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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Laurens B. Strain - VFW Post 604

Bloomington, Indiana

# VFW Officers

Dewey J. Hardin ..... Commander  
William A. Halliday..... Sr Vice - Commander  
Ty H. Briles ..... Jr Vice - Commander  
Mark G. Dammer ..... Quartermaster  
Roy M. Smith ..... Chaplin  
Thomas L. Vernon ..... Judge Advocate  
James W. Smith ..... Surgeon  
John W. Tilford ..... Service Officer  
Bobby L. Lanning ..... Adjutant / Trustee  
James B. May ..... Trustee  
House Committee  
Catherine F. Johnson  
John A. Martin  
Leonard L. Heldman



# 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 Mauritson**  
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

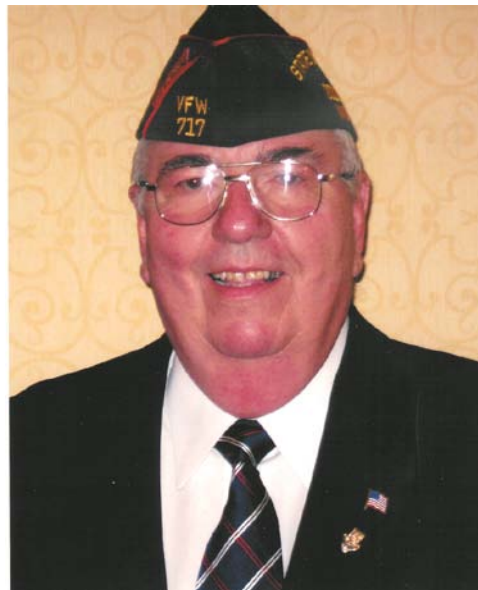
## Men's Auxiliary Officers

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 –  
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Leonard L. Heldman  
John A. Martin

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## **Laurens Bennett Strain**

Born : April 6, 1897 Bloomington, Indiana

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