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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Greetings To All,

This is my last G2 column as Commander. My authority ends in June.

First and forever, I would like to THANK all of you - The Volunteers - for the overwhelming support and friendship I have received as The Commander. We accomplished a heck of lot things over the last 9-years, and we should be very proud of ourselves with what we have done to keep The Bruce Post going and thriving. Many, many hours of effort! It is simply AMAZING! The efforts included donating our time, our money, and our sweat. We never lost focus of our Mission, which was to take care of Veterans in need, families in need, and honoring our departed comrades. We promoted The Post in our communities and made sure we stayed involved. Again – thank YOU!

When I was asked to become The Commander 9-years ago, I knew we had to change course on some of our efforts, we had less than 6-months of operating funds in our bank account and we were a post divided. So, we got to work...and we haven't stopped since. I included our Auxiliary in everything we had to accomplish, and they continuously stepped up – we truly have the greatest Auxiliary!

There are so many volunteers, VFW and AUX, that have jumped in the trenches and made this Post a great organization - one in which we can be proud to be members. Some can do more than others, but I believe whatever and however any volunteer contributes is awesome! Every one of you make me very proud!

We still have things to accomplish as the tasks are never done. I am sure the next Commander, with the authority granted him/her, will continue to get things completed with the help of us all -- the wonderful members who care. **Please Stay Involved!**

We are in a stable financial situation as I end my term as Commander. I never treated The Bruce Post as a business, I know we are a charity supported by members and friends. Yes, we have to do fundraising and pay our bills, but making money is not we are all about! Being charitable is! I am proud of that philosophy and glad I stuck to it!

I truly loved and miss, as does everyone else, our WW2 and Korean Buddies! The Vietnam Vets are pretty special too!

9-years was a long term of VFW service and I did things my way for the good of the order. Never with any selfish intent...believe that...because it is the TRUTH!

God Bless You and Your Families,

Randell J Shafer, Commander,

CW2; US Army Retired

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

The Fish Fry season continues every Friday from 4:00 – 8:00pm through Good Friday. We're working to reduce wait times by expanding our kitchen capacity. Thank you volunteers! Please remember our Clubroom Grill closes at 4:00pm on Fridays during Lent. We're looking for more volunteers to help clean up afterwards. We're also hosting entertainment in the Clubroom after the Fish Fry events.

I'm hosting open mics in the Clubroom, generally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Remember open mics will be suspended (or *ad hoc*) in the summer.

The Clubroom is hosting Family Feud on Saturday April 26. See flyer (enclosed), Facebook, or contact me for more information.

The Kentucky Derby Party is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd at 4:00pm. We are open to the public for this event and are requesting Derby supporters use the front lot on Jefferson. We have a wedding in the Banquet Hall at 5:00pm and want to ensure their guests have adequate parking in the lake-side lot. The front door will be open.

We're planning a photo op for Saint Clair Shores veterans (all veterans) on Saturday May 18 (weather permitting). The photo will be taken near the flagpole.

Our annual Buddy Poppy drive is Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24 from 11:00 – 4:00pm at the Post. We need volunteers.

The Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 12 at Bello Woods in Macomb.

Be a taxicab for ideas. Join the Special Events Committee. Our committee is focused on improving the experience of our members and guests. All Post and Auxiliary members are welcome. This committee also reviews the calendars and plans events. We have the following ideas in process: Post fundraiser in September (or early October) with live music and food, Post fundraiser corn hole tournament (outdoors), and blessing the bikes...to name a few.

Stay up to date. Join The Bruce Post weekly email blast by emailing bruce-postvfw@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Errol Frick
Senior Vice Commander

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Memorial Day Events

Quick Snapshot

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9am—Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park

1pm—SCS Memorial Day Parade (Harper Ave)

Immediately Following Parade—VFW Bruce Post Open House (Pavilion)

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hello to new and old members alike!

As the Post Junior Vice Commander, I am very excited to report that a Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place on June 12, 2025, with the Help of Scout Troop 1489, and Cub Scout Pack 1489 along with our Ritual Team and members of the Post to properly retire U.S. Flags. We as a Post want to support the community and this Flag retirement Ceremony is a great way for all members to participate, come out and Help our Scout Troop 1489.

