



January—March 2026

# The Bruce Post G-2

The Newsletter of the Largest Post in Michigan

**Cpl. Walter F Bruce Post #1146**

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## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Comrades,

Happy New Year! I hope that the holidays were good for you and that you have a healthy and prosperous year in 2026.

We had a very eventful fall at the Post that's hopefully left you "thirsty" for more. The fundraisers run by Errol Frick and Amy Beltz on 11 October and 8 November respectively had great attendance by very generous donors. It was very exciting to me to meet several people at both of those events that had not been to the post in many years. They were all amazed by the look of the place and the welcome they received from members. There were even some on-the-spot applications for memberships in both the VFW and the Auxiliary. It's a reminder that our enthusiasm and attitude is the biggest difference maker in the future of our Post.

Our Veteran's Day Ceremony on 11 November was attended by over 275 people. The main hall was packed! Both State Senator Hertel and State Representative Robinson were quite moved by the crowd and those that attended got to hear from them about a couple of big things that they are trying to get into Michigan Law that would benefit both individual Veterans and also our Post facilities.

There was one down "note" for me after that wonderful, patriotic event. The next week I received a letter from an individual complaining about one specific part of the ceremony. They raised some interesting points that I would have been delighted to discuss with them in person. However, the letter was not signed.

To be kind, I'll assume that the individual that wrote the letter didn't know me well enough to trust me, so I hope to change that. I did not come from the "school" where leaders and their decisions can't be questioned. I'm just the opposite. If you see something that you don't agree with or you think should be done differently, you're free to ask me about it. You may give me a new perspective and maybe we will learn something from each other. That being said, let's try to make our evenings in the Club Room a sanctuary, especially for the Post and Auxiliary Officers. We need some time off too.

Finally, as we move into February we start Fish Fry Season. It is my favorite time of the Post year. It takes lots of hands and great teamwork to make it a success. If you've never volunteered to work at the Fish Frys please consider doing it this year. We really need the help.

God Bless all of you for your service & God Bless America!

**David Ellis, Commander**

**US Army, Retired**

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hello,

**Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser** (with I Heart Dogs) - February 21st, 6pm. More details to follow.

**The Fish Fry** – Starting Friday February 20th – Friday April 3rd. We need volunteers to help prep fish during the week, bus tables during the event, and help clean up.

**The Buddy Poppy Fundraiser** – Starting Thursday May 21st through Saturday May 23rd at 2pm, we need volunteers from 12pm – 6pm to staff the booth on the street side of the Post

**Post clean-up** – is Saturday May 23rd from roughly 10am-2pm

**Memorial Day Parade** – On Sunday May 24th - We need people to walk in the parade...especially to carry the Post Banner then we need volunteers to help at the Post after the parade

**Car Cruises** – Restart on Friday May 29th

**“Fam Jam”**/Whole Post Event fundraiser (by Auxiliary Sr Vice Kevin Wofford) – On Friday June 19th and Saturday, the 20th . We’re expecting 100s and 100s of visitors

**America’s 250th birthday** is on July 4th – it would stand to reason we should have something forth is special day

**The Golf Outing** – On Friday September 11th

**Oktoberfest** – On Friday September 18th and Saturday, the 19th

Sincerely,

Errol Frick

Sr Vice Commander

313.434.8865

**We love our volunteers!**



**“Many hands make light work.”**

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hello to new and old members alike!

I want to take this time to wish all of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are getting ready to head into our Fish Fry fundraiser and to let you know that if you want to volunteer to reach out to QM Tim Litz.

We are about 46 members away from hitting the national recruitment goal of 101%. Let's work as a team and bring in a new member, for members who are getting close to their annual renewal please stop into the post and see QM Tim Litz.

I am looking for Ideas for the annual Day of Service Project that we as a post can do that will better not only our Post but the community please email me at [jthermes@live.com](mailto:jthermes@live.com). So that we can get this project completed before Memorial Day.

To volunteer at the post with helping keep our post grounds a safe and clean environment please reach out to Sr. Vice Commander Errol Frick or QM Tim Litz. The more we help at our Post will show that we all support our post and will encourage new members to join.

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 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 them my number which is list below, I will be glad to get them informed and signed up – 586-214-2941, or email me at [jthermes@live.com](mailto:jthermes@live.com).

James Hermes  
Post Jr. Vice Commander  
Post Service Officer

# Fish Fry Season

### **Dates:**

**Friday, Feb 20, 2026**

**Friday, Feb 27, 2026**

**Friday, Mar 6, 2026**

**Friday, Mar 13, 2026**

**Friday, Mar 20, 2026**

**Friday, Mar 27, 2026**

**Friday, Apr 3, 2026**

We need volunteers for our Lenten Fish Fry Season, 7 weeks. Aside from day of tasks, we also need people during the week for prep.

