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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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October 2012

## 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! The Post is in the process of making a decision on adding a deck to the back of the Post. Some of us feel that it would improve what we have to offer our members. Not only would it improve our floor space but it would offer a place for smokers to assemble and not break any laws that keep us a smoke free Post. Our plans are to have a roof on it to provide a dry environment for them to smoke. It would also provide a dry place for smokers in the basement area. If you are interested in being part of the discussion about this project, please attend our monthly meetings.

Don't forget that Veterans Day is coming up soon. Our 7th District meeting is on the 7th of October. The meeting will start at 10:30am. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

The Post is getting better each month. Our House Committee is always looking for things and ways to make your visit fun and entertaining. Come on out and see what we have to offer.

**Commander - Joe Hardin**

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## *Renewing Membership*

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Your continued membership is important to us. If you know of someone desiring to join our ranks please do not hesitate to contact one of our officers.

Annual membership renewal forms are mailed to each V.F.W. and Auxiliary member. If you do not receive a renewal notice, please contact the Post 604 Quartermaster or one of your club officers for assistance. ❖

## Post 604 Ladies Auxiliary

The Department of Ladies Auxiliary Program for POW-MIA Recognition will be held on Saturday October 6, 2012 at 7:00pm at Camp Atterbury. The Missing Man Table Ceremony will be done by this year by the Rolling Thunder Chapter out of Evansville, IN. If you have not seen them, they are an excellent group to watch do this.

As members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, we took a membership oath to educate the people of our land in patriotism. Our future depends on each of us speaking out to make patriotism visible and valuable to all Americans. It is our great privilege to take Patriotism to the classroom to create "PATRIOTS OF TOMORROW".

This year the Patriot's Pen theme is "What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers". The Essay entry forms are out. If you need a form you can get it off your computer at <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen/>. We also have the "Voice Of Democracy" competition Information at <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>. There will also be copies out at the Post, you can also contact us at [main@VFW-604.net](mailto:main@VFW-604.net) or by phone at 812-339-2375.

Ladies on October 7th the 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting is being held at our post, we could use some help with the food and cleaning up. Please bring a desert or a dish with something in it. Thanks!

Donation's this month: from our Bingo payers \$300.00 went to the Boys & Girls club; \$730.00 sent to the Veterans Homeless shelter (also clothes); Magazine's donated (AARP-2 at \$9.00), (Reminisce - 6 at \$23.95) and (Red Book - 3 at \$13.50) thanks Julie! Hospital and Nursing Home visits were 724 hours, two members gave blood, and 27 pounds of can tabs were collected.

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## Trustee's

VFW Manual of Procedure Section 218. a. (11) Trustees. Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall:

- a. At least monthly, review the Monthly Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Quartermaster.
- b. Not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, at the direction of the Post Commander, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant, and any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of the Post and submit a Post Trustee's Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.
- c. ... The audit shall be signed by the Post Commander and Trustees, who shall, by their signatures, certify to the accuracy of the information contained therein.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be incident to the office or may from time to time be required by the laws and usages of the organization or lawful orders from proper authority.

In addition to these critical duties, the Trustees are charged with the maintenance of the post facility, including construction, repair, and grounds keeping.

The Trustees are currently working on estimates and developing plans to construct a 20 ft by 40 ft deck that will extend from the main floor off the rear of the building. VFW members, please attend our meeting on October 16th if you are interested in assisting in planning or construction (when approved).

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## Post 604 Hosting 7th District Meeting

Reminder, 7th District Meeting at Bloomington VFW Post on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 10:30 am. The Post is also going to have a DJ playing 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's music on Saturday October 6th and will have full kitchen open for great food. Open to 7th District members, come for fun. Music begins between 6:30-7:00pm and play until?

The Commander has called around and found some hotel accommodations if you are interested. A Summers House Inn located at 4501 East Third Street, Bloomington, IN (812) 332-2141 currently has 5 rooms available for October 6th. If reserved individually the cost would be \$109/night but if all 5 reserved cost would be \$98/night. This is also homecoming weekend at Indiana University and most hotels are requiring a higher rate and a two night minimum but A Summers House Inn is not.

## Ladies

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Pledge of Allegiance and Etiquette of Stars & Stripes presentations were given to the 6th grade at Ellettsville School.

### Let's get out and Vote!!!

Ladies check your membership cards and please pay your dues.

We are still having (BINGO) on Thursday's and Saturdays - come on out and have fun with us. Don't forget what day is coming up this month, do not forget to wear your mask that day!!!

Keep our prayers going out. ❖

**Janet Williams, President VFW Ladies Auxiliary**

## TURNING TO FALL!

Yep, the cooler weather is on its way which is a good thing because wowser, the summer was rather toasty. But even with the cooler weather, we can still keep you warm right here at Post 604 with our Friday Night Dinner and our Saturday Taco Salad. Plus, we have come up with something for every day of the week—**PIZZA!** You can get an individual 7" or try the 12" with your choice of toppings being – **SUPREME OR PEPPERONI & SAUSAGE.** Now these pizzas are not mass produced or store bought, a lady puts them together by hand with a generous amount of toppings and cheese. We have sold some already and seriously they are good!!!! She also makes Stromboli which we are looking at getting in also. So when you have that hunger for a **GOOD PIZZA**, try ours at the Post—you won't be disappointed.

