
VFW POST 604 NEWS

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April 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

As you receive this newsletter, we should be well on our way to completing the reconstruction and reopening. Some of the minor repairs were completed the first to the middle of March. On Monday, 29 March the drywallers are scheduled to begin. When they complete the drywall repairs, then the painting begins. We did decide on the color scheme for the post a few weeks ago. Once that has been completed the floor will be installed. Then the cleaning will begin. Our contractor is projecting 3 to 4 weeks. If that deadline is met, we are looking at the end of April to the first of May. It will take some time to get everything put back. I'm looking at mid- May at this point. Worst case would be Memorial Day. Time will tell, but I'm more optimistic now than I was a few weeks ago.

We opened nominations for 2021-2022 elected officers. We have two officer positions open without nominees. Anyone interested in filling one of these positions, please let me know. We will be happy to work with you.

Just to let everyone know, our May meeting will be moved to Tuesday, 25 May, 6 PM. April will remain as normally scheduled unless the reconstruction causes us to reschedule.

That's all I have to report at this point. The bright side: things are looking up. Even Covid -19 is looking up. With the vaccinations rolling out at a pretty fast pace, things could get back to normal sooner rather than later.

Everyone take care and be safe. Hope to have more good news next month. ❖

Commander – George Kristoff
(812) 327-6540 (Cell)
georgek@bluemarble.net

VFW Auxiliary

During our March meeting we opened nominations for our 2021 – 2022 elected offices and in April we will have our election's.

Due to COVID-19, we were not able to have our annual awards dinner, therefore we mailed the Awards and Certificates to the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners this year. A great job was done by all participants. Look forward to another successful year starting this fall. Pictured on page 2:

1st Place - Post 604 Patriot Pen winner, Easton Bellini is a 6th grader from Lakeview Elementary School.

3rd Place - Post 604 Patriot Pen winner, Clara Tweedie is a 7th grader at Jackson Creek Elementary.

As we think about opening, your assistance as a volunteer would be very helpful. At this time, we don't know what will be required, but if you are willing to volunteer and help us get back on our feet, we'd welcome a call. Dorothy White, George Kristoff, or Post numbers all will get you in touch with us.

Membership stands at 188 paid, our goal this year is 193. We sent out personal cards to those and hope to hear from them before June 25th. If you haven't paid your 2021 dues, you will be lapsed June 30th. At that time loose your continuous years status and will have to rejoin. If you have any questions, please contact me or Karen Cain.

Stay Safe - Our prayers go out to each and every one. ❖

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

May Meeting Date Moved

Our May meeting will be Tuesday 25 May at 6 PM, the 4th Tuesday in May.

Honor Guard Looking for Members

The Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard is looking for new members. They not only honor Veterans who have passed on, but also provide a very valuable service to the families. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard contact the Post or call 812-825-2710 and leave a message.

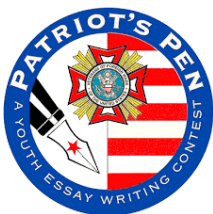
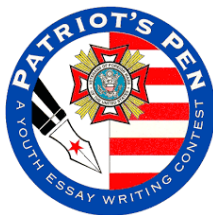
Post 604 Offer Grief Support Bible Study

The Grief Support Bible Study is continuing to meet weekly at the Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday at 1 PM. This is a temporary location until the Post is able to reopen. This will be an hourlong session that will continue 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 812-369-1046.

Patriot Pen Essay Winners



1st place - Easton Bellini



3rd place - Clara Tweedie

2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

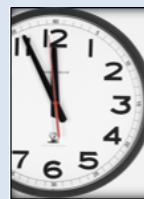
Dorothy White President
 Mike Pipher Sr. Vice President
 Julie Martin Jr. Vice President
 Karen Cain Secretary/Treasurer
 Greg Johnson Conductor
 Jenny Tracy..... Chaplin
 Les Martin Guard
 Toni Kristoff..... Patriotic Instructor
 Julie Martin 1st Yr. Trustee
 Sandi Taylor..... 2nd Yr. Trustee
 Julia Bastin 3rd Yr. Trustee

2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff Commander
 Dewey "Joe" Hardin Sr. Vice Commander
 John Martin Jr. Vice Commander
 Debbie Deckard Quartermaster
 Brian Stewart Chaplain
 Richard Moldenhauer Judge Advocate
 Peter Chadwick Surgeon
 John Tilford Service Officer
 Bill Evans Adjutant
 Cathi Johnson 1st Yr. Trustee
 Jim Edney 2nd Yr. Trustee
 Terry Carmichael 3rd Yr. Trustee

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

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HOURS OF OPERATION






CLOSED for Building Repair

Check back for more information in our next month's Newsletter



Laurens B. Strain - VFW Post 604

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Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 1 CLOSD * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	2 CLOSD	3 CLOSD
 4 CLOSD	5 CLOSD	6 CLOSD	7 CLOSD	8 CLOSD * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	9 CLOSD	10 CLOSD
11 CLOSD	12 CLOSD	13 CLOSD	14 CLOSD	15 CLOSD * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	16 CLOSD	17 CLOSD
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25 CLOSD	26 CLOSD	27 CLOSD	28 CLOSD	29 CLOSD * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	30 CLOSD	

(* 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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On the morning of December 18th, 2020
Our Post was severely damaged by a burst water
line – Repairs are in process -

– We hope to re-open in the near future. –
Look for an update in our May Newsletter