



The Bruce Post G-2

The Newsletter of the Largest Post in Michigan

September—October 2018

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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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Compatriots,

I hope everyone had a Super Summer! I know I did! It's great to see everyone supporting the functions, the clubroom, fellow members, and the community is renting our halls to help us pay the bills. Always remember we exist to help our fellow Veterans and their families, the camaraderie here brings me joy...being part of our great city and county...fulfills our existence. Those of us who can share our blessing should.

Help support our Michigan Lottery Account by purchasing a \$50 Super Raffle ticket before they are all sold out. We receive 6% on sales and 2% on winners. It all adds up. Thank you.

The Friday Car Shows went well, DJ..." Jammin' Jamie" Victory played for FREE! He loves giving back to The Veterans....Please tell him Thank you when you see him around, he likes coca cola...hint-hint.

The roof was repaired and hasn't leaked in a month. Thanks Tim Litz for finding the hole. Ha-ha.

The Ritual Team is a very dedicated group of men and women who are doing a spectacular service for our Fallen Comrades and their families. You all are Super Stars! They always need new members. VFW and Auxiliary can join.

The Halloween Parties are being planned for The Kids and The Adults. Please support these events. The Post Party will feature prizes for best costumes and have our favorite DJs - Stars and Stripes Ent - spinning the tunes for our dancing enjoyment.

FREE FLU SHOTS will be given after the Veteran's Day Ceremony, on Nov 11th, from 2 - 4 PM, for those whose insurance doesn't cover them.

We have been invited to have a bowling fundraiser, please contact me if you have experience in running such an event. We have planning-time as I have not locked in a date yet. I hope to make it a great success.

Please support our Clubroom and enjoy it, but please remember we cannot use profanity, myself included, I have apologized. Let's exhibit proud behavior and not embarrass or tarnish our mission.

Our newly elected officers are doing a fine job, let us know of any Veteran that needs assistance, we are here for that reason!

Richard A. McMahon
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**God Bless You and Your Families,
Randell J Shafer, Commander**

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades!

I hope your summer has been great so far. It has been for our Post. The Cruisin the Bruce Fridays has been successful. Hope you were able to get here to see some classic cars! I've started to get busy on the Halloween Party for October 27. Tickets will be available soon. Watch for info on Facebook, and I'll have flyers going around. Hope to see all you there!

Bob Pelot, Sr Vice Commander

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

Since starting as Jr. Vice Commander in June, I am happy to report that we have signed two new members and reinstated one to our Post. Also we have recruited potentially four new members from our booth at the Parking Lot sale on August 19th. Just a reminder that as required by National, we have reviewed our roster and I am sorry to report that we have lost members. The tough reality is that some members are reaching an age when they are no longer with us. But the upside is that Autumn is around the corner and we have Veterans Day and other activities upcoming which will give us an opportunity to recruit. Again, by simply introducing yourself with a welcoming handshake to someone that appears to be a visitor goes a long way. Please direct any veterans wishing to join to contact me at 586-634-0166, or Bernie Jarzombek at 586-778-1146.

Dave Flansburgh, Jr Vice Commander

FROM THE CLUBROOM

Due to rising costs for food and accessories, we will have to raise some prices. This will be voted on at the September meeting. Saturday, September 22 is the start of bands. Ray Gunn band will be playing. We are planning on bands every other Saturday through winter.

Randy Rice, Clubroom Chairman

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

PRESIDENT— VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Fellow Members,

Hope everyone has been having a wonderful summer. As everyone knows, our meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month unless other notice goes out. We would love to see a larger turn out if you can make the meetings. We are always looking for fresh ideas to help our veterans and raise money to fund those projects. Please join us if you can.

The fall conference in Boyne Highland is coming up from the 9/27-9/29. If you were planning on going, I hope you have already made your reservations as I have heard that rooms are sold out. We will be passing on any information that is passed on from Department in the next G2.

The Scholarship Program is in full swing again. If you have any children or grandchildren in grades 6-8, they can participate in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. This is a written essay with the Theme "Why I Honor the American Flag". Entries must be turned into me as the Scholarship Chairman by 10/31. If you are a teacher, this is a great way to teach patriotism to your students. I have attached a copy of the application to enter this contest. Students can win money to go towards higher education.

