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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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## 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

WOW! What a month we had in July!! The members chipped in and gave many hours of volunteering to make it a very successful month. We started off on the 4th with a great parade. I believe we had close to 60 people on our float. We had some rain and mist but everyone had one thing in mind - to show that the VFW will stand tall to support the United States of America. We stand together to support our Veterans to insure they are taken care of. We want to thank Macallister Heavy Equipment Rental for all they did to provide us with transportation and a place for us to decorate the float. I personally want to thank Toby Altman for making it all possible. We had a lot of decorations that were provided by Bill Figg's family after Bill passed. Thank you all very much. Our Grand Marshall was State Commander William "Buzz" Weberding and his wife Patty. We also had the VFW Middle School Teacher of the Year for the state of Indiana, David Terwilliger, riding with Buzz.

I am happy to announce that the contractors for paving our parking lot and building the stairs on our deck have been awarded. Both projects are to be done in August.

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 19th, for the commemoration of the Vietnam War. This will be held on the courthouse square at 10:30 am. VFW Post 604 will be part of this ceremony. Please come and be a part of the recognition of our Vietnam Veterans and their service to our country.

Check our Web page for pictures of the parade and to see what is going on at the Post.

P.S. People to thank for decorating the float: Barney and Dorothy White, Bill Evans, Dennis Kroy, Greg Johnson, John Tilford, Bob Lanning, Jo Vernon and her daughter-in-law, Toby Altman. Debbie Helton (Deckard), and John Martin. If I forgot anyone, I am soooooo sorry; but let's face it, I am getting old!!!!

**Commander - Joe Hardin**

## Post 604 Men's Auxiliary

We had another very busy month here at Post 604 with 5 Friday night dinners and 1 Sunday NASCAR (serving tenderloins) plus the parade and opened all day Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> (by the way hope everyone had a safe and fun holiday). Can't forget every Thursday night Texas Holdem too and it looks like August will be just as busy.

Did you know that we have veterans as members in our auxiliary and these guys served but wasn't asked to serve abroad? Other members of our auxiliary joined through their family that served (father, grandfather, etc) and this is how I got involved, to honor my dad who served in WWII.

Our Mission is to first serve (help) our veterans, 2<sup>nd</sup> family, and 3<sup>rd</sup> community. We here at Post 604 are doing our best to make sure this happens.

Still serving our Friday night dinners – second Friday of the month is our fish fry and the August NASCAR tenderloin Sunday is the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to you see at the Post.

**Tim Haney, President VFW Men's Auxiliary**



**VFW Float 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade 2016**

## VFW Auxiliary

The parade went good. Lots of people on the parade route from start to finish. The rain stayed away other than some misting. We got a bit wet but it was fun.

A special thank you to the volunteers who gave up their Saturday to build and paint the float, then came back on Monday to put it all together. They did a good job decorating also.

The food at the VFW following the parade was ready and waiting for all thanks to Leonard. You did a great job.

In August 2016, on the fourth Friday, we will be serving chicken breast, gravy, mashed potatoes and green beans. All for only \$6.50. Come out and enjoy a good meal and good fellowship. We will start serving at 6PM. Come early and stay late.

Dates to remember, so mark your calendars:

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>---BLT's

Aug 12<sup>th</sup>—Fish & Fries – All you can eat - \$7.00

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>—Meetings – Post, Men's., and Ladies Aux. -6:00PM

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Vietnam Commemoration Ceremony – Guest Speaker – Commander Joe Hardin

Aug 19<sup>th</sup>—Steak dinner and all the trimmings - \$11.00

Aug 26<sup>th</sup>-Baked Chicken Breast - \$6.50

Aug 28-NASCAR Sunday—Breaded Tenderloins (Best in Town) and all the trimmings for only \$5.00

To all that are ill our prayers are with you and to those that have lost loved ones my sincere condolences.

God bless our Veterans at home and away. Keep them safe and God Bless America.

Happy birthday to all for the month of August.

Dorothy White  
President VFW Auxiliary  
812-345-9025



\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

The post has two electric mobile chairs and wheel chairs for the handicapped for loan to any member or family of any member. Contact Cmdr Joe Hardin for details.

## Improvements are a coming!!!!!!

Keep your fingers crossed but we should be seeing our stairs for the deck and new pavement for the parking lot by the end of this month!!!!

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Dinner Special**—The **5<sup>th</sup>** of **August** will probably be hot so we are going to keep it light & cool with a **Loaded BLT** (Loaded with BACON!!) and a Salad—Desserts---for **\$6.50** Then the Men come along with their **Mens Aux. Fish Dinner** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of the month (**Aug 12th**)-all you can eat!! And would you believe just **\$7.00??** From there we go to our **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (19th)!!** 8 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11.** **NASCAR SUNDAY** on the **28th of Aug** which will be the **Michigan 400.** We will **OPEN** at **NOON**, and of course this is being brought to you by our Men's Aux and their **Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches. Five Dollars!!!** After that check out The Auxiliary article for their Friday Night Dinner on the **26<sup>th</sup>.**

## House Committee
















The 4<sup>th</sup> of July float was well guarded, front and rear.



