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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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May 2018

## 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

We're through the month of April and that means that we have a new set of officers for 2018 - 2019. Congratulations to new Commander Comrade George Kristoff and his elected and appointed staff. The nomination process was somewhat long and drawn out, but in the end we came up with enough volunteers to fill all positions. That being said, we can always use more volunteers. One great need is for younger members to serve as an Assistant Quartermaster or as an Assistant Service Officer. By filling one of these jobs you can learn by OJT, and it would allow you to take the Quartermaster or Service Officer job in the future with confidence.

Another major piece of business that came out of the meeting was a decision to have the floors (professionally) cleaned and waxed. Included in the bid is the shampooing of the carpets. To reduce the cost we are going to move the furniture ourselves. This will take two or three members on Sunday morning May 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. Volunteers please meet at 0800

We have done everything that we are supposed to do for district and state convention. If you have an interest in attending make sure that you notify Comrade Dammer (QM) or myself so that we can make sure that the paperwork and fees are in order. ❖

Yours in true Comradeship,

**Commander – Roy Smith**  
**812-340-2864**  
[zebraroy@gmail.com](mailto:zebraroy@gmail.com)

### VFW Auxiliary

May is upon us, hope we're past the cold. During our April monthly Auxiliary meeting we had elections for our 2018 – 2019 officers. The new officers for next membership year are as follows.

President	Dorothy White
Senior vice	Sandi Taylor
Junior vice	Julie Martin
Secretary	Karen Cain
Treasure	Karen Cain
Conductor	Greg Johnson
Chaplin	Mary Bohenkamp
Guard	Mike Pipher
Patriotic Instructor	Jenny Tracy

Welcome to our new officers and a big thank you for a **GREAT JOB** to last year's officers. Please come out and support our new officers and enjoy your post's offerings.

On May 25 will be serving lasagna, salad, and garlic bread for only seven dollars.

Karen Cain is suggesting we might begin a new weekly Saturday afternoon Euchre game, could even be out on the deck when the weather is nice and it's not too windy; please give us your thoughts. ❖

**Dorothy J White**  
**President - VFW Auxiliary**  
**812-345-9025**

From the Adjutant,

Well, here it is, another month gone by and it's unseasonably cool for this time of year.

I went to the Stinesville school this past week and met with Girl Scout Troop 5093, who had got in touch with me about giving some cookies (12 cases really) to the local VFW to give out to some needy or sick Veterans if they were allowed to have them (medically). I gave part of them to Dorothy White, Auxiliary President and sometime this week the Post Chaplain, Jim Arnold. He and I are going to take some of them to the local Veteran's that are now in nursing homes here in Monroe County.. I don't know how many, if any, of he cookies we will have left over. If we do have some, we could use some ideas on where they would be helpful if given to someone.

We did manage to get a full slate of officer's for the upcoming year. Many thanks to those who volunteered to fill them. It would be really nice to have a few more members that would/could help us and maintain an office of some type so some wouldn't have to fill two slots when we do have hardly enough people willing to hold an office. It really helps the Post, and in this fashion we also get more ideas for things we could be doing as a Post for the benefit of all.

#### VFW Post 604 Election results

Commander	George Kristoff
Sr. Vice Commander	Dewey "Joe" Hardin
Jr. Vice Commander	John Martin
Quartermaster	Deborah Helton
Chaplin	Brian Stewart
Judge Advocate	Richard Moldenhauer
Surgeon	Peter Chadwick
3-Year Trustee	Cathi Johnson
2-Year Trustee	Toby Oltman
3-Year House Committee	Roy Smith

We are still trying to in some way get our membership up to 100%. A lot of the Posts are already there and we don't have much time left to get to 100%. So, if you haven't paid your dues or know someone that hasn't I would appreciate it if you could mention it to them.

Thanks to all for the support and help that is given to the Post.



**Laurens Bennett Strain**

Born : April 6, 1897 Bloomington, Indiana  
Fell in action : June 7, 1918 Belleau Woods, France

**Bill Evans**  
**Post 604 Adjutant**

Post 604's Namesake

How quickly 100  
years pass.

Grave-site Memorial service  
Tuesday June 7, 2018

Please mark your Calendar

## THE WARMTH OF MAY!!

We will not be having a Sunday opening this month cuz the folks that put that on need a little break and we totally understand. However, the Auxiliary says they will back next month for sure!!

- ☞ 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Dinner Special (May 4<sup>th</sup>) where we will be serving our regular menu only!!
- ☞ Let's not forget The Auxiliary presenting their FISH DINNER!!! on May 11<sup>th</sup> — 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month starting at 6:00 p.m.---all you can eat for \$7.00!!
- ☞ 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (May 18<sup>th</sup>)!! 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just \$11. That's right—just \$11. Can't eat that much?? Then no problem you can get a Baked Potato and Salad for just \$6.00.
- ☞ Then we have the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month—May 25<sup>th</sup> check out The Auxiliary news article for menu!!
- ☞ Texas Hold - 'em Tournament every Thursday, starts at 7:00 p.m.

Now we come to Memorial Day, on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> after attending the ceremonies at Valhalla, come on out to the Post for our traditional Free Ham & Beans with Cornbread. We will open at 10:00 a.m. and will serve all day until around 6:00 p.m. Make plans to stop by and see your Post—renew your membership--eat good food—have a good time!!!

**House Committee**

### TAPS

**Charles M. Shields, US Army WWII, Post Life Member**















**Michael S. Bayne, Vietnam Veteran, Post Life Member**

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

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

**James C. Arnold, Chaplin**  
**VFW Post 604**

# May 2018

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	 <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>6:00 PM - Kitchen open – Bar Menu Only</p> <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	5
6	<p>7</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	 <p>8</p> <p>Primary Elections</p>	9	 <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Fish Fry 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	12
13	<p>14</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>V.F.W. – 1800</p> <p>V.F.W. Aux – 1800</p>	16	 <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	19
20	<p>21</p> <p>HOT DOG MONDAY</p> <p>Open @ Noon</p>	22	23	 <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>6:00 PM – Dinner: Lasagna, Salad, &amp; Garlic Bread</p> <p>Commander's Drawing 1900</p>	26
27	 <p>28</p> <p>Open 10:00a.m.</p>	29	30	 <p>Starts at 7pm</p> <p>* Vet to Vet – 1800</p>		31

(\* 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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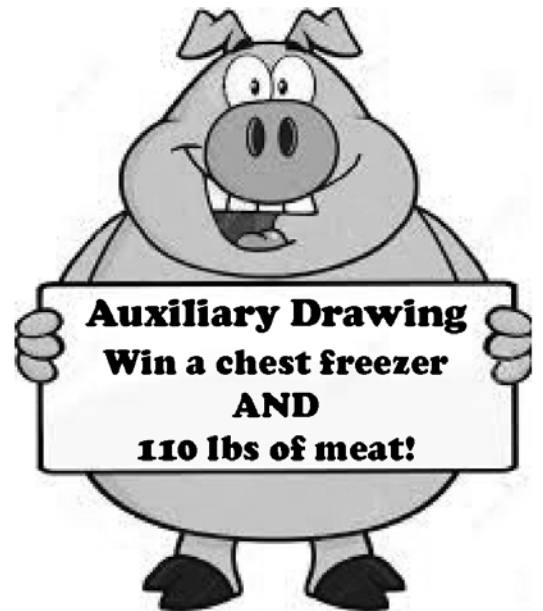
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