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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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July 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

It Is Official ! We will Re-Open on Monday 12 July. We have made the decision to put the re-opening back a week. There is just too much to get done in a short time. We had a setback with an order for the stainless steel behind the grills and fryers. That did us in. We've been closed over six months now, another week isn't going to make any real difference. Everything in the building is back in place, kind of, sort of. We have boxes upon boxes of items we have to go through and sort out and put back in place. We have some things that are missing and where did they go ? Who knows ! It's a wonder it wasn't worse than it is. We must restock the bar, the kitchen, wash all the dishes, silverware, glasses, and a host of other things. The list could go on and on and on.

On the upside, the inside of the Post looks Great ! The paint and trim go together extremely well with the new floor tile and carpet. This whole project has been a challenge from day one, but in the end, it will be well worth the effort. I'm looking forward to seeing how everything looks once we get it all put back together.

We are still looking for volunteers. These are the people that are keeping our Post going. Our volunteers are what makes our Post successful. Financially, we cannot operate without them. Anyone interested in volunteering, just give me a call, email me, or contact one of our other officers. It can be a lot of fun. The friendship and comradeship is hard to describe. Our Post is like one big happy family.

When we re-open our bar will be open. Most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted. We will not have meals to begin with, but we will have the bar

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### VFW Auxiliary

Things at the VFW have been coming along slowly, but it will get there. Our tentative opening date of July 5th has been adjusted to the 12th of July. We're not sure when our meals will start, but the perfect fry should be working. That is such good news for all of us here at the Post and Auxiliary. It's been a long haul, but we are excited to see all of you and hopefully new friends also.

We will be starting a new membership year as of July 1, 2021. Auxiliary dues will remain at \$30 this year, if you'd like to get a head start you can send them to Karen E. Cain, 231 N. Knapp Road, Bloomington, IN 47404-9712 or leave at the Canteen and she will pick them up.

We will be hosting Wreaths Across America this year at Rose Hill Cemetery along with American Legion Auxiliary Unit #18. Jenny Tracy and Sandi Taylor will be coordinating this project. There will be more about this next month but if you have any questions, please let Jenny and Sandi know.

We have lost touch with these Auxiliary life members. If you know how to contact, could you let us know? Robbie J. Elliott, Patty Jo Lucas, Gloria May, and Vickie Wiles.

We are going to need volunteers to help with the cooking, delivery of the food, clean up. When we do start serving. Please just give us one weekend a month. It's work, but also a lot of fun. Come check us out. Questions are always welcome. Thank You ❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President**

(812) 345-9025 (Cell)

(812) 339-2375 (Post)

**Commander** ..... *From Page 1*

menu and pizza available. We will look at starting our meals in August at the earliest. And to give you a heads up, we will be moving them from Friday to Saturday. As far as the Commanders Drawing goes, that's on temporary hold until we get back into full operation mode. We need to have enough members signing up so we have somewhat of a pot to give away.

I am looking forward to July 12<sup>th</sup>, as many others are. It's been a long time between the COVID-19 shutdown and the water line break, we've been out of commission to some degree for a year and four months.

As Bob Barker on the Price is Right use to say "Come On Down". See you at the Post ! ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**  
(812) 327-6540 (Cell)

### Honor Guard Looking for Members

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

### Post 604 Offers 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.

### *Renewing Membership*

New membership year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. Your continued membership is important to us. The V.F.W. and Auxiliary members are the lifeblood of our post and its continued existence.

Annual Dues shall be forwarded per the directions contained in the notice received by the member with their renewal form. If you did not receive a renewal notice, or if you prefer, please drop them off at the Post - we can save you a stamp. Contact the Quartermaster or one of your club officers if you need assistance.

### 2021-2022 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

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

## REOPENING 12 JULY 2021
















### Still Depends on Repairs

Repairs nearing completion, see Facebook VFW Post 604 for latest.

Monday	Noon to	9 pm
Friday	4 pm to	10 pm
Saturday	12 pm to	6 pm

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

# July 2021

Closed <b>Sunday</b>	Open 1200 - 2100 <b>Monday</b>	Closed <b>Tuesday</b>	Closed <b>Wednesday</b>	Closed <b>Thursday</b>	Open 1600 - 2200 <b>Friday</b>	Open 1200 - 1800 <b>Saturday</b>
				1 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED
 4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED
11 CLOSED	12  Open 1200 - 2100	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	16  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	17  Open 1200 - 1800
18 CLOSED	19  Open 1200 - 2100	20 CLOSED Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	23  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	24  Open 1200 - 1800
25 CLOSED	26  Open 1200 - 2100	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	30  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	31  Open 1200 - 1800

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

**Telephone Number (812) 339-2375**

**Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744**

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# July 12<sup>th</sup> - Resuming Operations



Open Monday NOON – 9:00 PM  
Open Friday 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Open Saturday Noon – 6:00 PM



Closed all other days

No Friday Dinner Specials (for now) – Bar Menu Always