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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

## 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.

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September 2015

## Commander's Corner

Hello members and friends of Post 604.

I want to start by telling you about the meeting I attended with the people of I-69 construction. At the meeting they gave us a drawing of how the Vernal Pike construction will be done. We are putting a copy of it in this newsletter on the back of the calendar. You will be able to reach the Post from Indiana Highway 37 for the rest of the year. I also talked to the Monroe County Highway Dept. about the plans to put a street between the old Smokey Bones restaurant and Kohl's to connect with Industrial Park Drive. I was told that they are addressing the project.

We still have plans in the works to add stairs to our deck in the back. Plus we are waiting for our plans to extend our parking lot 50 feet at the rear of the building. This will increase our parking ability.

As summer starts to fade, we are still making plans for the Fall. We are still having Friday night dinner specials and still having great turnouts for them. If you have any ideas for things to do, bring them to the Post and join in. We consider our members at the Post as family so come on out and join us for some fun and good conversation.

As everyone knows, this year is half over and it is time to start thinking about next year. We need to start thinking about our dues. We were 1 of 5 in the State that received All State Team Recognition. Let's do it again.

**Joe Hardin, Commander**

## Men's auxiliary

I was AWOL last month, not only in writing our newsletter, but also in helping the men's auxiliary with tenderloins and fish dinners, our group was a little short handed with a couple of others gone too, but as always, these guys stepped up to the plate and hit home runs!! Dennis, Frank, Mark, and Steve - Thank You. We also had a few post members pinch hit for us, Barney, Moe, and Leonard - Thank You. To our special girls that always provide the wonderful side dishes - Thank You.

We've kept the poker on Thursday nights going too, a special thanks goes out to Leonard, Tim Dittmore, and Mary B. for taking charge in my absence.

I'm telling you the VFW Post 604 is the place. If you are a member and currently not involved up here at our post "Shame on You" - post members, ladies auxiliary, and men's auxiliary - we are all in need of more help once a month.

First Friday of September - holiday weekend - but we will serve burgers off the grill with a surprise dish or two, second Friday is the All-U-Can Eat fish with fries and slaw, third Friday is steak night, and the forth Friday is the ladies auxiliary serving up tacos. NASCAR Sunday/tenderloins will be September 27th with race at Lowden, New Hampshire post opening at noon.

**Tim Haney, President**

## Post 604 Ladies Auxiliary

We are really working hard for our veterans and we'd appreciate any help we can get from our members. First of all don't forget our Friday night dinners. Remember our dinners are to help us get funds to support our veterans here and overseas. We are helping the homeless veterans, those in hospitals, and the needy families. We also help in career aid and research and many more projects. Right now we have a hat the girls are raffling off for the wounded warriors project.

Also the Hendricksonville diner (Rosie's diner) is donating a Sunday breakfast from 7:00 to 10:30 on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. This Breakfast is a Breakfast Bar of all their specialties. A minimum of \$5.00 is requested. This is to help our Veterans Hospitals. Please come and enjoy yourself. If you're unable to come you can send a donation to me at the post. Also chances on the hat with lottery tickets, cash and gift cards are a \$1.00 ea or 6 for \$5.00.

We are still having Taco dinners on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (Sept 25<sup>th</sup>) of the month. We will continue to do so in October.

Please come in and see us. We'd appreciate seeing you. Last but not least we'd like to wish Lois Baker (past president) a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In closing, if you have lost someone, or are not well, our thoughts and prayers are with you, and if you have a birthday, have a very happy one.

May god bless you, your family and all our veterans.

**Julia Curtis**  
**VFW Ladies President**  
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### THIS DAY IN SEPTEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> V-J Day: Japan Signed formal Surrender (1945)

7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day

10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Incorporated (1962)

11<sup>th</sup> Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

14<sup>th</sup> Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key (1814)

14<sup>th</sup> Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized (1914)

17<sup>th</sup> U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)

18<sup>th</sup> U. S. Air Force Established (1947)

29<sup>th</sup> VFW Day VFW Established (1899)

## WOW!-- SEPTEMBER-- ALREADY !!

LABOR DAY-MONDAY-Sept 7<sup>th</sup>--The Post will open at Noon just like normal with our Jumbo Hot Dogs all day long as well as our great bartender-which actually, all of our volunteers are GREAT!!!

So let's make the long weekend, one big picnic, starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Dinner Special (Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) where we will be having Quarter Pound Cheeseburgers (from fresh ground beef—not frozen) along with Texas Baked Beans and your choice of French Fries or Onion Rings. Then we will throw in some Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert--all for \$6.00

NASCAR SUNDAY—Sept 27<sup>th</sup> brought to you by the Men's Auxiliary which means Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloins. These NASCAR Sundays are really a fun time inside & out on the deck plus the great food. You need to try it—c'mon out!! Post will Open at Noon — Close around 6:00 ish — probably later though!!

