
VFW POST 604 NEWS

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November 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

It won't be long and we'll be into the Holiday season. Thanksgiving is almost here, Christmas and New Year's are right around the corner. Where in the world does time go?

Another incentive was announced at the last District Meeting. If anyone sponsors a new member, they will be put into a drawing for \$100 at the next District Meeting. This is something new this year. They draw two names for \$100 each. Last meeting there were only five people in the drawing, so the chances are pretty good to win.

Veterans Day is coming Monday 11 November. The American Legion will hold their ceremony at the courthouse square, as usual. Immediately after that we will be open to the public. We will be serving complimentary Ham & Beans with Cornbread and Fried Potatoes, also Smoked BBQ Rib Tips and any other goodies that may show up. Come down and join us for a great meal and a good time.

Speaking of Christmas, we will be holding our annual Christmas Dinner for all of our members on Friday December 13th. This will be a pitch in, so a covered dish will be greatly appreciated. As in the past, the VFW will provide the Ham and Turkey. We will have a signup sheet so you can see what everyone is bringing, that way we won't have a lot of duplicates. We will start serving at 6 pm. It's always a good time, so please plan on coming.

Along with that we will be having the Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party. We all look forward to that every year. Especially Binky the Clown. I don't know what's funnier, the clown or the kid's reaction to him. It's a great time and the kids have a ball. I know I'll be looking forward to it. Check Dorothy's article for the details.

Last article I mentioned that we visited two unfriendly

See Commander

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VFW Auxiliary

Cold weather is here and I believe it is here to stay. But along with that, some great holidays, like Halloween, which is now over, then comes Thanksgiving which brings us great food; then there's Christmas with all the gifts and decorations and of course Christmas parties starting with our kids Christmas party on the 14th of December. So be sure to sign up your kids and grandchildren ages up to 11, the signup sheet is at the bar, if you can't find it just as the bartender. Binky the clown is returning and of course Santa will be there. We will be serving doughnuts and milk for the kids, hope to see you there.

Our last tenderloin Sunday of the year is on November 17th, so come and enjoy. Post will be open at noon and be open until six'ish. We will be serving tenderloins noon until four. Call-ins and Walk-ins are welcome - bring a friend!

The November Auxiliary special dinner meal for Friday November 22nd will be a JUMBO Bourbon BBQ Pork Sandwich with French fries and Cole Slaw for only \$8.00. It is also our last Auxiliary meal of the year. We are not serving meals in the month of December on Friday, but will resume again in January. There will be the bar menu and possibly some soups. You never know when we'll put one up.

Don't forget November 11th at the Monroe County courthouse and the Veteran's Day ceremony. We still need a few Volunteers to hold flags, please give me a call if you're willing to help. ❖

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

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Commander.....*From Page 1*
Posts in Illinois last month. Well we stopped in the VFW Post in Martinsville and it reminded me of our Post. These people were about as friendly as you could get. It was meeting night, so there were a lot of people there, but they went out of their way to say hello, when they found out we were from Bloomington. We like to never get out of there. If you're ever going through Martinsville and have the time, stop by. It's a great Post to visit. Just of like us !

Well we're winding down 2019, so we will not be having the Auxiliary Fish or Commanders Steak Night in December. Come join us in November, then hold your appetite for that in January. Keep in mind the Christmas Dinner all is welcomed. See you at the Post!❖

Commander – George Kristoff

TAPS

Daniel B. Rogers, U.S. Army , VFW Life Member. Dan transferred to VFW Post 604 from VFW Post 10526. Funeral held Wednesday October 9, 2019.

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

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

From the Adjutant,

Well, we're almost to November and you can really tell it now by the trees turning colors and the cool mornings we are having. Winter will soon be upon us again along with the cold weather. The older I get, the more I wish winter would last just one day of the year, but I know it will never happen that way, sounds good to me though.

The Friday night dinners are going well for us. One of the things I notice at them is that I see a lot of people I don't know. I think the word is finally getting out as to the quality, quantity, and pricing we have for them. I don't think there is another place in the local area that will give nearly as much for the price we charge for our various dinners. I'm also sure there isn't another place in town that does things like we do either, all of ours is done strictly by volunteers of the Post and the Post Auxiliary. We really appreciate their dedication and time spent doing what they do.

Something I do want to remind everyone of. If you have a Patriot's Pen or Voice of Democracy entry or know of someone that does, it will have to be turned in at the Post by midnight October 31st. Hopefully, if you have one or know of someone that does there is time for you to do this after you receive the newsletter this month.

That's all I have for the month, if you are traveling during the holiday season this year, be careful and hopefully we will not have snow covered roads to travel on. May God bless all of us.

Bill Evans

NOVEMBER - VETERANS DAY- NOVEMBER 11th !!!!!

The Big Bird Day is on the way and the Post will be closed on that Thursday (**November 28th**) so everyone can enjoy the holiday. However, on the other hand the Post will most definitely be **OPEN on Monday November 11th — VETERAN'S DAY** — 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** from Noon till ??? pm.










