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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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November 2018

## 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

There was a memorial for Gerald Ross on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and it was very rewarding. Joe Hardin and I attended. Gerald was added to the Vietnam Memorial Wall at the Monroe County Courthouse. He was the 25th and the last remaining Monroe County Veteran to be honored at this memorial. It was a very touching service and we were proud to represent our Post there.



After the Memorial we hosted a luncheon for the family and all the people that attended the Memorial. The only people that attended were the family. Most of them came from Ohio - east of Fort Wayne. We counted around 50 people. We told them that they could stay on at the post if they liked, and they used the time as a small family reunion. A lot of them hadn't seen each other in years and several of them didn't even know each other. Many of them were introducing themselves

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## VFW Auxiliary

Cold weather is upon us now and so are the holidays. We've gotten through the Halloween ghosts, goblins, and witches, now on to turkeys & Thanksgiving.

We are all starting our grocery and guest dinner lists, I am sure. A lot of stress over the next couple of months, so don't forget your VFW post is a great place to stop by and wind down to get re-generated.

Our tenderloin day is Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon and going until 4 PM. We do take call in orders for pick up. As a heads-up, there will be no tenderloin Sunday in December, so stop by in November and stock up.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day, with ceremonies being held at the Monroe County courthouse this year. They need flag holders to help in the presentation; you can be a veteran, an auxiliary member, or simply a volunteer, so please come by and help -or- come to the ceremony. If you are willing to help, give me a call. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World War 1 Armistice with Germany in 1918 that ended the war. It is this remembrance that later became Veteran's Day.

There will not be an Auxiliary dinner on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, or December 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing our fish fry in November and December however. Will resume our 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month dinners on January 25, 2019

To those who have lost a love one, our condolences. To those who are ill, a get well wish for your speedy recovery. To those in our military and to all our veterans, may God bless you and may God bless America. ❖

**Dorothy J White**  
**President - VFW Auxiliary**  
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and their family members. They stayed around two hours and headed back to Ohio. It was a rewarding experience to be a part of this and see the family enjoying each other's company.

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving / Christmas dinner on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will supply the ham and turkey with the members bringing a covered dish. We'll have more details on this in the December newsletter.

We had a good Steak Night last month. Heard a lot of good comments about the quality of the steaks. The steak that I had was outstanding! A choice rib eye, baked potato, salad and a roll plus desert for only \$11. This month will be the final Steak Night of 2018. Come down and have a good steak. Can't beat the price anywhere. ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**



*VFW Post 604 Auxiliary members Greg Johnson, Sandi Taylor, Dorothy White, Karen Cain, and Julie Martin supporting Operation Head Start Halloween Treat Bag 2018*

**CANTEEN Skinny**

The Big Bird Day is on the way and the Post will be closed on that Thursday (**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**), so everyone can enjoy their holiday. However, on the other hand, the Post will most definitely be **OPEN** on **Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> - VETERAN'S DAY** We'll open at 10:00 am, so when the ceremonies are finished at the court house you can come out to the Post for "**FREE**" **Ham & Beans—Cornbread & Fried Potatoes and Fixings** - Noon till ???? pm.

Our **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Dinner Special** this month will be on **Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and since the weather is a little colder, we will be featuring **The Small Bird---Skillet Fried Chicken—2 Pieces with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy plus Peas and/or Carrots** sound good also. Then we will throw in some **Dessert** ---all home cooked and only **\$10.00!!!!!!** Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. and will go until we run out!! Been awhile since we have had this meal and its goood - plus it's made by our finest cooks!!

**NOVEMBER-VETERANS DAY-NOV 11th!**

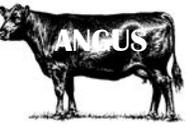
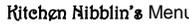
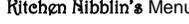
This is the **LAST NASCAR SUNDAY** this year!! **November 18<sup>th</sup>** when you can get The Auxiliary's **Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloins**. **NOON** till around **6ish** pm. Then we go to our **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (16<sup>th</sup>)!!** 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11**. Commander George & his crew do a great job preparing and serving this dinner!!! Then the **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays in the Month (23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>)** come along and since everyone is still working on Turkey we will have our **Post Kitchen Nibblin's** on the menu.

We also need to do some **SHOUT OUTS** to the **WITCHES** and **GHOULS** who decorated the Post for Halloween. All you folks do a fantastic job and it's just another reason why our **Volunteers** make Post 604 such a great place. Ole Bones at the bar was pretty funny!!