We also have an Audio Essay Contest which is called the Voice of Democracy. This is for students in grades 9-12. The Theme for this essay is "Why my Vote Matters". I have also attached the application for this essay contest. The National Winner of this contest can win up to \$30,000.00 towards higher education. Entries are due to me by 10/31. My contact information is listed below.

The plans have begun for the Kids Halloween Party (flyer attached). It will be on October 27th, in the big hall. We will be having the kids trunk-or-treating again and ask that as many of you as possible please come to pass out candy. The party will be from 12 to 2 pm. Plans are to feed the kids then have them trunk-or-treat. The kids always have a great time doing this. We can also use some inside volunteers to set up the decorations and food table.

The Auxiliary Feather Party will be held on Nov 3rd. Please come out and support this fund raiser. If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact Nancy Gaglio. We always have a great time and you could win Thanksgiving dinner.

Till next time, be safe and support your veterans.

Diane Stanley, Auxiliary President

oma.stanley@gmail.com

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TREASURER—VFW AUXILIARY

Meetings:

- Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs. The next meetings are 9/6, 10/4, 11/1 and 12/6 unless otherwise announced.

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

- 2019 dues notices go out soon. Pay your dues early this year! BUT PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOU GET YOUR NOTICE!
- Don't let your membership lapse or you have to go through the application process all over again! Get those dues PAID!
- Renewals will remain at \$25. You may also convert to a Life Member at this time. Make checks payable to VFW Bruce Post Aux #1146.

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:

9/6—Aux Meeting at 7:30pm

9/11—Patriot Day

9/21—POW-MIA Recognition Day

9/27-9/30—Fall Convention at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs, MI — BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW!!

10/4—Aux Meeting at 7:30pm

10/6—Headstone Cleaning at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 9am

10/7—Gold Star Mothers Banquet, 1pm

10/18—Recognition of Women in Military Service Day

10/19—10/20—VFW Big 10 Conference in St. Louis, MO

10/20-10/21—Casino Bus Trip, see attached flyer.

10/27—Kid's Halloween Part 12pm-2pm; Post Halloween Party 8pm

10/31—Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy submissions due to Diane Stanley

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 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

<p>New VFW Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven C. Keller • John P. Thibault 		<p>Deceased VFW Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willard R Chaffin • John R Sherrard
<p>New Auxiliary Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Burchill • Camden Duquette • Kevin Fisher • Loretta Fisher • Michael Losinski • Stephanie MacCarroll • Robert Moomah • Linda Nettler • Chellani Strausbaugh 		<p>Deceased Auxiliary Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Krupinski

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 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 “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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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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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.**

Bernie Jarzombek: 586-778-1146

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.



SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Labor Day	4 MCC Meeting at Post #6250 (Sterling Heights), 7:30pm	5 Ritual Team Practice 10am	6 VFW Aux Meeting 7:30pm	7 Karaoke 7pm	8
9	10 82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm	11 Patriot Day	12 Ritual Team Practice 10am	13 Bar Committee Meeting 6pm	14 Karaoke 7pm	15
16	17	18 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Happy Birthday US Air Force Est 1947	19 Ritual Team Practice 10am Post Meeting 7:30pm	20	21 Karaoke 7pm POW-MIA Recognition Day	22 Band Night Kick-Off - Ray Gunn
23	24 SOA Meeting at Post #9021 at 7:30pm	25	26 Ritual Team Practice 10am	27	28 Karaoke 7pm	29 Happy Birthday VFW Est 1899
Department of MI Fall Conference - Boyne Highlands						
30 GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY	1	2	3	4	5	6

OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	82nd Airborne Meeting 7pm	MCC Meeting at Post #4659, 7:30pm	Ritual Team Practice 10am	VFW Aux Meeting 7:30pm	Karaoke 7pm	Headstone Cleaning at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 9am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Gold Star Mothers Banquet at Old Settlers #4659, 1pm	Columbus Day		Ritual Team Practice 10am	Bar Committee Meeting 6pm	Karaoke 7pm	Happy Birthday US Navy Est 1775
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	Ritual Team Practice 10am	Recognition of Women in Military Service Day	Karaoke 7pm	
			Post Meeting 7:30pm		VFW Big 10 Conference - St. Louis MO	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SOA Meeting at Post #9021 at 7:30pm		Ritual Team Practice 10am		Karaoke 7pm	Kid's Halloween Party, 12-2pm
						Adult Halloween Party, 8pm
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			Halloween			
			Ritual Team Practice 10am			

Rentals

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.

