



THE COURIER

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Christmas Party

It's time for the Annual Post 16 Christmas Party. This year's party will be at the Munster Hampton Inn (Calumet & Fisher behind Walgreens) on Saturday, December 20, 2014 starting at 5:30 p.m.. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. It is potluck. The post is providing the main dish (chicken, etc.). We are asking you to bring your favorite dish to share.

Santa will be making his usual stop this year bringing the children and grandchildren (18 and under) age appropriate gifts.

Please RSVP to uzubell@comcast.net or (219) 934-0776 with children's names and ages.

Veterans Day Presentations

Post 16 members gathered at three Munster elementary schools for Veterans Day presentations. They spoke to the students about the experience of being a veteran and entertained their questions. Post members contacted 550 students at St. Thomas More, 70-80 students at Frank Hammond, and 500 students at Eads. Many of the students made up thank-you cards to present to the veterans, thanking them for their service.

National Commander Visit

On November 5, the American Legion National Commander visited Community Veterans Memorial in Munster and was greeted by Munster Post 16 members. Mike Helm later gave a speech to members of the 1st District, and autographed photos of himself.

Taps

Transferring to Post Everlasting are **Emil Gallagher**, a WWII era, US Army Veteran, **Max Pinkowski**, a Vietnam Era Air Force Veteran, and **Oakley DeYoung**, a Korean War Era Veteran of the US Army.

Our condolences to the veteran's families.

Commander's Comments

Earl Yoho

Commander, Munster Post 16

Post 16 remains active and involved in projects and programs. Dan and his crew is working diligently on our membership. Len and I are working on the 2015 budget. Dan, Bernie, Len, Buzz and I have just finishing up the Flag Education and Americanism programs. Joe Uzubell has the Children's Christmas Party organized and set for December 20th. The adult Membership Christmas Party will be at Teibel's on December 16th at 7:00 PM. I encourage a good turnout for this enjoyable event. Last of all, I sincerely wish all of our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, successful and Happy New Year.

New Members

Membership chair Dan Buksa is proud to announce the following new members of Post 16:

Michael Dujmovic, a Vietnam Era Marine Corps Veteran; **Karl Dytrych**, a Vietnam Era Army Veteran; **Michael McIntyre**, a Vietnam Era Army Veteran, **John Mangus**, a Persian Gulf Era Marine Corps Veteran, **Thomas Ghrist**, a Persian Gulf Era Air Force Veteran **Joe Hays**, an Army Veteran, , **James Marmalejo**, a Vietnam Era Navy Veteran, and **Gregory Nowak**, a Panama/Gulf War Era Army Veteran. Welcome aboard, new members!

Of course Post 16 can only survive by a constant influx of new members in the Sons of American Legion (SAL), the Auxiliary, and The American Legion. For all your membership questions, please contact membership chair Dan Buksa; djbuksa@yahoo.com or (219) 922-1182.



Posing with Eads Elementary School students for Veterans Day Presentations are Dan Buksa, Joe Uzubell, Earl Yoho, George Miga, Len Walavich, Charles Ascencio, and Bernie Tiltges.

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Earl R. Yoho, Commander
Rich Poninski, 1st Vice Commander
Bill Voss, 2nd Vice Commander
Leonard Walavich, Finance Officer
Bernie Tiltges, Adjutant
George Miga, Service Officer
John Hassel, Historian
John Solar, Chaplain
Thomas Hill, Judge Advocate

Munster Post 16 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at:
Munster Town Hall
1005 Ridge Road
Munster, IN
The next meeting is
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

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