



# 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

Merry Christmas! It's that time of the year again, which is the merriest time of the year, where friends and family get together to celebrate a special Holiday. Christmas is a very special time of the year for everyone.

Don't forget the Christmas Dinner Friday 13 December at 6 PM. The Post will be providing the Ham and Turkey. A covered dish is requested. We have a side dish signup sheet so everyone can see what is being brought. It's a great time and we all enjoy the great food.

Also, the Children's Christmas Party will be at 10 AM Saturday 14 December, starring Binky the Magic Clown and of course Santa Claus will be there to pass out the gifts. It's great to watch the kid's reaction to all of it.

We had a good turnout on Veterans Day. The American Legion had their Memorial at the Courthouse that morning and we started serving immediately after that was over. Our Ham, Beans, and Cornbread is always a hit. We also served Smoked BBQ Rib Tips, which were also a big hit.

In case you haven't been to the Post for the Friday Fish Fry or Commanders Steak Night, we have some new faces. The Army ROTC from IU has volunteered to assist us with the dinners. They helped with the setup, serving, and cleanup. They have been a really big help to the kitchen staff. Baylee, Caleb, James, and John have done an outstanding job. We are looking forward to working with them the remainder of the school year.

The House Committee instituted a new program last month. Since we don't have waiters or waitresses the kitchen staff has to figure out which table the orders go to. When it gets busy, it can get pretty hectic. We started assigning a number to the order and then giving each order a number to place on the table. It has totally cut down on orders getting mixed up, and eased up confusion.

See Commander

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## VFW Auxiliary

The Veterans Day ceremony for our military veterans at the Monroe County courthouse was great. If you did not make it out this year, be sure and get there next year. It lasts for approximately 1 ½ hours, and is well worth your attendance. After the ceremony we had a good crowd here at the post. Frank, John, and Gregg were the cooks for the day and did a great job as usual, thank you guys!

December is a busy month, so along with holiday shopping, come out and see us at the post on Friday evening December 13<sup>th</sup>. We'll be hosting our members Christmas dinner pitch-in. The Post is supplying the Ham and Turkey; all we need are the side dishes. So, fix your favorite side dish or dessert to share and come out and enjoy the evening.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our Children's Christmas party, so be sure to sign your children / grandchildren up. The deadline is December 6<sup>th</sup> for signups. Binky the clown will be here; children up through 11 years of age are eligible.

On December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve, we will be here at the post to celebrate bringing in the New Year, will you? Snacks start at 6:00 PM.

Don't forget there will be no meal specials in December, just the bar menu and soups on Friday nights. ❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President**  
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Another thing that we did last month is extend the bar 10 feet. It turned out better than we expected. We also now serve Draft Beer in "Frosted" 16 oz glasses. That is going over extremely well. Barney White, who heads up the House Committee, spear headed the project and did an **Outstanding Job**. He put a lot of time and hard effort into it and it has paid off big dividends. Hat's off to him!  
**Great Job !**

We are making improvements to make our Post better. There's more to come. Stay Tuned! See you at the Post ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**

## TAPS

**Paul Franklin Marrs**, US Army Veteran, VFW Life Member - Services were October 30<sup>th</sup> at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory.

**Walter "John" Ooley**, WWII, Navy, VFW Life Member – Services were Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home.

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

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

## From the Adjutant,

We're really getting into a busy season here at the Post. Don't forget to check the calendar in the newsletter for the changes to our normal schedule of events. Also, in January we will have the annual Post anniversary where we give out the prizes for the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year awards.

A couple other things to remind you of, if you don't already know. Any VFW member that sponsors a new member gets their name put into a drawing at the next District Meeting. The odds are really good with this, there were only 6 names in the drawing this past Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, easy way to make \$100.<sup>00</sup> if you win.

The VFW is also giving money now to students that are pursuing their Masters Degree. It sounded like a really good idea to me, there is information about the program on the State website.

If you have been able to come to our Friday night dinners this past month on fish dinner and steak night you have seen some new faces helping out with the dinners. We have some ROTC members helping us out. They are doing a great job for us, we already have a few more things lined up for them to do. It certainly helps us, and they seem to be having a lot of fun doing it.

That's all for this month, please be careful as you travel this Holiday season, and may God bless America. ❖

Bill Evans

## WOWSER — THE YEAR 2020!!

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (December 6<sup>th</sup>) there will **NOT** be a Dinner Special however the **Post Kitchen Nibblin's** will be available.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday (December 13<sup>th</sup>) we will have our **Free Post Christmas Dinner**.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (December 20<sup>th</sup>) there will **NOT** be a Dinner Special however the **Post Kitchen Nibblin's** will be available.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (December 27<sup>th</sup>) there will **NOT** be a Dinner Special however the **Post Kitchen Nibblin's** will be available.

We will not have a **SUNDAY** opening this month.

Okay, that brings us to our Post 604 Holiday schedule — here we go! Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) falls on a Tuesday, so we will be **OPEN** from Noon till 6:00 pm. We will have snacks for you to munch on also and that means Christmas Day falls on Wednesday (duh!) on which we will **NOT BE OPEN**.

