

The Bruce Post G-2

The Newsletter of the Largest Post in Michigan

January 2019-February 2019

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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Sr. Vice Commander	Bob Pelot
Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Flansburgh
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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Happy New Year Greetings to all who read this! 2018 is over and done with, let us close out the bad things that we had to deal with and concentrate on positive and happy times in 2019, it will be a better year...in life and love.

As my Drill Sergeant had us repeat over and over, No mission is too difficult, No tasks too great, if we work as a team and move forward, drive on and don't guit. So let's drive on with our mission here at The Bruce Post!

That being said we have been hit hard in the last few weeks with some major maintenance issues where we had to expend funds, so I'm asking each member, who hasn't already, to PLEASE send a contribution to our "Support Our Post" fund; it can be \$5, or \$10, or \$20. Every contribution helps! These donations will go only to paying the maintenance bills, NOT the expenses to keep The Clubroom open. The Clubroom pays for itself, if it can't, it must close. Thank You to the members and supporters who have already aiven to the fund!

Thank You to all who gave boots, hats, gloves, and other items to the Rev. Kelly Cooper! She appreciates and loves us for the generosity and goodwill given her mission. I hope we will the fight against frost bite this winter.

I do appreciate all of the many compliments I receive, almost on a daily basis, on our operations here at the VFW 1146, being Commander is an honor, Thanks to Everybody's Support and Efforts, that means...VFW and Auxiliary Support! We have a good thing goin'. I wish the building would cooperate.

We need volunteers again for our Fish Fry Fridays. Starting the week of March 8, I plan on having a really good St. Patrick's Day Event, I will host a Commander's Trivia on Jan 26, in the Clubroom. We may have to organize a Spaghetti Lunch -Dinner in January, let's see how our donations come in for the maintenance.

I hope to see everybody in the Clubroom for bands and karaoke, fish fry, lunch and dinners, birthday parties, going away parties, small reunions, any kind of get-togethers sponsored by a member, just let the bar staff know in writing, when your small event will happen and they will coordinate making it a fun a event in the carpeted area.

Smile! 2019 will be a Great Year!

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

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Let's make this another successful year for our Post. We have our fish fry coming up, as well as our Officer elections. I hope all members please attend our monthly meetings for their input, and for all current events and information. Also, as a member, please try to recruit at least one new member. Let's keep our great Post going!

Bob Pelot, Sr Vice Commander, US Navy

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

Happy New Year Comrades (Jan-Feb '19). We must face the challenges of 2019 head on immediately. Our building is old and in need of major repairs, fundraising needs a major jump start, and membership **participation** is on a huge decline. We need new members specifically with officer potential. As always, please direct any veterans wishing to join and get involved to contact me at 586-634-0166, or Bernie Jarzombek at 586-778-1146.

The E-Board, officers, and a few volunteers cannot do all these jobs for YOU. We ALL have to get out there and take care of our own! It comes down to "If you've always do what you've always done, you always get what you've always gotten". It's time to wake up.

Dave Flansburgh, Jr Vice Commander

FROM THE CLUBROOM

We have had a couple of bands this November & December and are continuing some more through the winter/spring. With the Holidays we had a difficult time trying to schedule entertainment so we didn't. Moving on, we have only booked 1 band on **January 19** "On The Rocks" but will be booking more through the rest of the season. We had Mercury 7 Band on Dec 15 and it was a good/fun night. Ray Gunn Band played Dec 22 and also did okay. Christmas weekend was a hit or miss thing so we tried it. Unfortunately, there were only about 10 members in attendance. We would like to see more member participation but there's only so much we can do. Christmas has come & gone and I hope it was good for everyone. Hopefully 2019 is a good year for all of us and the Bruce Post.













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

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

congratulations

Longtime Clubroom Bartender, Joy, became engaged to her boyfriend, Dwayne, over the holidays! If you see Joy and/or

Dwayne...wish them well on the next chapter of their journey together!



PRESIDENT—VFW AUXILIARY

DID YOU KNOW????

- The Auxiliary has lots of Programs that we do. Programs & Chairman listed below. Ask how you can be involved. It takes more than the chairman. We ALL need to be involved!
- Buddy Poppies & National Home / Veterans & Family Support –
- Nancy Gaglio 586-757-4883 nancygaglio17@gmail.com
- Americanism Pam Croyle pamcroyle@yahoo.com
- Camp Trotter Linda Vendittelli 586-216-9065 LinV2@wowway.com
- Historian / Media Relations Cheryl Alberts calberts0104@yahoo.com
- *Hospital* Carol Budzyn 586-942-4160
- Legislative Theresa Kujawski treekujo@hotmail.com
- Membership Kay Eiswirth 586-413-9934 keiswirth@yahoo.com
- Scholarships Diane Stanley (Aux. President) 586-322-1575 oma.stanley@gmail.com
- Voice of Democracy for grades 9 -12 / Theme: "Why My Vote Matters"
- Patriot's Pen for grades 6 8 / Theme: "Why I Honor the American Flag"
- Continuing Education Scholarship for Current Aux. Members & Spouse, Son, Daughter of Aux. Member
- Young American Creative Patriotic Art (Drawing) for grades 9 12
- Youth Diane Stanley (Aux. President) 586-322-1575 oma.stanley@gmail.com

TREASURER—VFW AUXILIARY

Happy New Year All!

