
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

By the time you read this column we will have completed both a Post meeting and hosted the 7th District meeting.

The largest item on the meeting agenda was the request for a contribution (seed money) for the Alexander Memorial. There were some thoughts that we (veterans) were being asked to cover an expense that really should have been born by county government. In the end, it was decided that the only way to continue to honor our brothers from the Civil War was to help form the non-profit corporation so that the restoration can begin. Therefore we voted \$1,500 to the restoration committee.

The second contribution that we made was to pay the expenses of one delegate to Boy's State (\$300). There was discussion by some members that the program's sponsor was not appreciative of the organizations that are giving donations to their program. With some assurances that we will get better recognition and the general belief in the program, we decided to fund the scholarship. This was a close vote and reinforced the idea that we need as many members as possible at the meeting to truly reflect the will of the post.

The third contribution was to Special Olympics for \$100. This contribution is what we have given in the past and it passed without objection.

We started the process of getting officers for next year. The good news is that Comrade George Kristoff has agreed to be the Commander for next year. The bad news is that several jobs are unfilled. Please talk to each other so that we can get all of the jobs filled. To that end I plan to be elected to one of positions. Please talk to me about what job you think that I can be of the most value to the Post.

Please help me to finish strong as I complete my year as Commander. ❖

**Commander – Roy Smith
812-340-2864**

VFW Auxiliary

Spring has arrived, well according to the calendar. Hopefully the spring weather isn't far behind.

I'd like to thank all who attended our district meeting. Thank you to our bakers that supplied us with the desserts and to our cooks who spent all day cooking. It couldn't have happened without all of your help so a very special thank you!

As president of the Auxiliary I don't let my helpers know how much I appreciate everyone who bakes, cooks, the runners, and clean up helpers - thank you all.

At our February meeting it was discussed and was voted on to raise the dues from \$20-\$30 effective July 1, 2018; so if you haven't paid yet, you might want to take care of it before July 1, 2018. Contact membership chairman Karen Cain 812-327-1944.

Dates to remember:

April 1 Easter and April Fools' Day (not one in the same)

April 17 meeting 6 PM post an auxiliary

April 22 tenderloin Sunday

Also every Friday we have a great meal at a fantastic price, so come out and enjoy.

On Friday, April 27 the Auxiliary is serving Turkey Manhattans.

God bless all of our veterans near and far. ❖

**Dorothy J White
President - VFW Auxiliary
812-345-9025**

HOPEFULLY THE SNOW IS GONE!!!

1st Friday of the Month Dinner Special (April 6th)— where we will be featuring once again our **ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO NIGHT**—Hard & Soft Shell—Taco Salad—Refried Beans—Nacho Chips & Cheese-- Fixin's for Toppings and whatever else we chop up—cost is just **\$7.00!!** Serving starts at 6 pm and we go until it's gone!!

This month **TENDERLOIN Sunday** will be **April 22nd** and the Post will open at Noon. Food will naturally be **Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloins** along with numerous side dishes furnished by our great volunteers!! This is brought to you by the Auxiliary and you can be sure, they put on one heck of a meal for **\$6.00**. Let's not forget the Auxiliary presenting their **FISH DINNER!!!** on **April 13th—2nd Friday of the Month** starting at 6:00 p.m. They have been serving more and more fish every month---all you can eat for **\$7.00!!**

3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (April 20th)!! 10 oz. Ribeye (cooked on our new indoor grill) with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11**. That's right—just **\$11**.

4th Friday of the Month (April 27th) presents **The Auxiliary Dinner**—check out their article for the menu on that night. So you may as well come out and have a good meal along with a fun time with us here at your **POST 604**.

Choice Angus Steak Night - Friday 20 April

We are pleased to announce we will resume our monthly steak night on Friday April 20th. We will be serving our 10 oz Choice Angus steaks cooked to order, baked potato, salad and dessert. Not to mention the sautéed mushrooms and onions. All for \$11.00. Response from our members has been very positive. Choice Angus is one of the highest qualities of beef you can buy. Come to the post and try one. We think you will be very happy you did. ❖

House Committee

From the Adjutant

Another month has again gone by and the weather just doesn't seem to want to cooperate and realize Spring started yesterday. Hopefully it will get better soon. As of March 20th, the Post is still just a bit below 90% in membership for this year, so if you haven't paid your yearly dues or know someone else that hasn't we would really appreciate it if you could do so by May.

There are quite a few things coming up in the near future, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, etc. that the Post normally has programs for each year. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with any of this, it would really be appreciated. We also put out flags the week before Memorial Day in some of the local cemeteries and could always use some help with that. We may also have a "Spring Cleanup Day" in the near future and we can always use help for that.

I want to thank everyone for all the community service work they do each month and if you will let me know what you do, I will put it in our monthly Community Service Report I turn in each month to the District. If you think of something you have done for someone or an organization that may meet the criteria for our Community Service program just let me know or leave me a note in my pigeonhole there at the Post and I will include it in with our monthly District report.

So much for this month's report, please don't forget prayers for our active servicemen and women wherever they are, and may God bless everyone.

Bill Evans
VFW Post 604 Adjutant

TAPS

Willard Eugene Douthitt, VFW Life Member

Eldon Clarence Condra, US Army WWII Veteran and VFW Life Member

David L. Myers, SR. was a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War and served on the USS Wilhoite.

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

Eldon and David will be missed by all the Men and Women of VFW Post 604 and the 7th District. ❖

James C. Arnold, Chaplin
VFW Post 604
Past 7th District Commander

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

April 2018

Closed	Open 1200 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1000 - 2200
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>6:00 PM - TACO NIGHT—Hard & Soft—Taco Salad—Refried Beans—Nacho Chips & Cheese</p> <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Fish Fry 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Post Elections</p> <p>Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Tenderloin Sunday</p>  <p>Open @ NOON</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>6:00 PM - Turkey Manhattan Dinner</p> <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	  				

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

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Post & Auxiliary Elections

Annual Office elections for V.F.W. Post 604 and V.F.W. Auxiliary are upcoming. Nominations from, Nominees submitted, and voting is limited to members in good standing. Offices are as follows:

Member participation is desired and encouraged!!!

V.F.W. Post 604 Offices

Nominations: Opened March 20 2018- Close April 17, 2018
Open Voting: April 17th 2018 meeting after nominations close

- Commander
- Sr. Vice Commander
- Jr. Vice Commander
- Quartermaster
- Chaplin
- Judge Advocate
- Surgeon
- 3-Year Trustee
- 3-Year House Committee

VFW Auxiliary Offices

Nominations: Opened March 20 2018- Close April 17, 2018
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- President
- Sr. Vice President
- Jr. Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Chaplin
- Conductress/Conductor
- Guard
- 3-Year Trustee