



October 2024

**Next Regular Business Meeting Thursday, 17 October at
1900 hrs**

Important Dates to Remember:

7 October – Afghanistan War Began (2001)

13 October – U.S. Navy Established (1775)

14 October – Columbus Day (observed)

17 October - **Regular Business Meeting at Munster Town Hall @ 1900 hrs.**

23 October – Grenada Campaign Began (1983)

31 October – Happy Halloween!

VFW Membership

Our VFW Post exceeded the 102% membership requirement for the 2023/24 VFW calendar year. Thanks to John S. and Frank D. for bringing in the new members. Our post received a congratulatory plaque for reaching our membership goal. For the year, the Department also met it's 102% goal and is being recognized as an All-American Department. 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.**

October General Orders & District 1 News

Highlights from the October 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.

- **Trustee's Report of Audit:** For the quarter ended 30 September is due to State HQ 31 October 2024.
- **VFW Program Reminders** - All Posts are reminded that we need to participate in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Buddy Poppy and Veteran's and Military Support Programs.
- **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?"
- **Post Audits** – The goal for District 1 Audits is the end of October.

- **State Surgeon Candidates** –_Any member wishing to run for the high office of State Surgeon are to notify the State Adjutant via e-mail adj@vfwinc.org of their intent for publishing in the General Orders.
- **VFW Eligibility:** No post officer, District officer, Dept or State Officer has the authority to reject the application of a person who is eligible for membership.
- **Big 10 Conference** –_The Big 10 Conference will be held 18-20 October at Marriott East in Indianapolis. Dress code is State Shirt and slacks.

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**.

Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to all of the post members who stood a post at Jewel's for our October fundraiser. Despite having four shifts not covered we brought in \$_____. Come to the October meeting to find out. We're looking for someone to lead this effort next year. It's not a lot of work, just some timely followup and execution is needed to complete a successful fundraiser.



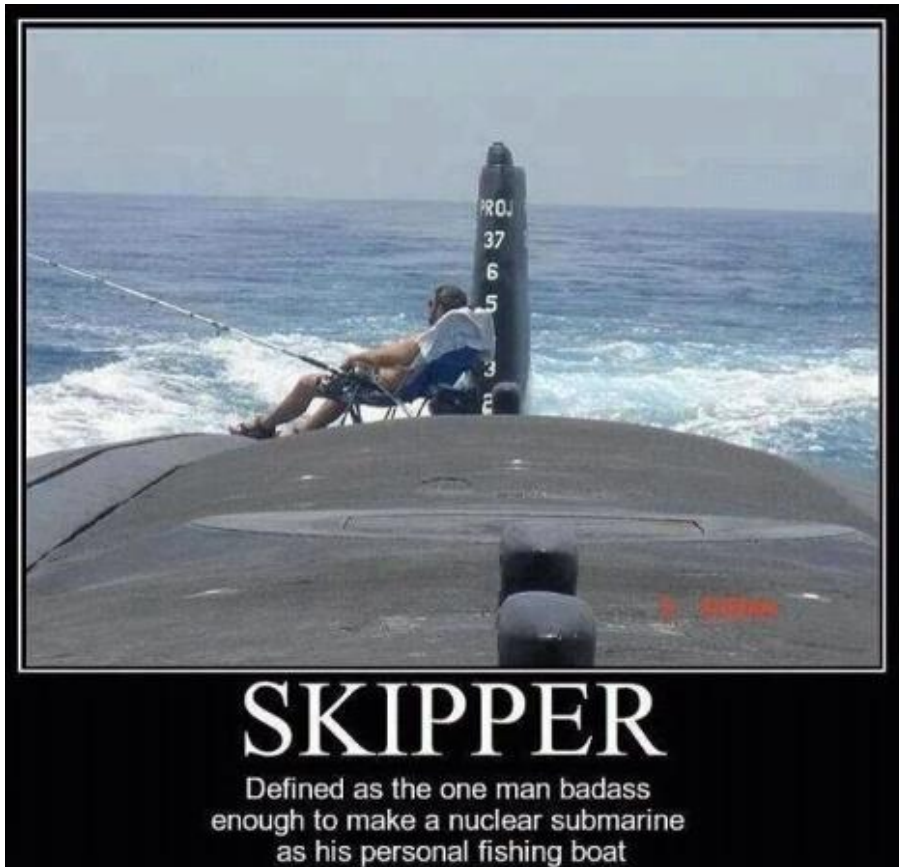
Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen

We've started reaching out to area schools to try and get some participants for these two programs. The deadline is 31 October.

Patriot Pen Theme = "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Voice of Democracy Theme = "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

In honor of the Navy's Birthday in October.



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enough to make a nuclear submarine
as his personal fishing boat

*"It is the function of the Navy to carry the war to
the enemy so that it is not fought on U.S. soil."*

Admiral Chester Nimitz



Carry On!

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