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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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## 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

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With the Holidays behind us, we're off to a New Year.

Our Christmas Dinner was very successful. We had a good turnout and a lot of food. I think I gained 5 pounds. We had more food than you could possibly imagine and everything was really delicious. Thanks to all for the great sides that were brought. Also, the kids Christmas Party was a hit also. We were almost to the point of being out of seats, but everything went well. Binky was a hit, as usual, and the kids had a really good time.

Our 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a catered event. Barb Ooley does an outstanding job every year and this year will be no exception. One thing I would like to mention is that our usual cake and the rest of the deserts will be made by Barb. We're talking HOMEADE and it will be delicious, as usual. No need to bring desserts, they will be provided.

The winners of our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entries have been finalized. We have three winners in each category. We will be giving the awards at our Anniversary Dinner. We will also be inviting the teachers that have been involved in supporting this.

As a Bonus, one of our entries took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the District, for the Voice of Democracy. That's a great achievement. We will be holding the District Awards for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen for the second year in a row. This is a great honor and I am looking forward to this event. Last year we had a really big attendance. It will be held on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM. We will be providing Pizza (Mother Bears), salad, and breadsticks.

We'll be back to our Friday Dinners this month. Don't

**See Commander**

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### VFW Auxiliary

We've made it through another year. Let's make 2020 a bigger and better year. Thank you to all of our volunteers, you are the greatest.

The Christmas dinner was great. We had more food than I've ever seen at the post. Great job to the members. If anyone went home hungry, it was your own fault.

The children's Christmas party went really smooth again this year. I'm pretty sure everyone went home happy. I'd like to say a special thank you again to Santa (A.K.A. Joe Hardin). You really make the day. Thank you to Sandi Taylor and Karen Cain for helping with the party. Also thank you to George Kristoff and Barney White for the furniture moving, which was the real heavy lifting. Thank you guys!

We are still 30 annual members short on renewals, please check your cards and send in your dues. Problems? Call Karen Cain, our membership chairman, at 812 327-1944 and leave her a message with your phone number she'll give you a call back.

Hope you make/made it to our Christmas Eve party get-together and our New Year's Eve celebration.

Our Friday meal for January 24, 2020 will be beef stew, come early we ran out the last time. ❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President**  
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forget Fish and Steak Nights. Also, we have a 5th Friday this month and rumor has it that Chef Barney may be sneaking in for that dinner. Stay Tuned ! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff

## TAPS

**Edward (Ed) J. Mauritson**, Life Member, U.S.A.F Retired. Passed away on 11/23/2019.

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

Ed was the Commander of the Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard for over 20 years. He will be missed by the Men and Women of VFW Post 604 and the 7th District. ❖

## From the Adjutant,

As I type this, there's not many days left until Christmas and I wish just the week after New Year's spring would again get here. I'm already tired of cold weather and it hasn't even been cold yet. Just like most Hoosiers, we will stay here all year and gripe about the weather, but you still couldn't get us to leave and go somewhere else warm to live.

Lots of good things going on at the Post now. We have the Post anniversary dinner on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Post 604's Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and the Teachers of the Award contest winners will be announced at that dinner. It will be a catered dinner, so this is one that all we must do is to come and eat. The Post will also be hosting the District contest winners in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for the help and time they have spent at the Post this year working on various projects, dinners, etc. Without your help, there is no way we could do what we manage to do throughout the year. There have been numerous people at District meetings and other places ask me how we manage to keep up with the everyday operation and functions of the Post. We are so fortunate at Post 604 to have as many dedicated people as we do.

If you get this before Christmas, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and if you get it after, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. May God bless all of us. ❖

Bill Evans  
Adjutant, VFW Post 604

## Anniversary Dinner

Our Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 6:00 PM. This will be our 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will have this dinner catered, as we usually do every year. Barb does an excellent job and will be making several HOMEMADE pies. There will be no need to bring deserts, they will be provided. Looking forward to seeing everyone. ❖

## NEW YEAR 2020 RIGHT HERE AT POST 604!!!!

There will NOT be a Tenderloin Sunday Opening this month and we know a lot of members look forward to those Tenderloins, hopefully things will work out for next month, but we are still here with our **Post 604 Volunteers** (Best in Bloomington!).