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.

⇒ Randy Rice

⇒ Tim Litz

⇒ George Eiswirth

⇒ Keith Meade

⇒ Morgan Schmidt

⇒ Dale Bowering

⇒ Chris Jensen

⇒ Dale Verhaeghe

⇒ Don Trombley

MEMBER/TRANSFER APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Recruited/Recommended by: _____

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

Annual Membership Life Rejoined Previous Member No. _____, Previous Auxiliary _____

Member-at-Large Life Member-at-Large in Department of _____ or in National

These fields required. Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Address _____ Male _____ or Female _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

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 _____

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)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Note: Eligibility proof and investigating committee not needed.)

Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying _____ or Nonpaying _____? (check one)

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Dates of Service ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

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 state that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Election Date _____ Obligated Date _____

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76-80 \$132
81-85 \$109
86-90 \$86
91 and over \$69
\$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. Signature _____ (Must be signed by all members.)

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBER INFORMATION

This appears in every issue of the G-2 because IT'S IMPORTANT INFORMATION! We are always looking for new members.

VFW Auxiliary (Men & Women) that are eligible to join are those that had one of the following relations receive a campaign medal for overseas service:

Widow/Widower	
• Husband/Wife	• Father/Mother
• Brothers/Sisters	• Sons/Daughters
• Grandfathers/Grandmothers	• Grandsons/Granddaughters

Applications can be found in the VFW Bruce Post #1146 Clubroom on the wall by the pool tables, in the Quartermasters office and in the G-2. You can also ask any member.

Membership Forms - ALL new members MUST attach a copy of the DD214 & check with the completed form. Make sure to sign both spots!! If paying by card, you must sign that section as well.

REMINDER: IF JOINING UNDER SOMEONE WHO IS A POST MEMBER, YOU STILL NEED TO SHOW PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.

Continuous Member – (pays yearly/rate may change) - \$25 + \$10 one-time only administrative fee

Life Member – Rate based on age at end of year (see application) +\$10 one-time only administrative fee.

Converting Your Membership – Continuous members can convert to Life Member and you will not pay the \$10 admin fee as you already did when you joined.

Checks payable to: VFW Bruce Post Aux #1146

Mail To: Terri McCloy, 22105 Colony, SCS, MI 48080

OR

Drop Off: In the Auxiliary Box in the Clubroom by the pool tables.

- **Reminder to those filling out an application:**

Please make sure you fill in the eligibility under which you are joining. Without that, your application will be held up until the proper paperwork is received.

- Please be patient. Once we receive your application, it has to be reviewed and approved by the investigating committee and then approved on the floor at the next meeting. We only meet once a month.

Do you know someone who is eligible and would like to join? Take them an application. We are always looking for new members. Remember, recruit! Recruit! RECRUIT! Let's all try to recruit at least one new member.



Patriot's Pen Rules and Eligibility

WHO CAN ENTER

The Patriot's Pen program is open to students in grades 6-8 (on the October 31 deadline), who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

HOW TO ENTER

Download and complete the Patriot's Pen entry form and brochure.

Essays must be no less than 300 words and cannot exceed 400 words. They should be submitted to the VFW Post, along with the completed Patriot's Pen entry form no later than the October 31 deadline.

Students can ask a teacher or youth group leader to supervise their progress in the competition.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points. You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points. Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points. Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

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Patriot's Pen

2018 - 19 Theme

"Why I Honor the American Flag"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018

Patriotic Essay Writing Contest Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

WHAT IS PATRIOT'S PEN?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 120,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the winner and a parent or guardian.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

BIG NATIONAL PRIZES

National awards total: \$54,500

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

- 1st: \$5,000 7th: \$1,750
- 2nd: \$4,000 8-10th: \$1,500
- 3rd: \$3,500 11-12th: \$1,250
- 4th: \$2,750 13-22nd: \$1,000
- 5th: \$2,500 23-24th: \$750
- 6th: \$2,000 25-53rd: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable.

HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U. S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U. S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

2018-19 OFFICIAL STUDENT ENTRY FORM PATRIOT'S PEN COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name: First, M.I., Last _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

() _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____ Essay Word Count _____

School Name, City, State _____

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable) _____

Parent/Guardian's name phone/email _____

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST RULES

Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW POST

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature _____

Post Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

VFW Post Email _____

No. of students participating _____ No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DISTRICT

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

() _____

Phone _____ Email _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature _____

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Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first place Department winner on _____. **Note:** National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

Patriot's Pen

2018-19 Theme

“Why I Honor the American Flag”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

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- Contact a local VFW Post within your local area within your state and indicate your interest in participating.
- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Oct. 31, 2018. You can submit your essay and entry form electronically (by email) upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to VFW National directly will be returned.

HOW AM I JUDGED?

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint.

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

WHAT IS THE THEME?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2018-19 theme is,

Why I Honor the American Flag.

WHAT ARE THE RULES?

- Essay length: 300-400 typewritten words. (+ or - 5 words max).
- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the

Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

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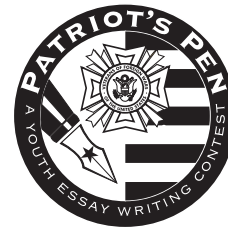
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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION :

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**2018-19 OFFICIAL STUDENT PATRIOT'S PEN COMPETITION
ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY**

Name: First, M.I., Last _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

() _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____ Essay Word Count _____

School Name, City, State _____

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable) _____

Parent/Guardian's name phone/email _____

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST RULES

Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW POST
I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature _____

Post Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

VFW Post Email _____

No. of students participating _____ No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DISTRICT
I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature _____

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Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first place Department winner on _____. **Note:** National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

Patriot's Pen

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Patriot's Pen

2018-19 Theme

"Why I Honor the American Flag"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018



**Patriotic Essay Writing Contest
Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award**

WHAT IS PATRIOT'S PEN?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 120,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000 plus an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the winner and a parent or guardian.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

BIG NATIONAL PRIZES

National awards total: \$54,500

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$5,000	7th: \$1,750
2nd: \$4,000	8-10th: \$1,500
3rd: \$3,500	11-12th: \$1,250
4th: \$2,750	13th-22nd: \$1,000
5th: \$2,500	23rd-24th: \$750
6th: \$2,000	25th-53rd: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable.

HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U. S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U. S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been

denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

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- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Oct. 31, 2018. You can submit your essay and entry form electronically (by email) upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to VFW National directly will be returned.

HOW AM I JUDGED?

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WHAT IS THE THEME?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2018-19 theme is

Why I Honor the American Flag.

WHAT ARE THE RULES?

- Essay length: 300-400 typewritten words (+ or - 5 words max).
- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. At any time during the contest additional

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DEADLINE INFORMATION

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Note --

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions:

First, visit this website <https://www.vfw.org/find-a-post> to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in.

If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link <https://www.vfw.org/ContactUs/> and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and Email.

If you still need assistance, please Email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org.



Voice of Democracy Rules and Eligibility

WHO CAN ENTER

The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12 (on the Oct. 31 deadline), who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

HOW TO ENTER

Download the Voice of Democracy entry form and brochure to submit your essay to your local VFW Post.

Students should record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds).

Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to an audio CD/flash drive, they can submit their typed version, CD/flash drive and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post by the Oct. 31 deadline.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Originality is worth 30 points: Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points: Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to the other.

Delivery is worth 35 points: Speak in a clear and credible manner.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Voice of Democracy

2018 - 19 Theme

“Why My Vote Matters”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

WHAT IS THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, *Why My Vote Matters*.

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., March 2-6, 2019, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$154,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

THE RULES

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. When burning your CD, make sure that “Create Audio CD” option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN or biographical information.

