

# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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May 2025

## 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

Welcome to May, so long April. Thanks to everyone for their patience over the Easter weekend. Sorry we were forced to close, but all repairs have now been taken care of. Moving forward, wheels are in motion for the new door to the back deck, which will enable us to better utilize this awesome outdoor space. Let's get ready for some grilling and chilling!

Those who have ordered polo shirts, sorry for the delay in delivery, however you can now see me to collect your shirts.

Dinner hours and food service will remain the same for May with our regular specials, including Monday hot dogs with all the fixings for \$3, Saturday smoked pork chop sandwich for \$5 and Sunday offerings to include soups and sandwiches. Commanders Dinner for May will be all you can eat Fish and Chips with other accompaniments for \$10 bucks....

Reminder: Mother's Day is Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, come out and join us, for all of you veteran mothers and mothers of veterans, we will have a small gift of appreciation for you all...

Another reminder: On Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am, our VFW post will be sponsoring a memorial program at Valhalla Cemetery. Please plan to attend. After the program, Post 604 will be open to the public with draft beers for \$1.50. We will again be serving ham and beans with corn bread, burgers and hot dogs with fixin's.

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## VFW Auxiliary

Happy May everyone! Hope this newsletter finds you all well and able to enjoy spring - if it ever stops raining.

Sadly, we missed our Easter Party this year because of maintenance issues, but that was just a bump in the road and we're moving on!

Our next big event will of course be Memorial Day- celebrated on May 26<sup>th</sup> this year. Please consider coming to the VFW Memorial Day program at the Veterans' Memorial area at Valhalla Cemetery that morning at 10am. There will be shuttles from the parking area. Bring yourselves a chair to enjoy this wonderful program. The Bloomington Community band and the Southern Indiana Pipe and Drum Corps will be there as will several speakers including our own Retired Colonel John Tilford! The Monroe County Veterans' Honor Guard will be there for their 21-gun salute and Taps. Donuts, coffee, and bottled water (donated by Valhalla Cemetery) will be available. It's always a lovely family program that reminds us that Memorial Day is not just a 3-day weekend to grill out, but a day to honor and remember those military men and women who gave their lives supporting and protecting this country. Hope to see you there! After the program, the Post will be open to the public with draft beers at \$1.50. We will again be serving ham and beans and corn bread, also burgers and hot dogs with fixings.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 is V-E Day, to mark 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

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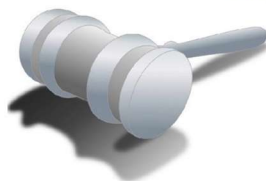
## 2025-2026 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Carol Rowan-Ozug	President
Mike Pipher	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson	Conductor
Chelle Brown	Patriotic Instructor
Chelle Brown	Guard
Sara Dobrin	Chaplain
Chelle Brown	1 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin	2 Yr. Trustee
Kenya Blubaugh	3 Yr. Trustee

## 2024-2025 VFW Post 604 Officers

Dale Blubaugh	Commander
Aaron Dobrin	Sr. Vice Commander
Cathi Johnson	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick	Chaplain
Ken Sexton	Judge Advocate
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer	Surgeon
→ Vacant ←	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard	Adjutant
Bradley Mobley	1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincher	2 Yr. Trustee
Jason Endris	3 Yr. Trustee
Gary Demes	1 Yr. House Committee
Barney White	2 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith	3 Yr. House Committee

## COMMANDER'S DRAWING



### Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
03/28	Fred Shields	\$63	Not Signed
04/04	Kenneth Strong	\$124	Not Signed
04/11	Stanley Baker	\$175	Not Signed
04/18	Closed for repairs – see next week.		

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

## Commander

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Come out to the post and celebrate with family, friends, food and drinks.

