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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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June 2017

## 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

Greetings to all members and family of the VFW. This is my last news article as Commander of the best Post in the state of Indiana. It has been an honor to have served almost 8 years as your Commander. We have had some wonderful times together, and I will cherish them always. It is hard to step down, but it is time for the Post to have someone take over and move us forward. I hope that I have served in a way that has made all of you proud of our Post and want to continue as a member and serve with pride and honor. We have come a long way since we opened the Post on Industrial Park Dr. and I couldn't have done it without the help of some great officers and friends.

I want to personally thank Mark Dammer for the great job that he has done as Quartermaster. He had no idea that when we talked 8 years ago that he would still be here today. I can't find the words that would express what it has meant to me and the Post. Thanks so much friend.

I want to thank Leonard Heldman for all the support that he has given me and the Post over the last 8 years. He has spent more time and effort at the Post than anyone else. His tireless expertise in running the canteen and his dedication to the Post has been unbelievable. I can't think of anyone else that would have taken on the responsibility for Post 604 that he has. Thanks so much friend.

There is many more wonderful people and members that have stepped up and given their valuable time and support for the Post and I hope that they will continue to support the Post. I want to thank all of you. The two that I mentioned were with me from the start so I feel a deep appreciation for what they gave to me and the Post.

I wish the best for all of you and the Post in the coming years. I plan on being around but not as involved as I have been over the past 8 years. Thanks again to everyone. ❖

**Commander - Joe Hardin**

### VFW Auxiliary

Our officers for next year have been elected and sworn in. They will take their positions at the July meeting. Please come out and support them.

The deck will be cleaned and ready for your enjoyment. The guys are getting busy.

Hope you attended the Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> and came out to the Post afterwards for some good food.

We have a district meeting every three months and a convention or conference about the same. All VFW Auxiliary members in good standing are welcome to attend. If you would like to go and are in need of a ride, let me know – we'll work it out. The meetings and locations are posted on the board outside the kitchen. So, PLEASE check it out.

#### June dates to remember:

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Fish Dinner 6PM

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Meeting 6PM

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Auxiliary Roast Beef Manhattan Dinner 6PM

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Department of Indiana Convention - Indianapolis

God bless our Troops.

God bless America.

Get Well wishes for those who are ill.

Condolences for those who've lost a loved one. ❖

**Dorothy J White**  
**President**  
**VFW Auxiliary**  
**812-345-9025**

## TAPS

### Ira Maxwell

Ira was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII. He was in Normandy and Rhineland campaigns. Ira was a Life Member of VFW Post 604.

### Phillip N Deckard

Phil was a U.S. Army Veteran of Vietnam War and a member of the Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard for many years.

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

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

James C. Arnold, Chaplin  
VFW Post 604

## Local Boy Scouts Honor Veterans

On 7 May, 2017 Samuel Foust is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Service Officer John Tilford.

Sam and his team accounted for every veteran's grave location at Clear Creek Cemetery in an Excel spreadsheet. This information has been provided to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 604 to assure no veteran's grave is forgotten during annual Memorial Day flag placement.

Thank you Sam !



## AH JUNE—SUMMER BEGINS!!!

Wanna know what we have lined up for this month? -> -> -> Well, keep reading!!

Our **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Dinner Special** this month will be on **June 2nd** and we are going to be serving **Center Cut Boneless Pork Chop—Gravy—Mashed Potatoes—Corn & Roll** and of course **Dessert**. All that for **\$7.00!!** Serving will start at 6:00 p.m. and go until we run out.

**The Auxiliary Fish Dinner** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of the month (**June 9th**)-all you can eat!! And would you believe just **\$7.00??** They bread-‘em, cook-‘em, serve-‘em, serve seconds,. These Volunteers are on it, so you just sit and eat—simple as that!!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (16th)!!** 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11**.

**NASCAR Sunday** this month will be **June 18<sup>th</sup>--Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches. Yep!! Still \$5.00 plus** a whole lot of **extra stuff!!!** Come out and support **The Auxiliary!!!**—they do a lot of things for your **Post 604!!!**

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month—June 23rd** is served up by The Auxiliary, so be sure to check out their article elsewhere in the newsletter.












And then the **Tim & Tim Boys** are back bringing you the **5th Friday Night Dinner Special—June 30<sup>th</sup>** which will be **Rot Rogs!?! (1/4 lb. All Beef Chicago Style Grilled Hot Dogs)** with all kinds of fixin’s —Baked Beans—Tater Salad plus extra’s. Oh!! They also said this was All-U-Can-EAT!! These guys are cheap considering its only **\$7.00**.

**We’re hoping to see you - come out and enjoy your Post. ❖**

House Committee

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

June 2017

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
				 <b>1</b> <b>Starts at 7pm</b> * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>2</b> 6PM - Boneless Pork Chop Dinner \$7.00 Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	 <b>8</b> <b>Starts at 7pm</b> * Vet to Vet – 1800	 <b>9</b> 6PM - Auxiliary Fish Dinner \$7.00 – All you can eat! Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	 <b>15</b> <b>Starts at 7pm</b> * Vet to Vet – 1800	 <b>16</b> 6PM - STEAK Night 10oz Rib eye – \$11.00 Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>17</b>
 <b>18</b> T E N D E R L O I N S O P E N N O O N	<b>19</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>20</b>  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	 <b>21</b> <b>First Day of Summer</b>	 <b>22</b> <b>Starts at 7pm</b> * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>23</b>  6PM - Roast Beef Manhattan Dinner \$7.00 Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	 <b>29</b> <b>Starts at 7pm</b> * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>30</b>  6PM - Rot Rog Dinner \$7.00 – All you can eat! Gonna be fun! 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 # 144211

Raffle License # 1414210



## Veterans' Memorial Plaza Dedication

*(VFW Post 604 was asked for assistance during the design phase for the new Veterans' Memorial area within Valhalla Memory Gardens. More recently, Valhalla and the donors for the Plaza requested Post 604 include the dedication within this year's Memorial Day ceremonies. Here's what might be said during that dedication.)*

This Veterans' Memorial Plaza, like Memorial Day itself, honors veterans who have passed away from this Earth – veterans of all wars and veterans who served but were not called to war. All placed their lives at risk so that we might have the freedoms we enjoy today.