Hey! we wish everyone a Happy Turkey Day — Be Safe—**Don't Forget November 11<sup>th</sup>** ❖

**House Committee**

# November 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
				 Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	 6:00PM Skillet Fried Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy plus Peas and/or Carrots Dinner Commander's Drawing 1900	
 4	HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon 5	 6		 Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800 8	Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900 9	10
 11 O P E N A M	HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon 12	Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800 13		 Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800 15	Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900 16	17
 18 OPEN @ 12 Noon Tenderloin Sunday	HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon 19	Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800 20		Closed  Thanksgiving Day 22	 Commander's Drawing 1900 23	24
25	HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon 26	27		 Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800 29	 Commander's Drawing 1900 30	

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

Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Charity Game Night License # 147199

Raffle License # 147198

## Recent History - Rebirth of VFW Post 604

How quickly 10 years have passed. At this time in 2008, VFW Post 604 had already faced the reality that declining membership and reduced participation meant we could no longer financially support operations in downtown Bloomington and we were in the process of closing our doors at 209 S College Avenue – our future relatively uncertain.

Leadership in VFW Department of Indiana and District 7 expressed great concern that Post 604 was in jeopardy of closing forever. This was a legitimate worry, but our members were committed to proving this anxiety unnecessary.

In May 2009, Post 604 purchased our new post home at 2404 W Industrial Park Drive, but this was just the beginning of our renaissance. Next came the rip-out of existing building infrastructure and remodeling to meet our perceived business needs; a bar area, a dining room, a kitchen, offices, etc. This work was done mostly by volunteers and lasted nearly 22 months. The word VOLUNTEERS is an important part of that last sentence, as it has become a concept we now live by.

Since our grand reopening in July 2011, we have operated completely with unpaid volunteers. This is quite an achievement and is the envy of many VFW posts in the state. It hasn't always been an easy road as the number of volunteers tend to fluctuate, but we have been successful. We have also created an atmosphere of cooperation and camaraderie.

Over the last 10 years our monthly expenses average \$6,330 per month with the following approximate distribution by percentage:

Supplies	35.00%
Maintenance Cost	10.00%
Property Improvements	10.00%
Community Contribution	10.00%
Utilities	10.00%
Insurance & Licenses	9.00%
Phone, TV, & Internet	5.00%
Taxes	5.00%
Office Expense	4.00%
Newsletter	2.00%

(Community contribution include charity donations and veteran support.)

These expenses could not be covered without our most important commodity; our patrons!

For all concerned, we must always strive to remember we are one in our support for each other. Thank you for your assistance and your patronage!



## Veterans Stand Down

Cathi Johnson, John Martin and Karen Cain were some of the Post 604 volunteers helping with the annual Veterans Stand Down on October 18th at the American Legion Post 18. All the Veteran Organizations in Bloomington were represented along with 30 vendors that offered everything the Veterans may need including toothbrushes, flu shots, warm clothing and gift cards to be used later as needed. The early count was around 18 veterans participated this year. Thanks to all who supported this Annual event.

If you have an email address, we would like to utilize that technology to send your newsletter, especially if you're a Snowbird. Send us your email address if you'd like us to send your newsletter electronically, switching it from mailer. You'll get it quicker and it'll save us the printing and postage costs. Send a simple email at [main@vfw-604.org](mailto:main@vfw-604.org) and we'll get you hooked up.

Auxiliary Membership dues are coming in nicely. As of October 18<sup>th</sup> we have 151 auxiliary members out of 196 paid, for 76.02%. Keep them coming; I would like to see 100% for president Dorothy White. I am also excited that six members have paid their life membership this month.

As always, give me a call @ 812-327-1944 if you have any questions.

Karen Cain

## Children's Christmas Party Sign Ups

The sign-up list for the Children's Christmas party will be available in the bar area starting November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> - Child /Grandchild relatives of VFW & Auxiliary members (in good standing) up through age 11 are eligible. Child must be present on December 8<sup>th</sup> to receive their free gift from Santa.

The party will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until Noon.

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## **Menu** - Everyday Kitchen Nibblin's!

Italian Chicken Wings.....(6).....\$6.75	Pork Egg Rolls.....(2)..... \$3.00 <i>Dipping Sauces Hot Mustard / Sweet &amp; Sour / Soy Sauce</i>
Boneless Buffalo Wings .....(8).....\$5.25 <i>Served with Ranch Dressing / BBQ Sauce / Honey Mustard</i>	Onion Rings ..... \$3.25
Chicken Strips.....(5).....\$4.25	Breaded Mushrooms ..... \$3.50
Buffalo Chicken Strips.....(5).....\$4.50	Jalapeno Poppers..... (6) ..... \$3.75 <i>Stuffed with Cream Cheese</i>
Chicken Gizzards 10 oz ..... \$3.75	Mozzarella Cheese Sticks .. (6) ..... \$3.00 <i>Dipping Sauces Ranch / Marinara</i>
Chicken Livers 10 oz ..... \$3.75	<b>Special</b>
French Fries ..... \$2.00	Nacho Chips & Cheese ..... \$2.50 <i>Additional Cheese ..... \$.75</i>
Cheesy Fries..... \$4.25 <i>Nacho Cheese / Bacon Bits</i>	

  
**NOVEMBER 6**  
**YOUR VOTE COUNTS**  
  
 Participate in the processes we have defended