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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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March 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

We're headed toward Spring. On 20 March it will officially be Springtime ! It's been a long time coming. It won't be long before it's time to get things cleaned off and shined up. Summer won't be far off.

We will be having our nomination of Officers at our meeting next month. As it stands now, it looks as though most of the spots will be filled, but if anyone is interested in becoming an officer, just contact me or one of our other officers.

Vietnam Veterans Day is approaching on Tuesday 29 March. I have an article explaining the history of it in the Newsletter. It doesn't get any play from the media and has been a well-kept secret for years. I honestly didn't know about it until a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, we will be closed that day, but we will celebrate it on Monday 28 March. We will have "Complimentary" Pulled Pork and a side dish available to all. Also, for our Vietnam Vets, there will be a something special. Come down and join us for this Special Occasion.

If you look at the back wall of the dining room, next to the TV we have 4 clocks. One for each branch of the armed forces except for the Navy. Thanks to Aaron and Sara Dobrin we now have that 5<sup>th</sup> clock. They had the matching clock and were generous to donate it to the Post. Thanks Aaron and Sara, it is greatly appreciated !

We are still looking at 18 June for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We will be having a Catered lunch for all, plus we have scheduled "Rock 'in Rich" to preform for four hours. He's a veteran that preforms for Veterans and does Oldies, which is right up most of our alleys. From everything I can

**See Commander**

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### VFW Auxiliary

Weather is starting to break. Time to get ready for it to be warm. Wanting a place to go for a great meal? Be sure and put us on the top of your list.

Great chicken, fish, steaks, tenderloins and catch the right month and there's an all you can eat tacos. So keep your calendar from the newsletter. We also have a perfect-fry & pizza for snacks.



Membership is kind of at a standstill. We currently have 177 members - our goal this year is 184, so we're at 96.2% - New Members always welcome!

We have about 14 members that need to renew before June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are not sure if you have paid your 2022 dues give Karen Cain a call at 812.327.1944.

The Auxiliary is finally getting with the times. We have purchased a laptop and with the help of Commander George and some other smart ladies we are slowly but surely getting everything scanned.

Next month's meeting, April 19<sup>th</sup> we will open nomination of officers for 2022 – 2023. If you have an interest in being a part of the Auxiliary leadership, please give me a call at 812.345.9025.

Stay safe, hope to see you soon!!! ❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President**

gather, he is really good. We are still working out more details, but at least we're on a good start. Stay tuned, more to come.

Something that came up at our last District Meeting is that Veterans can now have access to some of the Crane privileges. You must have a VA Health Identification card or a VHIC card issued by the VA. You will have access to the Commissary & Exchange and have Hunting and Fishing privileges. Anyone interested, we have more information on this at the Post.

Signing off, for now. Hope everyone is staying warm. Take care and See You at the Post ! ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**  
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 georgek@bluemarble.net

# COMMANDER'S DRAWING



## February Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
01/28	Rita Bruce	\$271	Not Signed
02/04	Closed – Snowed out		
02/11	Patsey Walker	\$318	Not Signed
02/18	Amy Bittle	\$365	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

- 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!!!!!!

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month (4<sup>th</sup>) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month (11<sup>th</sup>). A more than generous serving of fish - and would you believe just \$10.00??




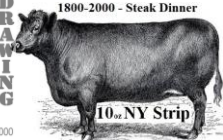


From there we go to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month, STEAK NIGHT (18<sup>th</sup>)!!! USDA Choice 10 oz. New York Strip with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just \$16.

Now to the 4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY of the Month (25<sup>th</sup>) 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

# March 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 <b>COMMANDER'S DRAWING</b> 2000 Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000  \$10 Open 1600 – 2200	5  Open 1200 - 1800
6	7  Open 1200 - 2100	8	9	10  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	11 <b>COMMANDER'S DRAWING</b> 2000 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  \$10 <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	12  Open 1200 - 1800
13	14  Open 1200 - 2100	15  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	16	17  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	18 <b>COMMANDER'S DRAWING</b> 2000 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  \$16 <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	19  Open 1200 - 1800
20	21  Open 1200 - 2100	22	23	24  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	25 <b>COMMANDER'S DRAWING</b> 2000 Serving 1800 – 2000 <b>! Tenderloins !</b>  \$10 Open 1600 – 2200	26  Open 1200 - 1800
27	28  Open 1200 - 2100	29	30	31  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800		

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

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**Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744**



## 29 March - Vietnam Veterans Day

On March 29, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 29, 2012, as Vietnam Veterans Day. The proclamation called "upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the Vietnam War."

On December 26, 2016, the Vietnam Veterans Day Coalition of States Council presented a letter to President Elect Donald Trump and Congressional leadership outlining the history and timeline of cause to establish March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day and requesting that it be one of the first legislations passed and signed into law during the 115 Congress.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the [Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017](#). This act officially recognizes March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Act also includes the day among those days on which the US flag should especially be displayed.

March 29<sup>th</sup> was chosen as National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. The last unit was elements of MACV's Infantry Security Force (Special Guard), actually special couriers.



## VFW Officer Roles & Responsibilities

### Post Commander

Presides at all meetings, enforces the rules, appoints committees not otherwise provided for, and makes certain the other officers and committee members perform their duties. Authority extends to the Post Home or Club to the extent of enforcing the rules of the Post, the National and Department VFW, and public laws. Represents the authority of the Post between meetings, and their voice is that of the Post membership. Their authority also is limited according to the rules of the organization and the bounds of common sense. The Commander is the arbitrator of arguments and the judge in disputes. As a general rule, their decisions are considered correct until overruled by the Post meeting, the District, Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief.

### Post Quartermaster

The responsible officer for all Post funds and property and their signature validates all checks. They keep the fiscal records for the Post and have the duty of overseeing all financial transactions. They must be bonded to the Post for all funds under their control. The Quartermaster is the **responsible** Post Officer in financial matters and is responsible to ensure records are done properly, efficiently, and accurately.

### Post Trustees

Duties are probably the most misunderstood of any of the Post Officers. They are primarily the **watchdogs** of the Post funds. They make certain that no one has their fingers in the till. They audit the Post funds regularly -- at least once each quarter. The Trustees duties extend to **every** operation of the Post. Their audits must cover all activities, including the clubrooms, the bar, or any other source of income or financial transactions.

### House Committee

Duties are laid out in the Post By-laws and/or Club regulations so there is no misunderstanding of their powers and responsibilities. The purpose of the committee is to act on behalf of the Post in making certain that the club is run in an efficient, reputable and legal manner and that the rules of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are adhered to. The committee cannot make or enforce any rules contrary to the rules of the Department, public law, or the lawful instructions of the Post.

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**Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



**Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

1800 - 2000



**Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 till 8:00 PM**

**Steak Night**

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