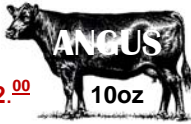





Our **1st Friday of the Month Dinner Special** this month will be on **Friday November 1st** and we will be featuring once again our **ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO NIGHT**—Hard & Soft Shell — Taco Salad — Refried Beans — Nacho Chips & Cheese -- Fixin's for Toppings and whatever else we chop up — cost is just **\$8.00!!** Serving starts at 6 pm so hurry in before it's all gone!!

This is the **LAST NASCAR SUNDAY** this year!! **November 17th** sooo you can get The Auxiliary **Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloins**. **NOON** 'till around **6ish pm**. Then we go to our **3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (15th)!!** 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$12**. Commander George & his crew do a great job preparing and serving this dinner!!! Then the **4th Friday in the Month (22nd)** comes along so be sure to read **The Auxiliary** news article for that dinner special!!!! We do have a **5th Friday in the Month (29th)** where we will be featuring The Small Bird---**Skillet Fried Chicken—2 Pieces with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy plus Corn on the Cob** sound good also. Then we will throw in some **Dessert** --- all home cooked and only **\$10.00!!!!!!** Serving at 6:00 p.m. and go until we run out!! Been awhile since we have had this meal, its goood and made by our finest cooks!!!

Hey! we would like to wish everyone a Happy Turkey Day —**Don't Forget NOV. 11th** ❖

House Committee

November 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
					 \$8 \$8 \$8 1800 - TACO NIGHT—Hard & Soft Shell — Taco Salad — Refried Beans — Nacho Chips & Cheese Commander's Drawing 1900	
3 	4 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	5	6	7  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	8 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  \$8 \$8 \$8 Commander's Drawing 1900	9 Auxiliary Breakfast All you can eat !!! \$8.00 Open to Public Serving 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM 
10	11  Open @ 10:00AM	12	13	14  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	15 Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000  \$12.⁰⁰ 10oz Commander's Drawing 1900	16
17  Open 1200 - 1800	18 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	19 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	20	21  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	22  \$8 \$8 \$8 1800 - Bourbon BBQ Pork Sandwich, Fries and Cole Slaw Commander's Drawing 1900	23
24	25 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	26	27	28 CLOSED  Happy Thanksgiving	29  \$10 \$10 \$10 1800 - Skillet Fried Chicken—2 Pieces with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, & Corn on the Cob Commander's Drawing 1900	30

(* 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 # 150429

Raffle License # 150427



Thanks go out to Millie Briles, Karen Cain, Frank Ozug, and Jim Edney for hanging donated quilt for all to enjoy

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 nd Yr. Trustee
Jim Edney.....	3 rd Yr. Trustee
Barney White.....	1st Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith.....	2 nd Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes.....	3 rd 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 nd Yr. Trustee
Julia Curtis.....	3 rd Yr. Trustee

Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
27 Sept	Kathryn Bickley	\$155	Not Signed
4 Oct	Ronald Brown	\$228	Not Signed
10 Oct	Stanley Kent	\$299	Not Signed
18 Oct	Mary Campfield	\$385	Signed/Not Present Pd \$192

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

HELP NEEDED

Each month we are required to submit a Community Service Report to Headquarters. Your help is needed to insure Post 604 submits a complete report. The only way this can be accomplished accurately is for you, the member, to let us know of all community service projects you voluntarily participate in.

Below is a list of the categories of community service that are reportable:

- Community Involvement** - includes but not limited to - blood drives, CPR classes, recycling, highway clean-up, or other projects that benefit the community.
- Cooperation** with other organizations.
- Aid to others** - examples are Food Bank, Nursing Home, Senior Citizen Centers, etc.
- School or Church Assistance** - volunteer in School, Speaker of Program in School or Church or other assistance projects.
- Citizenship Education** - Flag presentation, Color/Honor Guard, Distributed Patriotic Literature, Conducted "Get Out To Vote", Conducted Patriotic Programs in Schools, Veterans day, Pearl Harbor, Memorial Day, Loyalty Day Programs or other Americanism Projects.
- Safety** - Pedestrian safety, Drug Awareness, Recreational Safety, Highway Safety, Home/Fire Safety, Other Safety Projects and Public Recognition
- Youth Activities** - Sports or Athletics, Boy or Girl Scouts, Other Youth Groups, Contests or Special Events, Education, Recognition to Youth Groups.

The above are just some examples of the types of community service projects that can be reported. If you are not sure if your project is reportable, please submit it anyway.

When submitting a report be sure to include **Name**, **Money Spent** (if any), **Number of Hours** (report any portion of an hour as a full hour and be sure to include the time you travel to and from your residence), **Miles Involved**, and a **brief description of the project**. If you have access to email you can send you report to main@vfw-604.org.

If you don't have email capabilities, you can complete an informal short written report and drop it off at the VFW post or bring to monthly meeting with you. Be sure to include the relevant information when submitting a report.

The information received will be consolidated and sent to both state and national headquarters. This will show that the Laurens B. Strain, V.F.W. Post 604 is not a post in name only, but rather a post dedicated to serving God, our fellow veterans, our community, and our great nation.

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Saturday Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage

Hash Browns

O.J.
Milk
Coffee



Rib Eye Steak



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT



November 9th

8:00 am -11:00 am
JUST \$8.00



STEAK NIGHT
Friday November 15th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

\$12.00 - \$12.00 - \$12.00 - \$12.00
10 oz Rib-Eye, Baked Potato & More