Then, just a few reminders for ya—Lets not forget we still have our Texas Hold-'em Tournament every Thursday, starts at 7:00 p.m. It would be a shame to forget about the Men's Auxiliary presenting their FISH DINNER!!! on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>—Friday-have you tried this dinner yet?? It is SUPER!!—just like the cooks!! Then we go to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (18<sup>th</sup>)!! 8 oz. Rib eye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just \$11. Hey!! The Commander cooks this one for ya!!—so you know it's gotta be good!!

All in all it looks like a great September to us, so you need to try one or all of the above events and let us know what you think—OK??

## House Committee

### TAPS

Billie Eugene Mitchell

Billie was in the Navy during WWII.

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







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

Billie was a founding member of the Ellettsville VFW Post 10526 which merged with Post 604.

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

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

## September 2015

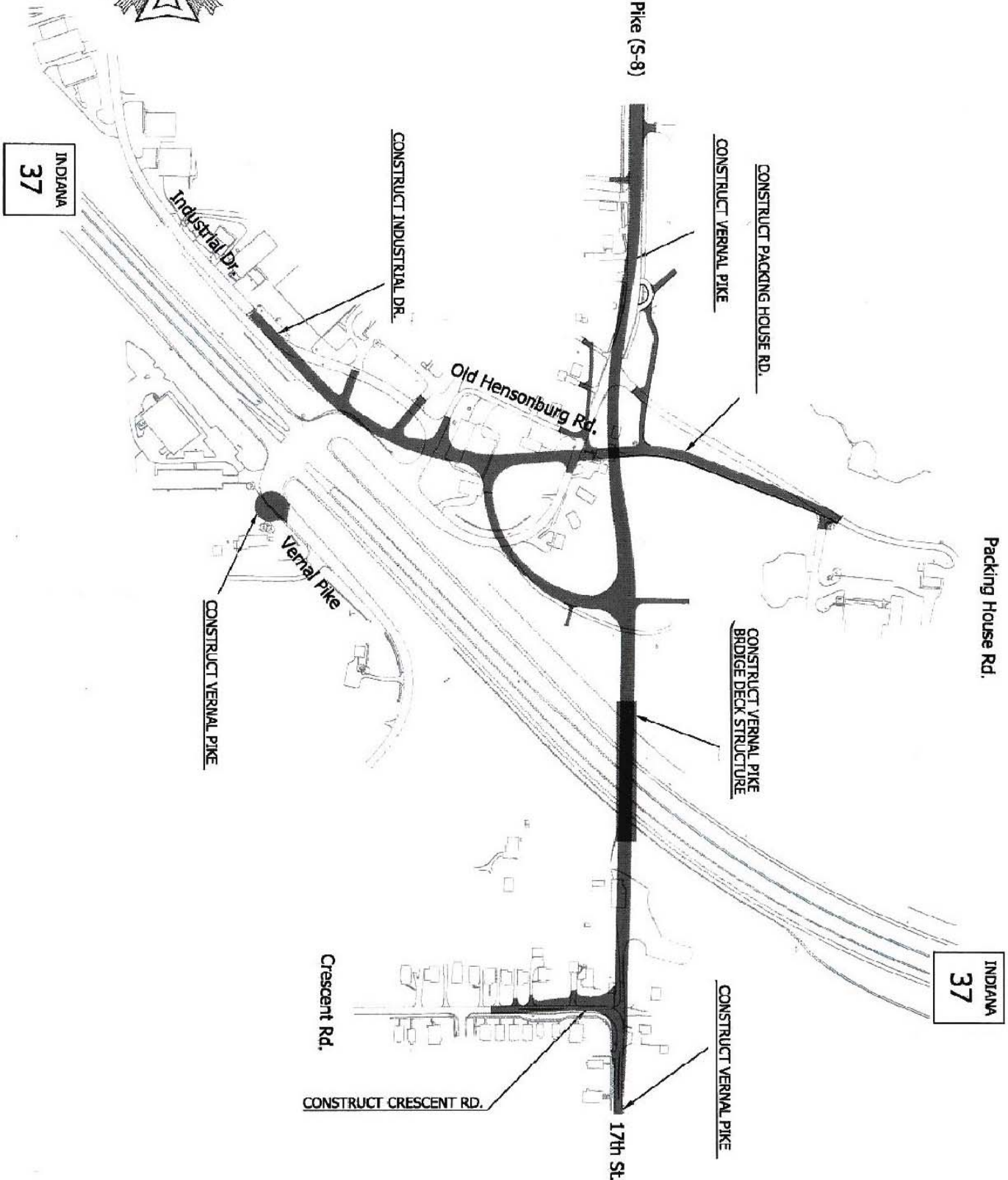
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| Sunday                                                                                                         | Monday                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                         | Wednesday        | Thursday                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                             | <b>LABOR DAY</b><br><b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b><br>Open @ Noon | <b>Meetings</b><br><b>V.F.W. – 1800</b><br><b>Men's Aux - 1800</b><br><b>Ladies Aux -- 1800</b> |                  | <br>Starts at 7pm<br>* Vet to Vet - 1800        | Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000<br>Post open at 4pm<br>Commander's Drawing @1900                                                                                            |
| 6<br> New                   | 7<br>                                                    | 8                                                                                               | 9                | 10<br><br>Starts at 7pm<br>* Vet to Vet - 1800  | 11<br><br>Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000<br>Post open at 4pm<br>Commander's Drawing @1900 |
| 13<br> New                  | 14<br><b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b><br>Open @ Noon               | 15                                                                                              | 16               | 17<br><br>Starts at 7pm<br>* Vet to Vet - 1800  | 18<br><br>Serving Dinner 1800-2100<br>Post open at 4pm<br>Commander's Drawing @1900   |
| 20<br> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/4 | 21<br><b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b><br>Open @ Noon               | 22                                                                                              | 23               | 24<br><br>Starts at 7pm<br>* Vet to Vet - 1800 | 25<br>Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000<br>Post open at 4pm<br>Commander's Drawing @1900                                                                                      |
| 27<br><b>NASCAR SUNDAY</b><br><b>Lowden, NH</b><br>OPEN AT NOON                                                | 28<br><b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b><br>Open @ Noon               | 29<br><b>VFW Day</b><br><b>VFW Established (1899)</b>                                           | 30               |                                               |                                                                                     |
| 29<br> Full               |                                                          | 29                                                                                              | 30               | 29<br>                                        | 5<br> Last 1/4                                                                        |

