



VFW Post 604 News



May 2026

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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

Welcome to May, and there are plenty of things going on this month. Not just mowing the ever-growing grass and weeds . We have quite a few projects lined up to complete at your VFW Post 604.

Please note that we're suspending Steak Night and Aarons Fish Fry, and the kitchen will not be open or food available on Friday May 15th. Although we have great numbers in membership, the post side of the house is very short on volunteers to assist with meal prep, serving, and clean-up. This will remain in place until we can get enough volunteers to assist, we cannot keep going in this direction and abuse the same people all the time. Saying that, I want to sincerely thank the Post Auxiliary for stepping up to assist when it was very needed. Post and Auxiliary are two entities, but one team. Maybe in the future we can continue our meal service, but unfortunately without the personnel we are done at this time.



The daily specials will remain in place for lunch with the ever-tasty Smoked Pork Chop sandwich, and the Quarter pound Hotdog and fixings both for \$3.

Mother's Day is Sunday May 10th, the post will be open that day, but as Kenya won't be available to cook that day, only the bar menu will be available. Thank you for understanding.

It's that time of year for our yearly installation of our officers, we will finalize our installation at our next post meeting, we have a position of Jr Vice open, for anyone interested in being involved with our decision process. Thank you for everyone that has continued to support our post in these important positions.

Commander Out... ❖

Commander – Dale Blubaugh

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VFW Auxiliary

Welcome to the month of May. It's a busy month. The weather should be beautiful, and a lot of the flowers are in bloom. We just had our elections and no surprise really. All posts are filled with the same folks except our treasurer to be, starting July 1, will be Chelle Brown. Thank you so much for taking this on, Chelle. Karen will still be involved until Chelle's completely comfortable. I'm honored to do this another year- but really am looking for some more volunteers to help in small ways. We have committee chairman positions to fill - the list with descriptions is posted on the bulletin board. There's other ways to help as well. One idea I have is donating patriotic books to local school libraries. You can choose them yourselves or donate money to the Auxiliary and we'll pool it together and take care of the purchasing and donating.

The biggest thing we're struggling with is help in the kitchen. If you find it in your heart to volunteer one Friday night every month or so - or even just once, that would be a tremendous help. The duties would be delivering orders, bussing tables and dishes mostly. And yes, we have an amazing commercial dishwasher that takes only a minute to run- it's so easy. No scrubbing over a sink. Our ROTC kids have donated 45 hours in the kitchen this school year but of course they're gone now 'til September. I would like to take a moment to thank Amy Thomas for all her help in the kitchen and with her prep work. And Kenya, Toby, and Jennifer as well. If I've missed a name, I'm sorry. We are so appreciative of all our volunteers.

We'd like to send get-well and sympathy cards for our members and/or families. If you know of someone who needs or would appreciate this, please let me know.

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Quartermaster (Finance Officer)

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Post members and guests for your continued support of the VFW. As a reminder, ours is a 100% volunteer Post — no one receives compensation for their service here. That alone speaks volumes about the dedication of our membership.

Our membership numbers remain strong, with the Post currently operating above 104%. I'd like to leave you with a thought worth remembering: "It's not the price you pay to become a member — it's the price you paid to become eligible."

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, we continue to give back to our local community through donations and outreach. It truly takes every one of us to keep this mission moving forward.

On the facilities front, we have several important projects planned for this year, including roof replacement, sealing parking lot, signage updates, and deck maintenance and repairs. These investments will help ensure our Post remains a place we can all be proud of.

Thank you for keeping us going. — *Scott Tincher*

The Bar Manager says:

Upcoming events for May are bingo on Friday, May 22nd and Friday, May 29th.

We have live music returning again, also on Friday, May 22nd. We'll have a full band playing in the back parking lot. The back lot will be off limits to parking but parking is available at the adjacent businesses. Tell your friends and let's get a good crowd in.

On to some less exciting news. Our distributors have raised their prices several times over the last few years, but we've kept our prices stable. Unfortunately, the time has come when we must raise some prices also. Don't panic, it's not outrageous, but if you notice the price of your favorite beer or spirit has increased slightly, I don't want you to be caught unaware. We'll also have some changes to our beers on tap to get some rotating variety in.

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Auxiliary meals this month are lasagna with garlic bread and salad bar on May 8th, grilled or breaded pork tenderloins with fixings on May 22nd, and all you can eat tacos May 29th. Still just \$10 including dessert.

We've been fortunate to have several new members! We welcome and thank each one of you for joining! We are at 104.3% in membership over last year. That's WONDERFUL!!

