



VFW POST 604 NEWS

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December 2020

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

Veterans Day participation was very successful. We had a good crowd all day long. The American Legion hosted their annual Veterans Day Memorial at the Legion Post this year. Afterwards the Monroe County Honor Guard came to our Post and preformed the 21-gun salute and TAPS. We served a good portion of our ham & beans and cornbread. We stayed compliant with the guidelines for Monroe County on crowd sizes. People just filtered in and out all day.

If you haven't been by the post lately, our monument is complete. Steve White has done an outstanding job building this. Along with that, our awning is up and really stands out. These two projects have added quite a bit to the appearance our Post. They say everything runs in 3's, well 17th Street is finally opened. That will now make it easier for members to get to us, especially for those coming from the east.



We also had a good day for November's Auxiliary Tenderloin Sunday. Had a good crowd and of course John Davis and Gregg Johnson did their usual outstanding job. We also had the IU Army ROTC to help serve orders. They are just outstanding young men and women. We really enjoy having them assist us. Great crowd, great food, and great fun.

VFW Auxiliary

Hope everyone is staying safe.

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and now it is time to think towards Christmas. Santa is still doing a delivery here at the post to the kids on the 19th of December noon – 4:00 pm. Kids need to be with the adult to pick up the gifts. And your kids must be registered (eligible ages are Infant through 11 only). You can register your youngsters by calling 812-345-9025. Please leave child's name, age, gender, your name, and phone number so I call to confirm. (With a call back from me) Without all this information Santa can't bring the gift.

Come by the VFW and check us out, there has few new things added and it looks great. The guys did a great job.

Thank You for the great work on Tenderloin Sunday the cooks and helpers are fantastic. Patron support is very much appreciated also!

December Dates To Remember

December 1st - 10th sign up for kids (by phone)

December 19th - noon to 4:00 PM Pick up

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday ❖

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

17th Street Is Now Open

The city finally opened 17th street from the west-side roundabout to Vernal Pike. It officially opened Tuesday November 17th. Getting to the Post now will be much easier for anyone on the east side of Bloomington or coming from that direction.

See Commander

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We completed our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen scholarship essay contest. The Post 604 winners are listed below. Karen Cain heads this up every year and always does an excellent job. Participation was down this year, which we knew it would be, but there were several Posts in our District that didn't have any entries. We were able to send our entries on to District and hopefully on to State.

We thought there would be an outside chance that we could have our annual Christmas dinner again this year. The county issued new guidelines last month and it will make it very difficult. It is regretful that we will not be able to have it this year. It's something that we all look forward to every Christmas.

Our 100th Anniversary is coming up next month. On January 7th we will mark our Post's 100th year. We always have a catered dinner to celebrate our anniversary and tie it in with the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Awards. That is looking doubtful at this point. We will just have to wait and see what transpires between now and the first of January.

We are still open limited hours, for the time being. We will be open for a limited time on Christmas Eve. No dinners this month or the Commanders Drawing. We still are offering our bar menu and pizza's. Come down and check out the monument and awning, have something to eat and drink. Stay healthy and safe. See you at the Post ! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff
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WVF Post 604 “Grief Support Bible Study”

The Post will be offering a Grief Support Bible Study beginning in the Post's dining room Tuesday December 1st at 1:00 PM. This will be an hourlong session that will continue Tuesdays 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 Brian at 812-369-1046. Feel free to come out and join us!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE!!

First, there will not be any **Friday Night Dinners** this month. We will re-evaluate having these in January. We will not have a **SUNDAY** opening this month.

Okay, that brings us to our Post 604 holiday schedule — here we go! Christmas Eve (24th) falls on a Thursday, so we will be **OPEN** from 2 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. We will have snacks for you to munch on. That means (duh!) Christmas Day falls on Friday, which we will **NOT BE OPEN**. Then we get to the 31st (Thursday) New Year's Eve — **YES** we are going to be **OPEN** at **4:00 PM** and close at ?????? For the last few years we have had a **Pot Luck Pitch-In** for food and members have enjoyed it so we are doing it again — we ask that you bring your favorite dish, maybe a dessert also, the Post will have a pot of **B-B-QUE Pork** and from there we will tread lightly into **2021!!** So make plans to come out and celebrate New Year's Eve with us here at Post 604!!! One more note: We will **NOT** be open on Friday — **January 1st** — New Year's Day.

The Post 604 House Committee would like to wish all our Post Members / Volunteers along with Active Military Personnel, Veterans and their families (wherever they might be this year) a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. We do sincerely hope that **2021** is better for all.

House Committee

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 604, Bloomington would like to announce the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners for our post. The flagged* student winners advance to the VFW 7th District judging.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- 1st Place* – Jenna L. Hart - BHS South Senior
- 2nd Place – Madeline R Shultz - BHS North Senior
- 3rd Place – Jacob D Reuter - Edgewood HS Senior

PATRIOT'S PEN

- 1st Place* – Easton Bellini – Lakeview Elementary School – 6th Grade
- 2nd Place* – Charlie R Monroe – Jackson Creek Middle School – 7th Grade
- 3rd Place – Clara E Tweedie – Jackson Creek Middle School – 7th Grade

We would like to thank these educators who helped to make this a great year:

- Michelle Oliver – Lakeview Elementary School
- Justin Garner – Jackson Creek Middle School

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

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Closed Sunday	Open 1200 - 2100 Monday	Closed Tuesday	Closed Wednesday	Closed Thursday	Open 1600 – 2200 Friday	Open 1200 - 1800 Saturday
		1 CLOSED* *Except for Grief Support Bible Study 1300	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED* *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	4  Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200	5  Open 1200 – 1800
6 CLOSED	7  Open 1200 – 2100	8 CLOSED* *Except for Grief Support Bible Study 1300	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED* *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	11  Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200	12  Open 1200 – 1800
13 CLOSED	14  Open 1200 – 2100	15 CLOSED* *Except for Grief Support Bible Study 1300 Post Meetings 1800	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED* *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	18  Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200	19  Open 1200 – 1800
20 CLOSED	21  Open 1200 - 2100	22 CLOSED* *Except for Grief Support Bible Study 1300	23 CLOSED	24   Christmas Eve Open 1400 - 1800	25  CLOSED	26  Open 1200 - 1800
27 CLOSED	28  Open 1200 - 2100	29 CLOSED* *Except for Grief Support Bible Study 1300	30 CLOSED	31  Open 4 pm → 2021 		

(* 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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Open Fridays 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Open Saturdays NOON – 6:00 PM



Open Christmas Eve – 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Open New Year's Eve – 4:00 PM – Until 2021 !!

Check calendar for other openings !