The central stone, the tallest, bears the Great Seal of the United States. All veterans swore an oath to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States. We will now pledge our allegiance. The words are inscribed on the stone. *(Lead the crowd in the Pledge.)*

We see the Army's stone as on the viewers' left of the United States stone, but it is on the United States stone's right hand – according to tradition, the first position of shared honor. The Army is the oldest of the military branches of the United States, tracing back to the 19th of April, 1775 at the battles of Lexington and Concord which began the American Revolutionary War. The Army motto is "This We'll Defend."

Marine Corps history is slightly shorter than the Army's – but don't tell them that. Every year Marines celebrate the 10th of November, the birthday of the Corps in 1775. The Marine Corps stone is on the United States stone's left hand, the traditional position of second highest honor. The Marine Corps motto is "Semper Fidelis" which means "Always Faithful".

The Navy stone is one place further out from the Army stone. The Navy would have been in second place, claiming their first birthday of the 13th of October 1775, but the Continental Navy was disbanded after the Revolutionary War and the current Navy was reestablished on the 27th of March 1794. The Navy has two mottoes, the official is, "Semper Fortis", which has a dual meaning in English: "Always powerful, always courageous". The unofficial is "Non sibi sed patriae", meaning "Not for self for country".

The Air Force stone is one place further out from the Marine Corps stone. Harry Truman was, appropriately enough, airborne on an aircraft – which we would now call Air Force One – when he signed the National

Security Act of 1947. The Act created the Air Force as a separate branch of the United States military. The Air Force was born on 18th of September 1947, the day the first Secretary of the Air Force, Stuart Symington, took office. The Air Force motto is, "Aim High ... Fly – Fight – Win".

The Coast Guard stone is one place further out from the Army and Navy stones. Their birthday being on the 4th of August 1790, in times of declared war the Coast Guard falls under the Department of Defense and bumps in front of the Air Force. In times other than declared war the Coast Guard falls under the Department of Homeland Security and, while still recognized as a branch of the military, is listed in precedence after the Air Force. The Coast Guard motto is, "Semper Paratus" meaning always prepared.

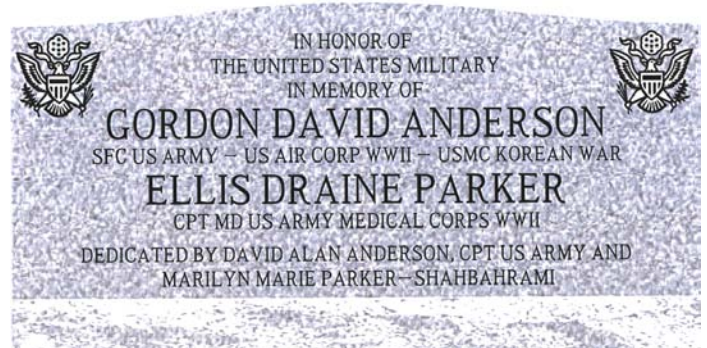
The Prisoners of War – Missing in Action stone is one place further out from the Marine Corps and Air Force stones. The POW-MIA motto is, "Never Forgotten". While POW-MIA is not a branch of military service each meeting of each military service organization of the United States and each dining facility in each military facility around the world always has a table set with a symbolic empty chair in remembrance of the prisoners of war and those still missing in action. Nor are the prisoners and the missing forgotten here today. Let us observe a few moments of silence in remembrance of those who did not yet come home. *(Lower head. Silence for about ten seconds.)*

*(Raise head, big voice.)* May this Veterans' Memorial Plaza stand hereby today dedicated in memory of Gordon David Anderson, Sergeant First Class, US Army, US Air Corps WWII, US Marine Corps Korean War; and Ellis Draine Parker, Captain, Medical Doctor, US Army Medical Corps WWII; dedicated by David Alan Anderson, Captain, US Army and Marilyn Marie Parker-Shahbahrami.

*(Step forward, cut the ribbon, bagpipes strike in. Proceed with remainder of Memorial Day ceremonies.)*



**John Tilford – Service Officer**



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## VFW Post 604 June Happenings

Friday - June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Center Cut Boneless Pork Chop Dinner \$7.<sup>00</sup>

Friday - June 9<sup>th</sup> - Auxiliary Fish Dinner-all you can eat!! \$7.<sup>00</sup>

Friday - June 16<sup>th</sup> - STEAK NIGHT – featuring our 10 oz. Ribeye grilled to order - \$11.<sup>00</sup>

Sunday - June 18<sup>th</sup> - NASCAR Sunday - Gigantic Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches \$7.<sup>00</sup>

Friday - June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Roast Beef Manhattan Dinner \$7.<sup>00</sup>

Friday - June 30<sup>th</sup> – Rot Rogs – See Page 2 for details - all you can eat!! \$7.<sup>00</sup>

Every Thursday at 7PM – Try your luck – Texas Hold'em Tournament & CA\$H Game

