

# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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November 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

For those who may not be aware, we lost a longtime member and close friend Leonard Heldman, last month. He was a valuable asset to our organization. Leonard wore many hats, but he was mostly known as our Club Manager. He ran the VFW as if it were his own. He ordered all the bar items, pull tabs, took care of all the money, made sure everything was well stocked and then on Friday Night his smiling face was there to take your dinner order. He is, and will be, missed by many.

Veterans Day is coming up Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>. American Legion Post 18 will have their annual Veterans Day Ceremony and immediately following we will be opening. Our menu will be Chicken and Noodles served with Garlic Bread. Who knows what other goodies just might crop up. I might add while "supplies last", but we will make every attempt to have enough to last the day.

Veterans Day wouldn't be Veterans Day without "Rock N Rich", a Veteran singing for Veterans. Rich will entertain us with his blend of Classic Country and Rock & Roll. The Post will open at 12 noon, with Rich playing from 1 to 5 pm. Great Food, Great Friends, and Great Music make for a "Great Day". Come and enjoy.

Well folks, our 2-ton heat pump is installed. This thing has more bells and whistles than I can count. We had the opportunity to try it out one Friday Night and it cooled the dinning and bar area quickly. I admit that it wasn't 90 degrees outside, but it took the temperature from 82 to 70 in short order. Looks like our issue is no longer an issue.

One of our members, Brad Mobley, did an artist sketch of myself from the picture in the hallway. He did a remarkable job. Brad said he would be willing to do the same for any of our members, for a donation to the Post.

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## VFW Auxiliary

The holidays are fast approaching and the activities at post are ramping up. Mark your calendars for Post annual Holiday Dinner on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> with Childrens Christmas Party planned for December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12pm. Santa is already booked to bring a special surprise for each child registered to attend. You can register your child attendee at Post or with Sara Dobrin at [joyofdancesara@gmail.com](mailto:joyofdancesara@gmail.com) by Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Second Friday of November will be the much-requested Spaghetti and meatballs with salad and garlic bread for usual ten dollars. This will be available from 6pm to 8pm or till gone whichever comes first.

Wreaths Across America deadline is fast approaching with a closing date of Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>, to complete your donation of wreath(s) for our departed veterans. Please see insert from last month's newsletter or contact Karen Cain at 812.327.1944 or [cainke@comcast.net](mailto:cainke@comcast.net) for questions or to complete your order.

I was also asked by Karen Cain to remind everyone to please renew your dues as soon as possible to help us meet our yearly obligations and goals. You also might consider going to lifetime membership in anticipation of increase in dues fees in near future from National.

The Halloween Party for children at post on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 was such fun with plenty of candy and games for all. Thank you to all who contributed to event in any way and special salute to Sara Dobrin chairwoman for job well done.

Stay well and hope to see you at Post soon. ❖

**Toni M Kristoff – Auxiliary President**

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## 2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Toni Kristoff .....	President
Mike Pipher .....	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin .....	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain .....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson .....	Conductor
Michelle Brown .....	Patriotic Instructor
Carol Rowan Ozug .....	Guard
Sara Dobrin .....	Chaplain
Carol Rowan Ozug .....	1 Yr. Trustee
Glenda Sexton .....	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin .....	3 Yr. Trustee

## 2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff .....	Commander
Cathi Johnson .....	Sr. Vice Commander
Aaron Dobrin .....	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard .....	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick .....	Chaplain
Dewey "Joe" Hardin .....	Judge Advocate
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer .....	Surgeon
John Tilford .....	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard .....	Adjutant
Jim Edney .....	1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tinch .....	2 Yr. Trustee
Dale Blubaugh .....	3 Yr. Trustee

Roy Smith .....	1 Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes .....	2 Yr. House Committee
Barney White .....	3 Yr. House Committee



## Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
09/29	Lisa Balliett	\$72	# 138 Not Signed
10/06	Garrett Middleton	\$129	# 204 Not Signed
10/13	Michael Bastin	\$195	# 347 Not Signed
10/20	Scott Tinch	\$264	# 248 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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He will take a picture and then draw the sketch from there. Anyone interested, just see me and I'll point you in the right direction.

Well that about sums it up for this month. By the way, mark your calendar for December 15<sup>th</sup>. It's our annual Christmas Diner.

Don't forget now, Veterans Day with Rock N Rich ! See you at the Post. ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**

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## 😊 Children's Halloween Party 😊



# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

# November 2023

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  *Vet to Vet – 1800	3 DRAWING COMMANDER'S Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000  \$10 Open to the Public	4  Open 1200 - 1800
5  FALL	6  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	7	8	9  *Vet to Vet – 1800	10 DRAWING COMMANDER'S Serving 1800 – 2000 Spaghetti & Meat Balls  \$10 Open to the Public	11  With ... Rock N Rich 1300-1700 Open 1200 - 1800
12	13  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	14	15	16  *Vet to Vet – 1800	17 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  \$16 Open to the Public	18  Open 1200 - 1800
19	20  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	21  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	22	23  Happy Thanksgiving Day! CLOSED	24  BAR MENU Open to the Public	25  Open 1200 - 1800
26	27  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	28	29	30  *Vet to Vet – 1800	ALL GAVE SOME    SOME GAVE ALL	

(\*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

Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744

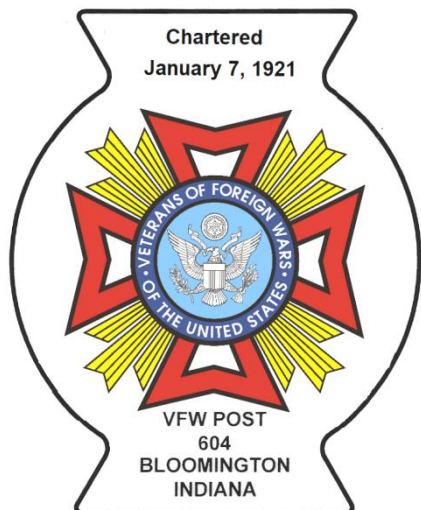


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Phone: (812)-339-2375

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000

**Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**\$10.00**



**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

**Spaghetti &  
Meat Balls**



**Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Bar Menu Only**

**Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 1800 till 2000**

**Steak Night**

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

