

# 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

Hi Everyone!

I hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving and are getting ready for a Merry Christmas. This time of year is for family and for making sure that those without are taken care of and not forgotten.

I have a couple of things to talk about this month. First I want to thank the crew that removed the walls at the end of our hallway. The following members worked hard and did a great job: Brian Knoy, Frank Ozug, Bob Lanning, Thurman Fuller and John Todd. Everyone needs to come out and see what a difference it has made.

We had a great Veterans Day. The ceremony at the Courthouse went very well and the weather was perfect. Thanks to our members who participated at the ceremony and the Ladies Auxiliary did a great job as usual providing the wreaths and helping place them. The Men's Auxiliary also placed a wreath. We opened the Post to the public after the ceremony for ham and beans, cornbread and fried potatoes. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone had good things to say about what we have accomplished at the Post. The food was excellent thanks to the following members: Brian Knoy, Frank Ozug, Steve Lang (new member), Bob Lanning and Bill Evans. I also want to thank Ladies Auxiliary President Janet Williams and Jo Vernon for all the help they gave us during the day. We had two great bartenders also: Kathy Hardin and John Todd. Thanks to Leonard Heldman and Mary Baxter and everyone else who helped clean up afterward. I don't want to forget Amy Thomas for taking pictures during the day. I also want to thank all the businesses in town for honoring our Veterans with free food and give-aways. I would like to especially thank Meineke, O'Charley's, Golden Corral, Olive Garden and Bob Evans for their support. ❖

**Commander - Joe Hardin**

## Post 604 Men's Auxiliary

The Men's Auxiliary is serving up some pre-holiday fun and everyone, including the public is invited.

We're having a Colts Game Day open house on Sunday, December 16th at Post 604. Doors will open at 10am. We'll be serving a fantastic brunch from 10a-to-2p. For the incredibly low price of \$7.50, you can help yourself to a marvelous buffet that will include an egg/sausage/cheese casserole, bacon, potatoes, cube steak with mushroom gravy...and more. You'll love it! The Colts are playing at Houston that afternoon and we'll have the game on our big screen TV's – kickoff is set for 1pm. Come out and enjoy some great food and entertainment and bring a friend or two, or three.

Speaking of friends, the best way to increase membership at Post 604 is to invite people you know to consider joining. We have plenty of room in the Men's Auxiliary for guys interested in working on behalf of our veterans. Having access to the club is a secondary benefit.

If you're wondering what gift to get for that hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list, you should consider buying them a membership in the VFW, the Men's Auxiliary or the Ladies' Auxiliary. Not only would you be making them a part of a great organization, but they will be just that many more hands and feet available to help with programs that benefit our veterans.

Some of the things we're hoping to work on this spring are some NASCAR parties at the post and a golf scramble. Our next Men's Auxiliary meeting will be Tuesday, December 18 at 6pm at Post 604. Hope to see you there. ❖

**Mike Pipher, President VFW Men's Auxiliary**

\*\*\* Come join us December 16<sup>th</sup> 1000 - 1400 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Colts Game Day Brunch \$7.<sup>50</sup> \*\*\*

## Chaplain's Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Patriots,

Two-hundred and thirty-nine years ago this month an event took place that set in motion changes that have greatly affected how we live our lives and the freedoms we enjoy. You see it was on December 16, 1773 that a band of men dressed like Indians boarded the three British merchant ships in Boston's harbor in order to dump 100,000 pounds of tea into the harbor. Their reason—to protest the British governments attempt to prop up the failing East India Company, which the colonist viewed this action as an attempt to undermine their business endeavors.

The action taken by these men strained the relationship between Britain and the colonist, in which their relationship would never recover leading to the Revolutionary War. The Revolutionary War was costly for both sides, in terms of men there was 35,000 deaths throughout the war and financially wiped out the funds of both sides. Although the cost was high the benefit has been enjoyed by countless millions who have experienced the freedom from an oppressive dictatorial government, here in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

There is also another event in history that is celebrated this month as well—it is an event that has also changed the course of history for all mankind bringing freedom and liberty to man and expressing God's love toward us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This act of God is the ultimate expression of love. God through the prophet Isaiah tells mankind about the significance of His Sons birth, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." I trust that this Christmas season you will find the Love of God shed abroad in your hearts, as you look to Jesus Christ the expression of God's Love to You! ❖

**Brian Stewart**

## Post 604 Ladies Auxiliary

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving dinner.

At our District meeting this month, District President Melba Bullock gave the Ladies Auxiliary a wonderful report for all the things we do toward helping our Veterans. With the donations from our Bingo players in November we gave \$500.00 to the renovation of the visitors unit at the Lafayette Veterans Home. Also donations were sent to the Salvation Army for Baskets, Presents, and the Mitton Tree. These are just a few of the ways our bingo players donations help us with Veterans.

We had four entries to the Patriot's Pen contest. Judging was done by our Auxiliary Officers and the winner was sent on to District for judging. As of this writing we haven't received any Voice of Democracy entries, but it is not to late yet.

District Chaplain Sharon Barger has all ready sent 45 thinking of you cards, 94 sympathy cards, 82 get well cards to District 7 members. Please let us know if there is anyone who did not receive a card.

The post still has clothes for any Veteran who would like to have them.

Come on out and play bingo with us on Thursday starting at 5:30PM or Saturday at 2:30PM - we also have food at great prices, so come and join us. Have a Very Happy Holiday. Don't forget to pay your dues before the end of December to keep your cancer insurance. Keep your prayers going out for all.

**Merry Christmas** everyone. ❖

**Janet Williams, President VFW Ladies Auxiliary**



# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  * Vet to Vet – 1900	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Bingo – 1730	<b>14</b>  1944 - Battle Of The Bulge Serving Dinner 1800 - 2100  1900 – Commander's Drawing 1900 – Brad Harris Entertains	<b>15</b>  <b>ALL DAY</b> <b>\$1.25 Beer</b>  Bingo – 1430
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(\* 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

Bingo License # 128637

Raffle License # 127960

## Veteran's Day in Pictures



## 2013 IS ON ITS WAY!!

But before it gets here we have other business to take care of. If you have not read the Men's Auxiliary news article yet, be sure you do. The **BRUNCH** they are planning is fantastic – look for their menu also in this newsletter. It's worth the money plus you get Sunday Colts Football (Colts vs. Houston Texas) thrown in also!! So check the time we open and make plans to come out and enjoy.

We still have members working on the Post and the improvements they have made have resulted in opening up the area inside the building, its something you can't miss when you visit the Post. The next project is to install can-lights in the bar area, this will help cut down on the white light glare and make it more comfy.

Okay, now onto the Holiday schedule! Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>) falls on a Monday so we will be **OPEN** from 4:00 pm till 8: pm, this helps you fill in sometime while you are anxiously awaiting Santa Claus to slide down the chimney (He still does that doesn't he???)

Yup, still do...



We will also have snack trays to munch on. Then come Christmas Day—the Post will be **CLOSED**. Then we get to the 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday) New Years Eve—well heck yes we are going to be **OPEN** at 4:00 pm and close at ?????? However, at 7PM we will start serving a Spaghetti Dinner with Garlic toast until we bring in the New Year.

You're probably thinking-Yeah, how much is the dinner going to cost-well na-na-na-na-na- **NOTHING!!!!** No reservations needed, No cost to you---so make plans to come out and celebrate New Years with us---mighty fine people!!!

The House Committee would like to wish all of our Vets and their families (wherever they might be) a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. The Post will be closed on New Year's Day. ❖

**House Committee**

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Season's Greetings from the Men & Women of VFW Post 604