If you would like to volunteer for our Fish Frys, please contact;

Sr. Vice—Errol Frick at 313-434-8865

Or

Quartermaster, Tim Litz at 586-778-1146

### **VOLUNTEER MEETING:**

**Wed, Feb 11, 2026—  
7pm**



## 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 bartender or Officer, you will be reminded of this policy and possible consequences.

**\*\*The Clubroom looks absolutely amazing, all thanks to the wonderful decorating efforts of Keith and CJ. Thank you both so much!\*\***

### **Weekly Specials:**

Monday – Fajitas 3 for \$8.75

Tuesday – Pulled Pork \$3.50 **NO to go orders**

Thursday – Tacos \$1.99 or 3 for \$5.50

Saturdays – Coney Dogs \$1.50, To go \$2.00

**\*\*Food specials are dine-in ONLY\*\***

### **Upcoming events for the Clubroom:**

23Jan Karaoke with Mindbusters 8pm

24Jan Meat Raffle doors open at 2pm, starts at 3pm

8Feb Super Bowl Party

21Feb Open mic with Errol

14Mar St Patty's Day Celebration

21Mar Open mic with Errol

⇒ Enjoy live entertainment in the clubroom during our upcoming Fish Frys.

⇒ Carpeted area is available to rent, please see a Clubroom Committee member or bartender for further details.

We would love to see you all in the Clubroom.... Come on in!

**Your Clubroom Committee**



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

## 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.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

God Bless,

**William Davenport, VFW Post 1146 Chaplain**

# 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](mailto:jthermes@live.com)

AUX: Kay Eiswirth—586-413-9934— [keiswirth@yahoo.com](mailto:keiswirth@yahoo.com)

**— We Honor the Dead By Serving the Living —**

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters, & Comrades,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope you & your family have had happy holidays. Our auxiliary has been very busy the past few months. I would like to thank everyone that attended our feather party in October, it was a huge success thanks to all of our auxiliary volunteers. Our Buddy Poppy fundraiser was also a success, where Amy & her group of helpers raised their goal of \$5,000 to go to needy veterans & their families!!

\*\*\*Due to the first Thursday of the month being New Year's Day, our auxiliary meeting in January has been moved to the 2nd Thursday. It will be January 8th at 7:30pm.\*\*\*

If you're interested in attending the Mid-Winter conference in Kalamazoo, the dates are January 28th-February 1st at the Radisson hotel. Cut-off date for booking is January 5th. To reserve your room, please call 269-343-3333.

Our post is always looking for volunteers! If you're interested in helping out, contact the post Sr. Vice Commander Errol Frick at 313-434-8865.

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. I'm looking forward to the next few months & getting to see everyone. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. God Bless.

**Marrisa Martinez, VFW Auxiliary President**



# New 2026 Auxiliary Application

The attached application is the new Auxiliary application effective 1/2026. Please share with anyone that is eligible for the Auxiliary and may be interested in membership!

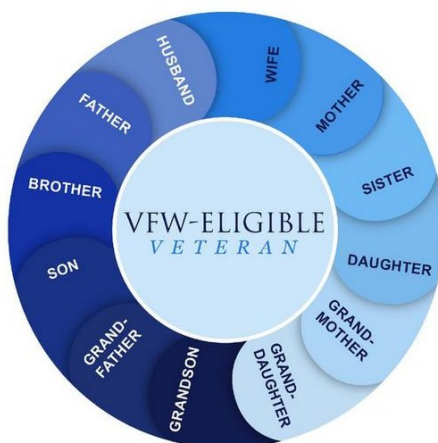
## VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel

### Annual Membership:

\$30 Annually

\$10 one-time admin  
with application

\$5 Clubroom Key Card



### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 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

## TREASURER—VFW AUXILIARY

### Meetings:

Auxiliary #1146 meeting day is the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the hall upstairs. The next meetings are 1/8/2026 (NOTE- 2ND THURSDAY DUE TO HOLIDAY), 2/5/2026, 3/5/2026 & 4/2/2026. I know everyone has busy schedules, but please try to attend the meetings. We would like to see you and hear your ideas. Remember 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 2025-2026 started July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026. The 2026 dues renewal forms were sent out by the end of July 2025. The reminder notices for those that have not yet paid their 2026 dues will be sent out the beginning of October 2025. We still have about 50 members that have not paid their 2026 dues. Please, please, get your dues paid by the end of November 2025. December is a very busy month and would appreciate that your dues be paid promptly. If your dues are not paid, you will not be a member in good standing and your clubroom privileges will also be taken away. A list will be sent to the canteen of unpaid members.

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.