I also want to Thank everyone who helped the Post reach our membership recruiting mark of 100%. Let's keep up the great work of our order and bring in new members. As long as we keep up the membership numbers, we ensure that our Great Post keeps running.

Come on back into the clubroom for good food at great prices. There are some awesome events every month, so come out and enjoy the entertainment. Your support of the Clubroom and all events are much appreciated!

We have one main mission here, and that is to take care of each other. If there is any Veteran that needs help, especially our members, please let us know. Hopefully we can discreetly get them the help needed. We live in a great community and are a big part of our community, we should never take this for granted. It takes work, sometimes hard work, to fulfill our obligations and live up to the standards that are set upon us; but nothing is too great of a burden if we all work together.

If you or your family members know eligible Veterans that want to become a member or have questions, please forward my number is list below, I will be glad to get them informed and signed up – 586-214-2941, or email me at jthermes@live.com

James Hermes
Post Jr. Vice Commander
Post Service Officer

CLUBROOM COMMITTEE

GENERAL REMINDER: As posted, the Clubroom is a family-friendly place for members, their guests, and visitors. Please refrain from using foul language. If heard by a bartender or Officer, you will be reminded of this policy.

Our Clubroom is doing well. We would love to see...come on in!

Our weekly specials are:

Tuesday - Pulled Pork

Thursday – Tacos

Saturday - Coney Dogs

****food specials are priced for dine-in only****

The Friday Fish Fry is going strong. The last Fish Fry of this year will be on Good Friday, April 18. Come in and enjoy. Food is also available for carry out, but orders must be placed on site.

Upcoming Events:

Friday April 11 - Karaoke with Paul and Abi

Friday April 18 - Band "Flashback": 8:00 pm

Saturday April 26 - Family Feud 7:00 pm, Check in 6:00 pm.

Prizes roughly \$300, \$200 and \$100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes, respectively. Grill available with limited menu.

Saturday, May 3rd Kentucky Derby Party. No Cover, DJ, 50/50 Drawing

Saturday June 7th - Meat Raffle in Clubroom – Details TBD

Have a good Spring and Summer!

Chris (CJ) Jensen
Clubroom Committee Chairperson



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POST CHAPLAIN

Hello My Fellow Comrades,

Tis the time for New Beginnings, and many of our fellow comrades have fallen and as we honor those of us whom have fallen, we continue to reach out to all whom are in need.

I 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.

Guide for Life:

Your words are like a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105

Live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a sweet-smelling

offering and sacrifice to God. Speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual

songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:2, 19-20

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 what is needed to do every good work.

God Bless,

William Davenport, VFW Post 1146 Chaplain

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Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

As members it is ALL of our responsibilities to recruit new and active members. Not only do we always need and want members, but we also really need members that want to get involved. If you know or come in contact with people who are or may be eligible for Post or Aux membership, please put them in contact with our Membership Chairman.

POST: James Hermes—586-214-2941.— jthermes@live.com

AUX: Kay Eiswirth—586-413-9934— keiswirth@yahoo.com

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters, & Comrades,

We are almost at our year-end, where has the time gone? Time flies when you're having fun! In the past few months, we've done a lot. Back in January we hit 100% in membership. I have to give a huge shoutout to our membership team that consists of Kay, Nancy, & Terri!! Those ladies rock at getting our numbers so high. It's hard to keep those up when we're the largest auxiliary in the state. Thank you to everyone that also recruits new members.

The fundraiser for Fisher House-Michigan was also a success. We were able to raise \$4335, then our awesome auxiliary voted to match the donation, bringing our total to \$8670! A big thank you to Kevin & Carrie for making that fundraiser such a success.

Our next District 5 meeting is May 4th at 10:30am in Holly. This will be elections for next years officers. Department convention is May 28th-June 1st in Kalamazoo. If you plan on attending, rooms are available now & you can book them by contacting the Radisson Plaza Hotel at 269-343-3333.

Have you been to a meeting lately? Our meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month @7:30pm. You can't help to make our Auxiliary better by not attending a meeting & letting us know your thoughts. All auxiliary members are welcome, come & be the change that YOU want to see. Our next meeting will be elections! As the end of our year is coming, I would like to thank everyone for making my first year as president an amazing experience. I'm looking forward to the next few months & getting to see everyone. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions. God Bless.

