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# 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

It took 7 months, but we finally re-opened on Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>. I have been predicting the opening for quite a while now and I have been very consistent. All Wrong ! Finally got one right, that's what they call "One In A Row". We had several members lined up waiting to get in. Our Post looks "Great" ! The opening went better than any of us expected. We thought it would be good, but not that good. We set a record for Monday. It was a zoo all day. Debbie needed roller skates just to keep up and I got stuck in the kitchen for the first three hours cooking food in the Perfect Fry and baking pizzas. It didn't let up until the evening. We were so glad to see all our members and we had some guests too. Our District Commander from Vincennes came along with the Jr. Vice from the Vincennes Post. Our previous District Commander from Whiteland came also. Everyone commented on how bright the Post now looks. Believe me, it does. It's kind of the same, yet different.

The Herald Times contacted me on the re-opening and wanted an interview for the newspaper. He interviewed myself and Debbie Deckard for the article. It actually was on the front page of the newspaper, the Monday we opened. It was a very good article and well written. The reporter did an excellent job.

We're still trying to get our ducks in a row. We have several things that need to be done yet, as far as getting everything back to normal. By the end of August, we should be there. We do have our bar menu going, which is fried foods, but we also added charcoal broiled burgers, pork tenderloin, and fish sandwiches. We also have Rocky's personal pizza too.

We are going to resume our Dinners in September. We're going from Friday night to Saturday. I'm not sure, at this point how we will proceed, but Commander's Steak Night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday is a given and more than likely the Auxiliary

**See Commander**

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## VFW Auxiliary

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 by leading the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship group. National Wreaths Across America Day will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery on December 18, 2021 as well as 2,100 other participating locations. The goal is to place a live balsam fir wreath at the headstone of every veteran. Locally, Rose Hill currently has around 600 veterans buried there, and this is the cemetery organizers voted on for this year. VFW Auxiliary voted to purchase wreaths with donations received in memory of Tim Dittmore and John Davis, both staunch veteran supporters. Monies received will be used to support this cause. The wreaths are \$15 each, so this will go for approximately 66 wreaths. When you purchase 2 wreaths, a third wreath will be given to the organization. If you wish to personally purchase a wreath, you can do so by contacting the VFW/American Legion Aux sponsorship or contact Karen 812-327-1944. Every donation and wreath sponsorship is a meaningful gift from a grateful American who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy. We thank you for your participation and hope to see you at Rose Hill on December 18, 2021, time to be announced as we get closer to the date.

Our first day back in business, Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> was a GREAT DAY. We set several records for the Canteen and the Post, it was a fun day. The Post has decided to delay opening the kitchen until September, several ideas are in the works, but are none definite yet, stay tuned. The bar menu with the perfect fryer is available so come out and see us. Thanks to all that made our opening the best day ever. Commander George and Family are FINALLY able to get away for a long well-deserved vacation, we hope they have a GREAT week with their family.❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President**

Commander ..... From Page 1

will do their Fish Fry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. We'll decide on the other two nights of the month and post it in next month's newsletter.

Also, I am resuming the Commanders Drawing the first Saturday in September, at 7 PM. Anyone that signed up prior to us shutting down last December will carry over. We'll take up where we left off. I'll have a new updated list and I'll move everyone over that was previously signed.

If you haven't been to the Post since we re-opened you need to come down and see all the improvements that we have made, even a new popcorn popper. ❖

"Come On Down" See you at the post !

**Commander – George Kristoff**

812-327-6540  
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### Post 604 to Resume Grief Support Bible Study

The Grief Support Bible Study will return to our Post on Tuesday, August 3 at 1 PM. 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 Pastor Brian Stewart. For more information call 812-369-1046.

### 10 years - Success with ALL Volunteers

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was the official opening date at our Industrial Park Drive location. Nearly 10 years to the day, we once again had another semi-official opening. With our tight operating margins, we cannot afford to have paid workers. Our staff and officers are 100% volunteer – period! We are not large enough to support paid staff. We cannot thank our helpers **LOUDLY**, or often, or often, or often enough. THANK YOU !

Between COVID and the 7-month closure for the post's reparations, we are once again looking to find our operational footing.

Volunteers do not need to be here constantly, could be as simple as once monthly to help run meals to patrons on steak night. Interested in bartending, we'll pay for your license (work once monthly minimum) – cleaning, landscaping, decorations --- plenty of places to help.

Chat up the bartender or one of our officers, we'd love to hear from you!

### 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  
Vacant ..... 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

### AUGUST 2021

### HOURS OF OPERATION

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

### 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 also provide a very valuable services to the families.

Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard, you can contact us at the Post or call 812-825-2710 and leave a message.

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

## August 2021

| Closed<br><b>Sunday</b> | Open 1200 - 2100<br><b>Monday</b>   | Closed<br><b>Tuesday</b>   | Closed<br><b>Wednesday</b>  | Closed<br><b>Thursday</b>                        | Open 1600 – 2200<br><b>Friday</b>  | Open 1200 - 1800<br><b>Saturday</b>   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1<br><br>CLOSED         | 2<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 – 2100    | 3<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>Grief Support Bible Study 1300  | 4<br><br>CLOSED   | 5<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>* Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800  | 6<br><br><br><br><b>Open to the Public</b><br>Open 1600 – 2200    | 7<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 – 1800    |  |
| 8<br><br>CLOSED         | 9<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 – 2100    | 10<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>Grief Support Bible Study 1300   | 11<br><br>CLOSED  | 12<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>* Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 13<br><br><br><br><b>Open to the Public</b><br>Open 1600 – 2200   | 14<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 – 1800   |  |
| 15<br><br>CLOSED        | 16<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 – 2100   | 17<br><br>Grief Support Bible Study 1300<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>Meetings<br>V.F.W. – 1800<br>V.F.W. Aux – 1800 | 18<br><br>CLOSED  | 19<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>* Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 20<br><br><br><br><b>Open to the Public</b><br>Open 1600 – 2200   | 21<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 – 1800   |  |
| 22<br><br>CLOSED        | 23<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 - 2100 | 24<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>Grief Support Bible Study 1300   | 25<br><br>CLOSED  | 26<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>* Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 27<br><br><br><br><b>Open to the Public</b><br>Open 1600 – 2200 | 28<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 - 1800 |  |
| 29<br><br>CLOSED        | 30<br><br><br><br>Open 1200 - 2100 | 31<br><br>CLOSED<br><br>Grief Support Bible Study !300   |    |  |  |   |  |

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

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**Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744**

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## We're Back !!!



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



Come on out, relax, and don't forget to check out the bar menu!

Closed all other days