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# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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September 2020

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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

We are still in a holding pattern on our complete reopening. We will keep the same hours in September that we have had in July and August. When the State and County give us the go ahead, we will reopen at full steam ahead. Until that happens, we will not be having any Friday Meals or Tenderloin Sunday. The Commanders Drawing will still be suspended in September.

Well we no more got back into the pizza business than our supplier closed his doors. We were doing pretty good with them, considering our limited hours. We're looking at other options, and hope to make a decision soon.

I failed to mention, last newsletter, that we received a substantial donation from Voiture 843 Chapter of the 40 and 8 Organization. It was presented to us by Comrade Barney White at our July meeting. All of us at the Post would like to thank this Organization for their generous donation during a difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.

Our annual Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship Is in full swing.

- The 2020 theme of the Voice of Democracy is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned"? This is for students in grades 9-12.

- The 2020 theme of the Patriots Pen 2020 is "What is Patriotism to Me"? This is for students in grades 6-8.

For information contact either myself or Karen Cain. Karen is our Scholarship Chairperson.

Our local VA Clinic now has Optometry available. Also, the Audiology Mobile Van will be coming to Bloomington every Thursday for repairs and adjustments. See the separate article for details. The clinic is hoping that there will be enough interest that

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## VFW Auxiliary

It has been quiet here at the VFW, not much going on. While we are still in restricted operations, we do need to see a few more members to come out and support our post.

Just stopping by for a soda, drink, or something to eat (we still have our perfect fry ready to serve you).

And see a friendly face.

We are all wearing our masks and cleaning as we go. While the bar seating is not available, there is still plenty of tables.

Dues are coming in, don't forget to put yours in the mail or leave at Canteen".

Here's hoping to see you soon.

Stay Safe! ❖

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



**Be Safe & Enjoy !**

they will be able to get Audiology at Bloomington as a permanent service. For any of the Veterans that have never been to the clinic, they do a very good job. I know the VA has taken a bad rap over the years, but a lot of things have changed. I have been very impressed with them. They have been my medical provider for several years, and have done a good job. It's worth your while to check them out.

I hope everyone is doing well. Hopefully, we'll get through this COVID business and everything can get back to normal. Stop in and support us. We are still serving food all hours we are open. I hope everyone stays safe and see you at the Post. ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**  
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### ***From the Adjutant***

Another month of no fun and games behind us, hopefully before the end of the year this will all just have been a bad dream and we can start the year 2021 as people who have managed to retain their sanity through all of the Covid-19 nightmare. I have not heard of anyone at the Post that has caught the virus, and we can be very thankful for that.

There still is not much at all going on at the Post considering the limited times we are open at the present. We are still able to have our meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. and we would love to see more members at the meetings, the more the merrier.

George Kristoff, Dorothy White, Debbie Helton, and I went up to the Marriot East in Indy last weekend for one of the VFW's normal training sessions they have occasionally. It was an interesting day and we all had a fun time while we were there.

When we got back to the Post in the afternoon, Glen Bumpus, one of our past District Commanders was there. For those who didn't know he has had some health issues recently and it was really a good thing to see him up and about again.

That's all I have for this month, please do all you can to remain healthy and may God bless the USA. ❖

**Bill Evans – Adjutant**  
**VFW Post 604**  
**Bloomington, Indiana**

## **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 ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Sandi Taylor ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Julia Bastin ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Jim Edney ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee  
Terry Carmichael ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee

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

## **SEPTEMBER 2020 HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday 12 pm to 9 pm  
Friday 4 pm to 10 pm  
Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm
















## **VA Hearing Aid Repair Services**

VA Audiology Mobile Van shall be at Bloomington VA's Parking Lot at 2100 S. Liberty Dr in Bloomington on Thursdays from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

To schedule service call 317-988-4957

Very limited walk up service may be available

# September 2020

Closed	Open 1200 - 2100	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	4  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	5  Open 1200 - 1800
6 CLOSED	7  Open 1200 - 2100	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	11  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	12  Open 1200 - 1800
13 CLOSED	14  Open 1200 - 2100	15 CLOSED Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	18  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	19  Open 1200 - 1800
20 CLOSED	21  Open 1200 - 2100	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED  * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	25  <b>Open to the Public</b> Open 1600 – 2200	26  Open 1200 - 1800
27 CLOSED	28  Open 1200 - 2100	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED			

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

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# September - Continued Restricted Operations



Open Monday Noon – 9:00 PM  
Open Friday 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Open Saturday Noon – 6:00 PM  
Closed all other days



No Friday Dinner Specials (for now) – Bar Menu Always

Fingers crossed; we hope to resume full operations soon –  
Depends on COVID-19 Restrictions