

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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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

The weather didn't cooperate for our Anniversary Dinner. We didn't have as many people brave the weather, as we normally do. We still had 42 members and guests present during our Voice of Democracy Awards, Patriots Pen Awards, and Post Anniversary dinner.

The Awards presentation went very well. A special thanks to Karen Cain for a job well done in putting this all together. Also, thanks to Joe Hardin and Dorothy White for their participation. Although none of our winners won a District Award, they still did a very fine job. All of the finalists and their families, who were present, were very appreciative of everything we did in putting together the awards and dinner. Some of the finalists were not able to make it because of the weather, but we did have our two first place winners and their families in attendance.

Our weekly attendance on Mondays seems to be on the increase. We're having full houses in the canteen. Frank Ozug is making surprise dishes also in conjunction with / addition to our usual Hot Dogs. He makes some really good Stuff ! Come on down and enjoy the fun.

Just a reminder, that again this year every Friday and Tenderloin Sunday will be bring a Guest Day. Along with that we have included Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day. So, come to the Post and bring a guest. Better yet, bring several guests.

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Commander – George Kristoff

VFW Auxiliary

VFW Post 604 was chartered on January 7, 1921, therefore our post celebrated its 98th anniversary and on January 12 we had a birthday dinner and included the Voice of the Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards presentation to the winners and educators who supported these programs. Due to the weather, there wasn't a large turnout, but still enough people were present to ensure a good time.

I would like to thank Barbara Ooley for fixing the food and for the members who helped setting it up and for the cleanup.

February 17th is our next tenderloin Sunday, which kicks off a new year. This is the first one since November, so come on out, chow down, and enjoy.

On February 22nd the Auxiliary will be serving Roast Beef Manhattan sandwiches and salad for only seven dollars.

Any auxiliary member in good standing that may be interested or willing, we will have a couple of Auxiliary officer positions open next year. To keep our operations going, we'll need a few willing people to help us out. It only requires one evening a month and approximately 2 to 3 days for paperwork. Please take a few minutes between now and May 2019 to check us out. Please help us out by giving up some of your time to keep our organization going. Please give me a call day or evening if you have any questions. ❖

Dorothy J White
President - VFW Auxiliary
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TAPS

Richard L. "Dick" Koons - VFW Life Member and Army Korean War Veteran. Dick was a big part of the Veterans Honor Guard for many Years. Funeral was held on Wednesday 9 January 2019.

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

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

Post Chaplain

From the Adjutant

Hopefully it will get a bit warmer before long and we can get back to everyone being their normal self. For those who don't know yet, Tim Haney will no longer be running the Thursday Night Poker games for us in the near future. Many thanks to Tim, Kathy, Leonard, Mary and the rest of the crew for doing this for the Post for as long as they have. It has really been appreciated.

We will be holding the 7th District Dinner/Awards for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners this year. This will be a first for Post 604. Hopefully we will have quite a few members there for it. Being the first we have ever had, we really don't know for sure what the attendance will be for it.

One last thing for the month; if at all possible, see if you can make it to our monthly meetings when you can. In February it will be on the 18th. The more the merrier and we do have some things from time to time where we would like to have more input from the membership. Not only that, we might even get you to volunteer some of your time to help us with some of the projects we do. They are still held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Bill Evans

Adjutant, VFW Post 604

Meeting Schedule

3rd Tuesday each month

6:00 P.M.

TENDERLOIN SUNDAYS ARE BACK!!! — YIPEEE!!

But before we get to that, you need to know about our **1st Friday of the Month Dinner Special** which happens on **February 1st** and we are bringing back an old favorite — **All You Can Eat Home-Made CHILI & A GRILLED CHEESE** — you know the chili is good and the grilled cheese sammich will be a perfect match. And the price is right at only **\$7.00**. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. And we are sure Desserts will be in the offering!!