Meetings:

Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs. The next meetings are 1/3, 2/7, 3/7 unless otherwise announced. Make this your New Year's Resolution and attend our meeting. Need to see more members at the meeting. I know everyone has busy schedules, but please try to attend the meetings. We would like to hear your ideas.

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

- If your 2019 dues have not been paid...YOU are not a member in good standing. Your Clubroom keycard will not work. Please get those dues paid and help our mission to support our Veterans. The renewal remains the same at \$25. You can also convert to a Life Member.
- Please make check payable to: VFW Bruce Post Aux. #1146. You can drop off in the Aux. 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.

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.

Eligibility:

• For more information on the Co-ed eligibility requirements, please visit our website—http://www.vfw1146brucepost.org/-vfw-auxiliary.html. Also See attachment and application.

Dates to Remember:

1/3—Aux Meeting at 7:30pm

1/6—VOD Banquet—New Baltimore Post #7573

1/24—1/26—Mid Winter Conference in Kalamazoo, MI (See http://www.vfwauxmi.org)

2/7—Aux Meeting at 7:30pm

2/17—5th District Meeting in Eastpointe—Post #6782

3/7—Aux Meeting at 7:30pm

3/14—3/16—Auxiliary State Pool Tournament in Brighton—Post #4357

The Fish Fries will be starting soon. Please find some time to help out the Post with this Lenten fundraiser. It takes a team to do this and make it a success! Support the Clubroom, Bring in a New Member and most important, Thank all the Veterans for their service.

Happy New Year to All – Here's to a Great Year!!!

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	C. SANKAA J	Deceased VFW Members			
 Kenneth D. Sperry Johann Stauch Jr. Mary Valleau 	MADE IN AMERICA	 Walter B. Billenstein Edward Dobkowski Jerome J. Gohr Warren J. Howarth Stanley G. Kokuba 			
New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members			
Paul NakozyDelia PhillipsMarc Wisniewski		• none			



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

IMPORTANT NOTICE—CHARITY MOTORS

Corporal Walter F Bruce Post is now one of the chartitable 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 "CORPORAL WALTER F 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 Corporal 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."

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SUPPORTING OUR POST (SOP)

- Roy McCarver
- Barbara Lee
- R.J. Niederdest
- Fraser VFW POST #6691
- Jeff Kohlitz
- Lloyd "Skip" Fisher
- The Staff at PRE OP/PACU, Troy

- Ken and Diane Tumidajewicz
- Glenn and Yvonne Corcoran
- Richard and Rose Delleva
- Wally and Karol Sutherland
- Chris and Anne Jensen
- Bill and Amy Servial

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	
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	Memorial Fund and mail to Bruce Monument at o. Please print clearly and leave a space in mes.		
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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: 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.



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NEED A ROOM FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?

DON'T WAIT...BOOK NOW!

The holiday season is approaching and the calendar books up fast! If you need event space for a holiday party, baby shower, wedding, craft show, meeting or otherwise; contact our Hall Manager, Annie Pemberton at 586-777-9265.

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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.

- ⇒ Randy Rice
- Tim Litz
- ⇒ George Eiswirth
- ⇒ Keith Meade
- ⇒ Dale Bowering
- ⇒ Chris Jensen
- \Rightarrow Morgan Schmidt \Rightarrow Dale Verhaeghe
 - \Rightarrow Don Trombley



Saturday, January 19, 2019

Live Music, Dancing, Cold Drinks, Fresh Grill, Lots of FUN and MORE!!!

NO COVER! BRING GUESTS!!

CLASSIC ROCK COVER BAND*





SATURDAY, JAN 26, 2019

6:30pm-8:30pm

- "Commander's Trivia Challenge" will be in the Clubroom
- Team sign-in at 6:30pm
- Teams should have 2-6 players and a witty name (no profanity please)
- Ante is \$3 per player, which will determine the prizes
- Brainpower ONLY! No cell phones, devices, phone-a-friend or audience shout-outs allowed.
- Get your team together and support our trivia event! The questions and music will be FUN and ENTERTAINING!!
- We hope to have at least 10+ full teams!
- Bringing snacks for your table is permitted!





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:

- 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
- 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 Kay Eiswirth 586-413-9934

Treasurer Terri McCloy 586-899-9554 Auxiliary President Diane Stanley 586-322-1575

keiswirth@yahoo.com

terri_mccloy@wowway.com

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, 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 serve, have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days
in Korea, or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

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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 [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

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)			Co	st (circ	le)	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: \$
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