This month's NASCAR Sunday will be October 21<sup>st</sup>, Kansas—Hollywood Casino 400. Post will open at Noon, race starts around 1:00 pm. Food will naturally be Taco Salad or Pizza and the Post will close around 6:00 pm. This only leaves us with one more NASCAR Sunday in November and then we will look into some FOOTBALL Sundays. So come on out—try the food because you really won't know how good it is until you have tasted it for yourself—then you will know for sure. We already know for sure that its good!!!! ❖

**House Committee**

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

October 2012

Closed Sunday	Open 1600 - 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>  * Vet to Vet – 1900	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  1957 –Sputnik launched  Bingo – 1730	<b>5</b>  Serving Dinner 1800 - 2100    Commander's Drawing 1900 Brad Harris Entertains 1900	<b>6</b>  1981 - Anwar Sadat Assassinated Serving Taco Salads 1800 - 2100  <b>ALL DAY</b> <b>\$1.25 Beer</b>  Bingo – 1430
<b>7</b>  10:30 - Indiana VFW 7th District Meeting at VFW Post 604	<b>8</b>  Columbus Day - Holiday  * Vet to Vet – 1900	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Bingo – 1730	<b>12</b>  1775 U.S. Navy Established Serving Dinner 1800 - 2100    Commander's Drawing 1900 Brad Harris Entertains 1900	<b>13</b>  Serving Taco Salads 1800 - 2100  <b>ALL DAY</b> <b>\$1.25 Beer</b>  Bingo – 1430
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  * Vet to Vet – 1900	<b>16</b>  Meetings  V.F.W. – 1800 Men's Aux – 1800 Ladies Aux – 1800	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Bingo – 1730	<b>19</b>  Serving Dinner 1800 - 2100    Commander's Drawing 1900 Brad Harris Entertains 1900	<b>20</b>  1879 – Electric Light Invented Serving Taco Salads 1800 - 2100  <b>ALL DAY</b> <b>\$1.25 Beer</b>  Bingo – 1430
<b>21</b>  1962 – Cuban Naval Blockade NASCAR Sunday Open Noon - 6:00PM  	<b>22</b>  * Vet to Vet – 1900	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Bingo - 1730	<b>26</b>  Serving Dinner 1800 - 2100    Commander's Drawing 1900 Brad Harris Entertains 1900	<b>27</b>  1886 – Statue of Liberty Dedicated Serving Taco Salads 1800 - 2100  <b>ALL DAY</b> <b>\$1.25 Beer</b>  Bingo – 1430
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  * Vet to Vet – 1900	<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

Bingo License # 128637

Raffle License # 127960

## Greetings Fellow Patriots,

Sixty-eight years ago, this month, a man wades ashore the beach on Leyte Island and delivers his prepared speech, in which he says:

*"People of the Philippines: I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God our forces stand again on Philippine soil — soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come dedicated and committed to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your daily lives, and of restoring upon a foundation of indestructible strength, the liberties of your people."*

This action was General Douglas MacArthur's fulfillment of a promise he made more than two years before, when he had promised the people of the Philippines that he would return. His departure was due to the invasion of the Philippines by the Japanese forces. In addition to his return not even eleven months later he would officially accept the Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945, and subsequently oversee the occupation of Japan from 1945-1951.

General MacArthur is not the only significant man in history to make a promise to return. Perhaps you're thinking of Arnold Schwarzenegger when he said "I'll be back". Actually, I am thinking of Jesus Christ, when He was speaking to His followers and informed them of His coming departure by saying:

***"I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."***

What a reassuring promise the disciples received from Jesus who was so dear to them. One of them was a bit unsure as to what Jesus meant and asked Him, "we don't know where you are going and how do we know the way?" Jesus answered him very clearly explaining that the way to heaven is through Him. He said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* According to Jesus the only way to heaven is to trust in Christ and look for Him to fulfill His promises, then we can experience the victory over death, hell and the grave; because He did, then we can truly be free!

Victory is bought by sacrifice and blood! This applies to the victories that nations win and also to the victories that are won in our own personal lives as well. Note the question that is asked and answered by the hymn writer:

**"What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."**

May God continue to Bless you and May God continue to Bless America!

**Brian Stewart - Chaplain**



## Electronic Newsletter Delivery

If you would rather receive the VFW Post 604 Newsletter in email verses a paper copy, please send an email to [main@VFW-604.net](mailto:main@VFW-604.net) with your name, email address, and a short message as to what the email is for. We will add you to the emailing list and send you this newsletter as your first emailing to confirm your request.

Aside from saving a tree and reducing production costs to the Post, you will likely receive it days earlier as it will be emailed to you when it is sent to the printers.

Mark Dammer - Quartermaster

**Open NOON - 6:00 PM**



**Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>**





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## 604 Canteen – Friday Dinner Menu

Serving Fridays 1800 - 2100

### Appetizers & Sides

Battered Onion Rings .....	\$2.00
Chicken Strips/Fries .....	\$4.50
Cole Slaw .....	\$1.75
Cottage Cheese .....	\$1.50
French Fries .....	\$1.75
Potato Salad .....	\$1.75
Seasoned Waffle Fries.....	\$2.00

### Sandwiches

Breaded Chicken Sandwich .....	\$4.25
Breaded Pork Tenderloin .....	\$4.75
Cheeseburger .....	\$3.50
Chili Dog .....	\$2.50
Double Cheeseburger .....	\$4.75
Fish Sandwich .....	\$5.25
Grilled Cheese .....	\$2.75
Grilled Pork Tenderloin .....	\$4.25
Hamburger .....	\$3.25
Patty Melt.....	\$4.00
Philly Cheese Steak .....	\$5.00
Steak Sandwich .....	\$4.50

All Sandwiches served with Pickle and Chips  
 Add Cheese/Deluxe for \$.25 each

## Please Support



### Conducted by V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary

Thursday – Sales open 5:30PM – Play starts 6:30PM

Saturday – Sales open 2:30PM – Play starts 3:30PM

**Bingo License # 128637**