(\* For Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way room A118 – Check website <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

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*Your Post Service Officer ran across the following 1941 commencement speech, probably one of Churchill's shortest, and thought his message applies to us today. (Winston had attended Harrow as a young boy and, to put it mildly, had not done very well.) The Battle of Britain had been won during the preceding year in the skies over England but the United States had not yet entered the war. Britain still stood alone to the west of Germany, resources always short, an island in more ways than one. When we think of too much money in politics, of war and threats of war, of the VA not treating veterans with justice and compassion, and – well, of many things, things that we must struggle to overcome because no one else will – let us remember what Winston told these Harrow School boys who were soon to be men.*

October 29, 1941.

Harrow School, northwest of downtown London.

The commencement started with the students singing their Harrow School songs, including a new verse composed in honor of Churchill.

Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England, rises from his chair to address the student body –

Almost a year has passed since I came down here at your Head Master's kind invitation in order to cheer myself and cheer the hearts of a few of my friends by singing some of our own songs. The ten months that have passed have seen very terrible catastrophic events in the world – ups and downs, misfortunes – but can anyone sitting here this afternoon, this October afternoon, not feel deeply thankful for what has happened in the time that has passed and for the very great improvement in the position of our country and of our home? Why, when I was here last time we were quite alone, desperately alone, and we had been so for five or six months. We were poorly armed. We are not so poorly armed today; but then we were very poorly armed. We had the unmeasured menace of the enemy and their air attack still beating upon us, and you yourselves had had experience of this attack; and I expect you are beginning to feel impatient that there has been this long lull with nothing particular turning up!

But we must learn to be equally good at what is short and sharp and what is long and tough. It is generally said that the British are often better at the last. They do not expect to move from crisis to crisis; they do not always expect that each day will bring up some noble chance of war; but when they very slowly make up their minds that the thing has to be done and the job put through and finished, then, even if it takes months - if it takes years - they do it.

Another lesson I think we may take, just throwing our minds back to our meeting here ten months ago and now, is that appearances are often very deceptive, and as Kipling well says, we must “...meet with Triumph and Disaster. And treat those two impostors just the same.”

You cannot tell from appearances how things will go. Sometimes imagination makes things out far worse than they are; yet without imagination not much can be done. Those people who are imaginative see many more dangers than perhaps exist; certainly many more than will happen; but then they must also pray to be given that extra courage to carry this far-reaching imagination. But for everyone, surely, what we have gone through in this period - I am addressing myself to the School - surely from this period of ten months this is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never - in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy. We stood all alone a year ago, and to many countries it seemed that our account was closed, we were finished. All this tradition of ours, our songs, our School history, this part of the history of this country, were gone and finished and liquidated.

Very different is the mood today. Britain, other nations thought, had drawn a sponge across her slate. But instead our country stood in the gap. There was no flinching and no thought of giving in; and by what seemed almost a miracle to those outside these Islands, though we ourselves never doubted it, we now find ourselves in a position where I say that we can be sure that we have only to persevere to conquer.

You sang here a verse of a School Song: you sang that extra verse written in my honor, which I was very greatly complimented by and which you have repeated today. But there is one word in it I want to alter - I wanted to do so last year, but I did not venture to. It is the line: “Not less we praise in darker days.”

I have obtained the Head Master's permission to alter darker to sterner. “Not less we praise in sterner days.”

Do not let us speak of darker days: let us speak rather of sterner days. These are not dark days; these are great days – the greatest days our country has ever lived; and we must all thank God that we have been allowed, each of us according to our stations, to play a part in making these days memorable in the history of our race.

**John Tilford – Service Officer**

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