

Cameron Ponder VFW Post 12237 Elizabethtown, KY

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY



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Welcome to Cameron Ponder **VFW Post 12237's Monthly** **Newsletter**

This newsletter is designed to keep you connected, informed, and involved in all that's happening at our post. From event updates to volunteer opportunities, each month you'll find stories that highlight our community's dedication to veterans, service, and growth.



Monthly Meeting Date & Time

We have had numerous meeting dates, times and locations. We ask everyone please be patient as we work to grow our post.

Currently we will meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Home of Philanthropy Building, 200 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown KY.

We hope this consistent date helps more members plan and actively participate in Post meetings.

Join us for our next meeting on Monday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m., and let's continue working together to support our Veterans and community.

Purple Heart Day

August 7th is Purple heart day when we remember and honor the brave current and former service members who were wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



A few facts about the Purple Heart

The original Purple Heart, was established by George Washington – then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army – on 7 August 1782.

The Badge of Military Merit was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers by Washington himself



The Purple Heart (PH) is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the president to those wounded or killed while serving on or after 5 April 1917, with the U.S. military.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York.

Thomas “Tommy” Gwynn, U.S. Army, has been awarded the Purple Heart 12 times and is the most awarded Soldier of the Purple Heart: World War II (7), Korean War (5)

Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Day

Below is a few of the services that will be available. You can click the link at the end of these and it will be more in depth.

- **Medical:** Immunizations and screenings
- **Pharmacy services**
- **Legal:** Notaries, powers of attorney, and living wills
- **ID & ID card support**
- **Casualty assistance information**
- **Army Community Service programs**
- **Family & Morale, Welfare & Recreation (FMWR) opportunities**
- **Food & Refreshments**
- **Complimentary light refreshments** provided throughout the day
- **Two local food trucks** offering additional food and beverage options for purchase
- **Accessibility & Transportation**
- **Golf cart transportation** between parking area and venue
- **Wheelchairs** available inside Sadowski Center for those who need them
- **Prizes & Giveaways**
- **Gift cards** and **various door prizes** donated by local businesses and community partners

[Annual Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Day coming to Fort Knox Aug. 21 | Article | The United States Army](#)

2026-2027 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Competitions

Cameron Ponder VFW Post 12237 proudly supports the annual **Voice of Democracy** and **Patriot's Pen** competitions — two nationwide programs that give middle and high school students the chance to share their views on democracy, patriotism, and civic responsibility.

- **Voice of Democracy** is open to grades 9–12. Students submit a 3–5 minute recorded essay for a chance at scholarships, including a top national prize of \$35,000.
- **Patriot's Pen** is open to grades 6–8. Students submit a 300–400 word essay with the opportunity to earn scholarships, with a top national prize of \$5,000.

This year's theme is: *"What a Veteran Taught me about America"*

Application deadline: **October 31, 2026.**



2026 – 2027 Competition
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
Post 12237
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National Prize is currently \$35,000

This year's theme
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Commanders Corner

Reflecting on Our Progress

I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts of each one of you. In just a short time, we’ve made great strides, from growing our membership to stepping up for our community through disaster relief, fundraising, and planning for future events.

Each of us brings something unique to the table, and together we are shaping the future of this Post. As we look ahead, I am confident that we will continue to grow—not just in numbers, but in our impact on the Veterans and the community we serve.

Thank you all for your hard work, your support, and your willingness to go above and beyond. We are laying a foundation for something that will last far beyond today—a legacy that will make a difference in the lives of Veterans and in our community. Let’s keep moving forward together.

Best regards,
Drew Flynn
Commander
Cameron Ponder VFW Post 12237

From the Foxhole

Senior Vice Commander	Comrades, please welcome to the post and the new Junior Vice Commander Adam Moore. Comrade Moore brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the post and will do nothing but help us grow. Additionally Comrade Keck has become our new Service Officer.
Junior Vice Commander	Greetings, Comrades! Returning to my hometown and stepping into the Junior Vice Commander role is a true privilege. I’m dedicated to strengthening our Post, growing membership, and serving our local community. I am looking forward to working with you all.
Adjutant	
Quartermaster	Dues & Renewals: A reminder that annual dues can be paid directly through the VFW National Membership Portal. If you need help accessing it please let an Post Officer know and we can help.
Chaplain	
Members / Committees	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 District Meeting Post 696 1400 CST Owensboro KY Meal After	3 Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Purple Heart Day	8 Sams Club Set-Up 1000-1300 Membership Drive VOD/PP Poppy
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Day Sadowski Center 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	NOTES:	* On Purple heart day we remember and honor the brave current and former service members who were wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.			