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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

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that 2016 has come and gone. Now as we look forward to 2017, we pause to look back on everything we went through in 2016 and reflect on all the good things we accomplished. We also must think about some of the sad things we had to go through. Let's all remember the wonderful members that aren't with us anymore, but live on in our hearts and minds. We ask God to be with them.

On December 10th we had a great kids Christmas party. A big THANK YOU to Auxiliary President Dorothy White and her helpers Sandi Taylor, Karen Cain, and let's not forget Barney White who helped set up for the party. I believe we had at least 30 kids, more when counting all the family members that attended. Great turnout.

Our goal for next year is to continue doing the things that make our Post the best in the State. We are always looking for new ideas to improve our Post and make it a place to come and have fun. If you look at all the improvements we made in 2016 and all of the opportunities we have for this year, who would not want to be part of Post 604.

As I am writing this article, we still have things happening at the Post that I will have to mention in our January newsletter. We are trying to get this newsletter out early so our members can enjoy the holidays with their families. But I definitely want to let everyone know that our anniversary dinner and awards presentation will be held on **Saturday, January 7th, at 5:00pm**. The Post winners of VOD and PP will be recognized and awards presented. Then on Saturday, January 14th at 1:00pm, the rest of our participants will be recognized. So please mark your calendar and join us.

May God bless all of you and your loved ones and

### VFW Auxiliary

I'd like to say thank you to the Post for the hams and turkeys at our Christmas dinner. Also, thank you to our members for all the side dishes and desserts. If anyone went home hungry, it wasn't our fault. ☺

Here's hoping you didn't miss our Christmas celebration, and don't miss out on our New Year's Eve celebration. Because, after we welcome in the New Year, we will serve all you can eat sausage gravy with biscuits and scrambled eggs for \$5.00.

On a sad note, we put the wrong dish in one of the carriers. By now I know you've found it. We still have your dish; you can exchange it at anytime. Thank You.

Our fish dinner is back in January on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Other dates to remember for January are January 22<sup>nd</sup> - District VFW Auxiliary meeting in Worthington at 10:30 A.M. Our GIANT Tenderloins are back too, come on out on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> and get you one - NEVER a disappointment, see you there! On Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary will be serving Chicken Fettuccini, so mark your calendar, it is sure to be good.

May God bless our veterans near and far and may God bless America. ❖

**Dorothy White, President VFW Auxiliary**

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### Commander's Corner *(Continued from Column 1)*

our military who are wearing the uniform around the world. Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember to pay your dues. We are only as great as our members make us. ❖

**Commander - Joe Hardin**

## TAPS

- ✉ Harold L. (Buck) Keller, Life Member, Army of Occupation Germany, U.S. Army
- ✉ Vernal L. Mobley, Life Member, WWII, US Army

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

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

**James C. Arnold  
Chaplin, VFW Post 604**

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Well folks, you knew it was coming. The state is closing off the Vernal Pike intersection @ IN-37 on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. This means we all will need to adjust to the new access methods available to you to get to the Post.

Recommended method [from the North](#) on State Road IN-37/ Interstate I-69 - Exit at State Road IN-46 Bypass West toward Ellettsville. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Curry Pike. Turn left on Vernal Pike. Industrial Park Drive is the last right just before you would cross over the 17<sup>th</sup> street overpass.

Recommended method [from the South](#) on State Road IN-37/ Interstate I-69 - Exit on 3<sup>rd</sup> street towards Bloomfield then follow directions from downtown Option 2 below.

Traffic [from downtown](#) will have two options:

**Option 1:** 17<sup>th</sup> Street from the east is now connected to Vernal Pike over the new I-69 overpass. Industrial Park Drive is the first left after the bridge

**Option 2:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Street west to Curry Pike, turn right then continue until you reach Vernal Pike then turn right. Industrial Park Drive is the last right just before you would cross over the 17<sup>th</sup> street overpass.

