

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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November 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

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Hard to believe the Holidays are almost here. Won't be long before we're celebrating Christmas and the New Year. Time flies when you're having fun !

I would like to give a special thanks to all that attended Gary Demes Birthday Party. It was greatly appreciated by Gary and his family. Everyone had a good time, and the food was excellent. Barb always does an outstanding job. Gary actually gave a speech, and it was a really good one. It was enjoyed by all. Brought back a lot of memories too.

Just so all our members are aware of this, a Columbarium has been built at the Veterans Memorial at Valhalla. The niches are available to any of our members and their spouse at **No Charge**. The only charge would be the opening and closing, and it is at a very reduced rate for one year. Also, the government provides a plaque for the veteran, at no charge, and Valhalla will provide one that is identical for the spouse at a reduced rate also, for one year. We will assign a niche to you and then you can go to the Valhalla office and pay the opening and the plaque in advance if you want to. You don't have to pay this in advance, but just keep in mind that after one year the price will go up considerably. This can save our members a considerable amount of money. If interested just contact me or any of our officers and we can point you in the right direction.

We will be open on Veterans Day 11 November. We will be serving the usual ham & beans and cornbread. There may be an extra item or two available, also. We will open at Noon, right after the Veterans Day Memorial at the American Legion and will close at 6:00 pm.

Just some advanced notice, we will not be serving a Friday meal on November 26. This is the day after Thanksgiving. Also, we will not be having meals the month of December, other than our Christmas Dinner. Our hours will remain the same.

Something I failed to mention in the last newsletter is that we will not have the Commanders Drawing on nights that we are not

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VFW Auxiliary

Hopefully by the time you read this we will be close to announcing our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners for the 2022 Essay contests.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony will held on December 18th at Rose Hill Cemetery at 12-3 PM. This will be happening all across America today. There will be a short ceremony before the laying of the wreaths. If you would be interested in volunteering to help lay the wreaths please go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/INROSE

Membership is still coming in, but not as fast. Please remember your dues are due by 12/31/2021 or you will be lapsed and once the year rolls over you will go back to zero continuous years. We are at this time have 29 Annual and 129 Life Members for a total of 158 out of 184 goal or 85.87%, if you have questions please give me a call.

Our prayers go out to those who have lost a loved one and to all our Veterans. ❖

Dorothy White - Auxiliary President
(812) 345-9025 (Cell)



serving meals. Right now, the way it stands, is that it will be held on the first three Fridays of the month. Since we're not having meals the month of December, I'm mulling around on how to handle that. I'll announce that in next month's newsletter. Our meals are now the first Friday is fried chicken, second is fish, third is steak. We're looking at options for the fourth Friday after the first of the year.

Speaking of steaks. The price of rib eyes is through the roof. I placed my order two weeks in advance to make sure I got them and the week they came in the price had shot up dramatically. I about had a coronary when I saw the bill. I'm watching the market and there's no sign of it easing up. I am seriously looking at going to a New York strip after the first of the year if this trend continues. A strip steak is a close second to a rib eye. They eat just about as good as a rib eye. It is the only other cut of meat I would even consider. We will just have to wait and see what the market does.

Well, that's if or this month. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. See you at the Post. ❖

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

Children's Christmas Party

Sign-up sheet for the children will be at the bar starting November 1st. Mark your calendars for December 4th from 10:00 AM until Noon for the Santa meet up. Be sure to sign up your kids and grandchildren ages up to 11.

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.

Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
9 Sep	Carla Grubb	\$204	Not Signed
1 Oct	William Dennison	\$263	Not Signed
8 Oct	Amanda Pennington	\$324	Not Signed
15 Oct	Stanley Kent	\$366	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 8:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

The AMVETS Vet Van

A new service for Veterans is provided by AMVETS Post 2000 in Bloomington. The service will transport Veterans to and from medical appointments. Any Veteran can utilize the service and does not have to be a member of a Veterans Organization. Appointments should be made between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm weekdays only. For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Jim Webb 812-269-0960.

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
- Dale Blubaugh 2 Yr. Trustee
- Scott Tincher 3 Yr. Trustee

- Gary Demes 1 Yr. House Committee
- Barney White..... 2 Yr. House Committee
- Roy Smith 3 Yr. House Committee

November Meals!!!!!!

1st Friday Fried Chicken Night. Dark or white chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable for only \$10, yep plus desert ! **Cooked by Chef Barney !**


Our **Auxiliary FRIDAY FISH FRY** on the **2nd Friday** of the month (**November 12th**) – A fish platter!! Lotsa Fish, French Fries, Cole slaw and Desert. And would you believe just \$10??

From there we go to our **3rd Friday of the Month Commanders STEAK NIGHT (19th)** a **10 oz. Ribeye** with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$17. And cooked by your friendly Commander.**

House Committee

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

November 2021

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED * *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	5 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000  Chicken Dinner Open to the Public	6
 CLOSED	7	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 11  Serving Complementary Ham & Beans with Cornbread Open 1200 – 1800 Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	12 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000  Fish Fry 1800 - 2000 Open to the Public	13
14 CLOSED	15	16 CLOSED * *Except for Post Meetings 1800	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED * *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	19 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000  Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000 Open to the Public	20
21 CLOSED	22	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25  Happy Thanksgiving CLOSED	26	27
28 CLOSED	29	30 CLOSED	 			

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

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Auxiliary FRIDAY FISH FRY!

Lots of Fish - French Fries - Cole Slaw - Desert



Friday November 12th

6:00 till 8:00 PM

JUST \$10.00



Rib Eye Steak

Steak Night

Friday November 19th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

\$17.00 - \$17.00 - \$17.00 - \$17.00

10 oz Rib-Eye, Baked Potato & More

