

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

Well, Fall is officially here. This is my favorite time of the year. Weather isn't too hot or too cool, but mostly comfortable. The only downside to fall is that Old Man Winter is right around the corner. Burrrr, just thinking about it.

I attended the District Meeting a couple of weeks ago and they announced that the VFW Post 3321 in Washington Indiana has closed the Canteen due to lack of participation/volunteers. The post will not dissolve, but the canteen is closed.

Volunteers are so important in keeping a post open. We are in a situation close to Washington. We are down to a few volunteers who do everything, especially in the kitchen. In all honesty, if we don't get more people to assist on Fridays, I can see our Friday night meals coming to an end. Be sure and volunteer to work at our Post to keep this from happening to us.

Having said that, a Huge "Thank You" to EVERY Volunteer. You all are the backbone of our Post. Every hour you volunteer does make a difference.

We just had the bumpers replaced on the pool table. Come to find out two of them were dead. It's now in like new condition. So, for all you pool sharks, come on down and shoot a few rounds. You'll be happy you did and I'm sure you'll be able to find someone to shoot with.

Oh, don't forget the children's Halloween Party. It's open to all Post and Auxiliary members family's. Kids, grandkids, and great grand kids. There's a signup

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VFW Auxiliary

Boo!! We're putting together a terrific Halloween Party for the children and grandchildren of our VFW members. It will be downstairs here at Post 604 from 3pm to 6pm on Saturday, October 29th and will include fun and games and a costume contest. Of course, we need to decorate the post to look like Halloween, so you're invited to join us at Post 604 at 4pm on Monday, October 3rd and help us do that. Then, at 4pm on Monday, October 17th we'll gather again to do some decorating downstairs especially for the party. Decorating for both will be a fun atmosphere.

Speaking of calendars, have you contacted Jenny Tracy to sponsor a day on our online calendar? For a \$5 minimum donation, you can sponsor any day of the year. Feel free to pick more than one date. All of the funds raised will support Indiana veterans and their families. Raising money for HVAF is the goal of Indiana Auxiliary Department President Harriet Figg who is from right here in Monroe County. Contact Jenny at (812) 320-3871 and hop aboard our calendar.

Here's another Auxiliary program that benefits school children. Patriot's Pen is an essay contest open to any students in grades 6 thru 8. To enter, a student must write a 300-400-word essay on the topic, "**My pledge to our veterans.**" Students in grades 9 thru 12 are invited to participate in the Voice of Democracy contest where they write and record (in their own voice) a three to five-minute essay on the topic "**Why is the veteran important?**" These oral essays must be

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2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Mike Pipher	President (Acting)
Toni Kristoff	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson	Conductor
Julia Bastin	Chaplain
Les Martin	Guard
Sara Dobrin	Patriotic Instructor
Sandi Taylor	1 Yr. Trustee
Toni Kristoff	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin	3 Yr. Trustee

2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Officers

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

We're Back on Schedule!!!!!!

1st Friday of the Month (7th) Fried Chicken Night. Dark or White Chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable for **only \$10, yep plus desert !** Cooked by our Famous Chef Barney and assisted by your Friendly Commander!

And then we have our **Auxiliary Fish Dinner** on the **2nd Friday of the Month (14th)**. A more than generous serving of fish... And would you believe just **\$10.00??**

From there we go to our **3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (21st)!! USDA Choice 10 oz. New York Strip** with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$16**.

Now to the **4th FRIDAY of the Month (28th) Dinner. The Auxiliary and their Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches.** There are always Desserts and extras with these meals. Only **\$10.00!!!!!!**

Come down and see us on Friday nights, serving from 6 to 8 pm. We'd love to serve you.

House Committee

Columbarium Niches Available to All Members

We still have Niches available to all Post member free of charge. The Columbarium is located at the Veterans Memorial in Valhalla. The only charge is for the opening and closing of the niche and for the plaque for the spouse, if applicable. It is at a greatly reduced price until December 31st. This is a great savings to all veterans. As we know the price of burials and cremations is pretty substantial. Anyone interested, please contact Commander Kristoff or call the Post and leave a message. We will provide you with all the details.



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
08/26	Karen Ann Barrett	\$562	Not Signed
09/02	Wilma Beyers	\$617	Not Signed
09/09	Marsha May	\$334	Signed/Not Present
09/16	Mathew Tracy	\$399	Not Signed

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

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

OCTOBER 2022

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1600 –Volunteers decorate Post-604 for Halloween</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>COMMANDER'S DRAWING 2000</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fish Fry 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>COMMANDER'S DRAWING 2000</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1600 –Volunteers decorate post for Children's Halloween Party</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>V.F.W. – 1800</p> <p>V.F.W. Aux. – 1800</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1800-2000 - Steak Dinner</p>  <p>COMMANDER'S DRAWING 2000</p> <p>\$16</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Serving 1800 – 2000</p> <p>! Tenderloins !</p>  <p>COMMANDER'S DRAWING 2000</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>3PM Children's Halloween Party</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>  <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>		<p>ALL GAVE SOME</p>  <p>SOME GAVE ALL</p>			

(*Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room A118 – Check website <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

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sheet in the Canteen.

Well, that's it for now. Everyone take care and See You at the Post ! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff
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georgek@bluemarble.net

Honor Guard Looking for Members

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

Hoosier Bar & Grill Veterans Discount

Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville is offering a 20% off discount to all Veterans.

This is for food only. It's called the "Hero's Discount" and you have to ask for it.

It's a great place with good food, service, and friendly staff. They have a family side also. Check it out !

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest



Patriot's Pen is an essay contest open to students in grades 6 thru 8 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program. To enter, a student must write an essay on the topic,

"My pledge to our veterans." Essays must be written in English, typed, and should contain 300 to 400 words. **Deadline for entries is October 31st** - Essays need to be submitted to Karen Cain, along with the completed Patriot's Pen entry form no later than the deadline.

The national top prize of \$5,000 is be awarded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary to the 1st place winner, with other lesser awards throughout the contest.

submitted on a medium such as a CD or a thumb drive along with the written version. The submission deadline for both contests is October 31st. Entries need to be given to Karen Cain who can be contacted at (812) 327-1944.

We continue to support Wreaths Across America program. Rose Hill Cemetery still needs donors to reach its goal of 1,110 wreaths. If you, your business, or your friends would like to contribute, please contact Jenny Tracy. It's a beautiful site to see our veterans' graves honored with a wreath during the Christmas season.

Post 604 Auxiliary membership currently stands at 154 which is 82% of our goal for the year. Dues for 2023 are due by December 31st. Would love to see you at our next monthly meeting, 6pm on Tuesday, October 18th.

For God and Country ❖

Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President (Acting)

Voice of Democracy (VOD) Essay Contest



Voice of Democracy (VOD) is an annual nationwide scholarship program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). It is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9 thru 12. Program annually provides more than \$2.3 million in scholarships. The national

first-place winner, who competes with all the first-place VFW Department (state) winners, receives a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational / technical school.

To participate in the Voice of Democracy contest student shall write and record (in their own voice) a three to five-minute essay on the topic **"Why is the veteran important?"**

Deadline for entries is October 31st - need to be submitted to Karen Cain who can be contacted at (812) 327-1944 for applications, information, and other arrangements.

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Friday Oct 7th

\$10.00

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday Oct 14th

\$10.00

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



Friday Oct 28th

\$10.00

1800 - 2000



Friday Oct 21st - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

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