Marrisa Martinez, VFW Auxiliary President



AUXILIARY SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

As we pass the 1st quarter it seems that time is already flying by. I wanted to take time and thank everyone who has supported the Auxiliary and all of our functions and events we have had. It's important that even for an hour your time is important to us. A good friend of mine once told me "many hands make for Light work". Our meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm and they tend to run for an hour. Come out to one of our meetings and see and hear what we do. Please join us and become one of the many hands. IF you can't join just volunteer we will never say no!

The Mighty Auxiliary of Bruce Post 1146 Held an Indoor Golf Outing fundraiser this Past February For the Fisher House of Michigan. What can I say, but – WOW! WE managed to Raise \$8670 for an AMAZING cause. A thank you to Carrie Keys for all the hard work she did taking care of the many finer points to making the Event successful. Also, Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and spectators who came out and made this a fantastic inaugural event. I thank YOU!!

We look forward to working on some very special projects we have coming this year and hope to see you all out there. Please check out calendars hanging up in the Clubroom and grab a G-2 so you can keep updated with us.

Kevin Wofford, Senior Vice President, Auxiliary

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 4/3/2025 (Elections), 5/1/2025, 6/5/2025, and 7/3/2025. The April meeting will be the Elections for 2025-2026 year. I know everyone has busy schedules, but please try to attend the meetings. We would like to see you and hear your ideas. it's not just 1 person who makes this work. It is all of us!

Membership - Chairman Kay Eiswirth 586-413-9934 keiswirth@yahoo.com

Our new year of 2024-2025 started July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025. As of this writing, we are at 795 paid members = 101.53%.

If you have not paid your 2025 dues, you are no longer a member in good standing. You no longer have clubroom privileges. Please get those dues paid

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.-Are you a Post Member? Is your spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister or grandchildren members of the auxiliary?? I know I sound like a broken record. BUT-THEY SHOULD BE! YOU, the Post Member, ARE the Qualifying Veteran. Please get them an application (one included in the G2) and turn it in. If they are not an auxiliary member, you should be asking yourself, "Why Aren't They"? What if something should happen to you? They would have to submit all the qualifying paperwork of the veteran. Also..they would not have privileges to the clubroom While you are a current member, all we need is the Post Members Membership #. Really think about it. There are no exceptions.

4th Quarter Chairman Reporting—DUE April 20, 2025

CHAIRMAN—The 4th Quarter (2024-2025) is February 2025. Check your guide sheet and report. Hopefully you have reported ALL 4 quarters so the Auxiliary can receive the recognition we deserve from all the work the team does at the Dept Convention in May, where awards get presented. You all make Bruce Post 1146 Auxiliary proud and EVERYBODY should know it! You should be reporting at least once a month. There is always something to report. **Reporting is part of being the chairman's responsibilities. This MUST be done! It is key to us receiving our due recognition.** If you do not know what or how to report, please see President Marris Martinez for instructions.

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

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5th District Meeting @ VFW #5587 in Holly, MI:

Sunday, May 4, 2025 is the next 5th District Meeting. Joint session 10am followed by lunch and then the District Meeting follows at 1pm. Department Conductor, Kris Griffith will be the Department Representative at the meeting. The Joint Installation of the New 2025-2026 Officers follow the District Meeting. The Installation Dinner will follow Joint Installation. All Auxiliary members are welcome to attend.

VFW & Aux Dept of MI Convention—Radisson Hotel—Kalamazoo, MI:

Year-end convention is May 30 June 1, 2025. This convention highlights everything we worked for this year. Please check the VFW MI and VFW Auxiliary MI website for all information, rooms, tentative agenda regarding the Mid Winter Conference. There are also copies in this G-2.

Dates to Remember — WATCH FACEBOOK (Aux & Post) & Clubroom FOR ANY CHANGES:

Thurs, 4/3/25—Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm—ELECTIONS!!!

Sat, 4/5/25—Auxiliary Feather Party. Doors open at 6pm. Starts at 7pm

Sat 4/12/25—Easter Bunny Hop, 1-3pm

Thurs, 5/1/25—Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

Sun 5/4/25—5th District Meeting at VFW 5587 in Holly, MI

Sun 5/25/25—Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, 9am

Sun 5/25/25 —Memorial Day Parade on Harper Ave

Sun 5/25/25—VFW Bruce Post Open House, immediately following the Parade

Thurs 5/29/25 to Sun 6/1/25—Dept of MI Convention in Kalamazoo, MI

Thurs 6/5/25—Auxiliary Meeting/Potluck Dinner, Meeting at 7pm, potluck to follow. Please bring dish to pass.

