

# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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September 2023

## 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

Well it's the last "Holiday" of the summer. To celebrate Labor Day we are welcoming "Rock N Rich" back to the Post. Rich will entertain us with his blend of Classic Country and Rock & Roll. We will be having a pitch in that day, so we are encouraging all of the membership to bring their favorite dish. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the kitchen for your convenience. The Post will open on Labor day at 12 noon, with Rich playing from 1 to 6 pm. Great Food, Great Friends, and Great Music make for a "Great Day".

"Hot Dog Monday" is back. As you all may have guessed Hot Dog Monday was a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic, as were many things. For some odd reason, we never revived it until now. As Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> will be our Labor Day pitch-in, we will officially kick off Hot Dog Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>. A ¼ lb. all Beef Hot Dog will be offered with Chips and all the fixings for a measly \$3. Come on in and try one.

I want to mention that we only have Friday designated as Guest Day or Open to the Public. We also designate all holidays and special occasions as a Guest Day. So any of the membership that bring a guest with them, other than designated Guest Days, must sign them in. The fine from Excise is very hefty.

As most of you are aware, we have been fighting an uphill battle to keep the dining area cool this summer. It's a battle every summer, but this one has been especially brutal. The unit that cools the dining and

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## VFW Auxiliary

With the summer winding to halt and cooler fall days approaching, things are gearing up at Post for the Auxiliary. Mark your calendars for Kids Halloween Party on October 21, 2023 and our Annual Dorothy White Kids Christmas Part on December 9, 2023 with more details to follow closer to activities dates.

It is time for the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. If you know of any teacher that might be interested in having their students participate, please have them contact Karen Cain at [Caink@comcast.net](mailto:Caink@comcast.net) for further details.

Our Secretary /Treasure has mailed annual notices to members regarding dues and available opportunities to support worthy causes. She has asked me to remind you it would be nice to have 100% membership renewal completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Also please see insert in this newsletter regarding Wreaths Across America and consider supporting this noble cause honoring our departed veterans,

Our Friday new meal for September will be Sloppy Joes with French fries, Glenda's fantastic coleslaw and dessert for only ten dollars! Since there is a fifth Friday in September, the ever popular all you can eat tacos will be available for the unbelievable price of ten dollars.

Hope you can join us for a fun filled evening at Post.

**Toni M Kristoff – Auxiliary President**  
(812) 327-8441

## 2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Toni Kristoff .....	President
Mike Pipher .....	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin.....	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain.....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson.....	Conductor
Michelle Brown .....	Patriotic Instructor
Carol Rowan Ozug .....	Guard
Sara Dobrin.....	Chaplain
Carol Rowan Ozug .....	1 Yr. Trustee
Glenda Sexton .....	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin.....	3 Yr. Trustee

## 2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff .....	Commander
Cathi Johnson .....	Sr. Vice Commander
Aaron Dobrin .....	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard .....	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick.....	Chaplain
Dewey "Joe" Hardin .....	Judge Advocate
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer...	Surgeon
John Tilford.....	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard .....	Adjutant
Jim Edney.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincher.....	2 Yr. Trustee
Dale Blubaugh .....	3 Yr. Trustee
Roy Smith.....	1 Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes .....	2 Yr. House Committee
Barney White.....	3 Yr. House Committee

# COMMANDER'S DRAWING



## Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
07/28	Bryan Elkins	\$1615 # 36	Not Signed
08/04	Donald Frye	\$1694 # 100	Not Signed
08/11	Ariel Axelrod	\$1770 # 34	Not Signed
08/18	John Todd	\$1855 # 292	Not Signed
08/25	Matt Kristoff	\$973 # 147	Signed/Not Here

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

## Commander

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bar area is maxed out for the ductwork in the building. Then to add insult to injury we have coolers behind the bar that is producing an extraordinary amount of heat, and it's a double whammy. Then you turn on the exhaust fan on in the kitchen, to cool it off and keep the smoke down and you're doomed. We are going to meet with our HVAC people to see what our options are. Fall is just around the corner and things should cool off. Hopefully we'll have a solution next year.

I want to personally thank all the volunteers that work the kitchen, tend bar, and assist in many other ways. You are a very important part of our organization. We wouldn't be here without you.

That sums it up for this month. Remember Labor Day "Pitch In" and Rock N Rich.

See you at the Post ! ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**

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## Voice of Democracy

Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 25,000 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.3 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

## Patriot's Pen

Each year, nearly 68,800 students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000!

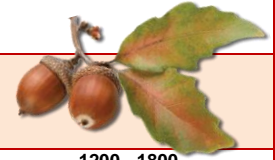
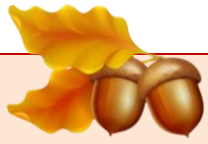
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Before submitting entries, read the rules and eligibility requirements, or contact our local VFW Post 604 representative at Caink@comcast.net. **Entries must be turned in by midnight, October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

More information and forms can be found here.

[vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships](http://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships)

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604



# SEPTEMBER

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>ALL GAVE SOME</p>  <p>SOME GAVE ALL</p>				<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DRAWING</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COMMANDER'S</p>  <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">\$10</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DRAWING</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COMMANDER'S</p>  <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">\$10</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p>Pitch-in!</p>  <p>Rock -N- Rich 1 – 6PM</p>			*Vet to Vet – 1800	<p>Serving 1800 – 2000</p> <p>Sloppy Joe's, Fries, Cole Slaw</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">\$10</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Open to the Public</p>	Open 1200 - 1800
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 <p>Hot Dog Monday Is back! \$3.00 Chips &amp; Fixin's</p> <p>1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>			*Vet to Vet – 1800	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DRAWING</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COMMANDER'S</p>  <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">\$16</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Open to the Public</p>	Open 1200 - 1800
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	 <p>Hot Dog Monday Is back! \$3.00 Chips &amp; Fixin's</p> <p>1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>Meetings</p> <p>V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800</p>		*Vet to Vet – 1800	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DRAWING</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COMMANDER'S</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">\$10</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Open to the Public</p> 	<p>happy fall y'all</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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(\*Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room A118 – Check website <http://www.vetovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

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Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



## Friday Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

**\$10.00** 1800 - 2000

## Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

**\$10.00** 1800 - 2000



**Sloppy Joes & Fries**

## Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

**\$10.00** 1800 - 2000



## Friday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

TACO NIGHT 1800 - 2000

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

**\$10.00**



## Friday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

### Steak Night

**\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00**  
10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

