
VFW POST 604 NEWS

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May 2019

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 Spring has Sprung, Memorial Day is just around the corner and summer is almost here. The doldrums of winter are behind us.

We will be having the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial located in Valhalla Cemetery again this year. It will start at 10:00 am and last approximately one hour. Shuttles will be provided from the parking area to the Memorial and back. Immediately after that, the Post will be opened to the public for hamburgers, hot dogs, ham & beans and refreshments. Our deck will be open with the new furniture, so we should be able to seat more people than in prior years. We always have a large crowd for this, so mark your calendar.

We will be in need of some Volunteers to clean up the grave sites around the Veterans Memorial. Anyone interested in helping, it will be on Sunday, 19 May from 2 to 4 pm.

Along with that we will be putting flags on Veterans graves again this year. Details are in Honoring Deceased Veterans on Memorial Day article on page 4.

Dorothy White and her crew had their first breakfast last month. It was very good and we had a pretty good turnout. If you want a good breakfast come out and join us. Remember, it's all you can eat.

We had our Post Officer Nominations and Elections at the April Meetings. See the results on page 2. ❖

Looking forward to seeing you on Memorial Day.

Commander – George Kristoff

VFW Auxiliary

May this here! There is a lot going on this month. Spring cleanup, where we will sure welcome needed volunteers to help with the mulch, cleaning and set up of the deck for Memorial Day. Check with the post to see when it will be done.

Our tenderloin Sunday this month is on May 5th with the first serving starting at noon and continues until 4:00 PM. Our ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT breakfast is on Saturday, May 11th, serving from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Both specials are only \$7.00 each, so come and enjoy!

We are still looking for committee Chairmen, come out to our next meeting which is on May 21st; everyone in good standing is welcome - come out and see what we're doing.

Our special meal for May 24th, Country Fried Steak, with mashed potatoes and salad for \$7.00.

Look forward to seeing you around the Post - come on out and let us help you shake off winter's cabin fever.

God bless all of our veterans ❖

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Dorothy White
Auxiliary President
(812) 345-9025 (Cell)

From the Adjutant

It looks as if we are going to be very busy through the summer months again this year. Guess what? This means all the volunteers we can muster up would be a great help for us. Along with all the other things, any help we could get to help us put out the flags for the Memorial Day holiday we would be appreciate. We have 4 different cemeteries we put the flags on, three one day and the biggest in Clear Creek on another day. Members, their children, Boy Scouts, Church groups, etc. are also invited to attend.

We now have another cook helping us out on the Thursday night poker games. Thanks Brian, we appreciate it. If we had a couple more volunteers to help out, I know they wouldn't be turned down.

That's all for this month. I want to wish everyone a happy Memorial Day, be safe, and please don't forget what the Memorial Day holiday is all about. ❖

Bill Evans
Adjutant

Post & Auxiliary Elections

Annual elections for V.F.W. Post 604 and the V.F.W. Post 604 Auxiliary were held on April 16th 2019. Officers for 2019 - 2020 are as follows:

V.F.W. Post 604

- ❑ George Kristoff - Commander
- ❑ Joe Hardin - Sr. Vice Commander
- ❑ John Martin - Jr. Vice Commander
- ❑ Debbie Deckard - Quartermaster
- ❑ Brian Stewart - Chaplin
- ❑ Richard Moldenhauer - Judge Advocate
- ❑ Pete Chadwick - Surgeon

Trustees : Toby Oltman, Jim Edney, Cathi Johnson
House Committee : Barney White, Roy Smith, Gary Demes

V.F.W. Post 604 Auxiliary

- ❑ Dorothy White - President
- ❑ Julia Curtis - Sr. Vice President
- ❑ Julie Martin - Jr. Vice President
- ❑ Karen Cain - Treasurer
- ❑ Mary Bohenkamp - Chaplin
- ❑ Greg Johnson - Conductor
- ❑ Sandi Taylor - Guard

Trustees : Sandi Taylor, Mark Taylor, Julia Curtis

LOTS GOING ON IN MAY!!!

1st Friday of the Month Dinner Special (May 3rd) where we plan on cooling things off by serving **Chicken Salad Sammich w/Cole Slaw & Chips** then we add **Dessert** for only **\$7.00**.

And then we are going to **TENDERLOIN SUNDAY** on the **5th of May**. We will **OPEN** at **NOON**, and of course this is being brought to you by **The Auxiliary** and their **Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches** with all kinds of extras sides. **Just \$7.00 and it's a meal for sure!!** Hey, they even do phone-in and carry-out orders...85 meals sold last month so see it is good!!

3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (May 17th)!! 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11**. That's right — just **\$11**. Can't eat that much?? Then no problem you can get a Baked Potato and Salad for just **\$6.00**. **Texas Hold 'em Tournament** every **Thursday**, starts at **7:00 p.m.**

Don't forget The Auxiliary presenting their **FISH DINNER!!!** on **May 10th — 2nd Friday of the Month** starting at 6:00 p.m. — all you can eat for **\$7.00!!** Save room for the **Auxiliary SATURDAY BREAKFAST — May 11th!!** Members were looking forward to this last month and it was well attended so you need to try it— also — it's filling!!! Then we have the **4th Friday of the Month—May 24th** check out The Aux news article for menu!! On **May 31st — 5th Friday of the Month** we will have our **Post Kitchen Nibblin's** starting at 6:00 p.m.

Now we come to **May 27th (Memorial Day-Monday)**, after attending the ceremonies at Valhalla come on out to the Post for our traditional **Free Ham & Beans with Cornbread**. We will open at **10:00 a.m.** and will serve all day until around 6:00 p.m. Stop by and see your Post — renew your membership — eat good food — have a good time!! ❖

House Committee

MAY 2019

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
			1	 Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	 6:00PM Chicken Salad Sammich w/Cole Slaw & Chips Commander's Drawing 1900	4
5 OPEN Noon – Victory NASCAR 	6 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	7	8	9  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	10 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	11 Auxiliary Breakfast All you can eat !!! \$7.00 Open to Public Serving 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM
12 HAPPY Mother's DAY	13 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	14	15	16  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	17 Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	18
19	20 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	21 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	22	23  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	24  6:00PM Country Fried Steak,, Mashed Potatoes, & Salad Dinner Commander's Drawing 1900	25
26	27  Open 10:00a.m.	28	29	30  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	31  Post Kitchen Nibblin's Menu Only Commander's Drawing 1900	

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

Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Charity Game Night License # 147199

Raffle License # 147198



Honoring Deceased Veterans on Memorial Day

We will be putting flags on graves of deceased Veterans again this year. Anyone interested in assisting are more than welcome. We will be meeting at the Post on the following dates and time.

Thursday 23 May at 9 am. Ellettsville and Whitehall Cemeteries

Saturday 25 May at 9 am. Clear Creek Cemetery

A free breakfast will be served at the Post on Saturday immediately after the Clear Creek Cemetery detail for all of those that assisted.

History of Memorial Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

The Motley Fishing Crew



Left to Right

Back row: John Martin, Barney White, Bill Evans, Greg Johnson, Moe Moldenhauer

Front row: John Davis, Frank Ozug, George Kristoff, Joe Hardin



Honor Guard Looking for Members

The Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard is looking for new members. They not only honor Veterans who have passed on, but provide a very valuable service to the families. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard you can contact the Post or call 812-825-2710 and leave a message.



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Saturday Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage

Hash Browns

O.J.
Milk
Coffee



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

May 11th



8:00 am -11:00 am
JUST \$7.00