Traffic [coming from the west](#) probably knows the roads already, from 3<sup>rd</sup> street turn left on Curry Pike. Continue on Curry Pike until you reach Vernal Pike then turn right. Industrial Park Drive is the last right just before you would cross over the 17<sup>th</sup> street overpass.

## YES -- VERNAL IS CLOSING

~~BUT!~~

**IT'S—2017 !!!!!**

And we are still here, with our **Post 604 Volunteers** (Best in Bloomington!!).

**Friday Night Dinners are back---**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday night — (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>) All You Can Eat Ham & Beans Dinner with Cornbread and Dessert** for a measly **\$5.00!** Sound good... well keep readin'

Then the Auxiliary is going to bring you the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night Dinner (Jan 13<sup>th</sup>)** which will be **All You Can Eat Fish Dinner**— let's repeat that "all you can eat" and only **\$7.00!**

Following right along with the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night Dinner (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>)** featuring our 10 oz. Ribeye Steak with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11**. Yep! That's right—just **\$11**.

But wait!! We have a **4<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Dinner (Jan 27<sup>th</sup>)** brought to you by the Auxiliary — check their news article!! We have Great Cooks! — Good Food! -- **LOW** Prices!













Our **Sunday Opening** this month will be on the **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Post will open at Noon and the Auxiliary will be serving their Gigantic **Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloins**. May be a new year ,but the same **\$5.00** price for this meal plus Football!!! **Texas Hold-'em Tournament** every **Thursday** starts at **7:00 p.m.**

We would like to say a great big **Thank-You** to **Dorothy White** and her **Elves** who not only decorated the Post for the Holidays, but we heard from a lot of people that they put on a **Fantastic Kids Christmas Party** enjoyed by the kids and adults alike!! — Everybody's time and effort were greatly appreciated!! So! You better watch out — better not cry---Post 604 is going to have a good time!! Ok, so we can't sing too well, then again that was last month's theme!!! ❖

