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

Welcome to a brand New Year again....! December was an awesome month of different activities for both the adults as well as the VFW family of children. (Children's Christmas Party, Adults Friday Christmas pitch in dinner, and of course the party for the volunteers) It has been a blast hanging out with all of you this time of year.

We will continue with our Souper Sundays thru January, as the month of January is kind of a cold bleak month. Come out and have some warm soup and a laugh or two. Our normal menu will continue to change from time to time, however, Hot Dog Mondays will remain in place and don't forget those Tasty Saturday Smoked Pork Chop Sandwiches....!

As a reminder, we will have our annual VFW Birthday Celebration on 11 January at 1800, it will be a catered event so bring your appetite. We will also be giving some awards to our Post 604 Teacher of the Year, Patriots Pen, and Voice of Democracy recipients.

Again, welcome to 2025, a brand-new year, let's all make the best of it and hold on to each other as we are all in this together. Thank you to everyone that volunteers to keep this awesome place active.

See you at the Post! ❖

Commander – Dale Blubaugh

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VFW Auxiliary

Happy New Year to all! I hope your new year brings peace, joy and good health.

We had a great kids' Christmas party, and it sounds like everyone had a good time and enjoyed their gifts. I was unable to attend due to family obligations and was so sorry to have missed it. Thank you, Sara, for doing such a great job and thanks to all the elves and Santa!

Our Little Blue House donation box for the VFW National Home had to be emptied again as it was too full!! Thank you everyone for your very generous donations. Our Hospital Committee donation box for homeless female veterans is filling up! Thank you to all who have donated. That will be taken to our next district meeting January 19th so there's still time if you wish to donate.

Our gloves, hats, and scarves Christmas tree in the hallway is loaded down with both handmade and store-bought items and is set to be delivered to Highland Park Elementary school as I write this. I am so deeply moved by the generosity of our VFW Post 604. Many thanks to all of you. Our Auxiliary also donated books on patriotism to Fairview Elementary to get the youth started on a path of understanding why we have the greatest nation in the world.

The Post's 103rd birthday party is set for Saturday January 11, 2025, at 6pm. It's a catered meal by Barb Ooley and is always spectacular. This is the night that the awards are given to the students for the Voice of

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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	Sr. Vice CommanderJr. Vice CommanderQuartermasterChaplainJudge AdvocateSurgeonService OfficerAdjutant1 Yr. Trustee
John Drier	
Jason Endris	3 Yr. Trustee
Gary Demes Barney White	



Roy Smith......3 Yr. House Committee

Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
11/22	Kenneth Austin	\$1,676	Not Signed
11/29	Katina Lynn Long	\$1,733	Not Signed
12/06	Ryan Rowley	\$1,793	Not Signed
12/13	Mark Wiedenmayer\$1,857		Not Signed
12/20	Ronald E Patton	\$1,916	Not Signed

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





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Democracy and Patriot Pen competitions, and also the Teacher of the Year Award. Karen Cain has worked so hard on this event for many years and it is truly an honor to hear their essays and give them the awards they so deserve. Their parents and teachers also come to help them celebrate.

Any Auxiliary member is welcome to attend the bimonthly district meetings! They're a fun way to understand the workings of our Auxiliary and have great suggestions on ways to help our veterans and their families.

Our auxiliary meals in January will be Kenya's lasagna on 1/3, pulled pork sandwiches on 1/10, breaded or grilled tenderloin sandwiches on 1/24 and enchiladas on 1/31.

Our monthly meetings continue to be the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the lower level of the Post. Please join us to learn what our Auxiliary is all about!

We are almost to our membership goal - just a few short! Please submit your dues ASAP. Thanks.

If you or a loved one is sick or in the hospital, we wish you good health. If you've had a death in your family, we wish you peace.

Happy New Year!❖

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President (812)325-3377

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Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

January 2025

1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
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Telephone (812) 339-2 375

(*Vet-to-Vet at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room B123 - Check http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/ to confirm location)

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Friday January 3rd

\$10.00 1730 – 1930

Kenya's Lasagna

Friday January 10th

\$10.00 1730 - 1930

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Friday January 24th

\$10.00 1730 - 1930



Friday January 31st

ENCHILADA NIGHT 1730 - 1930

\$10.00



Hot Dog Monday - Every Monday Smoked Porkchop Sandwich – Every Saturday Souper Sunday - Every Sunday



Saturday January 11th - 1800

Post 604 Awards & 103rd Anniversary Dinner

Friday January 17th - 5:30 till 7:30 PM

Steak Night \$14.00

Steak, Steak Fries & More

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