Thurs 12/25—Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

Terri McCloy, Treasurer—VFW Auxiliary
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New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rae Lynn Bouldrey Steven Cerrini Jill Daly Patrick Papa Brenda Richards Catherine Wahla Emily Wahla Rachel Wahla 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander Stubin

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2025

APRIL

2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
				6:00 Special Events Committee meeting 7:30 Auxiliary meeting Taco Thursday	4:00 - 8:00pm Fish Fry 8:00 Live Music by For a Few Dollars More	7:00 Feather Party (doors at 6:00) Coney dog speical
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7:00 82nd Airborne meeting		3:00 VVA#154	6:00 Clubroom Committee meeting Taco Thursday	4:00 - 8:00pm Fish Fry 8:00 Karaoke with Paul and Abi	12:00 - 3:00 Easter "Bunny Hop" Coney dog speical
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		7:00 Executive Board meeting Pulled pork special	11:00am Ritual Team meeting 7:00 Post Members meeting		Good Friday 4:00 - 8:00pm Fish Fry 8:00 Live Music by Flashback	6:00 Open Mic Coney dog special
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Clubroom Closed					8:00 Karaoke with Paul and Abi	5:00 Family Feud in the Clubroom
		Pulled pork special		Taco Thursday		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		Pulled pork special				

2025

MAY

2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				4:00 Benefit for Parade Committee Open to the public. 7:30 Auxiliary meeting Taco Thursday		4:00 Kentucky Derby Clubroom Fundraiser (lakeside lot closed). Open to the public. Coney dog special
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7:00 82nd Airborne meeting		3:00 VVA#154			
		Pulled pork special		Taco Thursday		Coney dog special
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Pulled pork special		6:00 Clubroom Committee meeting Taco Thursday		6:00 Open Mic
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
6:00 Saint Clair Shores Veterans Photo. All veterans SCS welcome.		7:00 Executive Board meeting Pulled pork special	11:00am Ritual Team meeting 7:00 Post Members meeting		11:00 - 3:00 Buddy Poppy Fund Raiser 8:00 Karaoke	11:00 - 3:00 Buddy Poppy Fund Raiser Drive Coney dog special
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day Parade Open to the public	Memorial Day	Pulled pork special		State Convntion Kalamazoo Taco Thursday	State Convention Kalamazoo	State Convention Kalamazoo Coney dog special

2025

JUNE

2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Pulled pork special		6:00 Special Events Committee meeting 7:30 Auxiliary meeting Taco Thursday		6:00 (TBD) Meat Raffle in Clubroom Coney dog special
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	7:00 82nd Airborne meeting	Pulled pork special	3:00 VVA#154	6:00 Clubroom Committee meeting 6:00 Flag retirement Taco Thursday		Coney dog special
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
G2 content deadline		Pulled pork special			8:00 Karaoke	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
				Taco Thursday		Coney dog special

Rentals

NEED A ROOM FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?

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Clubroom

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Saturday April 26

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Wednesday, May 28

VFW Golf Outing

Thursday, May 29

8:00 am – 11:30 am

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

(Dress code – Jane's Pink Shirt)

Registration

Registration

Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting

Lunch on your own

Hospital Booth /Camp Trotter

Joint Opening

*Welcome by Commander Napoleon and President Dady

*National Home Representative and Presentation

*Allied Organizations

*Presentations to: Fisher House, Heroes to Hives, FoxHole, and
Gold Star Mothers Memorial

*Parliamentary Training

*Comments by National VFW Representative Glenn Umberger and
National Auxiliary Representative Janey Feher

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Instruction to Pages

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Floor Practice

5:00 pm

Mandatory practice for Memorial Service

**(All Officers, District Presidents and anyone that is part of the
service, if unable to attend, please contact the Dept. President)**

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

2025-2026 Pre Council of Administration Meeting

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Department Hospitality Room

Friday, May 30

8:00 am – 11:30 am

(Dress code - Official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)

