# 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**

November is here and we know what happens, gateway to the white stuff. Our resident snowbirds hopefully have a place to land in Florida after experiencing two deadly hurricanes in a row, however we will be here for those who don't fly south, so come visit your VFW Post 604.

I want to welcome Jason Endris to the VFW Trustees and thank you for stepping up to the task which is in fact very important to our purpose of serving our Brothers and Sisters.

Our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been ordered and will be on site very soon, if anyone would be interested in classes on usage of this device, I will be sure to facilitate the need.

Great News Alert!!!!! The Valhalla Columbarium is now 100 percent free for any Veteran, thanks to new management at Valhalla, they have seen that Ms. Maralynn Shabarami's (our benefactor) vision was that any vet honorably discharged is welcome to a niche in the Columbarium at "NO COST TO THE VETERAN". Spouse is still \$599 for open and closing of the niche, see Trustee Brad Mobley or myself if you would like to pick a spot for eternity.

As far as the menu for Commander's Dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, we will have Smoked Pork Chop w/ Mashed Potatoes and a Salad bar for \$10, come by and taste one of these chops....! There are menu changes happening very soon as well, just updating some things, so stay tuned. Hot Dog Mondays are still a go and of course, don't forget about Taco Tuesdays (Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>).

Frank and Carol Ozug are providing chicken and noodles and \$1.50 Draft beers for Veterans Day chow, thank you for the kind and generous gift to the Veterans and Members of Post 604.

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VFW Auxiliary

As I write, President Carol and Frank are enjoying their trip to Ireland, and I wish I was with them. It must be an awesome trip.

Welcome to fall, October is getting close to the end and so are our long days. The kids Halloween party on the 26<sup>th</sup> was a success and everyone had a good time. Chairman Sara always does an awesome job with the decorations, games, prizes, and of course treats.

President Carol and Michelle Brown were able to make the trip to the Veteran's National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan Sept 21-22 where they toured the Arizona Home. It was an awesome trip and, if you would like to hear more, Carol will be more than glad to talk to you and show pictures. She was really impressed.

District Hospital Chairman, Linda Wall, will be taking up a collection for the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, they are asking for gift cards from Walmart, Meijer, Hot Box, if you can donate, we will need them by November 15<sup>th</sup> to take to the District Meeting that next weekend.

Since December is such a busy month for everyone, and our crew needs a break, there will be NO Friday night meals in December for the Auxiliary, including no Bar Menu. BUT keep an eye on Commander Dale's article, he has other ideas, we think.

Wreaths Across America donations are due to Jenny, Karen or Harriet November 7<sup>th</sup>. We are down about \$800 as of this writing, if you can help honor our Veterans by buying a wreath to place on their graves, please contact one of us, remember for each two we buy at \$17 each, we get a 3<sup>rd</sup> one free.

The next couple months we will be holding a raffle for the purchase an AED for the Post. These are quilts made by

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# 2024-2025 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

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

#### 2024-2025 VFW Post 604 Officers

Dale Blubaugh	Commander
Aaron Dobrin	Sr. Vice Commander
Cathi Johnson	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick	Chaplain
Ken Sexton	Judge Advocate
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→Vacant←	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard	Adjutant
Bradley Mobley	1 Yr. Trustee
John Drier	2 Yr. Trustee
Jason Endris	3 Yr. Trustee
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Gary Demes	1 Yr. House Committee
Barney White	2 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith	3 Yr. House Committee



# **Commander's Drawing Results**

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
09/27	Brittney Constabile	\$1,203	Not Signed
10/04	William Sills II	\$1,241	Not Signed
10/11	Joseph Hardin	\$1,293	Not Signed
10/18	Kathy Hardin	\$1,362	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

#### **Commander**

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Souper Sunday has been a great success and will continue thru November, however Kenya wants to see what kind of chili recipes you all have out there, so Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a chili cookoff, bring your home-made chili for judging and prizes of some sort, mostly pride if you win. Let the contest begin....! �

#### Commander – Dale Blubaugh (812) 606 8230 Dale.blubaugh@gmail.com

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Kathy Stout, they are varied colors and are nicely stitched. We hope everyone will help us in this effort, ultimately, it could be for your benefit. Tickets will be \$1 each or six for \$5. Thank you in advance.

We want to also thank President Carol for preparing the October reports for District and Department. It's quite an undertaking for her first year. We also need to thank Glenda Sexton for accepting the Assistant Secretary office.

The Auxiliary will be putting up an empty Christmas tree for donations of hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs or any cold weather items needed for recess for the elementary age children at Highland Park. Your handmade or purchased items would be greatly appreciated.

The Children's Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 a.m. As always, snacks will be available, games and maybe a surprise or two. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Auxiliary Bulletin Board in the Canteen or if you can't make it in, please call Sara Dobrin at 765-491-2477 or email joyofdancesara@gmail.com. ❖

Sincerely, Karen Cain for

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President (812)325-3377 crowanozug@gmail.com



Commander Dale with John and Candee Drier during October 18<sup>th</sup> Octoberfest

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Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604						
1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Serving 1730 – 1930 1 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad	Smoked Porkchop Sandwi \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
3 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600	4 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL	VOTE	6	<b>7</b> *Vet to Vet – 1800	Serving 1730 – 1930 Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes Open to the Public	Smoked Porkchop Sandwig \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
10 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600 Veteran's Day – Chili Cook-off	\$ NO CHARGE 11 SERVING NOON- 2000 Chicken & Noodles	12 Open 4:00 - 9:00 PM	13	14 *Vet to Vet – 1800	Serving 15 1730 – 1930 Smoked Porkchop & Mashed Potetoes Open to the Public	Smoked Porkchop Sandwi \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
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24 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600	25 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL	26 Open 4:00 - 9:00 PM	27	28 Give Thanks	Serving 1730 – 1930 29 Enchaladas & Rice Casserole	Smoked Porkchop Sandwi \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730

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