2nd Quarter (August - October 2025) Chairman Reporting - Due October 31,,2025 CHAIRMAN: Check your guide sheets to see what needs to be reported. Please do not wait until the last minute to report. PLEASE REPORT IN ALL FOUR QUARTERS so you and the auxiliary can receive the recognition you and the auxiliary deserve. You should be reporting at least once a month. There is always something to report. Reporting all we have done is the key to the awards. Please also look at the awards section of your guide sheet. We are missing out by not doing or reporting on those. If you do not know what or how to report, then you must see Auxiliary President, Marrisa Martinez for instructions. When the chairman reports, it makes the Auxiliary look good. Reporting is part of being the chairman's responsibilities. - This MUST be done!

### **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:**

Carrie Keys at  
carrie1146aux@gmail.com

Send your Aux event pics!

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**VFW Midwinter Conference - Radisson in Kalamazoo - January 30-31, 2016**

The Mid-Winter Conference will be at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo. Hope you booked your rooms. This information was given at the November meeting and is also online.

**5th District AUXILIARY Meeting @ VFW Fraser Post #6691—Sunday Feb 15, 2026**

Sunday, February 15, 2026 is the next 5th District Auxiliary Meeting with 2025-2026 5th District President, Sandra Kleven leading us this year. All Auxiliary members are encouraged & welcome to attend.

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

Sun. 1/4/2026 - VOD Banquet at VFW #7573 New Baltimore

Thurs. 1/8/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

Fri & Sat. 1/30/2026 & 1/31/2026 - Mid-Winter Conference

Thurs. 2/5/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

Sun 2/15/2026 - 5th District Meeting Auxiliary & Post at VFW Fraser #6691

Thurs 3/5/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

Sat. 3/7/2026 - Feather Party (Meat Raffle)


Thurs 4/2/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm

**Terri McCloy, Treasurer—VFW Auxiliary**  
**586-899-9554/terri\_mccloy@wowway.com**

**SUPPORTING OUR POST**

- Roy McCarver
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- Brian Leslie

## NEW AND DECEASED MEMBERS

New VFW Members		Deceased VFW Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randy Berger</li> <li>• Nicholas Miller</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul G. Barden</li> <li>• Anthony R. Choynowski</li> <li>• John E. Flum</li> <li>• Johann Krenzer</li> <li>• David L. Mallory</li> <li>• Gary F. Naseef</li> <li>• Roy J. Perini</li> <li>• Severo J. Saylon Jr.</li> </ul>
New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert J Craig</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor Armaly</li> <li>• Colette Kove – Past President</li> </ul>

If you know of a Post or Auxiliary member sick, in the hospital, or recently deceased—please let our respective  
 Linda Vendittelli—Aux Chaplain                      William Davenport—Post Chaplain  
 586-216-9065    586-306-4554




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

*Unknown*

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## ORDER YOUR BRUCE POST MEMORIAL BRICK

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

**Personalized Bricks are ONLY \$75.00 each!**

***PLEASE HURRY AND PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!***

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to Bruce Post 1146 Memorial Fund and mail to Bruce Monument at 28404 E Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, MI 48081-2570. **Please print clearly and leave a space in between names.**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tim Litz 586-778-1146

## JOIN OUR RITUAL TEAM

### Cpl Walter F Bruce Post

#1146

28404 Jefferson Ave  
St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Quartermaster:  
586-778-1146

Clubroom:  
586-772-1146

Email:  
1146BruceTeam@gmail.com



We want to be able to continue providing the proper Ritual Services to which our deceased comrades are entitled...so we NEED MORE Ritual Team Members!

It is truly an honor to be part of the team that delivers military honors to a fallen comrade. A final tribute in ceremonial fashion!

If you are interested in joining one of the Best Ritual Teams in Michigan, please contact Karen Vago at 586-481-0047 or Commander Ellis at 586-915-5888. It is simple training and takes very little of your time.



# JANUARY 2026

Want to volunteer?  
Contact Errol 313.434.8865

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				New Year's Day Closed		10am - 3pm Self care vendor show <i>volunteers needed</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
TBD Lions @ Bears	7pm 82nd Airborne meeting		7pm Cornhole	7:30pm Auxiliary meeting		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			3pm VVA#154  7pm Cornhole	6pm Clubroom Committee meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am - 3pm Comic Book Show		7pm Executive Board meeting	11am Ritual Team meeting  7pm Post Members meeting  7pm Cornhole		8pm-12am Karaoke by Mindbusters	3pm - 6pm Meat Raffle in the Clubroom (doors at 2pm. <i>volunteers needed</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			7pm Cornhole			



