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Laurens B. Strain - VFW Post 604

Bloomington, Indiana

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Dewey J. Hardin Commander
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John A. Martin
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Program

Call to Order **Michael Pipher**
President - VFW Men's Auxiliary

Post Colors **American Legion Color Guard**
American Legion Post 196 - Bloomfield

Invocation **Joyce Grubb**
Chaplin - VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Introduction of Guests **Joe Hardin**
Commander - VFW Post 604

Address **Representative Todd Young**
United States House of Representatives

Key Presentation **Ed Mauritsen**
Trustee - VFW Post 604

Key Acceptance **Joe Hardin**
Commander - VFW Post 604

Closing Remarks **Chuck Simons**
Commander - VFW Department of Indiana

Gun Salute **Honor Guard**
Monroe County Honor Guard

Taps **Kim Stephans**
Monroe County Honor Guard

Benediction..... **Roy M. Smith**
Chaplin - VFW Post 604

Retire the Colors **American Legion Color Guard**
American Legion Post 196 - Bloomfield

Invitation to
Flag Raising **Janet Williams**
President - VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Janet Williams	President
Millie Briles	Sr Vice - President
Mary Figg	Jr Vice - President
Patty Pate	Treasurer
Kathy Hardin	Secretary
Joyce Grubb	Chaplin
Dorothy Elliott	Guard
Rita Bruce	Conductress
Wilma Hays	Patriotic Instructor / Trustee
Susie Dumond	Trustee
Pat Robertson	Trustee

Men's Auxiliary Officers

Mike Pipher	President
Joe Crawford	Sr Vice - President
Mark Sink	Jr Vice - President
Mike Griffith	Treasurer/Secretary
Benjamin Hammock	Chaplin
Dan Fender	Trustee
Greg Johnson	Trustee
David Payne	Trustee



Todd Young
U.S. Representative - Indiana District 9



Eugene Kijanowski
Commander - VFW Department of Indiana 2010 - 2011

VFW Post 604 Commanders

2010 -	Dewey J. Hardin	1961 - 1962	Zakie Bechtel
2008 - 2010	Catherine Johnson	1960 - 1961	Roscoe Shields Jr.
2007 - 2008	Leo E. Moncel	1959 - 1960	Clyde A. Robbins
2006 - 2007	Phillip K. Pate	1958 - 1959	Kenneth Wiles
2005 - 2006	Leo E. Moncel	1957 - 1958	James Frazee
2003 - 2005	Steve Truax	1956 - 1957	William Dorsey
2001 - 2003	Woodie R. Thayer	1955 - 1956	M.J. Carpenter
2000 - 2001	Richard Behn	1954 - 1955	Lester Figg
1999 - 2000	Leo E. Moncel	1953 - 1954	Frank Johnson Jr.
1998 - 1999	James B. May	1952 - 1953	Herbert King
1997 - 1998	Leo E. Moncel	1951 - 1952	U.G. Stewart
1994 - 1997	Lester Figg	1950 - 1951	Luther Downing
1992 - 1994	William F. Krogff	1949 - 1950	William B. Stade
1991 - 1992	John G. Butler	1948 - 1949	Samuel Emmons
1990 - 1991	John Russ	1947 - 1948	Joe Roger
1989 - 1990	Dennis E. Eldrige	1946 - 1947	George N. Clark
1987 - 1989	John Russ	1945 - 1946	Forest Richardson
1986 - 1987	Doyle Wilson	1944 - 1945	Harry W. Livingston
1985 - 1986	John Abbitt	1943 - 1944	Frank H. Robertson
1983 - 1985	Dores Niswander	1942 - 1943	U.G. Stewart
1982 - 1983	Wayne E. Eades	1941 - 1942	Guy Wampler
1980 - 1982	Robert Miles	1940 - 1941	John Brashabar
1977 - 1980	Earl Quillen	1939 - 1940	Forest Richardson
1976 - 1977	James V. Carter	1938 - 1939	Clarence D. Reitanour
1974 - 1976	Douglas Fox	1937 - 1938	Gilbert Lemon
1973 - 1974	Albert A Moore	1936 - 1937	U.G. Stewart
1972 - 1973	Douglas Fox	1935 - 1936	H.A. Bland
1971 - 1972	Chancy Deckard	1934 - 1935	J.A. Young
1970 - 1971	Hubert Herston	1933 - 1934	Dwight W. Ping
1969 - 1970	Charles White	1932 - 1933	Clarence D. Reitanour
1968 - 1969	James W. Shinn	1931 - 1932	Earl Murphy
1967 - 1968	Joseph A. Hurst Jr.	1930 - 1931	John A. Harmon
1966 - 1967	Fred A. Walls	1929 - 1930	Roy Stewart
1965 - 1966	Kenneth Wiles	1928 - 1929	R.L. Renard
1964 - 1965	Carl B. Johnson	1927 - 1928	Forest E Taylor
1963 - 1964	Claude W. Clarke	1926 - 1927	N.J. Smallwood
1962 - 1963	Robert Pruitt		

Chartered on January 7, 1924, VFW Post 604 is the longest continuously chartered Veterans of Foreign Wars post in the state of Indiana. Named in honor of Laurens B. Strain, a Bloomington native, who enlisted in the United States Army at the onset of World War I and was killed in action during the Battle of Belleau Woods, near the Marne River in France, on June 7, 1918.

We would not be here today without the dedicated assistance from these volunteers whose hard work, persistence, and expertise were critical to the construction of our new home at 2404 West Industrial Park Drive. Their contribution was above and beyond all others –
THANK YOU

Edward J. Mauritson
Bobby L. Lanning

Leonard L. Heldman
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Our sincere thanks to those others who also assisted during this process including:

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Laurens Bennett Strain

Born : April 6, 1897 Bloomington, Indiana

Fell in action : June 7, 1918 Belleau Woods, France