**House Committee**

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

January 2017

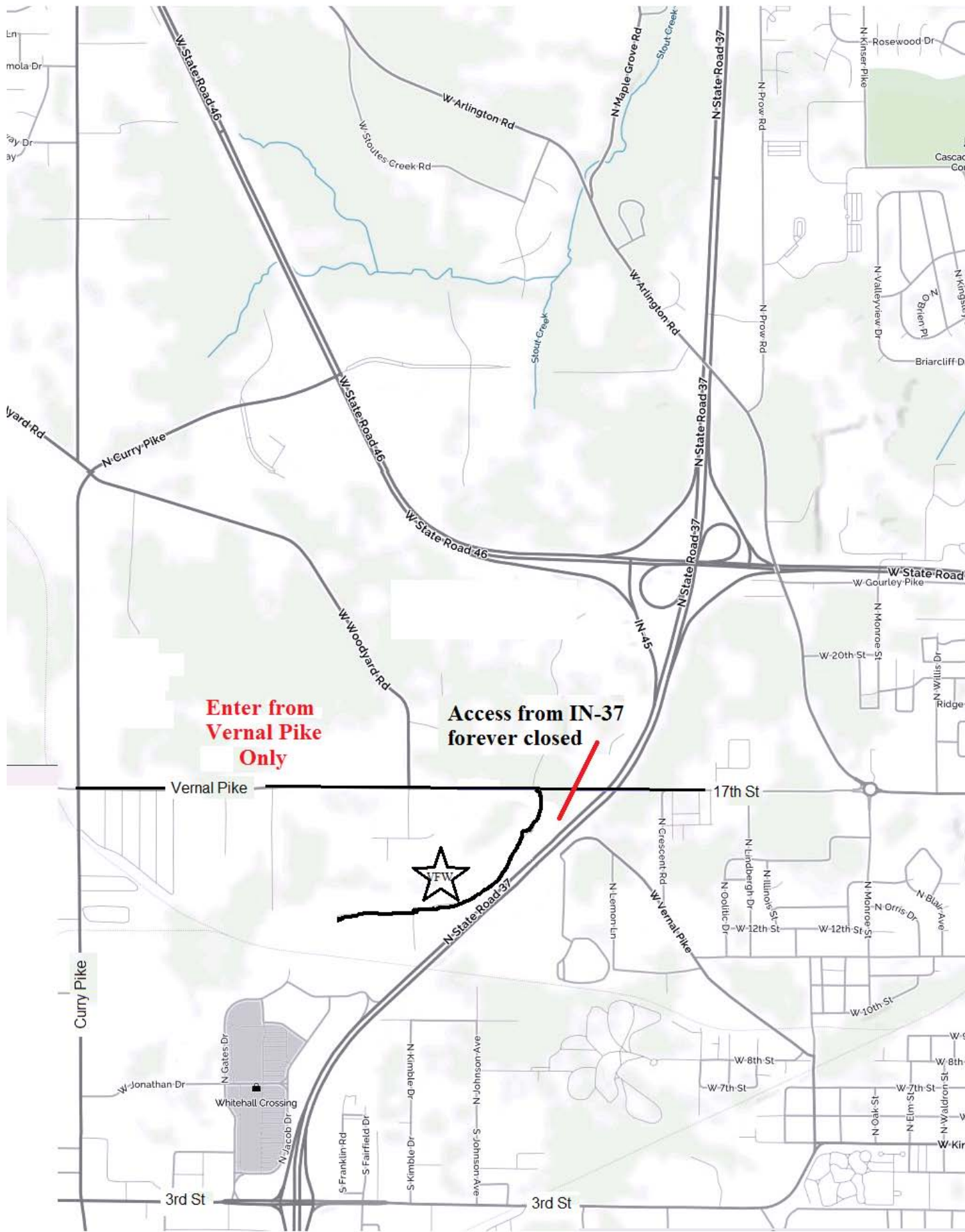
Closed Sunday	Open 1200 - 2200 Monday	Open 1600 - 2200 Tuesday	Open 1600 - 2200 Wednesday	Open 1600 - 2200 Thursday	Open 1600 - 2200 Friday	Open 1000 - 2200 Saturday
1 <b>Midnight Breakfast</b>  Happy New Year	2 <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	3	4	5  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	6 Ham & Beans 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	7  96 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Dinner 5:00 PM
8	9 <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	10	11	12  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	13 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	14  Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen Awards 1:00 PM
15	16 <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	17  Meetings  V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	18	19  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	20 Ribeye Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	21
22 Football Sunday !!!  <b>OPEN at NOON</b>  Serving \$5.00 Hand- Dipped Breaded <b>TENDERLOINS</b>	23 <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	24	25	26  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	27 Chicken Fettuccini 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	28
29	30 <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	31				

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

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## About John and Annie Glenn – and disabilities

Well before he exited the Earth's atmosphere, John Glenn flew 59 combat missions during World War II and 90 during the Korean War. To ease Annie's fear, before each mission John would [utter the same words](#): "I'm just going down to the corner store to get a pack of gum."

"Don't be long," Annie would always respond. He said it before he was propelled into space on Feb. 20, 1962, to become the [first American](#) to orbit the Earth. He said it again in 1998 when John was going into space for the final time at 77 years old.

To many, theirs was an odd pairing. John was athletic and outgoing while Annie barely spoke, not because she didn't have anything to say, but because when she did, people often assumed she was either deaf or mentally deficient. Annie was afflicted with an 85 percent stutter, meaning she would become "hung up" on 85 percent of the words she tried to speak, which was a severe handicap." For Annie, stuttering meant not being able to take a taxi because she would have to write out the address and give it to the driver because she couldn't get the words out. Trying to say where she wanted to go would be too embarrassing. Going to the store is a tremendously difficult and frustrating experience when you can't find what you want and can't ask the clerk because you are too embarrassed because of your stutter. Once her daughter stepped on a nail. As blood gushed out, Annie couldn't call 911. She had to find a neighbor to make the call.

