



January 2024

**Next Regular Business Meeting Thursday, 16 January at
1900 hrs**

Important Dates to Remember:

- 1 January – New Years Day
- 17 January – Persian Gulf War Began (1991)
- 19 December – **Regular Business Meeting at 1900 hrs at Munster Town Hall**
- 20 January – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (State HQ will be closed)
- 20 January – Presidential Inauguration Day
- 27 January – Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
- 31 January – Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

VFW Membership

Our VFW Post is currently at 84.7% membership for the 2024/25 VFW calendar year. Griffith hit/exceeded their goal of 108.33% membership, District 8 is leading the state at 87.34% and the state is currently sitting at 83.4%. Every Post in District 11 has at least 1 new or re-instated member by 1 December. 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.**

January General Orders & District 1 News

Highlights from the January 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. (Note: The January General Orders was very light and didn't have much new information other than a couple of flyers for fellas running for State Surgeon.)

- ***State HQ Closed:*** - The State HQ will be closed on 1 January for New Years Day and 20 January for MLK Jr. Day.
- ***Candidates for Surgeon*** – There were two perennial VFW members vying for State Surgeon, Keith Rohloff and Gene Richards. Their bios were in the general orders.
- ***Indiana Military Veteran's Legislative Day at the State House*** – This event will be on 14 January 2025 in the south atrium, second floor of the Indiana State Capital located at 200 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN. The overall event is intended to open communication channels between Indiana Reserve Components, active-duty military members and military veterans and families with their Indiana State Senators and Representatives regarding

military and veteran specific legislation moving through the Indiana General Assembly during the 2025 legislative session.

- ***District 1 Meeting*** – District 1 will have their meeting on 19 January at Noon at Hobart. Dave Hammons will be the state representative.
- ***Spring Conference and Patriot's Pen/ Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Banquet*** – This banquet will take place 21-23 March at the Indianapolis Marriott East. I have not heard about any state champions from our area yet.
- ***State Commander Mahan and State President Hankins Testimonial*** – This testimonial is set for Saturday, 5 April at VFW Post 1108 in Richmond. Tickets are \$20 if anyone wants to go and this includes a pork chop dinner. Let Commander Joe know if you're interested in going, tickets can be purchased at the Spring Conference.
- ***2025 VFW Day of Service*** – The Day of Service kicks off 3 May 2025 with events throughout the month of May. We currently don't have anything scheduled for this event but I would assume our Memorial Day service may count.
- ***Post Quartermaster Training and Q&A Zoom Sessions*** – All VFW Post and District Officers are invited to attend a zoom training session on Government Reporting, VFW Reports and Recurring Post QM Items, plus any Q&A that anyone wants. If any officers want to attend this training, let the Commander know and you'll be sent the links. The dates of the training are as follows:
 - *Saturday, 18 January at 9am (central)*
 - *Thursday, 23 January at 6pm (central)*

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. I'd like to personally thank Post Member Brian Hernandez who has graciously offered to help manage our social media accounts.





"I never felt that my dedication to military service was a violation of my faith in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace."

President Jimmy Carter



Carry On!

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