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# 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

Hello. I want to remind everyone about our Memorial Day Service at Valhalla Memorial Gardens. We are in the final stages of our preparations. We should have a great program again this year and hope that everyone will be able to attend. We have ordered our flags and will need volunteers to help put them on graves at Clear Creek Cemetery on Friday, May 25th at 10:00am. Anyone that is able to help for a couple of hours please show up and we will put you to work.

We had our Post elections at our last meeting on April 17th. I want to thank everyone who has stepped up and accepted an office at the Post. We will publish a list of our new officers soon.

As planned, we have moved bingo back to the Post. Our first game was held on April 19th. You can check our calendar for times and days if interested. Thank you to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for their efforts to keep bingo going until we had the Post ready.

Please stop by the Post and see the changes we have made. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Thanks to all who took the time to complete our survey. If you haven't sent it in yet, please do so. It is not too late.

**Commander - Joe Hardin**

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## VFW Post Survey

Several weeks ago the post mailed questionnaires to each VFW member in good standing who lives in the state of Indiana. Of 257 surveys mailed – to date only 43 members have responded. Comrades we are working hard to provide a post that caters to the majority of our members who would like to frequent our home. If you still have the survey we encourage you to complete the form and return it to us in the pre-paid postage envelope provided so we can get the post where it needs to be.

## Post 604 Ladies Auxiliary

At our meeting this month we had nominations & Election's. Our new officers are

(PRESIDENT)	Janet Williams
(SR.Vice)	Millie Briles
(JR.Vice)	Karen Chenault
(Treasurer)	Patty Pate
(Secretary)	Kathy Hardin
(Conductress)	Rita Bruce
(P. Instructor)	Wilma Hays
(Chaplain)	Joyce Grubb
(Guard)	Dorothy Elliott
(3yr.Trustee)	Wilma Hays
(2yr.Trustee)	Pat Robertson
(1yr.Trustee)	Susie Dumond

If you would like to be a Committee chairman, please call (812) 876-3676 and let me know.

We have moved to our new building for bingo. Playing times are still the same; Thursdays doors open at 5:30 pm with Fire Ball game at 6:00 pm, Early Birds at 6:30 pm and regular games starting at 7:00 pm. On Saturday doors open at 2:30 pm, Fire Ball at 3:00 pm, Early Birds at 3:30 pm, and Regular games starting at 4:00 pm. A big thanks to Mark Dammer for doing our newsletter every month and being patient with me for always being late. I will try to be on time from now on.

Let's all keep Mary Figgs family in our prayers from losing her Bill this past month.

**Janet Williams, President VFW Ladies Auxiliary**



## VFW Post 604 Post Election Results

Elections were held for 2012 – 2013 officers at our meeting on April 17, 2012. The officers will be sworn in to their respective offices and assume the duties to which elected immediately after the Department of Indiana Convention June 14 – 17, 2012. Our officers will be;

### Elected

Commander .....Dewey J. Hardin  
 Sr. Vice Commander ..... Bobby L. Lanning  
 Jr. Vice Commander ..... James W. Smith  
 Quartermaster .....Mark G. Dammer  
 Chaplin .....Brian C. Stewart  
 Judge Advocate ..... Thomas L. Vernon  
 Surgeon .....Ty H. Briles  
 1 Year Trustee ..... Jerry W. Hayes Jr.  
 2 Year Trustee .....James B May  
 3 Year Trustee ..... Roy M. Smith  
 House Committee 1 ..... Leonard L. Heldman  
 House Committee 2 ..... John A. Martin  
 House Committee 3 ..... Steven B. Wade

### Appointed by the Commander:

Adjutant ..... Bobby L. Lanning  
 Service Officer ..... John W. Tilford

**Mark G Dammer - Post Quartermaster**

## VFW BINGO is Back Home!!!

At close of business April 14, 2012 Bingo packed up at the Eagles Aviary on South Walnut and moved to our Post home on Industrial Park Drive. All of the equipment, tables, chairs, and supplies were organized, setup, and Bingo went LIVE at the VFW Beginning Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to those who helped make this happen and to our patrons who make Bingo FUN and successful !!!