Memorial Day will be here before you know it! As always, we will be placing flags on veterans' graves. On Thursday May 21st, we'll need people to help place flags on some of the smaller cemeteries in Ellettsville and other communities to the west. Cathi and Greg Johnson can give you more information. On Saturday May 23rd we'll be placing flags at Clear Creek Cemetery starting at 9am. Never done it before? It's easy and there are people there to help. No need to notify me - just show up! It usually takes a couple of hours but we're happy for whatever time you can give. It's an excellent family activity to help teach younger kids to respect and honor our veterans. My 11yr old grandson has been doing this almost since he could walk.

On May 25th at 10am, we have our big Memorial Day program at Valhalla Cemetery at the Veterans' Memorial. If you've never been, this is a good year to start. It's family oriented with band music, patriotic songs, speakers and donuts and coffee (and water) - and so much more. Our honored guest will be a local female veteran who is an active member of our community. Just bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on the grass. And as always, thank you to Valhalla for helping us host this. Then after the program, please come to the Post for a free meal of Frank's ham and beans, hot dog, and burgers - open to the public. The Post has fun things to do like billiards, darts, bag toss and euchre.

Drawing this month was Sarah Fuller for \$90. NS/NP

Thank you for reading all this! If you or a loved one is ill or in pain, I wish you health and comfort. If you've experienced a loss, I wish you peace. ❖

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President
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Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

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1200 - 1800 Sunday	1200 - 2100 Monday	1200 - 2100 Tuesday	CLOSED Wednesday	CLOSED Thursday	1600 - 2200 Friday	1200 - 1800 Saturday
					Serving 1730 - 1930 1 PULLED PORK Pasta Salad & Chips \$10 SILVER STAR BANNER DAY Open to the Public	2 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
3 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 - 1600	4  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's Open to the Public 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	5 ELECTION DAY 	6	7 *Vet to Vet - 1800	8 Serving 1730 - 1930 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, & Salad \$10 MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY Open to the Public	9 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
10 Mother's Day 	11  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	12	13	14 *Vet to Vet - 1800	15 KITCHEN CLOSED Open to the Public	16 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730 ARMED FORCES DAY
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(*Vet-to-Vet at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room B123 - Check <http://www.vetvetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

Gaming License # 002744

2025-2026 VFW Post 604 Officers

Dale Blubaugh.....	Commander
Aaron Dobrin	Sr. Vice Commander
→Vacant←	Jr. Vice Commander
Scott Tincher.....	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick.....	Chaplain
Ken Sexton	Judge Advocate
Richard “Moe” Moldenhauer	Surgeon
→Vacant←	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard	Adjutant
Debbie Deckard	1 Yr. Trustee
Jason Endris	2 Yr. Trustee
Bradley Mobley	3 Yr. Trustee
Gary Demes	1 Yr. House Committee
Barney White.....	2 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith.....	3 Yr. House Committee

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Carol Rowan-Ozug.....	President
Mike Pipher	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson	Conductor
Chelle Brown	Patriotic Instructor
Chelle Brown	Guard
Sara Dobrin	Chaplain
Chelle Brown.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin	2 Yr. Trustee
Kenya Blubaugh	3 Yr. Trustee

Abigail Smith

With encouragement from her parents and support from our Auxiliary, last fall Abigail and many other students submitted their entries into the VFW’s Voice of Democracy contest at our post. At Post 604 her entry placed 1st, in Indiana District 7 she also placed 1st over 17 other posts in District 7. Next, came Department of Indiana, where she placed 1st over 10 other districts.

Then off to National where she placed 3rd earning a \$15,000 scholarship. When you consider tens of thousands of entries from high school students across our nation – this is EXCEPTIONAL. Congratulations Abigail.



Pictured here are Abigail Smith, Post 604’s Auxiliary President Carol Rowan-Ozug, and Auxiliary Secretary / Treasurer Karen Cain in January where she was presented her Post 604 award.

Clear Creek Cemetery

Volunteers Needed

To help place flags on Veterans graves
for Memorial Day

Saturday - May 23, 2026

Meet 9 AM at Church Road Cemetery
Entrance



VFW Post 604 & Valhalla Memory Gardens hosting a Memorial Day Service
May 25th with formal services starting at 10:00 am
Valhalla Cemetery 310 N. Johnson Ave BltM.

Bring Lawn Chairs for Service

Canteen News

Post hours of operation are:

- Sunday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday..... 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday..... 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Friday 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday..... 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Happy Hours are:

- 5:00 - 7:00 PM Monday & Tuesday
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Friday
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday

With respect to Bingo - Please give us some grace as we venture into this new territory.

May 22nd – Mark Your Calendar

May 29th – Mark Your Calendar

7:00 PM



COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
04/03	Carol Rowan-Ozug	\$814	WINNER
04/10	William Browning	\$265	Not Signed
04/17	Thurman Fuller	\$475	WINNER
04/24	Jason Endris	\$225	WINNER

\$5 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows?
 Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!