2018-19 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM VOICE OF DEMOCRACY COMPETITION

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

First Name You'd Like on a Name Badge

Student Jacket Size
(Adult Size Only)

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN
(required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE D.C. NATIONAL FINALS RULES
(ON OPPOSITE SIDE)**

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.

I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

Voice of Democracy

2018 - 19 Theme

“Why My Vote Matters”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018

OFFICIAL RULES FOR STUDENTS ADVANCING TO NATIONAL LEVEL

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. March 2-6, 2019, as a guest of the VFW National Organization.

I understand that state winners who do not attend as stated above will forfeit all rights to compete in the National Finals and will be replaced by their state's second place winner.

In the event my audio essay is selected for entry into the National Voice of Democracy Competition, I do hereby for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees; waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the several Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the VFW Voice of Democracy Competition and/or arising out of my travel to and during the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my tape, essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW POST

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level Voice of Democracy Competition.

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Post Address _____

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No. of students participating _____

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Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$ _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DISTRICT

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Phone Email

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

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Department Chairman's Signature _____

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Daytime Phone Email

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WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY ENTRY?

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WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MY ENTRY?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, **Oct. 31, 2018**. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

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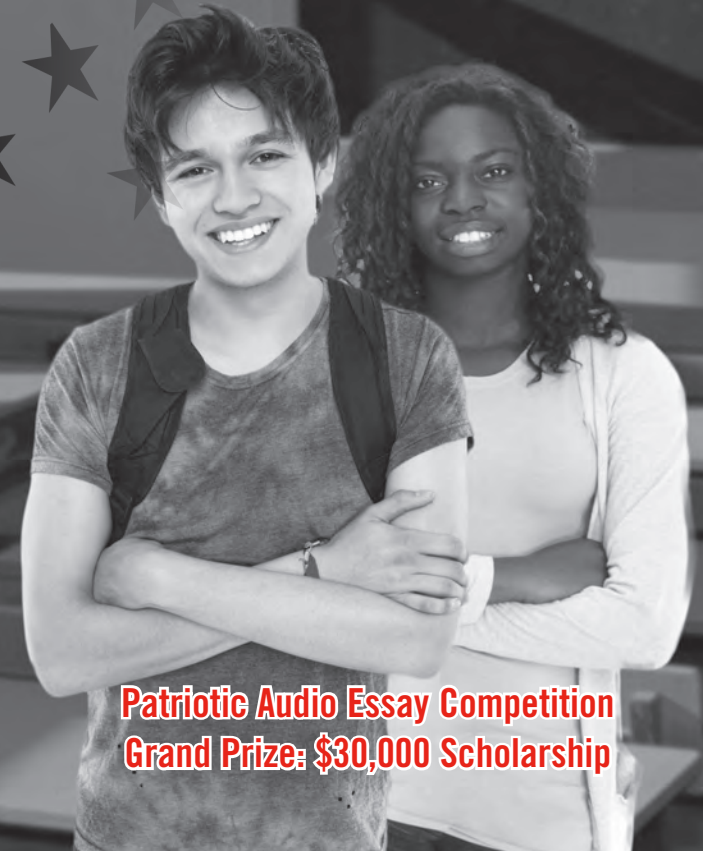


Voice of Democracy

2018-19 Theme

"Why My Vote Matters"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018



**Patriotic Audio Essay Competition
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(including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN, or biographical information.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY ENTRY?

All entries begin at the local VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. State winners are invited to Washington, D.C., where their audio essays compete in the finals competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions: First, visit this website <https://www.vfw.org/find-a-post> to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in. If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link <https://www.vfw.org/ContactUs> and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and Email. If you still need assistance, please Email us at VFW National Headquarters: youthscholarships@vfw.org

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MY ENTRY?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, **Oct. 31, 2018**. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)

has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

2018-19 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM VOICE OF DEMOCRACY COMPETITION

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

First Name You'd Like on a Name Badge

Student Jacket Size
(Adult Size Only)

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN

(required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE D.C. NATIONAL FINALS RULES (ON OPPOSITE SIDE)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

