



Munster Indiana Post 2697  
**VFW**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF POST 2697

**Munster VFW Post 2697 has been  
recognized as an  
All-American Post  
2023-2024!**

**Congratulations to all the members of the post for doing  
the work and helping the post reach this milestone in back-  
to-back years!**

**September 2024**

**Next Regular Business MeetingwThursday, 9 Sept at 1900  
hrs**

***Important Dates to Remember:***

2 September – VJ Day (1945)

2 September – Labor Day

8 September – District 1 Meeting at Lowell @ Noon

11 September – Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. Flag's at half-mast until sunset.

18 September – U.S. Air Force Established (1947)

19 September - **Regular Business Meeting at Munster Town Hall @ 1900 hrs.**

20 September – POW/MIA Recognition Day

29 September – Gold Star Mother's Day

29 September – VFW Established (1899)

## **VFW Membership**

Our VFW Post exceeded the 102% membership requirement for the 2023/24 VFW calendar year. Thanks to John S. and Frank D. for bringing in the new members. Our post received a congratulatory plaque for reaching our membership goal. For the year, the Department also met it's 102% goal and is being recognized as an All-American Department. The goal for 2024/25 is unchanged at 102%. A change to this year's membership includes: **Reinstates will now count towards recruiter credit/awards.**

## **August General Orders & District 1 News**

Highlights from the August General Orders are listed below. If you want any further information on anything below, please don't hesitate to ask and something can be sent out to you specifically.

- **Post Quartermaster Bond** – Post QM bond expired on 8/31 and must be renewed.
- **VFW Program Reminders** - All Posts are reminded that we need to participate in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Buddy Poppy and Veteran's and Military Support Programs.
- **2024/25 VOD and PP Theme's** – The VOD theme is, "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?", the PP theme is, "My Voice in America's Democracy?"
- **Post Audits** – The goal for District 1 Audits is the end of October.
- **State Headquarters Closed** – In addition to Labor Day on 2 September, State HQ will be closed 12-13 September due to Adj/QM training in Kansas City.
- **Indiana Day at National Home** – Indiana day at the National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI is 22 September. Uniform is state shirts.
- **VFW Day at the Indiana Veteran's Home** – VFW day at the Indiana Veteran's Home in West Lafayette is 29 September. Registration starts at 9am est. Program starts at 12:30pm est. Uniform is State Shirts. After all the ceremonies, all are invited to Post 1154.
- **Excise Class with Q&A Zoom** – A zoom (online) class will be conducted on 24 September at 6pm est. (5pm – central time). If anyone is interested in attending this online class with Q&A, please contact Commander Joe and he'll have the access phone numbers for you.
- **Big 10 Conference** – The Big 10 Conference will be held 18-20 October at Marriott East in Indianapolis. Dress code is State Shirt and slacks.

## **District 1 Meeting**

District 1 meeting will be held at the Lowell post on Sunday, 8 September at Noon. There is a POW/MIA ceremony that starts at 11am for those who want to attend. The department rep will be State QM Michael Jordan.

## **Post Website Update**

The post website is now updated with current contact information and links to the National Suicide Hotline. I also added the monthly newsletters and will do my best to continue to add them throughout the year. Most of the pictures on the site are old, so if you have any recent pictures you'd like to add, please send them my way. Many people don't know, but we also have a twitter account and a Facebook account. I will try to link Facebook to the website soon. I admit, I'm a social media idiot so I have no idea if I've set it up correctly (I might need my kid to help.) The website address is: **[munstervfw.org](http://munstervfw.org)**.

## **Fall Fundraiser**

We are trying to fill spots for our fall fundraisers and have plenty of opportunities for the September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Munster Strack and Van Til's. Note, this is a Saturday and Sunday. So far, we've got 1 person for Saturday and 2 people for Sunday. We have openings for 8/11 shift, 11/2 shift and 2/5 shift.

We're also looking to cover the same shifts on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at Munster Jewel's. If you can help cover any of these days, it would be greatly appreciated. We had a successful spring fundraiser and would like to top 2024 with an equally successful fall fundraiser.



## **Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen**

We've started reaching out to area schools to try and get some participants for these two programs. The deadline is 31 October.

Patriot Pen Theme = "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Voice of Democracy Theame = "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

*In honor of the Air Force's Birthday in September.*



*"The US Army will never control the ground under the sky, if the US Air Force does not control the sky over the ground.*

*Col Gene Cirillo, USAF (Ret)*



**Carry On!**

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