
VFW POST 604 NEWS

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V.F.W. Mission Statement

The purpose of this corporation (VFW) shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

Commander's Corner

Won't be long before this weather should start breaking. Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on February 2nd, so therefore we should be having an early spring. At least let's hope so.

On Saturday, February 1st we were honored, once again, to host the VFW 7th District Awards for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Essay. Megan Prange, who won First Place at the Post level, also took First Place at the District level. She went on to Place Second in the State. We had over 50 people in attendance from several different Posts in central and south-central Indiana, also the District 7 Officers. We had lunch catered in from Mother Bears and was well received.

We celebrated Valentine's Day on our Auxiliary Fish Night. We had a pretty good crowd considering the weather and being Valentine's Day. Each Lovely Lady was presented a red rose by their friendly Commander. All in all, it was a good night. Great Food and Great Friends!

For those who are not aware Sunday, March 29th is Vietnam Veterans Day. We are going to open the Post that day for limited hours. This will be open to the public, so everyone is invited, not just Post Members. See the special notice in the newsletter for additional information. We'll be having something special for our Vietnam Vets too.

The Monroe County Election Board is looking for poll workers for the 2020 election. They need Inspectors, Judges, and Clerks. They also have a

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VFW Auxiliary

We've made through another Winter month, pretty much unscathed, whew. Just a few more weeks until Spring. We are almost at 100% in our membership. We need only 7 more renewals to make it. Please check your cards and if you are expired, give us a call.

Our NASCAR Tenderloin Sunday in March is on March 15th. We'll be serving from Noon until 4p.m.. Come on out – can't beat the price at \$8.00.

Our special meal this month on March 27th will be Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, and a vegetable - \$8.00 for a fine meal, and there's always something extra added on the spot.

Thank you to all our volunteers, we couldn't exist without your assistance. More volunteers are always welcome. We would not exist without this contribution of time and support.

If you have not been out to the post in the last 2 or 3 months, come check it out. Some upgrades and refurbishment have really spruced the atmosphere inside. Bar extension, brighter lighting, new carpet, just to mention a few.

Do not forget about our monthly meeting. Always on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Auxiliary members in good standing are encouraged to participate. This month falls on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, would be nice to see some new faces this month!

Dorothy White - Auxiliary President
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Student Poll Worker Program for 16 and 17-year-olds. These are paid positions and they actually pay you for the training. If anyone is interested, we have the information on the bulletin board at the post.

Don't forget our Auxiliary All You Can Eat Breakfast first Saturday and Fish Fry the second Friday. Also, Commander's Steak Night the third Friday. And for all you Vietnam Veterans and family, the Viet Nam Veterans Day Open House on Sunday March 29th. ❖

See you at the Post !

Commander – George Kristoff

TAPS

Herman Dale Kinser, US Navy WW2 Veteran, Longstanding VFW Member - Departed us on February 12th, 2020.

Harold E. "Mouse" "Geno" Gillespie, US Navy Korean War Veteran, VFW Life Member - Departed us on February 21st, 2020.

"With each passing day, things will become easier. This is to let you know that there is tremendous support behind you today."

Dale and Geno will be missed by all the Men and Women of VFW Post 604 and the 7th District.



Pictured left to right Tammy James, District 7 VFW Auxiliary President, Megan Prange, and Cory Mann, District 7 Commander. Megan won First Place in the Voice of Democracy Essay contest at VFW Post 604 and First Place at the VFW Department of Indiana District 7. She went on to finish Second at the State Level.

GETTING CLOSER TO WARMTH!!!

The **1st Friday of the Month Dinner Special (March 6th)** where we will be having something new — **CHICKEN NOODLE CASSEROLE — SCALLOP POTATOES -- VEGGIE** plus **Dessert--** all for **\$8.00**

NASCAR Sunday will be on **March 15th** with the VFW Auxiliary and their **Great Big Ole Tenderloin Sandwiches.** Post opens at Noon and close somewhere around 6:00 p.m. It's more than just a sandwich — it's a meal and a good time — you get both for only **\$8.00!! <<<<Did you notice the Price???? — CHEAP!!**

We may or may not have super weather for our **3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (March 20th)!!** But we do have our 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$12.** This meal would easily cost more anywhere else, but here at your **VFW Post 604!** — That's right — just **\$12** or you can get a **Baked Potato & Salad** for just **\$6.** Also, the **VFW Auxiliary Fish Dinner** on the **2nd Friday** of the month (**March 13th**) - all you can eat!! If that's not enough then the **4th Friday of the Month (March 27th)** presents **The VFW Auxiliary** with their **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER**—be sure and check out their news article.

