

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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February 2022

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, it's February and just think, one more month and this cold weather should start to break. I can't wait. It seems like winter last forever, but actually we only have cold weather, for the most part, 4 out of 12 months. It sure seems like more than that.

We will be holding nominations for 2022-2023 Officers next month. Anyone interested in running for office, just let me know.

We held our 101st Anniversary Dinner last month. We didn't have as good of a showing as I had hoped, but the weather was really miserable and with all the other stuff going on it's understandable. Barb Ooley caters this every year for us and does an excellent job.

Two of our Essay entries placed in the district. Katylyn Mosier place 3rd in the Voice of Democracy and Clara Tweedie place 3rd in the Patriots Pen. Congratulations to both of them. Our Chairperson, Karen Cain, heads this up every year and always does an outstanding job. Hat's off to Karen, good Job! The district awards will be held at the Martinsville VFW Post on Saturday February 5th.

I mentioned last month that we participated in Wreaths Across America this year. We have some good pictures in the newsletter this month. The turnout from the public was awesome. One of the pictures shows one group that attended. There were actually several more scattered around. The weather was miserable, but the turnout was great.

We are in the process of getting plans together for our 100th Anniversary celebration, even though we are now 101. We are looking at mid-June, at this point. I don't have any firm details, yet, and will pass things on as they become available. We missed our 100th last year due to COVID-19 and the flood, so this is a long time coming.

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VFW Auxiliary

Darn is it ccccooooooIIldddd out there! We've made it through another month and things are picking up. Anyone wanting to volunteer their time or/ and provide a Friday dinner dessert, it would be appreciated. Just give me a call (812) 345-9025. We appreciate the members that have come out for our Friday night 6 – 8PM dinners. We sure could use a few more auxiliary members to come to a meeting and check us out. We have several programs that are not being taken care of except for a bare minimum, lots of opportunities for fresh ideas from fresh faces. We meet the 3rd Tuesday at 6 PM, hope to see you there.

We are very proud of our Voice of Democracy winner Katylyn Mosier and Patriot's Pen winner Clara Tweedie. They both placed 3rd at the district level and will honored at a ceremony in February at the Martinsville VFW Post.

Wreaths Across America event, held December 18th at Rose Hill Cemetery, was an ASTOUNDING SUCCESS. Jenny Tracy & Amy Thomas were sponsors this year. They reported we had 817 wreaths that were sponsored, 707 of those wreaths were laid at Rose Hill and we will have 110 wreaths to start with next year, 66 of the wreaths were sponsored by Post 604 VFW Auxiliary, 210 volunteers were present to help with the wreath laying. Thank you all who contributed or helped lay the wreaths.

Jenny also reported the Winter Clothing Drive netted a total of 76 items to be given to organizations for distribution. Thank You.

The VFW's Sports Clip Help A Hero Scholarship provides service members and veterans with financial assistance to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt, it's just another way for us to say "thank you" to those who fought for our freedom. If you need more Info, please let us know. Hope to see you at the post! ❖

Dorothy White - Auxiliary President

We are the oldest Post in the state and we are very proud of that.

We are getting back in the "Groove" for our Friday Dinners after being closed for so long. We had our first Steak Night, serving NY Strip steaks and the response was very good. Many who were there said that they preferred the strip over the rib eye. The flavor is very similar to the ribeye, but they don't have the gristle and fatty waste. Food prices are on the rise, like everything else. We will make every effort to keep our prices as low as we can. In talking to our supplier, he told me that they are experiencing shortages and price increases daily. Hopefully things will level out in the near future. All of us are experiencing this in our daily lives.

In closing, everyone stay warm. Looking at the long-range forecast, looks like this cold spell isn't going to break any time soon. Everyone take care and See You At The Post ! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff

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January Results

| Date | Member Drawn | \$Pot\$ | Result |
|--------|------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 07 Jan | Josh Tignor | \$286 | Signed / Not Present |
| 01/14 | Charles Mishikel | \$239 | Not Signed |
| 01/21 | Patrica Sare | \$271 | Not Signed |

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

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.

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

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |

We're Getting Back In The Groove!!!!!!

1st Friday of the month (4th): Fried Chicken Night. Dark or White Chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable for only \$10, yep plus desert ! Cooked by our Famous Chef Barney and assisted by your Friendly Commander!

And then we have our Auxiliary Fish Dinner on the 2nd Friday of the month (11th). A more than generous serving of fish ... And would you believe just \$10.00??

From there we go to our 3rd Friday of the month STEAK NIGHT (18th)!!! USDA Choice 10 oz. New York Strip with Baked Potato and Salad with Dessert, all for just \$16.00!!!

Now to the 4th FRIDAY of the month (25th) Dinner. The Auxiliary and their Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches. There are always Desserts and extras with these meals. Only \$10.00!!!!!!

House Committee

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

February 2022

| Closed | 1200 - 2100 | Closed | Closed | Closed | 1600 - 2200 | 1200 - 1800 |
|--------|--|---|-----------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 4 Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000  Open 1600 – 2200 | 5 Open 1200 - 1800 |
| 6 | 7 Open 1200 - 2100 | 8 | 9 | 10 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 11 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200 | 12 Open 1200 - 1800 |
| 13 | 14  Open 1200 - 2100 Happy Valentine's Day | 15 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800 | 16 | 17 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 18 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200 | 19 Open 1200 - 1800 |
| 20 | 21 Open 1200 - 2100 | 22 | 23 | 24 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800 | 25 Serving 1800 – 2000 ! Tenderloins !  Open 1600 – 2200 | 26 Open 1200 - 1800 |
| 27 | 28 Open 1200 - 2100 |    | | | | |

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

Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744

Wreaths Across America 2021 Rosehill Cemetery



REMEMBERING the Fallen. . .

HONORING those who Served. . .

TEACHING our children, the value of Freedom. . .

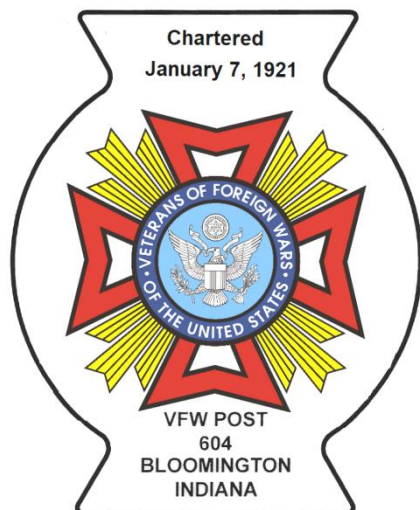
December 17, 2021, Wreaths Across America was at Rose Hill Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

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Friday February 4th

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Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



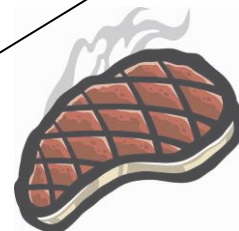
Friday February 11th

\$10.00

Friday February 25th

\$10.00

1800 - 2000



Friday February 18th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00
10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

