

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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December 2021

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

Merry Christmas everyone! It's that time of the year again and this year we will actually be able to celebrate. To start off we have the Auxiliary's Children's Christmas Party starring Binky the Magic Clown. This guy does a tremendous job, and the kids always look forward to it. Of course, Santa will make his usual appearance. I really believe that the adults look forward to it as much as the kids.

Along the same line we will be hosting our annual Holiday/Christmas dinner here at the Post on Friday December 10th. We will start serving at 6pm. As usual, we will provide the turkey and ham. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. We have a signup sheet for the covered dishes in the canteen. That way everyone can see what is being brought so we don't have duplicate dishes. This is open to all Post and Auxiliary members and their families.

We will be open on Christmas Eve, however we will have shorter hours so our folks can spend time with family and friends. We will open at 4 pm and close at 6 pm.

Also, we will be open on New Year's Eve from 4 to 7. We will have finger food available throughout the evening. We are asking everyone to bring something and enjoy the company and friendship and "Ring in The New Year".

Just a side note, is that we will host our Birthday/Anniversary dinner on Saturday January 8th. Our Post was chartered on January 7, 1921, so this

VFW Auxiliary

WOW, where did 2021 go? By the time you read this we will be looking forward to Christmas and at this point I'm not ready, hope you are.

Membership stands at almost 90%, we still need 19 renewals before December 31st. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Karen Cain, she's always available to help.

Hope you have your kids/ grandkids etc. signed up for the kids Christmas party. It's only a few days away. And of course Binky the clown will be there.

We've had several donations for our kids Xmas party. A couple of them has been in the memory of Robbie Moldenhauer.

The party is December the 4th. 10:00 – 12:00 noon.



We are happy to announce our winners of the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen Essay contests for 2021 - 2022. We were very pleased with the number of entries we received. We want to say a special **THANK YOU** to the teachers listed below, without

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will be only a day after our 101st Anniversary. More to come in the January newsletter. Also, we were not able to do anything to celebrate our 100th Anniversary due to the pandemic. Hopefully next summer we can actually put something together. Stay tuned on that one.

We will not be serving meals this month due to the holidays other than our Christmas Dinner. Everyone has a lot going on in December and our cooks need a deserved break. We'll be back to the grindstone come January.

I mentioned in our last newsletter that I was trying to decide what to do on the Commanders Drawing for the month of December. I will have the drawing on December 10th and 31st. Come January we will be back to the normal schedule, which is 8 pm on Friday's.

Well, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope Santa is good to each and every one of you. Until next month, See You At The Post. ❖

Commander – George Kristoff
(812) 327-6540 (Cell)

The AMVETS Vet Van

A new service for Veterans is provided by AMVETS Post 2000 in Bloomington. The service will transport Veterans to and from Medical Appointments. Whether it be a check-up, physical or any medical related procedure. Any Veteran can utilize the service and does not have to be a member of a Veterans Organization. Appointments should be made between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm weekdays only. For more information or to make an appointment contact, Jim Webb 812-269-0960.

Christmas Dinner

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these educators we would not be able to do this every year.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Katylyn Mosier, Senior, Edgewood High School

PATRIOT'S PEN

1st Place – Charlie R. Monroe

Jackson Creek Middle School, 8th grade student,
Justin Garner, Teacher

2nd Place – Clara E. Tweedie

Jackson Creek Middle School, 8th grade student,
Justin Garner, Teacher

3rd Place Tie – Gwendolyn E. Roeder

Jackson Creek Middle School, 8th grade student,
Justin Garner, Teacher

3rd Place Tie – Erica L. Byrnes

Batchelor Middle School, 7th grade student, Hogan
Stanger, Teacher

PATRIOT'S PEN HONORABLE MENTION

Skyler A. Webb – Light House Christian Academy –
6th grade, Maria Thomas, Teacher

Maia Duffy-Paiement – Home School – 7th grade,
Christy Duffy-Paiement, Teacher



Rhett C. Sparks – 6th grade, Lakeview Elementary,
Michelle Oliver

We are very proud of those that participated in the Wreaths Across America program. In conjunction with American Legion Auxiliary Unit #18, Cloven Hooves Motorcycle Club, Daughters of the American Revolution - Bloomington, Air Force ROTC, and Cape Fear Blue Star Mothers of America; we were able to purchase 391 wreaths this year. Thank you to our sponsorship leaders Jenny Tracy, Sandi Taylor, and Amy Thomas for all your guidance. The ceremony at Rose Hill will be December 18th at 12 pm., hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas ❖

