



Munster Indiana Post 2697
VFW
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF POST 2697

May 2024

Next Regular Business Meeting: 16 May @ 1900 hrs

Important Dates to Remember:

1 May – Loyalty Day

8 May – V-E Day Declared (1945)

16 May - **Regular Business Meeting at Munster Town Hall @ 1900 hrs. – Note: Due to the Crime Watch Meeting in the main room, we'll be using Conference Room "B" for our meeting.**

18 May – Armed Forces Day

19 May – District 1 meeting @ St. John Post @ Noon

27 May – Memorial Day (Services at 10:30 @ Munster Church, then at 11:30am @ CVM)

VFW Membership

Our goal this year is to hit 102% membership. We are currently at 101.75%! The Munster post is one of 4 District 1 posts to improve our membership by 4% in March and have been placed into a drawing to win \$500 at the state convention. John Sarnecki and Frank Darrington are our leading recruiters.

May General Orders

Highlights from the May 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.

- **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?"
- **VFW National Convention Housing** – Indiana has been assigned the Hyatt Regency for the National Convention in Louisville, KY. Rooms can be found at www.vfw.org if you're interested in going.
- **State Convention** – The state convention will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott East June 13th-16th. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Commander Joe for more information.
- **State Shirt Orders** – The order form is attached to the General Orders. Orders must be received by 20 May 2024 to be delivered to the School of Instruction.

- **Golf Payers Needed** – The Dept of Indiana Golf Outing will be held August 9th through the 11th at the American Legion Golf Course in Kokomo, IN.. If you're interested in attending, please contact Commander Joe for more information.

Poppy Day Fundraisers

Calling All Hands! We've secured fundraising dates on the following days.

Munster Strack and Van Til's – Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th

Munster Jewel's – Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th.

We still have a couple of open spots on the sheet if anyone hasn't had an opportunity to grab one. Below is the schedule:

Stracks Friday, 3 May East Door Stracks Friday, 3 May West Door

8/11 – Sarnecki

8/11 – Casiano

11/2 – Darrington

11/2 – Brown

2/5 – **OPEN**

2/5 - Brown

Stracks Saturday, 4 May East Door Stracks Saturday, 4 May West Door

8/11 – Garcia

8/11 – Casiano

11/2 – Darrington

11/2 – Sutton

2/5 – Hernandez

2/5 – Ramanna

Jewels Friday, 24 May East Door Jewels Friday, 24 May West Door

8/11 – **OPEN**

8/11 – Casiano

11/2 – Goesel

11/2 – Sutton

2/5 – Sarnecki

2/5 - **OPEN**

Jewels Saturday, 25 May East Door Jewels Saturday, 25 May West Door

8/11 – Urzua

8/11 – Casiano

11/2 – Hernandez

11/2 – Garcia

2/5 – **OPEN**

2/5 - Ramanna

Thanks to everyone who is participating in this fundraiser, especially those who are picking up multiple shifts.

New Post Polo Shirts

I believe I have everyone's sizes who are owed new shirts. If you are owed a shirt and didn't give me a size, then I just guessed at your size, so don't blame me if your new shirt doesn't fit. I'm not sure when the shirts will be coming in. I'll update the membership when I know.

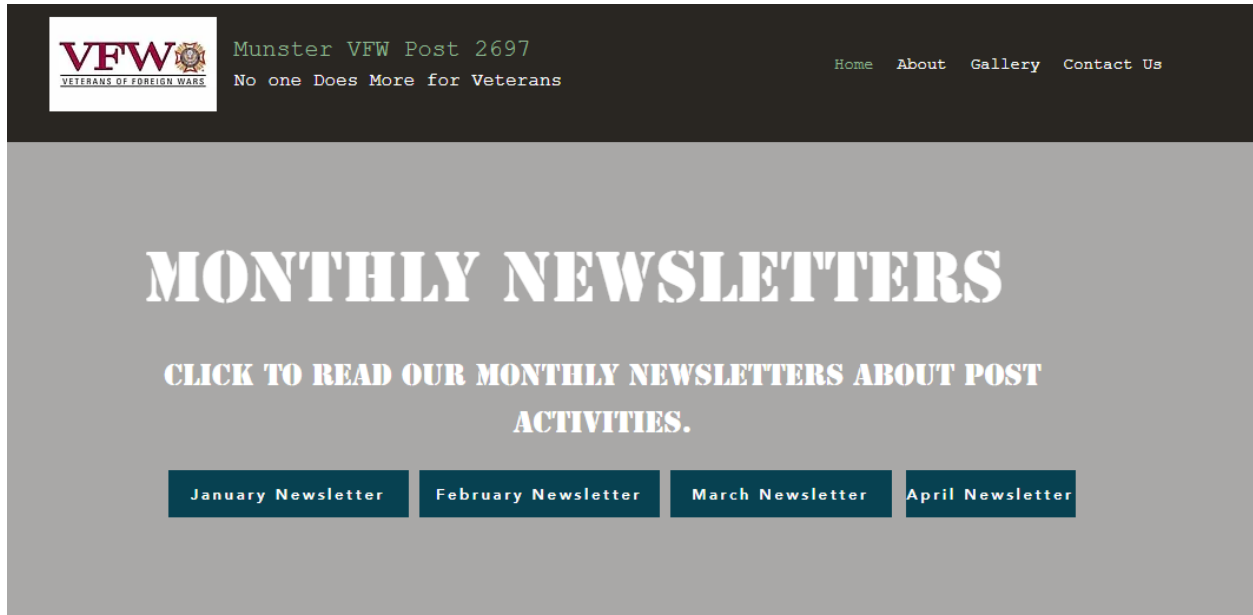
Post Elections

Post elections were completed at the April business meeting. All officers are being retained in their current rolls, all appointments are also remaining the same. Thanks to everyone for coming out and making your vote count.

Post Website Update

I finally figured out how to access our administrative functions for the post website. It is now updated with current contact information. 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. I admit, I'm a social media idiot so I have no idea if I've set it up correctly. The website address is: munstervfw.org.



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Other tech notes.....

For the April Business Meeting, we trialed a TEAMS call, (it's basically a zoom call under a different name.) Surprisingly we were able to get it to work and our Sr. Vice Commander was able to remote into the meeting live. We're going to try it one more time here at the May meeting, if it works again, then we'll send it out to the membership so even those members not in the area can still attend a meeting. In order to participate, you'd have to download the Teams app on your phone or computer then you should be good to go. It's very easy to access Teams for remote meeting access. We do need to do some homework on using this new type of remote access, I believe by accessing a meeting remotely, then you are still actively engaged in the functions of the meeting, which means you can make/2nd motions, vote and participate in discussions. The only thing you can't do remotely is eat donuts with the members afterwards.

We are also working on setting up a QR code to assist with our fundraising efforts. Those of us who have worked a poppy day fundraiser always hear, "I don't have any cash on me." Well, having a QR code takes that excuse away. We'll be discussing this more at the May business meeting.

Memorial Day Remembrance Services

As always, the Munster VFW post will be leading Memorial Day remembrance services on Monday, May 27th. We'll start out at the Munster Church (corner of Ridge and Hohman) at 10am, then will start at the CVM at 11:30am. We'll have the band, the singers, the speakers, yes... the politicians, the flags, tin poppies to give away and of course we'll have the guns and the cannon. We're hoping for a beautiful day with a great turnout. Along with our fundraisers, this is one of the things our Post does out in the community, this is where the town and neighboring communities see their local VFW post in action. Come out and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



In honor of Memorial Day... here's two quotes.....

"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."

Norman Schwarzkopf

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Nathan Hale



Carry On!

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