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Membership Chairman: **Rick Hillis**  Bar Committee Chairman, **Rick Hillis**  Junior Vice Commander, **Rick Hillis**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **POST QUARTERMASTER**  This newsletter is going out as an E-mail. At one time the Post did a monthly newsletter and mailed them out. Copies will be available in the clubroom. Postcards have been our only source of information but you can only put so much information on a 5x7 card. However, with a newsletter too much information sometimes may not be a good thing either. As they say” Keep it Short and Simple and to the Point”! (KISS???). Post cards will be sent out from time to time.  If you haven’t already paid your annual dues you can pay online yourself, mail them in or drop the dues off at the post and I’ll gladly process them for you! Another option is apply for a Life Membership. A life membership can be  paid in one payment or by 11 monthly payment plan offered by VFW National Headquarters. Again, I can help anyone with the process.  If someone has a article they want in this newsletter E-mail it to this address QMT6756@GMAIL.COM. All articles must be **signed** by its author to be published in this newsletter.    **Patrick J. Pockrandt**  Page 2-A    **WHO: VFW POST 6756.**  **WHAT: ELECTIONS / NOMINATIONS**  **POST OFFICERS.**  **WHEN: WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2025**  **WHERE: 25500 SHERWOOD AVE**  **CENTER LINE MI, 48091**  **WHY: PER NATIONAL BY-LAWS**  **ARTICLE XX.**    Assistant Quartermaster, **Ron Skiera**    Page 3-A      **CLUBROOM / HALL MANAGER**  Remember, you can use the clubroom for small events. Point of contact is canteen / hall manager Patty Berak at (248) 640-4504 / 586-756-6756 for more information.  **CLUBROOM HOURS**  MONDAY  **CLOSED**  TUESDAY 2:00 pm to CLOSE\*    WEDNESDAY 2:00 pm to CLOSE\*  THURSDAY 2:00 pm to CLOSE\*  FRIDAY 2:00 pm to CLOSE\*  SATURDAY 2:00 pm to CLOSE\*  SUNDAY 2:00 pm to CLOSE\*  **\*OR 30 MINUTES AFTER BARTENDER CALLS LAST CALL.**  **HAVING A SPECIAL EVENT? RENT THE HALL!**  Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Showers, Memorial Services, Family Reunion, ect.  Contact Hall manager Patty Berak to set up an appointment to rent the hall. Patty’s phone number is (248) 640-4504. Or call the post at (586) 756-6756.  Invite your friends to join you at your post to watch sports in the clubroom. Make a day of it. Start with your favorite hometown teams.  There are two pool tables for your use.  Try your “LUCK” on one of three Nudge Machines  Buy your Lotto Tickets in the clubroom.  The new “DART BOARDS” are up and running in the clubroom.  **NOTICE:**  ***Center Line Independence Day Festival Clubroom Schedule***  **FRIDAY MAY 30, 2025 CLUBROOM CLOSES @ 8:30 PM**  **SATURDAY MAY 31, 2025 CLUBROOM CLOSED.**  **SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025 CLUBROOM CLOSED.**    [This Photo](http://pngimg.com/download/10949) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/)  A dart board with darts in the center  Description automatically generated  [This Photo](https://www.usgamblingsites.com/news/more-gambling-controversy-in-illinois/) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-ND](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/3.0/)  Page 4-A            ***:***  Page 5-A    **DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  **GENERAL ORDERS #11 May 1, 2025**    **1.** The 106th Department of Michigan VFW & Auxiliary Convention will begin on Wednesday May 28 with the Department golf outing and the Joint VFW & Auxiliary opening ceremonies on Thursday May 29 starting at 1:00 pm. The VFW National Representative will be National Council of Administration member Glenn Umberger from Pennsylvania. The Convention agenda is attached in two versions, a basic agenda and a more detailed agenda for Committee Members reference. Also attached is the draft of the Joint Opening Program. Also attached are ad book forms and the Testimonial Banquet ticket order form. Also attached is the convention Golf Team Registration Form. All forms are also on the Department website. Please support the Department Convention by purchasing an ad in the Convention ad book and in the Joint Testimonial ad book. We look forward to seeing you at the Department Convention in Kalamazoo.  **2.** The Department Bylaws and Resolution Committee provides the following information: The Department Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting at the annual Department Convention. All amendments proposed by a member in good standing, a Post, a County Council or a District must be approved at a District Convention and forwarded to the Department Adjutant, in writing, immediately following the adjournment of the District Convention, but not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Convention. The last date of receipt of proposed Department Bylaw amendments by the Department Adjutant is May 13 to allow for proper review by the Department Committee and proper distribution and publication as required by the Department Bylaws.  **3**. Any member in good standing, a Post or a District may submit a proposed amendment to the National Bylaws or Manual of Procedure. Such proposed amendments are requested to be submitted to the Department Adjutant prior to May 13 to allow for proper review by the Department Committee but must be submitted in proper form to the Department Adjutant prior to the convening of the Department Convention.  