

# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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May 2023

## 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 better weather is now on the agenda. With the elections for the Post finalized in March, the Auxiliary elections were held last month. I would like to congratulate my lovely wife Toni for taking the Auxiliary President term for 2023-24. I should give her my condolences, but I know she'll do a very good job. I just hope we don't kill each other. All the new positions will take effect mid-June after the Spring State Convention.

Memorial Day is 29 May and as always, we will be hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial located in Valhalla Cemetery. The Memorial will start at 10:00 am with the Bloomington Community Band playing at 9:30 am. There will be a shuttle to take everyone from the parking area to the Veterans Memorial. You might want to consider taking a folding chair, as there is no seating available. Immediately afterwards we will have a "Open House" at the Post for all that attend. We will be serving Ham & Beans w/Cornbread, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & all the fixin's. And **\$1.00 Drafts** ! A Special thanks to Frank and Carol Ozug for donating the keg.

Also something that is very important on the calendar for May is decorating the Veterans graves with flags, like we always do. We will do the 2 small cemeteries in Whitehall and the 2 cemeteries in Ellettsville on Thursday 25 May at 9 am. Then on Saturday 27 May, at 9 AM we will do the cemetery at Clear Creek. We are asking for volunteers to assist us, especially Clear Creek. It is a big cemetery and if we have enough people, we can have it completed by 12-1 PM.

We are going to have a Kentucky Derby Party May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 9 pm or later. We'll have the Derby showing on all the TV's, especially the big one in the dining area. It will be televised starting at 5 pm with Post Time at 6:45 pm. We'll have Racing Programs that will have all the horses, jockeys, their standings, and the odds. May even have a Bookie on

## VFW Auxiliary

Our children's Easter egg hunt and party were a lot of fun. It was also fun to hear from a couple of folks who said they got home later that day and spotted a couple of eggs that been tucked in places on their car/truck but had not been found by the kids. Our Youth Activities committee chairman, Sarah Dobrin, is working on plans for future events. New ideas are very welcome. During our April meeting we talked about finding ways to involve kids from out in the community into our kids' activities because that's a goal in our by-laws.

Congratulations to our newest Auxiliary officers who were elected at the April meeting: President – Toni Kristoff – Senior V.P. – Mike Pipher, Junior V.P. – Julie Martin, Secretary / Treasurer – Karen Cain, Conductor – Greg Johnson, Chaplain – Sara Dobrin, Guard – Carol Rowan Ozug, Patriotic Instructor – Michelle Brown. These fine folks will serve one year terms and they need all of our support.

Here's something you can do to help us out: We could save a lot of money if we could email this monthly newsletter to you rather than paying postage to mail it through the USPS. We can make that happen if you will supply us with your email address. ❖

## Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President (Acting)



See Commander

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## 2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Mike Pipher .....	President (Acting)
Toni Kristoff .....	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin .....	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain .....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson .....	Conductor
Julia Bastin .....	Chaplain
Les Martin .....	Guard
Sara Dobrin .....	Patriotic Instructor
Sandi Taylor .....	1 Yr. Trustee
Toni Kristoff .....	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin .....	3 Yr. Trustee

## 2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff .....	Commander
Cathi Johnson .....	Sr. Vice Commander
John Martin .....	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard .....	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick .....	Chaplain
Dewey "Joe" Hardin .....	Judge Advocate
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer .....	Surgeon
John Tilford .....	Service Officer
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer .....	Adjutant
Dale Blubaugh .....	1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincer .....	2 Yr. Trustee
Jim Edney .....	3 Yr. Trustee
Barney White .....	1 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith .....	2 Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes .....	3 Yr. House Committee



## Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
03/31	Joey Byers	\$551	Not Signed
04/07	Patrick Cortese	\$615	Not Signed
04/14	Donald L Frye	\$672	Not Signed
03/17	Alberta Harmon	\$729	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 8:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

## Commander

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site too. Everyone bring some finger food or snack type of food and join us in some fun. So come down and Root for your favorite horse.