Registration

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Hospital Booth/Camp Trotter

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

2025-2026 Auxiliary Program Pins available for pick up

8:00 am – Noon	Auxiliary Business Session Opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Rules Committee *Resolutions *Introduction of Convention Committee and Pages *Program Awards
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Presentation of District and Auxiliary Achievement Awards
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	VAVS Representatives Meeting
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	District Jr Vice Presidents meeting with Department Jr. Vice President Jason Manke
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service
5:45 pm	Joint Testimonial for Commander Napoleon and President Jane Dady Dress Code: suit/tie for men; cocktail attire for women

Saturday, May 31

(Dress code is official look blouse/shirt and black pants/slacks)

8:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration (REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 9:30 am)
8:00 am – 11:30 am	Photo Room
8:00 am – Noon	Hospital Booth/ Camp Trotter
8:00 am – Noon	2025-2026 Auxiliary Program Pins available pick up
8:00 am – Noon	Auxiliary Business Session Resumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Flag Presentation *Presentation of Past Department Presidents *Recognition of 45-year plus *Presentation of Patriotic Art Winner *Chapel of Four Chaplains Award *Comments from National VFW Auxiliary Representative *Nominations *Candidates Question and Answer Session
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own/Caucus
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Past State Commanders/Past State Presidents Luncheon
1:30 pm	Auxiliary Business Session Resumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *2026 Membership Kickoff *ELECTION OF OFFICERS *INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS *Closing Ceremonies of Auxiliary Convention

2025-26 C of A Meeting promptly after close of Convention

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Celebration with Commander Reinhold Yanka and Department President
Debbie Scheetz at Hotel. **(Dress code is casual)**

Sunday, June 1

9:00 am – 12:00 pm 2025-2026 Program Kickoff by Program Chairmen
(This will count as a School of Instruction)

**Department of Michigan
Veterans of Foreign Wars
106th Department Convention
Wednesday May 28, 2025-Sunday June 1, 2025**

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

Cutoff date is May 6, 2025 or until block fills (whichever occurs first)

Please make your reservation 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

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

Higher rates will apply for 3 or 4 person occupancy.

Group: Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department Convention

Wednesday May 28, 2025 -Sunday, June 1, 2025

Self parking for hotel guests is \$8.00 per

night Valet parking is available

Day attendees parking rate is \$10.00 per day
(parking passes available at convention registration)



**Department of Michigan
106th State Convention
Golf Outing**

Ridgeview Golf Course
10360 W. Main St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

May 28, 2025
Registration: 8:15 am
Shotgun Start: 9:00 am

Lunch on the course

Four Person Scramble

PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY MAY 19, 2025
\$50.00 per person (green fees and cart)

Captain _____ Contact # _____

Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #4 _____

Payment can be made by check or credit card.

To pay with check make check payable to VFW Department of Michigan and mail with form to:

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

For questions contact Ricky Young:
810-569-2193

To pay with credit card complete information below and fax to 517-485-6432 or email to Jan: bookkeeper@vfwmi.vet or Amanda: amanda@vfwmi.vet:

_____	_____
Name	Credit Card #
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_____	_____
Expiration Date	Phone Number

Email for Receipt	

Kimberly Napoleon – State Commander
Jane Dady – State President

TESTIMONIAL TICKETS

Friday May 30, 2025 - State Convention

Price \$52.00 per person

No tickets sold at the door

<p><u>DEADLINE DATE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS MAY 21, 2025</u> <u>TICKET ORDERS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE,</u> <u>INCLUDING NO SHOWS</u></p>
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TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED

Tickets will be available at Auxiliary Registration

NAME: _____ DIST # _____ POST # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

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To pay with check make check payable to VFW Department of Michigan and mail with form to:

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

To pay with credit card complete information below and fax to 517-485-6432 or email to Jan @ bookkeeper@vfwmi.vet or Amanda @ amanda@vfwmi.vet:

_____	_____ / _____
Credit Card #	Expiration Date

_____	_____
Phone Number	Email for Receipt

DOORS OPEN AT 5:45 PM/DINNER AT 6:00 PM

CASH BAR

DRESS: SUIT/TIE (MEN), COCKTAIL DRESS (WOMEN)

ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING DINNER

**Department Conferences, National Conventions and Conferences,
Michigan Day and Big 10 Conferences (rev. 10-16-24)**

<p><u>2024</u></p> <p>Department Convention Kalamazoo - May 29-June 2</p> <p>National Convention Louisville KY - July 27 to August 1</p> <p>Michigan Day at National Home August 11</p> <p>National President's Official Visit September 12-14</p> <p>Fall Conference Flint - September 26-29</p> <p>Big 10 Conference Indianapolis - October 18-20</p> <p><u>2025</u></p> <p>Mid-Winter Kalamazoo - January 30 to February 2</p> <p>National Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference Cancun, Mexico - February 1-6</p> <p>National Legislative Conference – DC March 1-6</p> <p>National Auxiliary Sr. Vice Conference Kansas City – March 13-16</p> <p>National Jr. Vice Presidents/Commanders Orientation at the National Home May 15-17</p> <p>National Auxiliary Jr. Vice Training National Home – May 17-19</p> <p>Department Convention Kalamazoo-May 28-June 1</p> <p>National Home 100th Birthday Celebration National Home – June 28</p> <p>Michigan Day at National Home July 27</p>	<p>National Convention Columbus OH- August 9 -14</p> <p>Big 10 Conference October 17-19, Location TBA</p> <p>Fall Conference Mt. Pleasant – October 29-November 2</p> <p><u>2026</u></p> <p>Mid-Winter Kalamazoo - January 29 to February 1</p> <p>Department Convention Kalamazoo – May 27-31</p> <p>Michigan Day at National Home August 2</p> <p>National Convention Salt Lake City, UT – August 15-20</p> <p>Fall Conference Mt. Pleasant – October 28 – November 1</p> <p>BIG 10 Kalamazoo - October 15 – 19</p> <p><u>2027</u></p> <p>Mid-Winter Location TBA – January 28-31</p> <p>Department Convention Kalamazoo – May 26-30</p> <p>National Convention Milwaukee – July 31-August 4</p> <p>Fall Conference Mt. Pleasant – October 27 –31</p> <p><u>2028</u></p> <p>National Convention San Antonio, TX – August 5-10</p>
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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 Quarter-master's office or mail to Tim Litz, 28404 Jefferson Ave, SCS, MI 48081. Please print clearly.

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Phone: _____

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

1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY ☐ Check here if this is a gift.
Credit cards may **NOT** be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card

Billing address for card

City State ZIP

Credit Card No.

CVV Code Exp. Date

Signature ☒ Date

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

☐ ACH (Bank withdrawl)

Name of Bank

Bank Routing No.

Account No.

Attach voided check HERE.
(Required)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
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 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.)

Auxiliary Application

Cpl. Walter F. Bruce VFW Post #1146 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 starred areas.

POST AFFILIATED: (Must be a current member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary you are applying for). You will NEED the Eligible Veteran name & VFW Membership ID# & your relationship to an 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 an 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. 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 completed application.

^Life Member-See application form for amount + \$10 Adm. Fee (1 time only) + \$1 Key Card for clubroom

^Continuous member (pays yearly dues) \$30 + \$10 Adm. Fee (1 time only) + \$1 Key Card for clubroom

2. Mail application to Kay Eiswirth (Membership Chairman) 25578 Island View Dr. Harrison Township, MI 48045 or to the above VFW Bruce Post address marked Auxiliary Application. You can also put in the Auxiliary box by the pool table in the Club Room.

The application must be approved and voted on the floor at our meeting (1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm). Once application has been accepted, you will receive a call from the secretary, telling you to come to the next meeting. Please be patient. Until approved on floor at the meeting there is nothing we can do to expedite.

Membership Chairman: Kay Eiswirth 586-413-9934 keiswirth@yahoo.com

President: Marris Martinez 405-436-8905 mschnitz2009@gmail.com

Treasurer: Terri McCloy 586-899-9554 terri_mccloy@wowway.com

Eligibility to the VFW Auxiliary:

Must be at least 16 years old and a citizen of the United States

THOSE ELIGIBLE OF A VETERAN* (Veterans of Foreign Wars)

*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.

Husband/Wife, Widower/Widow, Father/Mother, Grandfather/Grandmother, Son, Daughter, Brother/Sister, Grandson/Granddaughter TO AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN