



# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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July 2018

## 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 newly elected Commander, I want to say that it is an Honor and a Privilege to be your Commander for Post 604. I am looking forward for many good things to come in the next year.

The first order of business I would like to address is Guest Days. There has been a lot of confusion lately about when we have Guest Days and I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight. In the past we did not have any days that were open to the public. Mainly due to the laws governing Private Clubs. All that has changed.

Going forward we will have scheduled Guest Days. For the remainder of 2018 we will have Guest Days every Friday of the month, for our dinners, every Tenderloin Sunday, and we will be able to add additional Guest Days throughout the year, as needed. This will continue into 2019 also.

Having said that, we will be hosting an Open House on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be open to the public. See the additional article for information on this, later in the newsletter. We are looking for a good crowd and will need Bar Tenders for that day.

Something we are working on is having food available to all of our members, every day that we are open. The House Committee is putting the finishing touches on this and will hopefully be able to provide you with more information next month.

New deck furniture has been approved and should be set up for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July "Open House". Thanks to our Auxiliary for their contribution for this. This will make a big improvement to our deck and just in time for visitors to our Post.

I would like to thank all the loyal members for their support of our Post and I am looking forward to some new and exciting things to happen this next year.

**Commander – George Kristoff**

## VFW Auxiliary

We are open on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from 10 AM until ?. So after the parade, why don't you come out and join us. We are serving Pulled Pork, Potato Salad Coleslaw and a really good price and lots of fun.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> we [the Auxiliary] will be accepting 2019 dues. Any questions, call Karen Cain [membership chairman] at 812-327-1944.

### Dates to remember:

- July 4 Bloomington Parade & Post 604 afterwards for food and fun
- July 17 Post and Auxiliary meeting 6 PM
- July 22 Tenderloin Sunday, serving 12 – 4 PM (*call in orders are welcome*)
- July 27 Auxiliary Dinner Alfredo Chicken, Corn, & Salad – for \$7

Thank you to all the volunteers who cook, serve, do cleanup, and bartend. We could not do all that we do, without you! ❖

**Dorothy J White**  
President - VFW Auxiliary  
812-345-9025

## TAPS

### Robert L. Bannerman, WWII Army Air Corps, Life Member

"With each passing day, things will become easier. This is to let you know that there is tremendous support behind you today."

Robert will be missed by all the Men and Women of VFW Post 604 and the 7th District. ❖

**James C. Arnold, Chaplin**  
VFW Post 604

## Memorial Day Helpers



Bloomington South High School football team members Ethan Hensley, Quinton Carney, Jed Conrad, Trent Kirby, Vincent Martinez, Aidan King, Bolton Tracy, and Jason Blessing assist at Clear Creek cemetery on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>.



### From the Adjutant:

I want to thank all the people that helped put out flags in the different cemeteries for Memorial Day this year. We did two in the Ellettsville area, one in Whitehall, and of course Clear Creek cemetery. We here at the Post have done this for quite a few years and I hope we can continue to do it in the future.

We do have a new slate of Officer's for the year 2019 now. I want to wish them all the best in their endeavors throughout for the upcoming year. I would also like to thank our outgoing Quartermaster, Mark Dammer, for all of his time and effort throughout the years here at the Post to keep it up and running in the manner it is now.

The next 7<sup>th</sup> District VFW meeting will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Spencer VFW Post. Hope to see some of you there for it. We have raffle tickets available for the meeting; they are \$10.00 each and are available in the canteen.

I think the Auxiliary is still selling raffle tickets for the freezer they purchased to raffle off earlier this Spring. Not a bad deal, especially if you are the winner.

One last thing I would like to remind everyone about, the VFW Community Service Program. It includes a lot of things other than just the monetary donations we give to different organizations, etc. it reports a lot of other things also. If you think you have done something we might get credit for, just let me know. I turn a Community Service report in monthly to the District and it is then credited to Post 604 for the extra volunteer effort.

Bill Evans

## Hot Summer Weather

(Sorta like June)!!!

Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day, Parade Day, the Post will **OPEN** at **10:00 a.m.**

Then we are off to our **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Dinner Special (July 6<sup>th</sup>)**—where we plan on cooling things off by serving **Chicken Salad & Fruit Plate or Sammich** then we add **Dessert** for only **\$7.**

The next thing up is **The Auxiliary Fish Dinner** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of the month (**July 13<sup>th</sup>**)—all you can eat!! And would you believe just **\$7.00??**

From there we go to our **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (20<sup>th</sup>)!!** 10 oz. Ribeye Steak with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11.** Don't eat that much?? Then no problem you can get a Baked Potato and Salad for just **\$6.00.**

And then we are going to **TENDERLOIN SUNDAY** on the **22<sup>nd</sup> of July.** We will **OPEN** at **NOON**, and of course this is being brought to you by **The Auxiliary** and their **Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches** with all kinds of extras sides and you should check out the deviled eggs!!! Now we know it's hot outside, but it's nice and cool inside the Post - so for **\$5.00** this is a meal you shouldn't miss!!!

Not done yet... because we have the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Dinner Special (July 27<sup>th</sup>)** by The Auxiliary and once again check out their article for details of that dinner.

And don't forget we still have our **Texas Hold-'em Tournament** every **Thursday**, starts at **7 p.m.**

## Independence Day July 4<sup>th</sup>

We will be hosting an Open House on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to Close.

We will be serving complimentary "Homemade" Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and Baked Beans. Also, any other goodies that may show up. This will be provided by the Post.

This Open House will be open to the public and we will be putting an announcement in the Herald Times to let the folks in Bloomington know we are hosting this.

We are looking for a good turnout, especially after the Parade.

Come and enjoy the fun and comradeship. ❖

**House Committee**

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604



Closed	Open 1200 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1000 - 2200
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	3	4 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July 	5  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	6  6:00 PM - Fruit Plate with Chicken Salad or Sandwich & Dessert Commander's Drawing 1900	7
8	9 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	10	11	12  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	13 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	14
15	16 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	17 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	18	19  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	20 Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	21
22  Tenderloin Sunday OPEN Serving Noon – 4PM	23 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	24	25	26  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	27  6:00 PM – Alfredo Chicken, Corn, & Salad Commander's Drawing 1900	28
29	30 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	31				

(\* For Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way room A118 – Check website <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

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## Laurens Bennett Strain June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Memorial Service



*Lest We Forget*

**Laurens B Strain VFW Post 604  
Recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Our Namesake's 1918 Sacrifice During  
the Battle of Bella Woods, France**

