NEED A ROOM FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?

DON'T WAIT...BOOK NOW!

With restrictions lifting, the rental calendar is booking up fast! If you need event space for a holiday party, baby shower, wedding, craft show, picnic, graduation, meeting or otherwise; contact our Hall Manager at 586-217-9997.

Clubroom

The carpeted area of the Clubroom can also be utilized for small events. To learn more about this option, contact a Bar Committee Representative at 586-772-1146.

⇒ Brett Hilgendorf—
586-405-6389

⇒ Keith Meade

⇒ Chris Jensen

⇒ Randy Rice

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⇒ Bob Pelot

⇒ Dan Smigell



VFW Camp Trotter Karaoke Fundraiser
Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary of Bruce Post 1146
28404 Jefferson Ave
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Saturday , April 22nd 7-12pm
inside Clubroom
Doors Open at 7pm
Karaoke 8-12 pm

VFW Camp Trotter is the only Camp that is Managed by the Michigan VFW.

Its for Kids ages 7-12 and can partake in art, music,swimming Morning Flag Raising hiking Team building and much more!

This is a Great Way for kids to go outside their comfort zone and experience summer in a Great way.

Tuition for each child is around \$300 for a week and they take on about 480 campers a season

Help us make sure they can carry on this tradition and lets give back a little to the future of our kids

\$5 Donation at the door
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Stop up in the Clubroom for Tickets need not be Present to win

If you have any questions or would like to Donate Gift baskets, or items for Wheel Barrow

Please Contact Kevin Wofford 586-260-0741

All American

CRAFT & RUMMAGE SALE

to benefit Veterans

Saturday

May 20, 2023 * 9am-3pm**

Don't wait for Garage Sale Season! Rent a Table in the VFW Bruce Post #1146 Big Hall and sell your "treasures" - used or new!

Got items from around the house that need to go? RENT A TABLE! Make crafty things you want to sell? RENT A TABLE! Sell products that everybody needs? RENT A TABLE! Mom's got kid's toys and clothes that need to go? RENT A TABLE!

Table Fee = \$25

Limited Tables Available

Entry Fee = \$1 p/p

One persons "trash" can be another persons "treasure". By renting a table or shopping, come support our Veterans and community with our All American Sale Fundraiser on 1/14/23!!



Contact: Randy Shafer—586-524-0449 or 586-778-1146

Location: 28404 Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, 48081

BUDDY POPPY FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 – 8PM

VFW BRUCE POST #1146 CLUBROOM

Featuring Live Band — **AquaMonkey**



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NO COVER!

Be Our Guest!!

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Basket Raffle

Live Music

50/50



Poppy Donation Cans

If you can help by donating a raffle basket (or items), please
1146FBteam@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!!!**



VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID

Auxiliary No. City State Member ID (If already a member)

Annual Membership Life Membership

Rejoin Membership Rejoined Previous Member ID No. Previous Auxiliary

Member at Large in Department of Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name Date of Birth
 Address Male Female
 City State ZIP
 Phone Email

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
 LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary
 ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary Paying Nonpaying
 ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

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)
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals:
 Dates of Service: to Location:

Investigating Committee Signatures

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Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

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26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
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.*
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 attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature (Must be signed by all members.)

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.

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 - (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 Eiswirth 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	Treasurer	Auxiliary President
Kay Eiswirth	Terri McCloy	Nancy Gaglio
586-413-9934	586-899-9554	586-757-4883
keiswirth@yahoo.com	terri_mccloy@wowway.com	nancygaglio17@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, Grandsons/Granddaughters, Brothers/Sisters

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.



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. Also now available in RED and GREEN with white logos. 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 higher cost.

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

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

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$14	
MD			\$14	
LG			\$14	
1X			\$14	
2X			\$16	
3X			\$18	

Short Sleeve Polo

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

Long Sleeve Polo

Size	QTY	Color	Cost	TOTAL
SM			\$21	
MD			\$21	
LG			\$21	
1X			\$21	
2X			\$23	
3X			\$24	

Sweatshirts

Size	QTY	Color	Type (circle)	Cost (circle)	TOTAL
SM			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$15 \$22 \$27	
MD			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$15 \$22 \$27	
LG			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$15 \$22 \$27	
1X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$15 \$22 \$27	
2X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$17 \$27 \$29	
3X			Crew Hooded Zipper	\$18 \$25 \$30	

Embroidered Black Hat

QTY	Cost	TOTAL
	\$20	

QUESTIONS:

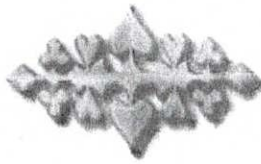
Tim Litz

586-713-1519

Orders must be prepaid. Checks Made Payable to Bruce Post #1146 VFW. Drop in Post mailbox outside Quartermaster's office or mail to Tim Litz, 28404 Jefferson Ave, SCS, MI 48081. Please print clearly.

