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Memorial Day

American Legion Munster Post 16 will join with VFW Post 2697 for a Memorial Day service at Community Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m. Participants should wear an open collar white shirt with Legion emblem, gray slacks, and Legion cover. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the service. The Munster High School band will perform patriotic music. The Munster Town Board will be on hand and the Northwest Indiana Foundation will provide a professional sound system. There will be a 3-volley salute by rifle as well as a 21-minute gun salute by cannon.

District Memorial Day Service

Post 16 will join with the rest of the posts in the district for a Memorial Day Service at Calumet Park Cemetery on Sunday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m. Color Guard participants should arrive by 12:30 to begin forming up. All members of the Legion family, i.e. The American Legion, the Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion are invited to participate. Please wear an open collar white shirt with Legion emblem, dark slacks, and your Legion cover.

Membership

The Post has 138 renewals and one new member for the 2016 membership year. With a goal of 163, we have achieved 85.28% of our goal. We are in 10th place in the district with 26 posts. Our SAL (Sons of The American Legion) squadron has 31 renewals and 3 new members and has reached 106.25% of their goal of 32. They are in 2nd place of 17 squadrons in the district.

Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Marsha Horak, President of the Unit 16 Auxiliary, has announced their Spring Luncheon at 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Teibel's Family Restaurant, 1775 US Highway 41, Schererville, IN 46375. There will be 4 items on the menu to choose from. After lunch, bingo games will be played. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance by calling Marsha at 924-8370.

Flag Education

The Post reached out to four Munster schools and distributed Flag Education comic books to fourth grade students. The students answered 20 multiple-choice questions and answered the essay question "What do you think about when you see our country's flag?" One boy's and one girl's essay were selected from each school: From Eads Elementary; **Joey Headey** and **Violet Lukich**. From Frank Hammond Elementary School; **Ethan Clarkson** and **Ariyah Jameson**. From Elliot Elementary School; **Charley Mitchell** and **Hannah H.** And from St. Thomas More; **Edan Czarobski** and **Kylie Madura**. Additionally, Highland Post 180 selected two winners from Highland Christian School, and our own Rich Poninski's son **Eli Poninski** along with **Sophia Oostema** won and were presented a certificate along with an American flag that has flown over the Capital building in Washington, D.C. by Congressman Pete Visclosky.

These students and others from the 1st District competed for the District awards, which were awarded to **Edan Czarobski** and **Ariyah Jamerson**, both sponsored by Post 16. They were presented with a flag set, a certificate, and a crisp new \$100 bill at the January 6th District meeting.

Oratorical Contest

The District Oratorical Contest was held in late January at Munster High School and 13 participants, many of which are Munster High School students, competed for the honor of representing the district at the Zone competition. The finalist was **Lily Warren**. Congratulations to her on her accomplishment.



Post Everlasting

Newton Sewell, 76, of Ridgetop, Tennessee, a WWII veteran and a PUFL member of the American Legion for 62 continuous years died in September 2006. Legion families are reminded to notify The American Legion in the case of the death of one of their members.

Raymond Hess, a WWII veteran of the US Air Force, passed away in January. He was 89 and a member of The American Legion for 5 continuous years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of our deceased members.

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Service Officer	Guy "Buzz" Seydel
Chaplain	John Solar
Judge Advocate	Terry Wilson
Historian	Rich Poninski
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry Pine
Immediate Past Commander	Earl Yoho

Munster Post 16 meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at:
Munster Town Hall
1005 Ridge Road
Munster, IN

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 10, and the installation of officers will be on July 12.

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