Page 6-A    **9.** The 126th VFW National Convention will be in Columbus, OH, Aug 9 - 13. Posts are required to register at least one delegate for the National Convention.  **10**.The Department will conduct six (6) VTS sessions for all Post & District elected and appointed officers and chairpersons and all interested members. There is a separate registration form for each session. The schedule and all registration forms are attached and are posted on the website under Programs - VTS.  **11.** May 1 starts the new program reporting year. Posts should continue to report community service and hospital activities to get the Post off to a good start for the new year. Reports must be submitted on line thru the Department website reporting tool by the 10th of each month for the prior calendar month. You may report as many times as you wish during the month.  **12.** Post and District Adjutants are responsible to receive and retain in a properly secured file record of proof of eligibility of all elected and appointed officers. (Officers are defined as those members who would have a role call vote.) These records must be retained by the Adjutant during the officer’s full term of office. At the end of the term of office the document(s) must be returned to the member unless re-elected.  **13.** District Adjutants must submit to the Department Adjutant proof of eligibility of the newly elected District Commander, District Sr Vice Commander and District Jr Vice Commander prior to the installation of Department Officers at the State Convention.  **14.** The Camp Trotter Charity Golf outing will be held on Sunday, June 22. The Registration form is attached.  **15.** The Department Pool League Memorial Golf outing will be held August 23.  **16.** The Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council Annual Golf outing will be held August 23. The Registration form is attached.  **17.** The Michigan / Ohio Charity Golf Outing to benefit the National Home will be held on July 25. Mark the date on your calendar.  **18.** Michigan Day at the National Home will be Sunday July 27.  **19.** Family Day at Camp Trotter will be Saturday August 2. More information will follow as soon as possible.  (continued on page 7-B)  Page 7-A        . |  | **COMMANDER’S CORNER**  All hands-on deck is greatly appreciated. So, let’s make our Post successful in fund raising. This is your Post and I would like for it to keep going forward. So, remember we all need to work together and not apart. I hope this helps.  NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS  ***JUNE 2025 / JUNE 2026***  COMMANDER: ERIC PALOMO  SR VICE: JOHN K. WOOLF  JR VICE: RICK HILLIS  QUARTERMASTER: ROBERT J. LUTZ  TRUSTEE 3 YEAR: GEORGE E. GROSS  Commander, **Eric D. Palomo**  **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**  Senior Vice Commander, **Robert J. Lutz**  **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER**  **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**  Total membership : 178 @94.21%  Life membership : 172  Annual membership : 6  Installment : 1  Expiring : 6  OUR POST GOAL IS TO BE **102% BEFORE THS JUNE OR SOONER!** WE HAVEN’T ACHIVED THAT ON OUR OWN FOR SOME TIME.  **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP : $56.00**  At VFW National Convention a motion was made and passed that will reflect an increase in annual dues in the near future.  **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS\***  11  One Time payment Installment Plan Payments  Through Age 30 --- $425.00 $45.00 $38.64  Age 31-40 --- $410.00 $45.00 $37.27  Age 41-50 --- $375.00 $45.00 $34.09  Age 51-60 --- $355.00 $45.00 $30.45  Age 61-70 --- $290.00 $45.00 $26.36  Age 71-80 --- $225.00 $45.00 $20.45  Age 80 and over --- $170.00 $45.00 $15.45  (continued on page 2-A)  Page 1-B    **2ND QUARTER 2025 VFW 6756 DATES TO REMEMBER**  **APRIL 2025**  APR 07 (Mon) - House Committee Meeting @ 5:30 pm  APR 09 (Wed) - Post General Membership meeting @ 7:00 pm.  2024/2024 Officers Nominations / Election.  APR 16 (Wed) - VFW Auxiliary meeting @ 7:00 pm.  APR 27 (Sun) – 5th District Meeting. New Baltimore Post 7573. 10:00 am.  APR 28 (Mon) - SOA Meeting. Fraser. Post 6691 @ 7:30 pm .  APR 30 (Wed) - 1st 2025 Post Quarterly **DUE!... DEADLINE…**  **MAY 2025**  **POPPY DAY WEEKEND**  MAY 01 (Thur) – Loyalty Day.  MAY 04 (Sun) – 5th District Convention / Holly, MI Post 5587. 10:00 am.  MAY 08-09-10 ( Thur / Fri / Sat ) Poppy Day Sales.  MAY 11 (Sun)–Mother’s Day Breakfast. Post 6756.@ 11:00am to 2:00pm  MAY 12 (Mon) - House Committee Meeting @ 5:30 pm.  MAY14 (Wed) - Post General Membership meeting @ 7:00 pm.  MAY 21 (Wed) - VFW Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00 pm.  MAY 22 (Thur) – 5th District Planning Meeting / 7:00 pm. Post 6756.  MAY 26 (Mon) -SOA Meeting. Waterford Post 1008 @7:30 pm**.**  MAY 26 (Mon) – Memorial Day Service @ 10:00 am @ ***Center Line City*** l  ***Hall*** and @ ***Center Line VFW Post 6756*** @ 11:00 am.  MAY 29 (Thur) - Department Convention @ Kalamazoo, MI.  MAY 30 (Fri) - Department Convention @ Kalamazoo, MI.  MAY 31 (Sat) - Department Convention @ Kalamazoo, MI.  **MAY 30 - MAY 31 - JUNE 1- Center Line Independence Festival**.  **MAY 30 (Fri) *– CLUBROOM CLOSES @ 8:30 pm.***  **MAY 31 (Sat) – CLUBROOM CLOSED.**  **MAY 31 (Sat) *- CLUBROOM CLOSED.***  **JUNE 2025**  **JUN 01 (Sun) - Center Line Independence Festival.**  **JUN 01 (Sun) *- CLUBROOM CLOSED.***  JUN 01 (Sun) - Department Convention @ Kalamazoo, MI.  JUN 09 (Mon) - House Committee Meeting @ 5:30 pm.  JUN 11 (Wed) - Post General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 pm.  JUN 15 (Sun) - HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!  JUN 18 (Wed) - VFW Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00 pm.  JUN 22 (Sun) – Dept VTS. VFW Post 2406. 695 Lansing Rd Charlotte.    Page 2-B    **UP COMING EVENTS**    ***SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025***    \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    *Page 3-B*      **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**  The National Auxiliary has gone electronic and has encouraged all State and Local Auxiliaries to do the same, to keep up with the times and minimize costs. They are now using social media and emails as their primary source of communications. We have set up an Auxiliary Facebook page (VFW Menge Post 6756 Auxiliary) and email ([vfw6756aux@yahoo.com](mailto:vfw6756aux@yahoo.com)), to keep members and the community up to date with any events we have planned. You can also find Facebook pages for the MI VFW Auxiliary and National Auxiliary.  Auxiliary meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm unless otherwise notified. I hope to encourage more participation at our meetings and events.  If you know someone who is interested in joining the Auxiliary they can get an application in the clubroom or e-mail to vfw6756[aux@yahoo.com](mailto:aux@yahoo.com) to request one.  We all joined to honor our loved ones who served our country. Let us keep that going.    Auxiliary President : **Patrica Berak**  NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS  JUNE 2025 / JUNE 2026  PRESIDENT PATRICA BERAK  SENIOR VICE LISA LIENING  JUNIOR VICE VICKIE LUCAS- TALOR  TREASURER JANICE POCKRANDT  SECRETARY GEWN CARROW  CHAPLAIN HAZEL RUELE  3 YEAR TRUSTEE DANIELLE BERRY    Page 4-B  **TAPS :**    [This Photo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US-CoastGuard-Seal.svg) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-SA](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/)        ***AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:***  SANDY HUFFMAN  **VFW MEMBER**  FRED BELTZ  *Page***C:\Users\RON SKIERA\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6L1T3AD5\poppies_by_lisa_thrasher-d4uvwg0[1].jpg** *6-B*      Page 5-B    (continued from page 6-A)  **4.** Any member in good standing may submit a proposed resolution to a Post or a District for adoption and forwarding to the Department Adjutant. Such proposed resolutions are requested to be submitted to the Department Adjutant prior to May 13 to allow for proper review by the Department Committee but must be received by the Adjutant prior to the opening of the final business meeting of the Department Convention.  **5.** National Resolutions proposed by the Commander-in-Chief have been received by Department and are posted on the Department website under NEWS – 2025 126th National Convention. Please review these proposed resolutions as they will be voted on at the Department Convention  **6.** Section 217 of the National Manual of Procedure requires that the election of Post Officers for the ensuing year shall be in April and election report of officers timely submitted to National. .  **7.** Section 222 of the National Manual of Procedure requires that Post Delegates and alternates to the District Convention, the Department Convention and the National Convention will be elected in April. A letter stating the 2025 authorized Post Delegate strength based on the March 31 National Membership Report, one delegate for every thirty (30) members in good standing or fraction thereof, has been mailed to Post Quartermasters in April and stating what the total Post Delegate fee will be. DO NOT MAIL in your Post delegate fees without the Department letter. Your delegate fees must be received by Department with your Post check WITH THE LIST OF YOUR ELECTED POST DELEGATES on the pre-printed form you were provided.  **8.** Posts will be ineligible to vote at Department Convention if: the Post Quartermaster is not bonded or insured (proof provided to Department), or the Post is not current with Quarterly Audits through the period ending March 31, or the Post has not paid Post delegate fees to Department in full for past and current year, or the Post has not submitted a report of election for the ensuing year. Posts may bring evidence of satisfying the above requirements to Convention to be submitted to the Department Adjutant prior to the opening of election of officers.  (continued on page 7-A)  Page 6-B    (continued from page 7-A )  Yours in Comradeship, For the Department Commander  **Barry Walter**  Barry Walter Department Adjutant / Quartermaster  Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars 924 N Washington Lansing, MI 48906 adjutant@vfwmi.vet 517-485-9456    Page 7-B                              ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ |
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