

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, July 13th at 6:30 p.m., and let's continue working together to support our Veterans and community.

June was a busy month

Post 12237 Wins Many VFW Awards

Cameron Ponder Post 12237, was notified that we have won All State and All-American awards for this year. Commander Drew Flynn will receive our All-American award during the National Convention later this month. And we are humbled to hear that we were third in the Nation. This was all accomplished with the dedication of our members as well as the community.



June was a busy month Continued

Our Scout Of The Year Continues To Win

Post 12237 Scout of the year Lucas Seery not only won our post award, but he also won the state award. He will move up to the National level and compete against all the other State winners. We wish him luck with that but also in his future. He is a motivated, eager, strong leader and an asset to the Community. Everyone should keep an eye out for this young man, he is going places.

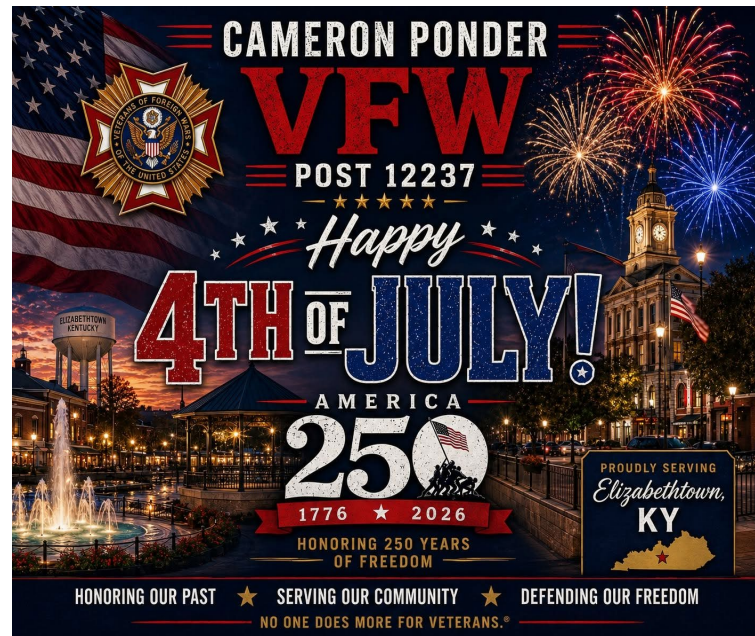


Americas 250th Birthday

Everyone had a rare opportunity to experience a milestone in America. It is because of all that have served before us, you the Veteran, and the ones who continue to serve to keep our land free.

We hope everyone took some time to reflect on everything that we have and will do.

Let us all continue to serve our Veterans and those who help keep this “land of the free and the home of the brave”.



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.**



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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
Post 12237
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National Prize is currently \$35,000

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



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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

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From the Foxhole

Senior Vice Commander	Comrades, as we continue to grow as a post, we will be looking for members to assist with some programs we have. The two opportunities are the Poppy and Membership Committees. Come and help us grow our post at the July meeting.
Junior Vice Commander	The Junior Vice Commander (JVC) position has been vacated. If you are interested in stepping up to the table, please review the duties of the JVC. They are in the 2026 Podium Edition or at this link Bylaws: Training, Forms & Templates - VFW
Adjutant	(ID,me Account required)
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
			1	2 * Remembrance Flight Helicopter Volunteers 1100-1600 *Memebership Drive	3 * Remembrance Flight Helicopter Volunteers 0700-1600 *Membership Drive	4 America's 250 Birthday Fouth of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 National Conference Reno NV July 23-30	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28	29	30	31	
Notes:	* Independece Day on this day we celebrate the birth of our nation as the United States. * On National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, often referred to as Korean War Veterans Day, we pay tribute to our brave veterans of the Korean War and the more than 35,000 U.S. service members who sacrificed their lives during this conflict.					