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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

Hi everyone!

This is a reminder that it is time to elect new officers to the Post. At our meeting on the 19th of March we opened the nominations process for the following officers: Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, 3 yr. Trustee and 3 yr. House Committee. The nominations will be open until April. You don't have to wait until the next meeting to enter a name in nomination. Just drop by the Post and we will handle it. As everyone is aware, being a good member means that you become involved in running the operations of the Post to insure that we as a group continue to help Veterans and the community.

I want to thank the Men's and Ladies Aux. for the fine work they have been doing at the Post. They have been having great turnouts for the NASCAR events and bingo. They are the key to keeping our Post alive and well. It is wonderful to see them in motion. So come out and be a part of the action.

We are still working with the Planning Dept. and the Building Dept. of Monroe County to move forward with our deck. As soon as we are cleared our contractor, Kevin Ennis, is ready to start work. It will be nice to sit out back and enjoy our spring weather.

We are in the process of planning our Memorial Day program at Valhalla and will let everyone know all the plans soon. Mark your calendar now so you won't forget.

**Commander - Joe Hardin**



### Post 604 Ladies Auxiliary

I think Spring has made it and I'm ready for some sunshine!

The VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Spring Conference for 2013 will be at the Radisson 2500 South High School Road in Indianapolis. Dates: Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Hotel reservations at the Radisson must have been made prior to March 4<sup>th</sup> 2013.

At March's monthly meeting, one of our donations went the Soup Kitchen for breakfast and snacks for school children this summer. Cancer grants are one of the biggest benefits to making this program first priority for donations. There are many worthy organizations out there raising donations for a cure for cancer.

President Obama has passed two bills this year for Veterans.

The first bill was improving Transparency in Education Opportunities for Veterans Act(HR4057)

The second bill (S3202) is a bill that approves cemetery protection for grieving families of veterans, establishes an open air burn pit registry for Veterans, launches a pilot program for veterans transition resources, and ensures proper maintenance of Clark Cemetery in the Philippines.

The Defense POW/MIA Office recently announced the identification of remains belonging to two soldiers who had been unaccounted for since the Korean War. Identified are:

Army Pfc. Ernest V. Fuqua Jr. 21 of Detroit. In late November 1950, unit of the 35th. Infantry Regiment and allied forces were deployed in a defensive line advancing across the Ch'ongch'on River in North

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## Post 604 Men's Auxiliary

We have a small amount of bad news this month, but a great deal of good news to offset it. The bummer: The April 27 bus trip to the Hollywood Casino announced last month has been cancelled due to a less-than-overwhelming demand for seats. Because of the trip's low cost and the large number of perks we were offering, there was a need to make sure we filled at least one whole bus. Oh well, we'll give it a try again some other time.

Now the good news begins. Our open Sundays have been going so well, we'll be doing another one on Sunday, April 21. Doors will open at 11am. NASCAR will be running that afternoon. We'll offer some great food. The general public is invited. Guaranteed great fun so come out and have some. Invite your friends, especially those who might consider joining the VFW itself or one of the auxiliaries.

Looking ahead a month -- mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18. That's Armed Forces Day this year and the Post 604 Men's Auxiliary will be doing something special for our veterans on that day. We'll probably be cooking up a special lunch that will be free for all Monroe County veterans. Be sure to grab a copy of the May newsletter to get specifics.

If you were here for the open Sunday in March you probably noticed the T-shirts we had printed up and were being worn by the guys who pitched in to help. It's just a small token of thanks for those guys who are helping the Post by supporting the activities of the Men's Auxiliary. Some more shirts are being printed and will also be made available for sale.

The first round of nominations was undertaken at the March meeting. Here is the first list of nominees:

President – Tim Haney Sr.  
Vice President – Mike Pipher  
Jr. Vice President – Steve Lang  
Secretary – John Todd  
Treasurer – Michael Griffith  
3 Year Trustee – Joe Crawford  
Chaplain – (open)

There will be a second opportunity for nominations at our next meeting (6:00 pm on Tuesday April 16). Elections will also be held that night. Hope to see you there. Dues remain just \$35 ❖

**Michael Pipher, President Men's Auxiliary**

## APRIL FLOWERS!!

Well spring is here (officially anyway) and we do have some flowers around the Post that are popping up out of the ground so warmer weather is a coming!!

Another **NASCAR Sunday** was well attended last month and the **gigantic hand-dipped breaded tenderloin sandwich** with baked beans, salads, peach cobbler, cakes, etc. was absolutely great and all for a measly \$5.00. Try and find a meal like that for that price anywhere else! The Men's auxiliary has done a fantastic job on these events and they intend on doing more. So check out their news article and plan on coming out to one of these **NASCAR Sundays**.

We have had several members ask us if we would consider opening the Post a little earlier than 4:00 p.m. on a couple days of the week. We are all for this and are looking into it. Once we have a volunteer for this time period, we will let you know—our volunteers are great, but it would be nice to get a few more members to raise their hand and help out.

Also, we have VFW Post 604 License Plates for sale at the Post, in color and only \$8.00 (cheap). So stop by and pick one or two up, it will look good on your front bumper. ❖

**House Committee**

## Ladies

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Korea when Chinese forces attacked. Fuqua was listed as killed in action on November 28th, 1950. His body was not recovered at the time.

Army Pfc. Glenn S. Schoenmann, 20, of Trace City, Tenn. In late November 1950, elements of 31st. Regimental Combat Team were deployed along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea when they were encircled and attacked by Chinese forces. Schoenmann was reported as missing in action December 12th 1950. It would be later learned he died in captivity from malnutrition and lack of medical care for his wounds.

Just a little history, Ladies let us remember those who have fallen in all battles and that they will be found and brought home.

Don't forget (BINGO) when you need something to do love to have you. Don't forget April's meeting. ❖

**Janet Williams, President VFW Ladies Auxiliary**

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

October 2012

Closed Sunday	Open 1600 - 2200 Monday	Open 1600 - 2200 Tuesday	Open 1600 - 2200 Wednesday	Open 1600 - 2200 Thursday	Open 1600 - 2200 Friday	Open 1000 - 2200 Saturday
				Bingo – 1730 * Vet to Vet – 1900	Serving Dinner 1800 - 2100  Commander's Drawing 1900 Brad Harris Entertains 1900	Bingo – 1430
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		<b>16</b> <b>Post &amp; Auxiliary Elections</b>  Meetings:  V.F.W. – 1800 Men's Aux – 1800 Ladies Aux – 1800	17	18	19	20
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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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## Club Elections

Tuesday April 16, 2013



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## Please Support



**Conducted by V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary**

Thursday – Sales open 5:30PM – Play starts 6:30PM

Saturday – Sales open 2:30PM – Play starts 3:30PM

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