VFW Bruce Post Auxiliary #1146

28404 E. Jefferson St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

(Invites members & friends)

"FALL" CASINO TRIP



Saganing Eagle Casino - Standish & Kewadin Casino & Hotel - St. Ignace

DEPART: Sat. OCT. 20, 2018 / RETURN: Sun. OCT. 21, 2018

Per Person: \$149 Double Occ. / \$179 Single Occ. / \$139 Triple-Quad Occ.
(\$5 bus driver tip & \$5 fundraiser charge are included in this amount)

- **Saganing Eagle-\$20 Freeplay (\$10-Sat, \$10-Sun)+\$10 Food (\$5-Sat, \$5-Sun)
(Add'l - after earning 100 points in one day you receive \$10 more in freeplay)
**Kewadin-\$20 Freeplay (get once)+\$10 Food (get once) + Breakfast Buffet

Cancellation Insurance (if you want): Add'l \$14 PER PERSON - NON-REFUNDABLE with 48 hour notice
(Would get the price of the trip back less the \$24 - (\$14 Cancellation + \$5 Bus Driver Tip + \$5 Fundraiser)

Trip arranged through Go With George Travel

****SAGANING EAGLE CASINO OFFERS THE "HERO CARD"****

HERO CARD Present Military ID (CAC card, DD Form 2 card or DD Form 214) at Players Club for Benefits & Discounts

You can bring a cooler on the bus with your favorite beverages!

Saturday, OCT. 20, 2018 (LEAVING AT 7:00AM SHARP!!!)

- 7:00am * Depart VFW Bruce Post #1146 - St. Clair Shores (Juice & sweet roll on bus)
9:30am * Arrive Saganing Eagle Casino - Standish
1:15pm * Start boarding bus
1:30pm * Depart Saganing Eagle Casino - Standish
4:00pm * Arrive at Kewadin Casino & Hotel - St. Ignace - Check into rooms
(Casino & Hotel are together)



Sunday, OCT. 21, 2018

- 7am-10:15am * Breakfast Buffet @ Kewadin Casino & Hotel
10:15am * Check Out Kewadin Casino & Hotel - Meet bus with your luggage
10:45am * Depart Kewadin Casino & Hotel - St. Ignace
1:30pm * Arrive Saganing Eagle Casino - Standish
5:15pm * Start boarding bus
5:30pm * Depart Saganing Eagle Casino - Standish



We are not stopping for dinner on way home. Eat or bring food from casino.

7:30-8:00pm * Arrive VFW Bruce Post #1146 - St. Clair Shores

CONTACT TERRI McCLOY 586-899-9554 email: terri_mccloy@wowway.com

MUST CALL "FIRST" TO CHECK FOR AVAILABILITY ON THE BUS!!!!!!

ONE FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Name (AS SHOWN ON DRIVERS LIC.):
Address:
City: State: Zip Code: Birthdate:
Phone #: Email address:
Rooming With: SMOKING or NON-SMOKING (Circle one)-Will try to accommodate

PER PERSON: DOUBLE OCC. \$149 / SINGLE OCC. \$179 / TRIPLE-QUAD OCC. \$139 (CIRCLE ONE)

PER PERSON CANCELLATION INSURANCE: \$14 YES or NO (CIRCLE ONE) IF NEEDED- NON-REFUNDABLE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFW AUXILIARY #1146

Mail to: Terri McCloy, 22105 Colony St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586-899-9554

MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018!!!!!!

Kid's Halloween Party

October 27th, 2018

12:00 till 2:00

RSVP to Diane either by

Text (586) 322-1575 or fill out this form
below and drop in Auxiliary Mail Box.

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____



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

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

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

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

Short Sleeve Polo

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

Long Sleeve Polo

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

Sweatshirts

Size	QTY	Color	Type (circle)			Cost (circle)			TOTAL
			Crew	Hooded	Zipper	\$13	\$20	\$25	
SM						\$13	\$20	\$25	
MD						\$13	\$20	\$25	
LG						\$13	\$20	\$25	
1X						\$13	\$20	\$25	
2X						\$15	\$22	\$27	
3X						\$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: \$ _____

Phone: _____