VFW Post 604 wants to thank all our member volunteers who work so hard make our post what it is. To those who have stepped up to help when needed, you know who you are, and I hope you know any effort to improve our VFW is greatly appreciated! ❖

**Commander – Dale Blubaugh**

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## Auxiliary

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the end of WW2 in Europe, and May 17<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day to honor and recognize the men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Auxiliary is looking for people to help with the Irreverent Warriors retreat at McCormick's Creek State Park May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for people to help serve meals, or donate desserts and individually wrapped adult snacks, or cash contributions. Please notify me if you can give a hand. It's an amazing program and we are proud to support it. For more information, please see the poster at the Post or check out the "VFW Auxiliary District 7 Department of Indiana" FB page.

Auxiliary Elections were held in April and things look pretty much the same. We welcome Kenya to her new post as 3 yr Trustee and Sara back as Chaplain. We are still looking for people to chair some committees. Please consider volunteering. Americanism, Hospital, Community Outreach, President's Special Project, Buddy Poppy/National Home. Thank you.

April 15<sup>th</sup> drawing was Juliana Nordhoff, not-signed.

Please stay safe and healthy! And consider joining us for a meal on Friday nights. They really are delicious!

See you at the Post! ❖

**Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President**

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# May 2025

1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  *Vet to Vet – 1800	2 Serving 1730 – 1930 <b>VFW Auxiliary's Lasagna</b>  \$10.00  <b>Open to the Public</b>	3 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730  Open 1200 - 1800
4 <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 – 1600	5  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL	6	7	8  *Vet to Vet – 1800	9 Serving 1730 – 1930 <b>VFW Auxiliary's Pulled Pork</b> \$10.00  <b>Open to the Public</b>	10 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730  Open 1200 - 1800
11 <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 – 1600 	12  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL	13	14	15  *Vet to Vet – 1800	16 Serving 1730 – 1930 <b>Commander's All-You-Can-Eat Fish &amp; Chips</b> \$10.00  <b>Open to the Public</b>	17 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730  Armed Forces Day  Open 1200 - 1800
18 <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 – 1600	19  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL	20  Meetings V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	21	22  *Vet to Vet – 1800	23 Serving 1730 – 1930 <b>! Tenderloins !</b>  \$10 \$10 \$10 \$10 \$10 <b>Open to the Public</b>	24 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730  Open 1200 - 1800
25 <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 – 1600	26  <b>Valhalla Cemetery Memorial Day Program</b>  Free ham and beans, hot dogs, and burgers at Post 604 afterwards.	27	28	29  *Vet to Vet – 1800	30 Serving 1730 – 1930 <b>VFW Auxiliary's All-You-Can Eat Tacos</b> \$10.00  <b>Open to the Public</b>	31 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730  Open 1200 - 1800

Telephone (812) 339-2 375

(\*Vet-to-Vet at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room B123 – Check <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

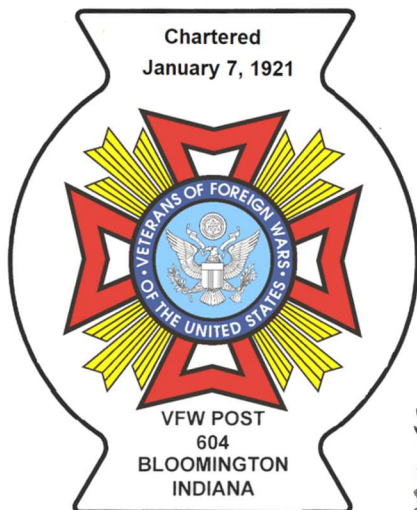
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**Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**\$10.00** 1730 – 1930

**Kenya's  
Lasagna**

*Hot Dog Monday - Every Monday  
Smoked Porkchop Sandwich - Every Saturday  
Souper Sunday - Every Sunday*

**Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Pulled Pork**

**\$10.00** 1730 – 1930



**Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00** 1730 – 1930



**Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**\$10.00** 1730 – 1930



**Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00** 1730 – 1930

