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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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May 2021

## 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

I was hoping to announce our reopening date this month, but unfortunately, I'm not going to be able to. I just talked to the contractor and we are now looking at somewhere between the first to middle of June. The company doing the floor is booked up and cannot start work until 17 May. He said that all the contractors are booked up solid. The floor will take about a week and then they will start bringing in everything that is now in storage. Restoring will include the plumbing and electrical that has been disconnected.

Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial has been canceled again this year. Hopefully we'll get back to normal and we will be holding it next year. Speaking of the Veterans Memorial a new pillar will be added to honor the Space Force. It will be somewhere around 6 months before it will be completed.

We completed our Post Officer Nominations and Election during last month's meeting. A complete list is in a separate article. We have, for the most part, the same faces, just kind of moved the positions around a little. Dale Blubaugh is now one of our Trustees. Welcome aboard Dale! The officers will assume their duties in June after the Department officers are installed. In the meantime this year's officers are still on the job.

We will be placing flags cemeteries again this year on the graves of our local veterans. Anyone  
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### VFW Auxiliary

WE DID IT !! For the 4th year in a row, we have reached 100% membership, we now have 60 annual members and 133 Life Members. We do have 7 members that have not renewed, and we hope to hear from them by June 25<sup>th</sup>; the last day we can enter in the MALTA database. We had quite a few members this year pay for Life Membership. If you are interested in life membership, please contact President Dorothy White at 812-345-9025 or Membership Chairman Karen Cain at 812-327-1944 for additional information.

The winner of the 2020-21 Voice of Democracy \$30,000 Scholarship was Erin Grace Stoeckig from Post 1215 in Rochester, Minnesota. The winner of the 2020-21 Patriot Pen \$5,000 Award was Wyatt Perkins from Post 4221 in Lake Portland, North Dakota.

The themes for the scholarship essays for next year have been announced. The theme for the 2021 - 2022 Voice of Democracy Essay is "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" and the 2021 - 2022 Patriot Pen Essay is "How Do I Become A Good American?" We'll get this information to the schools in early fall.

See Commander George's article for updates of the Post's restoration. Remember we will be needing volunteers to help get us back up and running when everything is ready. ❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President**

interested in helping is more than welcome. More the merrier. Note the separate article for times and places.

I'll close with wishing everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend. With many people now being vaccinated, things are starting to ease up to some degree and hopefully before long we will be back to normal. Everyone be safe and I should have good opening news in next month's newsletter. ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**

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**Honor Guard Looking for Members**

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

**May Meeting Date Moved**

Our May meeting will be moved to Tuesday 25 May at 6 PM. ❖

**Memorial Day Veterans Flags**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in decorating Monroe county veterans' grave sites again this year with the flag placement. We will be meeting at the Post on Thursday 27 May at 10 AM. We will be placing flags at the two cemeteries in Whitehall and the two cemeteries in Ellettsville. On 29 May we will be meeting at Clear Creek cemetery at 10 AM. We welcome anyone interested in assisting. For more information contact 812-327-6540. ❖

**Post 604 Grief Support Bible Study**

The Grief Support Bible Study is continuing to meet weekly at the Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday at 1 PM. This is a temporary location until the Post is able to reopen. This will be an hourlong session that will continue on a weekly basis. It is open to the public and not limited to veteran's or post members. It will be conducted by our Chaplin, Pastor Brian Stewart. For more information call 812-369-1046. ❖

**2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers**

- Dorothy White ..... President
- Mike Pipher..... Sr. Vice President
- Julie Martin ..... Jr. Vice President
- Karen Cain..... Secretary/Treasurer
- Greg Johnson ..... Conductor
- Jenny Tracy ..... Chaplin
- Les Martin ..... Guard
- Toni Kristoff..... Patriotic Instructor
- Julie Martin ..... 1 Yr. Trustee
- Sandi Taylor ..... 2 Yr. Trustee
- Julia Bastin ..... 3 Yr. Trustee

**2021-2022 VFW Post 604 Officers**

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

**MAY 2021**







**CLOSED for Building Repair**

Progress is being made, check back for more information in our next month's Newsletter



# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

## May 2021

Closed <b>Sunday</b>	Closed <b>Monday</b>	Closed <b>Tuesday</b>	Closed <b>Wednesday</b>	Closed <b>Thursday</b>	Closed <b>Friday</b>	Closed <b>Saturday</b>
<b>2</b>  CLOSED	<b>3</b>  CLOSED	<b>4</b>  CLOSED	<b>5</b>  CLOSED	<b>6</b>  CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	<b>7</b>  CLOSED	<b>1 / 8</b>  CLOSED
<b>9</b>  <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> CLOSED	<b>10</b>  CLOSED	<b>11</b>  CLOSED	<b>12</b>  CLOSED	<b>13</b>  CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	<b>14</b>  CLOSED	<b>15</b>  CLOSED
<b>16</b>  CLOSED	<b>17</b>  CLOSED	<b>18</b>  CLOSED	<b>19</b>  CLOSED	<b>20</b>  CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	<b>21</b>  CLOSED	<b>22</b>  CLOSED
<b>23</b>  CLOSED	<b>24</b>  CLOSED	<b>25</b>  CLOSED  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	<b>26</b>  CLOSED	<b>27</b>  CLOSED  Whitehall & Ellettsville Cemetery Flag Volunteers Meet at post- 1000	<b>28</b>  CLOSED	<b>29</b>  CLOSED  Clear Creek Cemetery Flag Volunteers Meet at Clear Creek - 1000
<b>30</b>  CLOSED	<b>31</b>   CLOSED					

(\* For Vet-to-Vet Held at Thursday Evenings at 1800 at VFW Post 604 – Check website <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

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Our Post repairs are processing  
–We hope to re-open in the near future–  
Look for an update in our June Newsletter



**ALL GAVE SOME...SOME GAVE ALL**

Remember our fallen May 31<sup>st</sup>



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR  
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