Then we get to December 31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) New Years Eve — **YES** we are going to be **OPEN** at **4:00 PM** 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 zip our way into **2020!!** 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 Wednesday — **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 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	2 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	3	4	5  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet - 1800	6 Commander's Drawing 1900	7
8	9 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	10	11	12  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet - 1800	13  Christmas Dinner Pitch-in - 6 PM Commander's Drawing 1900	14 Kids Christmas Party 10:00AM - Noon
15	16 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	17 Meetings V.F.W. - 1800 V.F.W. Aux - 1800	18	19  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet - 1800	20 Commander's Drawing 1900	21
22	23 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	24 Open Noon - 6:00 PM	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS Closed	26  Starts at 7pm	27 Commander's Drawing 1900	28
29	30 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	31 Open at 4:00 PM and we will be here until next year !!	  			

(\* 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

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## Don't let this be your last newsletter...

If you are an annual member and your name is not listed below, please pay your membership dues for the 2019 - 2020 membership year or your membership will lapse at midnight December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Daniel Alexander, James Ayres, Dorene Baker, Deborah Bates, Richard Bauer Jr., Fern Bennett, Larry Bradford, Doreania Bray, Eva Buffaloe, Jean Burgess, James Burks, Penny Buttery, Joey Byers, Richard Canada, Bobbi Carney, Jo Ann Chambers, Sharon Chambers, Myra Childers, Theron Chilton, Richard Clendening, Sally Connerly, Joseph De Boy, Daniel Deckard, Ronald Deckard, William Denniston, Thomas Dillon, Fred Dunn, James Edney, Linda Edwards, Diana Evans, William Evans Jr, Gregory Fender, Brian Gayso, Gary Griffith, Karen Gummer, Lester Hall, Kathy Hendrix, Robert Holland, Teresa Hollars, Robert Hunter, Dixie Isaccs, Janet Isom, Herman Kinser, John Kirtland, Shelby Kiser, Carla Kleindorfer, Robert Marty, Paula McNeal, Garrett Middleton, Charles Miskiel Jr, Richard & Robbie Moldenhauer, Jhohn Nail, Heather Woodruff, Donald Patnode, Ronald Payton, Michael Penrose, John Roberts, Janette Robertson, Mackenzie Robinson, Mary Lynn Robinson, Lisa Sablan, Jacob Schrader, William Sills II, Roger Spoonmore, Minford Stevens, Donna Stout, Kenneth Strong, Raymond Thompson Jr, Josh Tignor, Polly Tilford, John Waldon, Charles Welsh, John Westhues, Catherine Wilson, Randall K Wilson, and Doug Witmer

**For those listed, Thank You for your continued patronage.**

### VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff.....Commander  
Dewey "Joe" Hardin.....Sr. Vice Commander  
John Martin.....Jr. Vice Commander  
Debbie Deckard.....Quartermaster  
Brian Stewart.....Chaplain  
Richard Moldenhauer.....Judge Advocate  
Peter Chadwick.....Surgeon  
John Tilford.....Service Officer  
Bill Evans.....Adjutant  
Toby Oltman.....1st Yr. Trustee  
Cathi Johnson.....2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Jim Edney.....3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Barney White.....1st Yr. House Committee  
Roy Smith.....2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. House Committee  
Gary Demes.....3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. House Committee

### VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Dorothy White.....President  
Julia Curtis.....Sr. Vice President  
Julie Martin.....Jr. Vice President  
Karen Cain.....Secretary/Treasurer  
Greg Johnson.....Conductor  
Mary Bohenkamp.....Chaplin  
Sandi Taylor.....Guard  
Jenny Tracy.....Patriotic Instructor  
Sandi Taylor.....1st Yr. Trustee  
Julie Martin.....2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Julia Curtis.....3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee

## Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
25 Oct	Cathi Johnson	\$144	Signed/Not Present Pd \$72
1 Nov	Roy Smith	\$219	Signed/Present Paid \$219
8 Nov	Terry Williams	\$81	Not Signed
15 Nov	Bobby Carney	\$152	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

## COOKIE / CANDY SWAP

Hey Auxiliary Members, have any of you ever been to a COOKIE / CANDY SWAP?

It's where you bake a lot of cookies, your favorites of course or make a bunch of candy, there again your favorite with recipes written out on cards to share with others. Then on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 P.M. you bring them to Post 604.

You then get to decide which of the others look so enticing that you just can't leave without a few to take home for your family and friends. We will provide the bags and/or carry out dishes and you take what the other fine bakers & makers have brought COOKIE/CANDY SWAP right?

We thought we'd try a new idea to try to bring in members. While your debating about what you are going to make, don't forget to bring your dues renewal with you if you haven't already paid your 2020 dues, there are still 36 unpaid as of November 19th.

We hope to have a good turn-out, we'll also provide coffee for those interested in staying and visiting for a little bit and meet some friendly folks. Might even have a kettle of soup on (I'll have to ask President Dorothy about that?)

We would like to know if you are interested in participating in this first ANNUAL COOKIE & CANDY SWAP at VFW Post 604. Please leave a note at cainke@comcast.net to let us know if you will participate. If you decide to come you will need to bring cookies and/or candy, of course. If we don't get enough interest, it won't happen. Might want to call to find out before you start baking and making 812.327.1944 and I'll get back to you. Thank You and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Karen Cain

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