Grand Marshall - William "Buzz" Weberding  
Indiana State Commander

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

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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>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>5</b> Serving Dinner 1800 – 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>12</b> Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>16</b>  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800 Men's Aux – 1800	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>19</b> Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	<b>26</b> Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>   Post Open at Noon	<b>29</b>  <b>HOT DOG MONDAY</b>  Open @ Noon	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

(\* 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 # 141029

Raffle License # 141031

## Information from Lori Turpin Hendricks County Veterans Service Officer

*Carl (a former manager of a retirement home involved in the Aid and Attendance scam who resigned, by the way), recently asked for assistance in helping a friend of his suffering from PTSD, low income, etc. I sent Carl some basic information. Some others did too, including Ms. Turpin. I'd like you to read the following portions of Ms. Turpin's email to Carl. She's sharper than I am on these benefits, and the information may be just what's needed for some veteran you know who is in a bad situation. Most of her comments pertain to homelessness and financial hardship.*

The first thing you need to do is get the veteran to complete the attached application for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Military Family Relief Fund. (The application packet, including all required forms, instructions, and the 'mail or fax to' address and number is available online as one long pdf file from <https://forms.in.gov> then go to "State Forms Online Catalog", then "Department of Veterans Affairs", then enter form number "equals" and "53880", then click the "Search" button.) The law changed July 1 and all wartime veterans are eligible for the fund. They can grant up to \$2500.00. That application goes straight to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. They can turn a complete application around in a few days.

I am working on getting the telephone number for the Marion County HVAF and SSVF Social Worker. SSVF can sometimes help with rent payments to help a veteran stay in their apartment.

*("HVAF" stands for Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation. This organization is described at <http://www.uwci.org/agencies/hvaf-of-indiana-inc> Their email address is [hvaf@hvaf.org](mailto:hvaf@hvaf.org) and their telephone number is 317-951-0688. From what I could find out about HVAF, their services are primarily for homeless veterans in Marion and surrounding counties but they will attempt to find housing for any homeless veteran in Indiana.*

*"SSVF" is Supportive Services for Veteran Families. Basic information is available at <http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.asp> The organization which administers SSVF for Monroe County is Volunteers of America of Indiana, Inc. based out of Evansville at 1 855 840 4862 or out of Indianapolis at 1 855 332 8387. Here's a sample Question and Answer regarding SSVF from one of their documents:*

*Question: I am homeless, what do I do?*

*Answer: SSVF doesn't offer any emergency shelter or transitional housing services. If you need an immediate place to stay, contact your local VA medical center and ask to speak to a representative of the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program. You can also visit the Emergency Room of your local VA medical center and speak to a social worker regarding your homelessness. If you have temporary housing and are seeking permanent housing, you can call the toll free SSVF line at 1-855-AWS-SSVF or 1-855-297-7783. If no one answers, please*

*leave a detailed message including your name and contact phone number and an SSVF case manager will give you a call back shortly.)*

There is also a Homeless vet coordinator at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis. That number is 317 988 1400 or 317 988 1435. They work with "near homeless vets" too. If someone is willing to bring the vet out to Danville IN, I can help him file the disability claim or file for the non service connected pension. We would need about 1 ½ hour appointment for that. There is information that I will need for either application and that needs to be brought by the veteran when he comes for an appointment. *(Ms. Turpin's offer regarding pension and compensation application assistance sounds exactly like our Monroe County Department of Veterans Affairs office procedure. Their number is 812 349 2568. Vicky St Myer does the pension and compensation applications.)*

You also need to have the veteran contact the township trustee. Several other service organization programs require that the vet first go through the township trustee to get temporary assistance.

Finally, getting him enrolled at the VA hospital ASAP is important. The easiest way is to go to the Enrollment and Eligibility Office at the Hospital on 10<sup>th</sup> street. The vet needs to take his DD 214 and proof of income. The enrollment could trigger a referral for homeless services. The vet will still need to fill out a separate application for disability or pension. Standing by ready to assist. Thanks, Lori Turpin

*I'd like to thank Ms. Turpin for writing this month's Post 604 Service Officer article!*

## John Tilford – Service Officer



**We need another post here**

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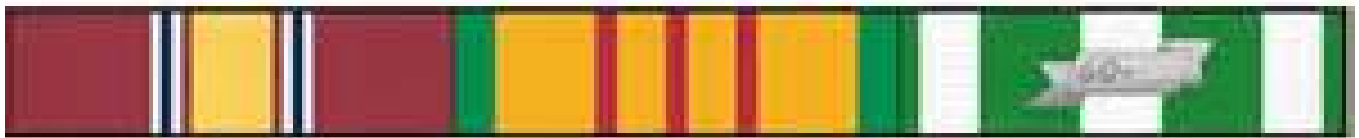
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