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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Comrades,

We have an exciting summer ahead at the Bruce Post!

We've already had a good start with our Memorial Day (Weekend) Ceremony and Festivities. Our Post was, as always, the lead for the Service at Veteran's Memorial Park on Sunday and it was a beautiful and moving tribute to our fallen comrades. Then, as we walked in the Parade together with our Auxiliary, I was overwhelmed with the admiration we were shown by those along the parade route.

This week we hosted a breakfast honoring our SCS Police Force and Firefighters that was attended by nearly 200 of our fellow residents including our Mayor and City Council members. Many of those in attendance had not been into our post in many years and they were simply awe struck by how beautiful our post is; and that is thanks to thousands of volunteer hours worked by post and auxiliary members and friends.

The work goes on and we have a couple of big projects that we'll be working on this summer that will continue to make our post even better and safer.

We applied for and were awarded a very large grant of funds from the State of Michigan to completely repave our lakeside parking lot. I mean a Very Large Grant! That work will begin in mid-July and should be completed (in phases) by the end of August. Of course, that will mean closure of parts of that lot at times as the work is done, so you may have to park in the Jefferson Avenue side lot for a couple of weeks. That minor inconvenience will be worth it in the long term, especially since it's being paid for by the state.

We'll also have another construction project this summer as we'll be replacing the gazebo with another pergola-like structure. All those years lakeside have taken its toll on our beloved gazebo and rendered it unsafe. In another mostly self-help project, we'll be tearing it down and replacing it with something even better during this summer.

That construction activity coupled with the fact that we are so fully booked this summer for other events have made it impossible to do our traditional Friday Evening Car Cruises. We simply don't have the capability to do them this year, so we have SUSPENDED them for the summer of 2026. We hope to bring them back in 2027.

One thing we don't want back is the geese. Have you noticed that they are missing? Buy Phil Doner a beer and let him tell you how he helped us solve that problem.

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

Dave Ellis
US Army Retired

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Bruce Post Family,

Congratulations to Jack McGinnis on his election as our new Junior Vice Commander. Jack brings valuable skills in data management, automation, and process improvement. He recently automated our meat raffle card preparation—from a 20-man-hour task down to minutes. These efficiency gains free volunteers to focus on member experiences and community events that help us recruit and retain the next generation.

Thank you to outgoing Junior Vice James Hermes for his outstanding service. James modernized our Fish Fry point-of-sale system and led youth outreach, including Scouting for Food and flag retirement ceremonies. His dedication—personally saluting thousands of flags during ceremonies—embodies the discipline that keeps our Post strong.

Car Cruises Update: Rumors that we're ending them are not accurate. We do need dedicated Hall staff and a core volunteer team who treat this as a labor of love. With a busy 2026 calendar and the lakeside parking lot replacement (July 13–mid-August), we must coordinate carefully. If you're passionate about this series, step up—we need champions to keep it going as a key community fundraiser and recruiting tool.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Golf Outing: Friday, September 11 at 9 AM, Michigan Meadows Golf Course (Casco Township). Signup board is posted near the ship's wheel.
- Fourth Annual Fall Music Fundraiser: Saturday, September 19 with Front Porch Concert Series featuring Aqua Monkey, Front Porch Revival, Blue Skye Riley, The Detroit Agents, Rebel Pilots, and Krissie Reardon. No cover charge—proceeds benefit I Heart Dogs and Bruce Post Capital Fund.

We're always looking for event sponsor to help keep costs for events down. If you know people or business who want to sponsor events, please see our sponsorship letter and form attached.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Let's keep building momentum on recruitment and fundraising to secure our Post for the 22nd century.

Errol Frick
Senior Vice Commander

We love our volunteers!



"Many hands make light work."

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hello Post and Auxiliary Members,

Let me start by introducing myself, I am the new Junior Vice Commander Jack McGinnis II. I joined the Army in 2006 and served for 9 years. I had 2 deployments that made me eligible to join the VFW.

My first job was as a patriot launching station operator maintainer. I was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. I deployed to Qatar for fifteen months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I then decided to change my job in 2010 to satellite communications system maintainer. I spent 9 months at Fort Gordon, Georgia which was my favorite state-side duty station. After I completed my training I was stationed in Bamberg, Germany. While I was there I deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for NATO Training Mission Afghanistan. Upon returning, I left Germany for recruiting duty in Detroit, Michigan. I worked the east side of Detroit, Eastpointe, south Warren, Harper Woods and south St. Clair Shores. I got out of the army in 2015 and went to Wayne State University on the Post 9-11 GI Bill.