Dorothy White - Auxiliary President
(812) 345-9025 (Cell)

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Closed Sunday	Open 1200 - 2100 Monday	Closed Tuesday	Closed Wednesday	Closed Thursday	Open 1600 - 2200 Friday	Open 1200 - 1800 Saturday
			1	2	3	 10:00 Open 1200 - 1800
5	6	7	8	9	 Open 1600 – 2200 Commander's Drawing 2000	11
12	Open 1200 - 2100 13	14	15	16	17	18
19	Open 1200 - 2100 20	21	22	23	24	25
26	Open 1200 - 2100 27	Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800 28	29	30	 Open 1600 – 1800	 CLOSED Merry Christmas
26	Open 1200 - 2100 27	28	29	30	 Open 1600 – ???? Commander's Drawing 2000	

(* For Vet-to-Vet Held at Thursday Evenings at 1800 at VFW Post 604's back deck – Check website <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744

Honor Guard Looking for Members

The Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard is looking for new members. They not only honor Veterans who have passed on, but also provide a very valuable services to the families. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard, you can contact us at the Post or call 812-825-2710 and leave a message.

2021-2022 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Dorothy White..... President
Mike Pipher Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson..... Conductor
Julia Bastin..... Chaplin
Les Martin Guard
Toni Kristoff..... Patriotic Instructor
Sandi Taylor..... 1 Yr. Trustee
Julia Bastin..... 2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin 3 Yr. Trustee

2021-2022 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff Commander
Cathi Johnson Sr. Vice Commander
John Martin Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard Quartermaster
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer... Chaplain
Dewey "Joe" Hardin Judge Advocate
Peter Chadwick Surgeon
John Tilford..... Service Officer
Bill Evans Adjutant
Jim Edney 1 Yr. Trustee
Dale Blubaugh 2 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincher 3 Yr. Trustee

Gary Demes 1 Yr. House Committee
Barney White 2 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith 3 Yr. House Committee

We're Celebrating New Years

We will be open on New Year's Eve from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We are asking everyone to bring something to munch on. Mostly finger food / snack food. Come and help us celebrate the coming New Year. Great Company and Great Friends. With a little luck we'll all be awake to Ring In The New Year !

WOWSER — THE YEAR 2021!!

First, let's run down how the Friday Night Dinners will go this month:

The 1st Friday (December 3th) there will **NOT** be a Dinner Special however the **Post's Kitchen Nibblin's** will be available.

The 2nd Friday (December 10th) we will have our **Free Post Christmas Dinner**.

The 3rd Friday (December 17th) there will **NOT** be a Dinner Special however the **Post's Kitchen Nibblin's** will be available.

We will not have a SUNDAY opening this month.

Okay, that brings us to our Post 604 Holiday schedule — here we go! Christmas Eve (December 24th) falls on a Friday, so we will be **OPEN** from 4:00 till 6:00 pm. Christmas Day falls on Saturday (duh!) on which we will **NOT BE OPEN**.

Then we get to December 31st (Friday) New Year's Eve — **YES** we are going to be **OPEN** at 4:00 PM and close at ?????? For the last few years we have had a **Pot Luck Pitch-In** for food and members have enjoyed it, so we are doing it again — we ask that you bring your favorite dish, maybe a dessert also, the Post will have a pot of **B-B-QUE Pork** and from there we will just zip our way into 2022!! So make plans to come out and celebrate New Year's Eve with us here at Post 604!!! One more note: We will **NOT** be open on Saturday — **January 1st**— New Years Day

The Post 604 House Committee would like to wish all of our Post Members / Volunteers along with Active Military Personnel, Veterans and their families (where ever they might be this year) a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. ❖

Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
5 Nov	Gary Demes	\$366	Signed / Not Present
12 Nov	Ed Rangle	\$263	Not Signed
19 Nov	Jack Higgins	\$324	Signed / Not Present

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 8:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

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