



# VFW POST 604 NEWS



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December 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

Well the holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving is behind us now and we are looking forward to Christmas. The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> with Binky the clown. He not only entertains the children, but the adults also. Santa will be there too.

Just as a reminder our annual Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 14 December. We will be providing the ham and turkey. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. We have a signup sheet for the covered dishes so we have a good selection. It's a great time to come down and enjoy the comradeship.

Also we will be having our annual pitch in New Years Eve. Everyone brings a dish. Usually some type of finger food or something of that nature. It's always a good time.

We had a very good turnout on Veterans Day. After the memorial at the courthouse we filled the dining area. We served our usual Ham & Beans with Cornbread and Fried Potatoes. A Special Thanks to Frank Ozug for the great job on the ham & beans and fried potatoes and Karen Cain and Millie Briles for their delicious cornbread. It was very good, as always!

We will be having our annual Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 12 January. This will be a catered dinner and everyone is welcome. We were chartered on January 7, 1921. We are the oldest continuously chartered post in the state. We will be celebrating 98 years. Come and join us in celebrating our Post Anniversary.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Best wishes to all. 🎅

**Commander – George Kristoff**



## VFW Auxiliary

Did you make it to the Veterans Day program? It was great as usual, Dick Dunbar did a fantastic job. After the ceremony we had a large crowd at the post. The food was really good, hope you didn't miss it. Thank you to those who helped out and a special Thank You to our cooks, well done as usual!

This year is almost over with; it is December already and with it, comes the busiest time of the year. The children's Christmas party is Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to noon. Hope you got your kids or grandkids signed up, it will be a fun time. Santa and Binky the Clown are going to be there again this year.

The 14<sup>th</sup> is our pitch-in Christmas dinner. The post will be supplying the meats; the rest of us are to bring a covered dish. Bring it full ☺ of your favorite homemade (or store-bought vegetables or desserts) whatever you think goes good with Turkey and Ham.

I'd like to say a special thank you to all of our volunteers, to our cooks who prepare our food, and to our members who bring desserts and slides to our events. To our bartenders - you are all – **GREAT** – Thank You! Gary Demes donated some totes, which are badly needed [*my boxes were beginning to fall apart*] so, our decorations and I would like to say thank you Gary.

Our condolences to those that have lost loved ones. To those that are ill, our get well wishes.

God bless our veterans, both near and far. 🎅

**Dorothy J White**  
President - VFW Auxiliary

## AUXILIARY DUES

### DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2018

As of November 18<sup>th</sup> we have 34 unpaid members. Please send dues to Treasurer Karen E. Cain, 231 N. Knapp Road, Bloomington, IN 47404, or drop off with the bartender at Canteen. Make sure you leave your name with your payment. We haven't had a 100% year in membership for a long time, let's do it for President Dorothy this year. I can be reached at 812.327.1944; call if you have any questions and don't forget we also can help you set up Life Membership payments. 🍷

Karen E. Cain

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help cook on Thursday nights. We are running short of help and are looking for additional volunteers. We are also looking for bartenders to volunteer. We are running short in this area also. Experience not required, Anyone interested, please contact the House Committee. Barney White, Roy Smith, George Kristoff, Debbie Deckard. 🍷

### From the Adjutant,

Again the Holiday season is upon us. The Post does have a few things going on throughout the month of December and January again this year. Things are going well at the Post with a couple of exceptions. We desperately need some help in the kitchen, whether it is cooking, or whatever on Thursday's because of poker night, also Friday nights, we are busy then also; another bartender or two would also be of great help to us. As we have our additional holiday dinners, etc. it makes it that much more important to the Post. Did I say last month I wouldn't say anymore about this? If so, sorry about that, but we could use some additional help.

The Patriots Pen and the Voice of Democracy winners have been picked for the year now. More on that later, but I want to thank Karen Cain and the Auxiliary for taking time to do what they have done for these programs this year.

Haven't anything else this month to say, I want to wish everyone a late "Happy Turkey Day", because you won't receive this before Thanksgiving, and a very "Merry Christmas". If you are traveling, be safe and have a nice trip.

May God bless us all. 🍷

Bill

## YEP, THE LAST MONTH OF 2018!!

First, let's run down how the Friday Night Dinners will go this month:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday (7<sup>th</sup>) there will NOT be a Dinner Special however the Post Kitchen Nibblin's will be available.

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday (14<sup>th</sup>) we will have our Free Post Christmas Dinner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (21<sup>st</sup>) there will NOT be a Dinner Special however the Post Kitchen Nibblin's will be available.

4<sup>th</sup> Friday (28<sup>th</sup>) there will NOT be a Dinner Special however the Post Kitchen Nibblin's will be available.

Sorry, no SUNDAY opening this month.

Okay, that brings us to our Post 604 Holiday schedule — here we go! Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>) falls on a Monday so we will be OPEN from Noon till 6:00 pm. We will have snacks for you to munch on also and that means (duh!) Christmas Day falls on Tuesday which we will NOT BE OPEN. Then we get to the 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday) New Years Eve — YES we are going to be OPEN at Noon and close at ?????? For the last few years we have had a Pot Luck Pitch-In for food and members have enjoyed it so we are doing it again — we ask that you bring your favorite dish, maybe a dessert also, the Post will have a pot of B-B-QUE Pork and from there we will just tip-toe our way into 2019 (we are not very noisy)!! So make plans to come out and celebrate New Year's Eve with us here at Post 604!!! One more note: We will NOT be open on Tuesday — January 1<sup>st</sup> — New Years Day

The Post 604 House Committee would like to wish all of our Post Members / Volunteers along with Active Military Personnel, Veterans and their families (where ever they might be this year) a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.! 🍷

House Committee

# December 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
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2	3 HOT DOG MONDAY  Open @ Noon	4	5	6  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	7  6:00 PM – Kitchen Nibblin's – Bar Menu only  Commander's Drawing 1900	8 Children's Christmas Party 10:00 - Noon 
9	10 HOT DOG MONDAY  Open @ Noon	11	12	13  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	14  6:00 PM – Pitch-in Xmas Dinner  Commander's Drawing 1900	15
16	17 HOT DOG MONDAY  Open @ Noon	18 Meetings  V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	19	20  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	21  6:00 PM – Kitchen Nibblin's – Bar Menu only  Commander's Drawing 1900	22
23	24 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon Close at 6PM  Open @ Noon Close at ????? Potluck 31	25 CLOSED 	26	27  Starts at 7pm  * Vet to Vet – 1800	28  6:00 PM – Kitchen Nibblin's – Bar Menu only  Commander's Drawing 1900	29
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(\* 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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