Post will also be Open for Vietnam Veterans Day on Sunday, March 29th from 12:00 to 18:00. ❖

House Committee

The History of Vietnam Veterans Day

March 29th is designated as Vietnam Veterans Day.

That recognition was initiated through a Proclamation that was signed by President Obama in 2012.

It was made “Officially” National Vietnam War Veterans Day through the Vietnam War Recognition Act of 2017 that was signed by President Trump.

This didn’t receive much fanfare and there are still many people that don’t realize this day of recognition exists.

At least now our Vietnam Veterans are getting the long-deserved recognition, that are many years overdue.

VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff.....	Commander
Dewey “Joe” Hardin.....	Sr. Vice Commander
John Martin.....	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard.....	Quartermaster
Brian Stewart.....	Chaplain
Richard Moldenhauer.....	Judge Advocate
Peter Chadwick.....	Surgeon
John Tilford.....	Service Officer
Bill Evans.....	Adjutant
Toby Oltman.....	1st Yr. Trustee
Cathi Johnson.....	2 nd Yr. Trustee
Jim Edney.....	3 rd Yr. Trustee
Barney White.....	1st Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith.....	2 nd Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes.....	3 rd Yr. House Committee

VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Dorothy White.....	President
Julia Curtis.....	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin.....	Jr. Vice President
Karen Cain.....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson.....	Conductor
Mary Bohenkamp.....	Chaplin
Sandi Taylor.....	Guard
Jenny Tracy.....	Patriotic Instructor
Sandi Taylor.....	1st Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin.....	2 nd Yr. Trustee
Julia Curtis.....	3 rd Yr. Trustee



Three Lovely Lady’s on Valentine’s Day

Pictured left to right Betty Richardson, Mary Keller and Rosalee Anderson

Commander’s Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
24 Jan	Lindsey Smith	\$402	Not Signed
31 Jan	Paul Chambers	\$478	Not Signed
7 Feb	Mary Keller	\$548	Signed/ Present Paid \$548
14 Feb	Brian Stillwell	\$76	Signed/Not Present Paid \$38

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins? Who knows? Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

From the Adjutant,

I want to thank the Auxiliary for the new flooring they have bought and have had installed here at the Post. It is a real plus for the Post and had been needed for a long time. They do so much for us here every year.

With that being said, we also have all the lights fixed here in the club room and the rest of the Post for that matter. I did notice we had quite a few empty seats at this month’s meeting, so if you aren’t doing anything the third Tuesday in March, come on down to the meeting and look at some of the things we have done here at the Post in the past year or so, you will be amazed. Our meetings are always on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. and we can always use members thoughts on what we can do here at the Post, in the community, or anything else that we could do to be beneficial to all involved.

If any of you haven’t been to the Memorial Day service held each year at Valhalla, you might want to attend this year. Many things have been going on there, and if you have never been to the Memorial you will be amazed at all that has been done.

That’s all I can think of for this month, may God bless all of us and God bless America. ❖

Bill Evans

Adjutant, VFW Post 604



Vietnam Veterans Day at Post 604

The Post will be Open Sunday, March 29th from 12:00 to 18:00 for Vietnam Veterans Day. This will be in honor of ALL Vietnam Veterans, not just VFW members. Open to the Public, and everyone is welcome. We will have complimentary food available, also. The menu will be announced later. There will be something special for all Vietnam Veterans too. Come and join us.

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Saturday Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage

Hash Browns

O.J.
Milk
Coffee



Rib Eye Steak



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT



March 7th

8:00 am -11:00 am
JUST \$8.00



Steak Night

Friday **March 20th** - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

\$12.00 - \$12.00 - \$12.00 - \$12.00
10 oz Rib-Eye, Baked Potato & More

