



THE COURIER

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Election of Officers

If you are interested in being a Post officer, please call the Post at 219-227-4916. All positions are available, as are various committee chairs. Your ideas are important and can contribute to the well-being and continued viability of the Post. Nominations will be formally presented at the April meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. with any contested positions voted for at the May meeting. This article hereby constitutes written notice of the Post's annual meeting and elections as provided for in the By-laws.

Children and Youth

The District Oratorical Contest was held in January at Munster High School. Twenty students gave an 8-10 minute speech on some aspect of the Constitution, and after two rounds, **Emily Wierman**, was selected as the First District student to advance to the Zone 1 Contest.

At the Zone contest in February, **Collin Knohoff**, an 11th grade home-educated student defeated Emily Wierman and **Clayton Lenig** to advance to the Department contest on March 8 in Indianapolis. Wierman and Lenig each receive a \$200 scholarship and Knohoff receives an \$800 scholarship, and will receive a \$1000 scholarship when he competes in the state competition.

Congratulations!

American Legion Turns 96

The Post will hold its annual American Legion Birthday Party at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12 at the Munster branch of the Lake County Public Library.

There will be no charge to Munster Post 16, Squadron 16, or Unit 16 members holding a valid 2015 membership card. For all others, admission will be \$10. Please RSVP to Joe Uzubell {uzubell@comcast.net or 219-934-0776} by the March 10 meeting.

Commander's Comments

Earl Yoho
Commander

I hope everyone is surviving the winter and able to in some degree, enjoy the serene beauty of the recent snowfall. Within a few short weeks we should see warming temperatures and some signs that spring is soon to come.

I would like to recognize Dan Buksa for another outstanding job in chairing the 1st District Oratorical Contest recently held at the Munster High School. Congratulations Dan for setting the standard of excellence for other Legion Posts to follow when conducting their programs.

I would also like to recognize Bernie Tiltges for his outstanding job in setting up the Facebook systems for Post 16 and the 1st District.

My thanks to Rich Poninski, George Miga and Len Walavich for their part in helping with the wake services conducted for Post 16 comrade Steve Coulis.

In conclusion, I hope to see a good turnout for the American Legion Birthday party to be held at the Munster Library on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

New Members

Membership chair Dan Buksa is proud to announce the following new members of Post 16: **Frank Paunicka**, a WWII era US Army veteran from Munster, and **George Pluard**, a Korean War era Air Force veteran also from Munster. Welcome aboard!

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

Officer Nominations

The nominating committee is soliciting nominations for the following officer positions in the post: Adjutant, First vice commander, Second vice commander, Finance officer, Service officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-arms, Historian, Judge advocate.

In addition, the nominating committee is soliciting these committee chair positions: Americanism, Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Membership & Post Activities, Public Relations, Legislative, Finance, Economic, House, Service.

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George Miga, Service Officer
John Hassel, Historian
John Solar, Chaplain
Thomas Hill, Judge Advocate

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Post Everlasting

The following Post members have passed away since the last issue of The Courier: **Steve Coulis**, a WWII era US Army veteran; **Robert Ladendorf**, a WWII era US Navy veteran; **Paul Georgas**, a Korean War era US Army veteran, and **George Korellis**, a Korean War US Army veteran. Our prayers go out to the veterans' families.

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, March 10, 2015

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