Moments before BINGO going LIVE at Post 604



## Third Time Is A Charm!!

Well, at least that is what we are hoping for. So far our track history is 2 Starts—0 finishes. Some things the Canteen just can't control. 1<sup>st</sup> NASCAR Sunday—the race was rained out. 2<sup>nd</sup> NASCAR Sunday—FOX Sports channel lost their contract to air the race thus NO Broadcast. However the House Committee is determined to present the NASCAR Race on Sunday here at the Post. So, **May 6<sup>th</sup>, SUNDAY**, the Post will be **OPEN** for the **Talladega Race**. The race starts at Noon so we will be Opening at 11:00 a.m. Close at 6:00 p.m. Plus, we are going to be having **SLOPPY JOE'S** and chips for you to munch on.

Now we are confident that this event will take place so make your plans to come out to the Post, grab a sammich, watch the race and overall just have a good time.

Don't forget that Brad Harris is still playing at the Post on Friday Nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come out and give him a listen—he's really good!!

House Committee



# Laurens B. Strain - VFW Post 604

May 2012

Closed	4:00 PM – 10:00PM	4:00 PM – 10:00PM	4:00 PM – 10:00PM	4:00 PM – 10:00PM	4:00 PM – 10:00PM	10:00 AM – 10:00PM
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <b>Open 1100 - 1800</b> Come out for NASCAR 	7  * Vet to Vet – 1900	8 1945 - V-E Day	9	10  Bingo - 1730	11  1900 – Commander's Drawing 1900 – Brad Harris Entertains	12  Bingo - 1430
13	14 1804 - Lewis & Clark Expedition Begins  * Vet to Vet – 1900	15  <b>Meetings</b> V.F.W. – 1800 Men's Aux – 1800 Ladies Aux - 1800	16	17  Bingo - 1730	18  1900 – Commander's Drawing 1900 – Brad Harris Entertains	19 1958 - NORAD formed  Bingo - 1430
20	21  * Vet to Vet – 1900	22	23	24  Bingo - 1730	25  1900 – Commander's Drawing 1900 – Brad Harris Entertains	26  Bingo - 1430
27 1941 - Bismarck Sunk	28 Memorial Day  * Vet to Vet – 1900	29	30	31  Bingo - 1730		

(\* For Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way room A118 – Check website <http://www.vetovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

Telephone Numbers  
Post 604 – Canteen (812) 339-2375

**PPT License # 124405**  
**Raffle License # 124404**

**Bingo License # 125265**

## Post Officers

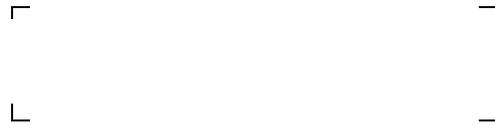
VFW Post 604			Men's Auxiliary to VFW Post 604			Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 604		
Commander	Joe Hardin	(812) 334-8479	President	Mike Pipher	(812) 334-0748	President	E. Janet Williams	(812) 876-3676
Senior Vice Commander	Bill Halliday	(812) 369-0866	Senior Vice President	Joe Crawford	(812) 330-1343	Senior Vice President	Millie Briles	(812) 336-8409
Junior Vice Commander	Ty Briles	(812) 360-6518	Junior Vice President	Mark Sink	(812) 336-4566	Junior Vice President	Mary Figg	(812) 876-4971
Quartermaster	Mark Dammer	(812) 824-3367	Treasurer	Mike Griffith	(812) 349-2563	Treasurer	Patty Pate	(812) 339-6045
Adjutant	Bob Lanning	(812) 327-7953	Secretary	Mike Griffith	(812) 349-2563	Secretary	Kathy Hardin	(812) 334-8479
Chaplin	Roy Smith	(812) 797-4654	Chaplin	Eric Sink	(812) 336-4566	Chaplin	Joyce Grubb	(812) 336-6447
Service Officer	John Tilford	(812) 336-5574				Patriotic Instructor	Wilma Hays	(812) 332-5329
1 Year House Committee	John Martin	(812) 339-1113						
2 Year House Committee	Cathi Johnson	(812) 876-5745						
3 Year House Committee	Leonard L Heldman	(812) 361-9129						

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# Memorial Day



May 28, 2012