I became a member of the VFW in January 2025. I am honored for the opportunity to serve as the Junior Vice Commander at the Corporal Walter F Bruce Post 1146. I truly enjoy spending time at the post and meeting members that I have not talked to yet. You can catch me on Saturdays about noon enjoying some breakfast and a drink.

If you know someone interested in becoming a post member you can have them email me at jack.mcginis1@gmail.com.

Jack McGinnis II

Jr. Vice Commander

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 Medal¹
- 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 BORDER²
- Purple Heart
- Korea Duty (Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days)
- Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay

¹ also known as the Air Force Combat Action Medal

² 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:

Jack McGinnis, Jr Vice Commander— jack.mcginis1@gmail.com

Tim Litz, Quartermaster— 586-713-1519 or timlitzvfw@gmail.com

David Ellis, Commander— 586-915-5888 or dbellis5@hotmail.com

CLUBROOM COMMITTEE

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****

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.

CLUBROOM CLOSURE: Saturday, July 4th
Happy Birthday America!

250th T-Shirts Available! We have 250th T-shirts available for only \$20! If you'd like to grab one, just shoot a message to Teri at (586) 246-0624.

Happy Hour is Calling! Join us Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for great drink specials. Come on, your favorite bar stool is waiting!

Mark your calendars! The fourth Friday of every month is now officially your go-to night for fun, laughter, and a great time. Entertainment will be here with a rotating lineup of awesome events, from 8pm to Midnight. Don't miss out on the fun. We can't wait to see you!

Karaoke: Belt out your favorite tunes! — **Bar Bingo:** Dab your way to victory! — **Trivia:** Test your knowledge and win bragging rights!

Get ready for Fantasy Fest Weekend! We are fully **open to the public** this Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th. Stop by and join the fun!

Get ready to play Family Feud! Join us on Saturday, July 18, 2026, for an evening of friendly competition, laughs, and amazing prizes! Doors Open: 6:00 PM—Game Starts: 7:00 PM -Tickets: Just \$10! Grab yours in advance from the bartender. Gather your crew and come on down!

Volunteers Needed: We will be taking down the gazebo on 19 July starting at 0800. All hands are welcome and appreciated. Please ensure you bring work gloves. Hope to see you there! Points of Contact: Teri (586-246-0624) or Phil (810-265-4905).

Volunteers Needed! Help us keep our clubroom looking its best. Join us for a deep cleaning on August 23, 8 AM–12 PM. All hands-on deck—your help makes a huge difference. See you there!

Experience the Thrill of Dueling Pianos! Get ready for a high-energy, interactive musical showdown! When: 29Aug2026 7-10pm. Ticket Price: \$20 per ticket. Where to Buy: See the bartender to purchase your tickets in advance.

The June Meat Raffle was a huge success! A big thank you to everyone who helped. Our next Clubroom Meat Raffle will take place in the January/February timeframe.

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

Clubroom isn't quite the same without you! Stop on by and say hello—we would love to see you!

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,

Finally, spring has arrived and many events are to be accomplished we all need to be thankful for many blessing in life. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all the Bruce Post 1146 members and the members of the Bruce Post 1146 Auxiliary whom have supported our Post with many hours as volunteers.

A passage to Guide for Life:

Deuteronomy 15:11

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore, I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

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.

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: Jack McGinnis— jack.mcginis1@gmail.com.

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

— We Honor the Dead By Serving the Living —

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters, & Comrades,

First & foremost, I would like to thank everyone that attended the Department convention in Kalamazoo! Our auxiliary & post was very well represented. Congratulations goes out to newly elected officers & those that received awards. Our own auxiliary received the circle of excellence for the auxiliary achievement award! I'm so proud to be a part of the Bruce Post Auxiliary, I truly couldn't do it without all of you. The money we raised for the indoor golf outing was given to the Blue Star Service dogs which was our Department of Michigan's special project. The department auxiliary was able to give them a check for \$20,000! Super proud of you, President Debbie Scheetz!! So glad the money went to such a great cause. It helps veterans & first responders a service dog to help with them with whatever they may need help with.

