

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

What a crazy month January turned out to be for a lot of us, the weather dominated us for a couple weeks, and those that went South..... well, they should have probably just stayed here since the south had an amazing record blizzard and snowfall.

I want to thank John Drier for his service as a Trustee, and wish him great luck in his next adventure, thanks John for everything and please visit when you can. Welcome back Scott Tincher as a Trustee, you will be a great asset to the VFW Post 604 team and thanks for stepping up to fill the vacant trustee position.

Not a lot going on in February, we will continue with Souper Sundays, however look for the Sunday meal to change a little here and there, maybe a great casserole or something you may find in its place from time to time, Kenya is also looking to different ideas for Souper Sunday, if you think something sounds good, please let her know. Hot Dog Mondays remain in place and don't forget to try our smoked pork chop sandwich on Saturdays. Commander's dinner on the 21st will be smoked pork chop, fried apples, a potato side, & salad bar.

Thanks to everyone that pull the cards for your patience, we have the gaming issue under control and should be back to full gaming status, "red tape" is amazing at times. Thank you all for your support of our VFW Post 604, lets always have fun here, (just

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VFW Auxiliary

As we bid goodbye and good riddance to a harsh January, here's hoping for a gentler February!! We sadly had to cancel our 103rd birthday party this year because of weather. We always take that opportunity to recognize our student and teacher winners. This year's winners- Teacher of the Year- Misty Kelley. Voice of Democracy- Abigail Smith. Patriot Pen 1st place- Ara Lee. Patriot Pen 2nd Place- Clementine Paul. Congratulations to these students and teacher and thank you to all who participated in this program. Hopefully next year will have better weather for this wonderful event.

Many thanks to all who donated to the Women's Hygiene products drive for our homeless female veterans. We collected an amazing number of items and I'm sure they'll all be appreciated.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary for achieving our 100% membership goal. A special thanks to Karen Cain for all the hard work and determination she put into this goal!

There will not be a District Hospital Committee Mission drive for the next 2 months. So instead, we are going to be collecting food, cash/checks and volunteer time for the Community Kitchen of Monroe County. They serve an evening meal at their South Rogers location and have warm meals for carryout at the Crestmont Community Center - 6 evenings/week. They also have a food truck that

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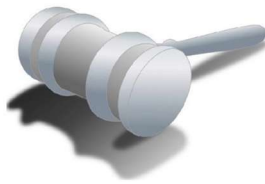
2024-2025 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

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Toni Kristoff	1 Yr. Trustee
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Chelle Brown.....	3 Yr. Trustee

2024-2025 VFW Post 604 Officers

Dale Blubaugh.....	Commander
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COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
12/27	John Martin	\$1,973	Winner Present

Suspended During the Month of January

Will Resume in February

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

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remember to keep your religious and political beliefs to yourself) and keep the positivity and comradeship coming. Without all of us we are nothing. We are all in this together.

See you at the Post ! ❖

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goes to various local senior housing and low-income areas at scheduled times and days throughout the week. Many of those served by the Community Kitchen are veterans. They have a Backpack Buddies program for school kids to help them get the nutrition they need to grow strong and healthy. Our drive will be broad based and accept any type of donation of non-perishable goods you might be willing to donate. There will be a donation box in the front vestibule of the Post and if you'd like to donate by cash or check, they can be given to the bartenders. For more specific information, please feel free to contact me or check our "VFW Auxiliary 604 Bloomington" Facebook page.

Our meals this month will be a bit different! The second Friday of the month is Valentine's Day!! We'll be serving a steak/baked potato/salad/dessert feast! All for the amazing price of just \$14. See the calendar below for our other Friday night meals. I encourage you to join us! And as always, a huge thank you to Kenya and our hard working "kitchen crew"!

Lent starts early March, so from then until Easter, all our meals will offer a fish or vegetarian alternative. Fried fish night will be back for a few Fridays. (YAY!!) More specific information will be in next month's newsletter.

The Auxiliary drawing name pulled this month was Tracey Callahan- not present.

Thanks to all of you who support our Post and Auxiliary and make it such a nice place to spend afternoons and evenings. I wish you good health and peace in your lives. ❖

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President

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Friday February 7th

\$10.00 1730 – 1930

*Kenya's
Lasagna*

**HOT DOG MONDAY – EVERY MONDAY
SMOKED PORKCHOP SANDWICH – EVERY SATURDAY
SOUPER SUNDAY – EVERY SUNDAY**

Friday February 14th

Steak Night \$14.00



Friday February 21st

\$10.00 1730 – 1930

**Smoked Pork Chop,
Fried Apples,
Potatoes, & Salad**

Friday February 28th

\$10.00 1730 – 1930