Okay, let's get started with our **TENDERLOIN SUNDAY** which is brought to you by the VFW Auxiliary and their **Great Big Ole Tenderloin Sandwiches**. — **February 17th** is the date --- Daytona 500 is the venue --- **\$6.00** is the cost. What we need to start these Sundays out with is a huge crowd so come out bring friends-neighbors - whoever and support them and get a super great meal to boot!! Yes, they also can handle call-ins/carry-out. Post opens at Noon and closes somewhere around 6:00 p.m. Also the **Auxiliary Fish Dinner** is on the **2nd Friday of the month (February 8th)**- all you can eat!! **\$7.00**

Steak Night is extremely popular and well worth the money, the **3rd Friday of the Month-STEAK NIGHT (15th)!!** 10 oz. Ribeye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11**. Yep! That's right—just **\$11**. Then the **4th Friday of the Month (22nd)** presents **The Auxiliary dinner special**, so check out their news article for that menu. **Texas Hold-em Tournament** every **Thursday**, starting at **7:00 p.m.**

Spring should be on the way some time soon, but until then our warm & tasty and affordable Friday Night Dinners are already here—so come out and enjoy!! ❖

House Committee

February 2019

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
					 6:00PM All You Can Eat Home-Made CHILI & A GRILLED CHEESE Dinner Commander's Drawing 1900	 1900
3	4 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	5	6	7	8 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	9
10	11 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	12	13	14 	15 Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	16
OPEN Noon – Victory  February 17 th 2019 THE GREAT AMERICAN RACE Tenderloins!!!	18 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	19 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	20	21	22  6:00PM Roast Beef Manhattan Sandwiches and Salad Dinner Commander's Drawing 1900	23
24	25 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	26	27	28		

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Post 604 Winners presented awards at 98th Awards Banquet

(left to right) 1st place Voice of Democracy **Abby M. Allen**, 1st place Patriot's Pen **Noah Hernandez**, 2nd place Patriot's Pen **Connor S. Osborne**, 2nd place Voice of Democracy **Jack M. Boyle**

2018 – 2019 Themes

Patriot's Pen : *Why I Honor the American Flag*

Each year more than 132,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$55,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Voice of Democracy : *Why My Vote Matters*

Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

These programs are supported by both the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary. Locally, at VFW Post 604, Karen Cain is at the forefront in coordinating our post's efforts to support these two very important programs. This year's Post winners are :

Voice of Democracy

- 1st Place Abby M. Allen
- 2nd Place Jack M. Boyle
- 3rd Place Mikayla Nagl

Patriots Pen:

- 1st Place Noah Hernandez
- 2nd Place Connor S. Osborne
- 3rd Place Jack Cocalis



Without the assistance of community educators, these programs would not be successful. This year we would like to commend the following educators who encouraged their students' participation in support of the Patriot's Pen program:

From Jackson Creek Middle School

- Linda Scott
- Justin Garner
- Paul Quimby
- David Pillar

From Lakeview Elementary

- Cindy Baker
- Jud Casebeer
- Jennifer Mungle
- Angela Davis



Pictured left to right : Dorothy White Post 604 VFW Auxiliary President, Karen Cain Post 604 Program Chair, Jackson Creek Educator Linda Scott, George Kristoff VFW Post 604 Commander, and Joe Hardin VFW Post 604 Sr. Vice Commander

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Everyday Kitchen Nibblin's!



Italian Chicken Wings....(6).....\$6.75	Pork Egg Rolls (2) \$3.00 <i>Dipping Sauces Hot Mustard / Sweet & Sour / Soy Sauce</i>
Boneless Country Style Chicken Chunks(8).....\$5.25 <i>Served with Ranch Dressing / BBQ Sauce / Honey Mustard</i>	Onion Rings \$3.25
Chicken Strips.....(5).....\$4.25	Breaded Mushrooms \$3.50
Buffalo Chicken Strips...(5).....\$4.50	Jalapeno Poppers(6)..... \$3.75 <i>Stuffed with Cream Cheese</i>
Chicken Gizzards 10 oz\$3.75	Mozzarella Cheese Sticks (6) \$3.00 <i>Dipping Sauces Ranch / Marinara</i>
Chicken Livers 10 oz \$3.75	SPECIAL
French Fries.....\$2.00	Nacho Chips & Cheese \$2.50
Cheesy Fries.....\$4.25 <i>Nacho Cheese / Bacon Bits</i>	<i>Additional Cheese \$.75</i>