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# 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

Laurens B. Strain VFW Post 604 will mark our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are the oldest continuously chartered VFW Post in the state of Indiana. The post was chartered on January 7, 1921. It is unfortunate that due to the pandemic we will not be able to have our Anniversary Celebration Dinner this year. We had been planning it all year until this hit. We do plan on having a celebration at some point. We are just not certain of when that may happen. There is still a lot of uncertainty out there. We all are hopeful that the new vaccine will contribute to a downward trend of the COVID-19 virus and we can get back to living our normal lives.

I hope everyone had a Safe and Merry Christmas and also a Happy New Year. I realize that under the circumstances many families weren't able to get together for the Holidays. We were unable to have our annual Christmas Dinner this year also. That's unfortunate, but we can all look forward to next year when everyone can get together again.

We had an unfortunate incident happen right before Christmas. A water line broke in the Canteen and flooded the upstairs and downstairs. We had to bring in a restoration crew in to clean everything up. I was hoping we will be back in operation by the first part of January, but after meeting with the owner of the restoration company and the insurance adjuster we are looking to February at best, possibly March. It did considerable damage to the walls, floor, and ceiling in the basement. The entire bar, dining area, hallway, and kitchen floor has to be torn out and replaced. All the subflooring is wet under the tile. Also, the floor is wet under the bar so that will be a challenge to get it dried out. I have been posting updates on our Facebook page, so check it out to see the

**See Commander**

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## VFW Auxiliary

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The kids Christmas gift pick-up sure did not go off as planned. We did our best to get them to the kids before Christmas. On top of COVID, broken water pipe, and associated repairs... Next year will be a better year we hope.

We still have about 23 annual members that have not renewed their dues for 2021. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be delinquent and no longer considered in good standing. This you? Stop by and leave your dues with the bartender or send to Karen Cain. A list will be posted in the canteen as a reminder - so you can check it when you come in.

Wanted to say congratulations to Lucia Walker, who as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, was one of our Post 2016-17 Patriot Pen winners. Now as a Senior at Bloomington High School South, Lucia has been selected as one of the recipients of the Monroe County Lilly Foundation Community Scholarships. This scholarship is for four years. Congratulations Lucia, your hard work paid off.

As the commander George has indicated, there will not be a Birthday Dinner / Awards Banquet in January. We will be in touch with our scholarship winners this year to make sure they receive their certificates and awards. ❖

**Dorothy J White**  
**Auxiliary President**  
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progress of the restoration.

Just think, two more months and it will start to warm up. Spring is right around the corner, sort of. I hope everyone is staying safe and well. I always end by saying See You at the Post, but that's going to be a while yet. ❖

**Commander – George Kristoff**  
812-327-6540  
georgek@bluemarble.net

### Temporally Moving the Grief Support Bible Study

The Grief Support Bible Study will move temporally to Calvary Baptist Church, 3501 N. Prow Rd. Bloomington, IN 47404 ; beginning Tuesday January 12th at 1 PM.

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.

### Honor Guard Looking for Members

The Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard are looking for new members. They are a very dedicated group that not only honors Veterans who have passed on, but provide a very valuable service to the families. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard, contact Butch Dennison at 812-825-2710.

### Our IU Army ROTC Spreading River Rock at the Post



**Thank you for the Assist !!**

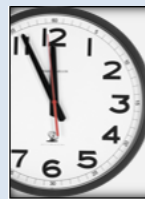
### 2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

- 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

### JANUARY 2021



**HOURS OF OPERATION**





**CLOSED** for Building Repair

Check back for more information in next month's Newsletter

**Good Riddance 2020**

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

# January 2021

CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED* *Except for Post Meetings 1800	CLOSED	CLOSED* *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	CLOSED	CLOSED
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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(\* 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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**Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744**

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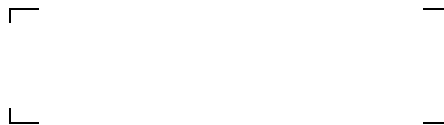
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US POSTAGE PAID  
BLOOMINGTON IN 47401  
PERMIT No. 205

*"Oldest Post in the State"*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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**CLOSED**



On the morning of December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Our Post was severely damaged by a burst water  
line – Repairs are in process -

– We are hoping to be open again in March –  
Look for an update in February's Newsletter