
VFW POST 604 NEWS

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March 2021

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 off and running. Things were moving pretty slow with the insurance company and the contractor, but the worm has turned. We are starting to see some results. We have received the check for the damaged items, the dry-out, and the demolition that has been completed. Everything has been approved and weather permitting will be starting restoration by the time you receive this newsletter. A crew was scheduled, to move everything else out of the building into another storage pod, but the snow stopped that in its tracks. We have all the pricing now and things are looking up.

We held our monthly meeting on Saturday February 20th, due to the weather. We needed to get together to go over all the details and make some decisions before the construction started. We had tile, carpet, and floor trim samples to go over and we agreed on all three. We also came to an agreement that we would put tile in the downstairs instead of replacing the flooring with carpet. The building will have new flooring, carpet, trim, and all the walls will be repainted. We will also be remodeling the Quartermaster and Adjutant office. Basically, when finished, the inside will look like new. We are hoping that this will give our building a total new look. With the monument, awning, and new look inside, we really will have something to be proud of. Not that we weren't

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VFW Auxiliary

Hope everyone is staying safe and warm. This weather is pretty but cold so ready for summer. The post is coming along slowly.

Renewals for our lapsed members have been sent out again recently, hope we get a few of these back with dues, since we only need 8 to be 100% membership renewal this year.

Remember, it doesn't matter if you have 5 years or 30 continuous years, National Headquarters says if you don't pay for one year you will have to rejoin, and your continuous years start all over at one. Call Dorothy 812-345-9025 or Karen 812-327-1944 if you have any questions or if you need help paying your dues. We also have Life Memberships available, call if you need that information. Becoming a life member is the better financial option in the long run, if you can afford it. Go Life and then we won't bother you again, well at least for dues 😊. Be sure and read the Commander's column, he keeps us up to date on where we are at with post operations. He is at the VFW Post daily keeping tabs on what is going on.

Nominations for next year's officers will open at our March meeting.

Our prayers go out to those who have lost a loved one and to all our Veterans. ❖

Dorothy White - Auxiliary President
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before, but this adds a whole new dimension. The estimated time, on the project, is 6 weeks, barring no major complications. If they start now, we are looking at sometime around the first part of April. The one thing that needs consideration, is that they will bring everything back into the building and put all of the big items in place. The small items are up to us. That will take a while. We won't be able to put everything back in place overnight. Almost all of the small items like glasses, bar items, and things of that nature are in moving boxes. That will be a slow process, just sorting it all out. I am optimistic that we will be back in operation by the first of May.

Our Officer nominations will open at our March meeting. Elections will be held in April. Interested in being an Officer, get in touch with one of the current officers or give me a call or email.

Something I would like to mention is we are looking for members to volunteer. There are many things we can do to make our Post a more enjoyable place to come into and enjoy an evening out, but it takes bodies to do that. I have a lot of ideas, but without the people to help, it's not possible. When I first joined, I had no intentions of volunteering. I wanted to sit back and enjoy the entertainment, not be part of it. I was sucked into it, and it was the best thing I ever did. It is hard work, at times, but it is enjoyable and can also be a lot of fun. I have made many friends since I joined 6 years ago, and it's mainly due to the volunteer work. It's a great feeling to be a part of something special, and our Post is definitely **Special!**

With that said, I would like to close by saying that this has been a trying year. With the Covid-19 shutdown, restrictions on our business, and then to add insult to injury, the water line break. It has been tough. Sometimes things work out for the best and I believe this water line break is one of them. I really believe that we will come through this in grand fashion. Everyone be safe and stay warm. Until next month. ❖

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2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

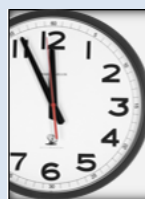
Dorothy White President
Mike Pipher Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin Jr. Vice President
Karen Cain Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson..... Conductor
Jenny Tracy..... Chaplin
Les Martin Guard
Toni Kristoff..... Patriotic Instructor
Julie Martin 1st Yr. Trustee
Sandi Taylor..... 2nd Yr. Trustee
Julia Bastin..... 3rd 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 1st Yr. Trustee
Jim Edney 2nd Yr. Trustee
Terry Carmichael 3rd Yr. Trustee

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

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HOURS OF OPERATION

CLOSED for Building Repair

Check back for more information in our next month's Newsletter



Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

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CLOSED Sunday	CLOSED Monday	CLOSED Tuesday	CLOSED Wednesday	CLOSED Thursday	CLOSED Friday	CLOSED Saturday	
	1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED * *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	
7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED * *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	
	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED * *Except for Post Meetings 1800	 17 CLOSED <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 CLOSED * *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	 19 CLOSED <i>Spring begins</i>	20 CLOSED
21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED * *Except for Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED	 			

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

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On the morning of December 18th, 2020
Our Post was severely damaged by a burst water
line – Repairs are in process -

– We hope to re-open by early May. –
Look for an update in our April Newsletter