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Phone: _____



GUN LAKE CASINO



GET BACK \$10 IN FREE PLAY & \$10 IN FOOD CREDIT!

**Presented By: VFW Bruce Post 1146 Auxiliary
Saturday, May 13th, 2023**

\$69.00 Per Person

Sign-up By: 04-08-23

Trip Includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation to Wayland, MI
- 6.5 hours of gaming at Gun Lake Casino
- Each person to get back \$10 in gaming and \$10 in food from the casino

Itinerary:

- 7:15 AM – Pick-up at VFW Bruce Post 1146 (Depart @ 7:30 AM)
- 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM – Gun Lake Casino
- 8:00 PM – Return to VFW Bruce Post 1146

Registration Deadline: 04-08-23

- No refund may be given after April 26th, 2023 unless a replacement is found.
- A completed manifest is required by the casino (Full Legal Name, Address, DOB, & Phone)
- Must be at least 21 years of age with a valid Government Issued Picture ID
- Casino incentives subject to change without notice

**For reservations, please contact Terri McCloy
Phone: 586-899-9554 | Email: terri_mccloy@wowway.com**

*OVER 2,500 SLOT MACHINES
TABLE GAMES*



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**Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department Convention
Wednesday June 7, 2023-Sunday June 11, 2023**

**Make Reservations Call
Radisson Plaza Hotel
100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo MI 49007
Phone 269-343-3333**

- Cutoff date is May 16, 2023 or until block fills, whichever occurs first.
- Please make your reservations as soon as you receive this information.

To reserve your room, please call 269-343-3333 Reservation must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

When calling to make your reservation to receive the group rate, you must identify yourself as a Department of Michigan Department Convention Attendee.

A credit card and valid photo identification will be required upon check-in.

**Rates are subject to 6% State Tax
And 5% Occupancy Tax**

**Room rates: Standard Rooms: \$125.00
Suites: \$185.00**

**Group: Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department Convention
Wednesday June 7, 2023 –Sunday, June 11, 2023**

**John Griffith – State Commander
Diana Ward – State President**

TESTIMONIAL TICKETS

Friday June 9, 2023 - State Convention

Price \$48.00 per person

No tickets sold at the door

DEADLINE DATE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS MAY 26, 2023
TICKET ORDERS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE,
INCLUDING NO SHOWS

TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED

Tickets will be available at Hotel on Thursday and Friday

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ DIST # _____ POST # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VFW
(NO CASH)

MAIL TO: Department of Michigan VFW
924 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48906

DINNER STARTS AT 6:00 PM
CASH BAR

DRESS IS BUSINESS CASUAL

Future Dates for Department Conference's

2023

Fall Conference

Flint-September 28th to October 1st

Big Ten

Itasca, IL October 20th-22th

Department Conference

Kalamazoo -June 7-11th

National Convention

Phoenix AZ- July 22-27th

2024

Fall Conference

Flint-September 26-29th

Mid-Winter

Kalamazoo-January 25-28th

National Mid-Winter

Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Sea February 12th-17th

Department Conference

Kalamazoo-May 29th-June 2nd

National Convention

Louisville KY- July 27th to August 1st

2025

Fall Conference

Flint-September 25th - 28th

Mid-Winter

Kalamazoo-January 30th to February 2nd

Department Conference

Kalamazoo-May 28th-June 1st

National Convention

Columbus OH- August 9th -14th

2026

Mid-Winter

Kalamazoo-January 29th to February 1st

BIG 10

Kalamazoo-October 15th - 19th

JOINT TESTIMONIAL AD BOOK

JOHN GRIFFITH – STATE COMMANDER
DIANA WARD – STATE PRESIDENT

RATES:

FULL PAGE AD - \$115.00

1/2 PAGE AD - \$85.00

1/4 PAGE AD - \$60.00

PATRON AD - \$10.00 (Name and Post or Auxiliary Number Only)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VFW
(NO CASH)

SEND TO:

Department of Michigan VFW

924 N. Washington

Lansing, MI 48906

Email: Jan Passmore - bookkeeper@vfwmi.vet

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS MAY 12, 2023

MESSAGE: (PLEASE PRINT)
