

Short Biography for Captain William Munsee

Pre American Legion: Bill Munsee is a former Navy Captain and pilot who flew the P-3 Orion (a long range anti-submarine warfare aircraft). During his 33 year career, he hunted Soviet ballistic missile submarines along with allies from Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, Italy, Australia, and Japan. His travels include missions to over 40 countries. In addition to his flying career, he served several shipboard assignments including tours on the USS Blue Ridge (the 7th Fleet Flag-ship) and the USS Enterprise in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. He has had three major commands: Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron 47; Commander of Patrol Wing 4; and Commander Naval Air Reserve Santa Clara. In addition, he also served at the Pentagon on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and the staff of the Joint Chiefs.

American Legion Activities since 2014: After joining American Legion Post 6 in 2014, I ran for 3rd Vice Commander and stayed in that position for 2 years; then I ran for Post Commander and remained in that position for 3 years at the “old Post” on Legion Road. During my last year as Commander of the “old Post,” a revitalization team determined necessary repairs to our “old Post” were between \$400-500 thousand dollars. At that time, a determination was made by the membership to sell the Post because the repair costs were prohibitive.

After selling the old Post, we embarked on a mission to design and develop our “new Post” with an emphasis on building a facility that would attract younger members (gym and game-room) and sustain itself through facility rentals. During the buildout, I was still the Post Commander and a member of the building committee. About the time we were ready to open the new facility, Covid raised its head and since we couldn’t gather to vote on new officers, all American Legionnaire officers remained in place for an additional year. Following our official opening, I was voted and remained the Post Commander for the next 2 years and relinquished command in 2021.

Since leaving my position as Post Commander, we stood-up a Legion Riders club and I became the first President of that organization for two years...now that organization is under new leadership; I have acted as an advisor the PEC for the past 5 years; and, I have also held the Post position of VSO for the past three years and I frequently act as the Chaplin when the normal Chaplin is absent.

Why should you vote for me as Post Commander? **First**, I have attended all but a few PEC meetings in the last 12 years, so there aren’t any issues that are new to me; **Second**, I feel continuity is necessary to ensure the PEC doesn’t try to reinvent the wheel; **Third**, this Post is different from any other Post in that we are a business. The size and expertise needed to run this Post demands candidates with proven track records in management; **Fourth**, there are some “teambuilding” areas within the PEC that need to be addressed. **Finally**, I enjoy serving all of you as members of the Post...no one person can make this Post “go.” It takes an all-out team effort and I’d like to be the quarterback of that team.

Thank you for taking the time to read this biography.

Bill Munsee