Dates to look forward to over the next few months:

July 4th- Bell ringing @ New Baltimore VFW
July 25-29th- VFW National Convention in Reno, NV.
August 9th-Michigan Day @ VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI.
August 9th- Gold Star Mother's VJ Day at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.
August 30th- District 5 meeting in New Baltimore @10am
September 11th- Bruce Post annual golf outing.
September 12th- District 5 picnic @New Baltimore VFW
October 4th- Gold Star Mother's banquet @12pm at Warren VFW.



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 for any questions. God Bless.

Marrisa Trombley
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
with application

\$10 one-time admin
with application

\$5 Clubroom Key Card
paid separately to Clubroom



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 7/2/2026, 8/6/2026, 9/3/2026 & 10/1/2026. 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. We still have about 40 members that have not paid their 2026 dues. As of this writing, Auxiliary membership is 804—98.65%. 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.

There are new key cards. The old keys do not work. New keys are \$5. You will need to see Keith in the Clubroom for a new key. The Auxiliary is not accepting funds for new keys.

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. The 2025-2026 just ended. (July 1 - June 30). As of 6/22/2026 we have 828 members (101.6%). Also as of this writing, if you did not pay your 2026 dues (due 12/31/2025 & extended until 6/29/2026) then you were dropped from the rolls. You are not a member in good standing and your clubroom privileges have been taken away. There were reminders sent. A list will be sent to the canteen of unpaid members that have not paid their 2026 dues. If you want to still be an Auxiliary Member, then you will have to re-submit another application with the correct backup paper work and be voted on at the next auxiliary meeting. A list will be sent to the canteen of unpaid members. Please see Keith (clubroom) to purchase your clubroom keycard - \$5.00. Auxiliary is not accepting payments for key cards.

VFW 1st Quarter (May 1,2026 - July 31,2026) Chairman Reporting—Due

7/31/2026: CHAIRMAN: Check your new guide sheets (2026-2027) 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. online. Under Member Resources you can find the new Podium Edition of the Bylaws & Ritual. Chairman can find more information on their chairmanships.

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

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Reporting Continued:**Auxiliary MALTA Member Portal - <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org>**

All members should sign up. Easy to set up. You will need your Membership ID Number and create a password. Continuous Members can pay their dues online. Under Member Resources you can find the new Podium Edition of the Bylaws & Ritual. Chairman can find more information on their chairmanships.

VFW & Auxiliary Department Conference - Mt Pleasant - October 29 - Nov 1

, **2026** The VFW & Auxiliary Department Conference will be in Mt. Pleasant. Watch the Department website for information once it is released. Make sure you book your rooms when they become available or you will be in the overflow hotel.

5th District AUXILIARY Meeting @ VFW New Baltimore Post #7573—Sunday August 3, 2026

1st 5th District Meeting for 2026 - 2027. There will be a School of Instruction for all auxiliary chairmen @ 10am, followed by lunch, then the District Meeting begins @ 1pm. If you do not attend this one, there will be another School of Instruction at the Fall Conference October 29-31, 2026 in Mt. Pleasant. It is on your guide sheet to attend School of Instruction and also at the 5th District Meetings. We look forward to working with District President-Sandra Kleven for leading us again this year. All Auxiliary members are encouraged & welcome to attend.

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

Thurs. 7/2/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
 Thurs. 8/6/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
 Sun. 8/9/2026 - MI Day @ National Home
 Sat. 8/22/2026 - Camp Trotter Family Day
 Wed. 8/26 - Fri. 8/28/2026 - National President Donna Mills Visit to Michigan
 Thurs. 9/3/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
 Thurs. 10/1/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
 Sat. 10/3/2026 - Auxiliary Feather Party / Meat Raffle - Doors open 6pm / Wheel spins 7pm
 Thurs 10/16 Sun. 10/18/2026 - Big 10 Conference - Radisson in Kalamazoo
 Thurs 10/28 - Sun. 11/1/2026 VFW & Aux. Fall Conference in Mt. Pleasant
 Thurs. 11/5/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
 Thurs. 12/3/2026 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm followed by Pot Luck Dinner

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Terri McCloy, Treasurer—VFW Auxiliary
586-899-9554/terri_mccloy@wowway.com

SUPPORTING OUR POST

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NEW AND DECEASED MEMBERS

New VFW Members		Deceased VFW Members
- Matthew A Blondino - Nathan Boyd-Cleaver - Winston Farrow - Daniel E Jones - John R Phoenix		- James I Bommarito - Jac Cooper - Robert De Fauw - Daniel A Jenks - Walter R Kochan - Albert J Pond - Andre R Reyntiens - Richard G Roberts - Douglas D Roland - Ronald E Schutter - Jack Thomasian - Gordon W Umbreit - Danny K Weaver - Randolph M Wright
New Auxiliary Members		Deceased Auxiliary Members
- Erik Anderson - Nancy Carlisi - Bruce Conn - Nolan Conn - Brian Erckel - Wayne Onstwedder - Joseph Posch Jr - Yvonne Tromblay - Georganne Urso Flores - Edith Victor - Annette Wilson		Gordon Thayer

If you know of a Post or Auxiliary member sick, in the hospital, or recently deceased—please let our respective
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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.