Annie spent the early years of their marriage avoiding the spotlight. While John seemed to enjoy the television cameras, he clearly cared more for her privacy. In his book about the Mercury Seven astronauts, "The Right Stuff," Tom Wolfe recalled an incident which illustrated both Anne's handicap-based shyness and John's love and chivalry: John sat for five hours in the Friendship 7 capsule waiting for launch but the mission was eventually scrubbed. Meanwhile, Annie sat in their home with Vice President Lyndon Johnson sitting outside in his limo, hoping to [in Wolfe's description] "pour ten minutes of Texas soul all over her on nationwide TV" for publicity. Annie, cornered and desperate, stuttered this to John over the phone as he was climbing out of his spacesuit. She didn't want the media attention, not with her stutter. John, furious, said "Look, if you don't want the vice president or the TV networks or anybody else to come into the house, then that's it as far as I'm concerned! They are not coming in and I will back you up all the way and you tell them that! I don't want Johnson or any of the rest of them to put so much as one toe inside our house!"

Years later Annie described, "Those were difficult times for me. In times of difficulty or defeat, it's easy to think that we really have no choices. That we are trapped. I know I felt that way. Having tried and having failed so many times."

One day the Glenn's were watching the "Today" show. A doctor was discussing a new method of treatment for

stutterers, an intensive three-week program in Roanoke. Annie enrolled. They made her relearn each letter of the alphabet. They forced her to go to a shopping center — and shop. To ask questions, for the first time. The enrollees weren't allowed to call friends or family for three weeks. When it was over, Annie picked up the telephone. "When I called John and spoke clearly, he cried," Annie said. "People just couldn't believe that I could really talk." And when she got home, according to John's memoir, she *talked*. He recalled one of her first lines: "John, I've wanted to tell you this for years. Pick up your socks!"

Annie began giving speeches on behalf of her husband when he ran for Senate. After each speech, she would rush to greet those everyone else ignored — the disabled. As The Post's Myra MacPherson [observed](#) in 1984: "After years of cruel slurs, of being overlooked by strangers, Annie Glenn seeks out the handicapped. In a crowd, she heads straight for those in wheelchairs. She has a sort of radar; finds the shyest person in the room and takes the time to draw him out." A group of deaf people were in the audience at one of her husband's campaign speeches. Afterward, Annie Glenn went over to them and soon was learning sign language. As the press crowded around John, he looked over at his wife, who was signing "I Love You" to the deaf. "That's what you should be covering," he told the reporters.

Annie [became](#) an adjunct professor with the Speech Pathology Department at Ohio State University's Department of Speech and Hearing Science. "She is incredibly inspirational to students, many who have not had that much contact with people who stutter," Rebecca McCauley, a professor in the department [said](#). "Her influence is huge when speaking to students who are just getting into the field."

With John's death on Dec. 8, Annie Glenn, now 96, is alone for the first time in 73 years. But her life has been a testament to strength in adversity. As John Glenn [wrote of her](#): "It takes guts to operate with a disability. I don't know if I would have had the courage to do all the things that Annie did so well. We tend to think of heroes as being those who are well known," he wrote, "but America is made up of a whole nation of heroes who face problems that are very difficult, and their courage remains largely unsung. Millions of individuals are heroes in their own right. In my book, Annie is one of those heroes."

(Your service officer observes that the last four lines of the above apply equally to disabled veterans, and therefore we in the VFW share bonds with both John and Annie Glenn.)

Excerpted/paraphrased from the Washington Post at [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/12/09/to-john-glenn-the-real-hero-was-his-wife-annie-conqueror-of-disability/?utm\\_term=.7217b4ba2238](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/12/09/to-john-glenn-the-real-hero-was-his-wife-annie-conqueror-of-disability/?utm_term=.7217b4ba2238)

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**ACCESS FROM IN-37 IS GONE**