# 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**

Well I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Not to mention all the good food. Things will get back to normal now, like cold and snow. Look at the bright side, two more months and it will be March !

For those of you that will get the newsletter early, we will be open New Yeas Day. Limited hours though. Bring your favorite snacky, finger food to munch on throughout the day. Naturally it will be shared by all. We will open at 12 noon and close at 6 P.M. Come celebrate the new year.

As most of you know, we have been looking for a Bar Manager since the passing of our dear friend Leonard. I'm happy to announce that Aaron Dorbin has taken the position. Join me in congratulating Aaron.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. This is to celebrate our Post's 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and we are going to have our annual Birthday Banquet. This is a catered event. Barb will be serving Roast Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Breast with all the fixing's. No need to bring deserts as she will have those available also. We will start serving at 6 pm. This is open to all members in good standing and their families. Come join us.

We will use this special occasion to invite the winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contest and their families. We will have the Awards Ceremony immediately after dinner. Karen

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### **VFW Auxiliary**

With 2023 behind us the auxiliary looks forward to more opportunities to support the Post and its veterans this coming year. 2023 was a successful year with changes in our Post Friday menu, children parties for members for Easter, Halloween, and Christmas, monthly cleaning of Post provided, successful Wreaths Across America, our financial support to new AC unit in dining room just to name a few. Thank you to the members that made all this possible.

January 2024's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday begins with fried chicken dinner at 10 dollars followed the next Friday with our spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread at also only 10 dollars. The last Friday of the month will be our giant tenderloins. Please join us for these dinners, starting at 6pm until 8pm or till gone, for some good food with friends while supporting your Post.

Stay well and hope to see you at Post soon.

#### Toni M Kristoff – Auxiliary President



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# 2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Toni Kristoff	President
Mike Pipher	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson	Conductor
Michelle Brown	Patriotic Instructor
Carol Rowan Ozug	
Sara Dobrin	Chaplain
Carol Rowan Ozug	1 Yr. Trustee
Glenda Sexton	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin	3 Yr. Trustee

#### 2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Officers

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



# **Commander's Drawing Results**

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
12/01	Aimiee Mae Bittle	\$610	Not Signed
12/08	Matthew Tracy	\$671	Not Signed
12/15	Bill Bastin	\$724	Not Signed

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

#### Commander\_

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Cain, who is the chairperson for the essay contest, will do the honors. Karen puts her heart and soul into making this a successful event, every year.

In closing, I look forward to the coming year. Great Time & Great Friends.

See you at the Post! 🔹

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#### **Childrens Christmas Party**



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