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Tim Litz 586-778-1146

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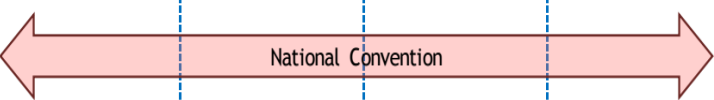
We want to be able to continue providing the proper Ritual Services to which our deceased comrades are entitled...so we NEED MORE Ritual Team Members!

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.



JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				7:30 Auxiliary meeting		United States 250th Birthday Clubroom closed
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7:00 82nd Airborne meeting		3:00 VVA#154	6:00 Clubroom Committee meeting		Fantasy Fest OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Fantasy Fest OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	Target date to start lake side parking lot construction.	7:00 Executive Board meeting	11:00am Ritual Team meeting 7:00 Post Members meeting			6pm Family Feud (ensure parking is reserved on the street side)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8am Gazebo Teardown					8:00 Karaoke	National Convention
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7:00 82nd Airborne meeting		3:00 VVA#154	7:30 Auxiliary meeting		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				6:00 Clubroom Committee meeting		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		7:00 Executive Board meeting	11:00am Ritual Team meeting 7:00 Post Members meeting		Target date to finish lake side parking lot construction.	Psychic Fair
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Psychic Fair Deep cleaning for the Clubroom					8:00 Karaoke	7pm Dueling Pianos OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
30	31					

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	7:00 82nd Airborne meeting	9 - 5pm Blood Drive	3:00 VVA#154	7:30 Auxiliary meeting		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day Clubroom Closed			6:00 Clubroom Committee meeting	9am Golf Outing Michigan Meadows Golf Course	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		7:00 Executive Board meeting	11:00am Ritual Team meeting 7:00 Post Members meeting	6:00 Special Events		Fall Music Fundraiser OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
G2 content deadline					8:00 Karaoke	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	Benefits Advisors meet at Bruce					

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



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To Whom it May Concern,

We want to promote you at our events.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) offers support, advocacy, and camaraderie for veterans. The Bruce Post VFW 1146 is Michigan's largest VFW Post, proudly serving our St. Clair Shores community. We provide meeting spaces and resources for firefighters, police, Scouts, The Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and more, while partnering with I Heart Dogs to save animals—adopting out five dogs last year alone.

Our historic Post needs your help. Urgent repairs, including ADA upgrades, parking lot resurfacing, and food and beverage service equipment replacement are critical to keep our doors open.

Your donation of \$50 or more can make a difference. Please join and support us at our upcoming fundraisers:

- ☐ Annual Golf Outing – September 11
- ☐ Fall Music Fundraiser – September 18 & 19
- ☐ Buddy Poppy Fundraiser – November 14

See form attached for opportunities.

Together, we'll preserve our Post and its community impact.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ellis", is shown.

David Ellis
Col US Army, Ret.
Bruce Post VFW 1146
cmd@vfw1146.org
586.915.5888

BRUCE POST VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - 2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your sponsorship helps preserve Michigan's largest VFW Post — our historic waterfront landmark on Lake St. Clair — so we can continue honoring veterans and serving the community.

DONATE IN 3 EASY STEPS:

STEP 1: CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO SUPPORT (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- ☐ America's 250th Celebration — June 19 & 20
- ☐ Annual Golf Outing — September 11
- ☐ Fall Music Fundraiser — September 18 & 19
- ☐ Buddy Poppy Fundraiser — November 14

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL:

- ☐ \$50 — 18" x 12" Event Sign
- ☐ \$100 — 18" x 24" Event Sign
- ☐ \$200 — Self-provided 3' x 5' Banner (must attach temporarily)
- ☐ \$100 — Year-round Website Slider Logo
- ☐ Raffle Basket Donation — Gift cards, certificates, products, or services

STEP 3: TELL US HOW TO THANK YOU:

Business Name: _____

Sign / Banner Text or Logo (attach business card): _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAIL CHECK TO:

VFW Bruce Post 1146, 28404 Jefferson Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Or pay online at <https://vfw1146.org> (or QR code)

Please include info from Step 1 in memo / note



Contact Errol Frick | svc@vfw1146.org | 313.434.8865

SPONSORS WHO OFFER VETERANS DISCOUNTS WILL RECEIVE A THANK-YOU SUITABLE FOR DISPLAY.