---**Friday Night Dinners are back---**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Dinner Special (Jan 3rd)** — where 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 and we go until it's gone!!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night Dinner (Jan 10<sup>th</sup>)**- which will be the Auxiliary bringing you is going to **All You Can Eat Fish Dinner** all you can eat and only **\$8.00!!**

Following right along with the

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night Dinner (Jan 17<sup>th</sup>)** featuring our 10 oz. Ribeye Steak with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$12**. Yep! That's right—just **\$12**. And then!! We have a
















**4<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Dinner (Jan 24<sup>th</sup>)** brought to you by the Auxiliary — check their news article!!

We do have a **5<sup>th</sup> Friday in the Month (Jan 31<sup>st</sup>)** where we will be featuring our — **Skillet Fried Chicken — 2 Pieces with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy** plus **Veggie** 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!! We have **Great Cooks!** — **Good Food!** — **LOW Prices!**

We would like to say a great big **Thank-You** to all the **Elves** who not only decorated the Post for the Holidays but once again put on a **Fantastic Kids Christmas Party** enjoyed by the kids and adults alike!!—everybody's time and effort were greatly appreciated!!

**House Committee**

# JANUARY 2020

Closed SUNDAY	Open 1200 - 2200 MONDAY	Open 1600 - 2200 TUESDAY	Open 1600 - 2200 WEDNESDAY	Open 1600 - 2200 THURSDAY	Open 1600 - 2200 FRIDAY	Open 1000 - 2200 SATURDAY
			 Closed	 Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	 \$8 \$8 \$8 1800 – Hard & Soft Shell Taco - Taco Salad - Refried Beans - Nacho Chips & Cheese & Fixin's Commander's Drawing 1900	 Auxiliary Breakfast All you can eat !!! \$8.00 Open to Public Serving 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM
5	6 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	7 	8	9  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	10 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  \$8 \$8 \$8 Commander's Drawing 1900	11 VFW Post 604 Anniversary Dinner 6:00PM
12	13 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	14	15	16  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	17 Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000  \$12. <sup>00</sup> 10oz Commander's Drawing 1900	18
19	20 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	21 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	22	23  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	24  \$8 \$8 \$8 1800 – Beef Stew Dinner Special Commander's Drawing 1900	25
26	27 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	28	29	30  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	31  \$10 1800 – Skillet Fried Chicken Dinner Special Commander's Drawing 1900	

(\* 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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 604, Bloomington would like to announce the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners for our post. The first place student winners advanced to the VFW 7<sup>th</sup> District judging. Megan Prange won at District 7 and has advanced to the VFW Department of Indiana.

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Megan Prange Senior - BHS South
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ethan Coy Senior - BHS North
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Blake Von Bokern Senior – Lighthouse Christian Academy

### PATRIOT'S PEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katie Stumpner, 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Jackson Creek Middle School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – L. Dene "Zeke" Stephens 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Jackson Creek Middle School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – H. Ebra Ercik, 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Batchelor Middle School

We would like to thank these teachers and educators who helped to make this a great year:

### Voice of Democracy

Kim Stegemoller – Class 101 - College Planning - Indiana Office

### Patriot's Pen

Dacia Campbell – Eastern Greene Middle School  
 Michelle Oliver – Lakeview Elementary School  
 Becky Boyle – Batchelor Middle School  
 Jacki Porter – Batchelor Middle School  
 Justin Garner – Jackson Creek Middle School

## Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
22 Nov	Gary Dix	\$329	Not Signed
6 Dec	Jack Higgins	\$416	Signed/Not Present \$208
13 Dec	Mary Campfield	\$284	Signed/Not Present \$142

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



Children enjoying Binky the Clown during the Children's Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you to our Auxiliary Elves **Sandi Taylor, Karen Cain, and Dorothy White** for coordinating another wonderful Children's Christmas Party. Special thanks to **Barney White** and **George Kristoff** for helping set up and to **Joe Harden** for making sure Santa arrived on time.

# VFW Post 604

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## Saturday Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage

**Hash Browns**

O.J.  
Milk  
Coffee



*Rib Eye Steak*



**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**



**January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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



## **Steak Night**

**Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 till 8:00 PM**

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