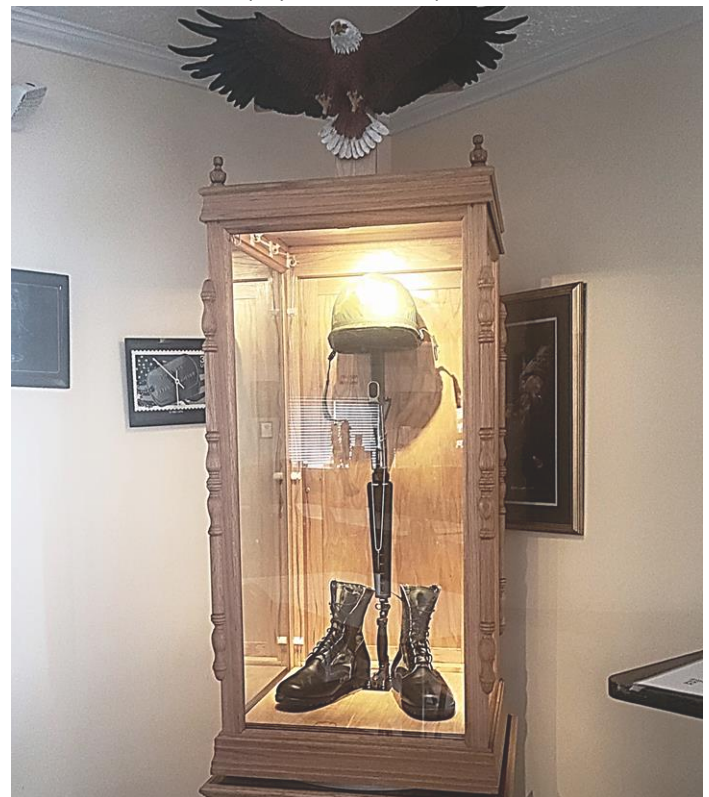
Well, that's about it for this month. Everyone gear up for Memorial Day and Summer ahead. See you at the Post. ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**  
(812) 327-6540 (Cell)

William Foley, son of Chris and Maren Foley of Bloomington, placed second in the VFW's District 7 Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. William received his award in April from Post 604 Commander George Kristoff and Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman Karen Cain.




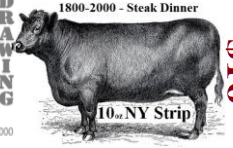






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# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

## May 2023

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Noon until gone! <b>Beef-N-Bean Burritos</b>  1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  *Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>5</b> Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000  <b>\$10</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>6</b>  Kentucky Derby Party 1600 – 2100 (4-9PM)  Open 1200 - 2100
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Noon until gone! <b>Smothered Green Beans</b> <b>w/ Sausage and Potatoes</b>  1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  *Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>12</b> Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  <b>\$10</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>13</b>  Open 1200 - 1800
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Noon until gone! <b>Brunch Lunch Hashbrown</b> <b>&amp; Biscuits &amp; Gravy</b>  1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	<b>16</b>  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  *Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>19</b> 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  <b>\$16</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>20</b>  Open 1200 - 1800
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Noon until gone! <b>Cuban Sliders Ham &amp; Cheese</b>  1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  *Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>26</b> Serving 1800 – 2000 <b>! Tenderloins !</b>  <b>\$10</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>27</b>  Open 1200 - 1800
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Noon until gone! <b>Ham &amp; Beans, Cornbread,</b> <b>Hamburgers, Hotdogs, &amp; Fixin's</b>  1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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

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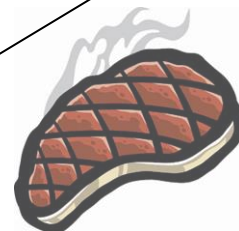


Phone: (812)-339-2375

**Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



**Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



**Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

1800 - 2000



**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 till 8:00 PM**

**Steak Night**

**\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00**  
**10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More**