Thank you for keeping the Bruce Post strong for the next generation.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Charitable 501(c)(3) organization.
2. Receipts available upon request.
3. Outdoor electronic sign not available for commercial or political purposes.
4. All materials and partnerships subject to final review and approval by Bruce Post VFW 1146.



BRUCE POST VFW GOLF OUTING 2026



Proceeds to benefit the Bruce Post capital fund.

FRIDAY SEP 11 9AM

MICHIGAN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

4575 County Line
Casco MI, 48064

DETAILS

\$125 per golfer - 18 holes with cart (per pairing) - light lunch at turn - dinner and drinks to follow - bring cash for prize challenges such as: putting contest and Mulligans (limit one per person), 50/50 raffles, raffle baskets, and auctions (MI raffle license pending) - cash or check only - no partner no problem we'll pair you - check-in: 7:45 to 8:45 AM - tee off: 9:00 AM - shotgun start - program/dinner: 3:00 PM. Dinner only \$25.

For more info: www.vfw1146.org
Errol Frick 313.434.8865 or svc@vfw1146.org
Kevin Wofford 586.260.0741 or kevinsemich@gmail.com



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Complete registration form (below) and return with payment.

	Name	Phone and email
Captain		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		

Check box Foursome \$500 ☐ Individual \$125 ☐ Dinner only \$35 ☐ Total amount enclosed

Please return registration form with payment by August 8th to ensure gift bag contents are sized properly.

Make checks payable to: VFW Bruce Post 1146 Memo Line: Golf Outing
Mail to: Errol Frick 28404 Jefferson Ave. SCS, MI 48081

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Support the Bruce Post VFW Annual Golf Outing by sponsoring a hole or donating today to help preserve our historic Post on Lake St. Clair — a de facto community center. All donations are welcome, including golf foursome certificates, golf swag, gift cards & coupons, raffle items, memberships & services, and cash or check (PayPal QR code below). Hole sponsorship options: 18" x 22" signs \$100 or 12" x 18" signs \$50. Proceeds benefit the Bruce Post VFW Capital Fund. Michigan Charitable Raffle License (Pending). Event at Michigan Meadows Golf Course on Friday September 11, 2026. Deadlines: hole sponsorships by Friday, August 28, 2026, all other donations by Thursday, September 3, 2026. Contact Errol Frick, Senior Vice Commander, to sponsor or donate today!

Provide details for hole sponsorships (or attached business card) here:



Make checks payable to:

VFW Bruce Post 1146 Memo: Golf Outing 2026
28404 Jefferson Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

For drop off or pick up please contact:

Sr. Vice Errol Frick 586.777.1146 (svc@vfw1146.org)



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Linda
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St. Clair Shores Councilwoman

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The Fourth Annual Fall Music Fundraiser ...Saint Clair Shores Porch Concerts

Aqua Monkey - Blue Skye Riley -
Front Porch Revival - The Detroit Agents
Rebel Pilots - Krissie Reardon

Saturday September 19 @ 1pm

Bruce Post VFW 28404 East Jefferson Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081

In support of I Heart Dogs and the Bruce Post VFW

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THANK YOU



Thank you sponsors!

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BAS Security
Bright Side Dental
Councilwoman Candice Russie
Dale Verhaeghe
Councilwoman Linda C. Bertges
Joseph's Party Store
New York Deli Restaurant
Peter J. Lucido - Macomb Prosecuting Attorney
Roy O'Brien Ford
Village Market

Thank you artist!

Aqua Monkey
Flashback
The Orbitsuns
Bridge of Sighs
The Shaffer Bros.
Front Porch Revival
The Detroit Agents
Abi Tipton
Rebel Pilots
Blue Skye Riley
Rocco Smith
Dan Morganroth
Krissie Reardon
Chris Ayotte
The Garbageband
Guitars for Vets



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
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

Revised January 2026

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**

President: Marrisa 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