# FEBRUARY 2026

Want to volunteer?  
Contact Errol 313.434.8865

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			7pm Cornhole	7:30pm Auxiliary meeting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6:30pm Super Bowl Sunday			7pm Cornhole	6pm Clubroom Committee meeting  7pm - Fish Fry volunteer meeting in the Clubroom		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5th District Meeting - Fraser  10am - 2pm Comic Book Show		7pm Executive Board meeting	5pm Ritual Team meeting  7pm Post Members meeting  7pm Cornhole		4pm-8pm Fish Fry  8pm Live Music by Dan Morganroth	6pm Bruce Post and I Heart Dogs Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			7pm Cornhole		4pm-8pm Fish Fry  8pm-12am Karaoke by Mindbusters	

Pending  
Save the Date

# MARCH

## 2026

Want to volunteer?  
Contact Errol 313.434.8865

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Indoor Golf Outing.		7:30pm Auxiliary meeting	7pm Cornhole	7:30pm Auxiliary meeting	4pm-8pm Fish Fry 8pm Live Music by Front Porch Revival	7pm Meat Raffle/Feather Party (doors at 6pm)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	7pm 82nd Airborne meeting		3pm VVA#154 7pm Cornhole	6pm Clubroom Committee meeting	4pm-8pm Fish Fry 8pm Live Music by Bridge of Sighs (Robin Trower Tribute Band) WSG Errol Frick	Saint Pat's Day Clubroom Party
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	7pm E-Board Meeting	Saint Patrick's Day	11am Ritual Team meeting 7pm Post Members meeting 7pm Cornhole (flex date)		4pm-8pm Fish Fry 8pm Live Music by Aqua Monkey	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
G2 content deadline					4pm-8pm Fish Fry 8pm-12am Karaoke by Mindbusters	12pm - 3pm Kids' Bunny Hop
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

# Rentals

**NEED A ROOM FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?**

**DON'T WAIT...BOOK NOW!**

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

# Clubroom

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

⇒ Keith Meade

⇒ Terri Priebe

⇒ Errol Frick



# VFW Post Eligibility

For a full list of campaign medals that qualify an individual for VFW membership, please consult Section 101 of the VFW Manual of Procedure.

If a veteran's DD-214 or other military documentation confirms they have been awarded one of these campaign medals and they have served honorably, then they are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

- China Service Medal
- American Defense Service Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- Army of Occupation Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Combat Action Medal<sup>1</sup>
- Combat Action Badge
- SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal
- Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon WITH GOLD BORDER<sup>2</sup>
- Purple Heart
- Korea Duty (Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days)
- Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay

<sup>1</sup> also known as the Air Force Combat Action Medal

<sup>2</sup> also known as the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

***Are you an eligible Veteran interested in joining the VFW Bruce Post #1146?***

***Please reach out to one of Our Post Officers:***

James Hermes, Jr Vice Commander— 586-214-2941 or [jthermes@live.com](mailto:jthermes@live.com)

Tim Litz, Quartermaster— 586-713-1519 or [timlitzvfw@gmail.com](mailto:timlitzvfw@gmail.com)

David Ellis, Commander— 586-915-5888 or [dbellis5@hotmail.com](mailto:dbellis5@hotmail.com)



# VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H,I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section B,F,G.

**A**

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name  ☐ Female ☐ Male  
Address  Date of Birth  /  /   
City  State  ZIP  Phone (  ) -  Email

**B**

Auxiliary Post No.  City  State   
☐ New Member ☐ Transferring Member ☐ Rejoining Member (Prior Member ID Number)   
☐ Member at Large in Department of  ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

**C**

(Transfer only information) ☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER ☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER  
Member ID  Previous Auxiliary  ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

**D**

☐ **POST-AFFILIATED** (\*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
VFW Membership ID  VFW Post (Must be same as B)

**E**

☐ **NON-AFFILIATED** (\*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
Name of campaign ribbons or medals:   
Dates of Service:  to  Foreign Location:

**F**

Recruited/Recommended by:  Recruiter Member ID   
Check one: Aux ☐ VFW ☐

**G**

Investigating Committee Signatures  
1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒  
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date  Obligated Date

**H**

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership ☐ Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)  
Payment Method and Amount: Cash ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Check ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days or otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.  
Phone  Email

**I**

**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 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 at least 16 years of age. 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 ☒ Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

By filing out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of e-mails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephone dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt-out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 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

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### **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:***

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)

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

If you would like a clubroom key - \$5 (See Keith in the Clubroom)

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 clubroom

The application must be approved and voted on the floor at our meeting (1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm). Once the 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](mailto:keiswirth@yahoo.com)**

President: Marrisa Martinez 405-436-8905 **[mschnitz2009@gmail.com](mailto:mschnitz2009@gmail.com)**

Treasurer: Terri McCloy 586-899-9554 **[terri\\_mccloy@wowway.com](mailto: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**