

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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July 2022

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 had a very successful 100th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday 18 June. The crowd was just right for what we could handle. The VFW State Commander and the Auxiliary State President attended, also. Weather was perfect and you couldn't have asked for a better day. Lee and Barb Chapman brought their smoker/grill in and parked it on the back lot. Served pulled pork, grilled chicken, and hot dogs for the kids. Barb made her potato salad and Cole slaw also. Food was excellent. We didn't have much left at all. Rock' in Rich played for us for almost 6 hours. I had heard from several people that he was really good and he is. "He's a Veteran Playing for Veterans" and doesn't charge anything. We had enough in donations to make it worth his while. He has offered to play for us on Friday nights once a month. I would like to do that, but need to figure out logistically how to do it.

The grand finale was the Cloven Hoofs Motorcycle Club ended their Ride at our Post. 25 Harley's came roaring in. They are a very nice and polite group. They enjoyed our hospitality and we enjoyed having them. They made a very sizeable donation to our Post from the Ride and also contributed a nice donation for our 100th. Thanks to all of them.

I would like to personally thank all of the members who worked on this to make it very successful. We had a crew in at 9 am to finish putting everything together. The names are too numerous to mention, but thank you for all your hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

The Bloomingtonian web site has some good pictures. They covered our event.

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VFW Auxiliary

OMG NOW June is almost over, but it was a doozie. Between the weather, wind, and rain we've had it all. The good news is that we had a good time despite the weather.

In the past weeks we've had some new volunteers step forward and that is always great news. If you would like to volunteer, don't wait to be asked, step right up, you are always welcome.

The Auxiliary would like to congratulate Commander Kristoff and his crew for a job well done on the 100th Anniversary Party. As promised, we had great food prepared by Lee Chapman and his crew, great drinks, and music provided by Rock N' Rich. If you missed it, we are truly sorry.

The Auxiliary had its annual installation of new officers on June 20th. We want to thank newly elected Department of Indiana President Harriet Figg and her Chief of Staff Sharron Barger for coming here to install this year's officers. The only change in officers, Toni Kristoff is now our 2-year Trustee, replacing Julia Bastin who is recovering from some health issues. We wish Julia well.

Looks like we will end this year with 188 members. As always, membership applications are available on the bulletin board adjacent to the bar in the Post, so if you know of someone that would like to join us...

Other News: The Post has purchased a new pool table and it is located downstairs. We hope it gets lots of use. Don't forget to keep Friday, July 29th open for TACO Friday.

Jenny Tracy, Chairman VFW Auxiliary 604 Veteran & Family Support, told us about Hoosier-Times articles

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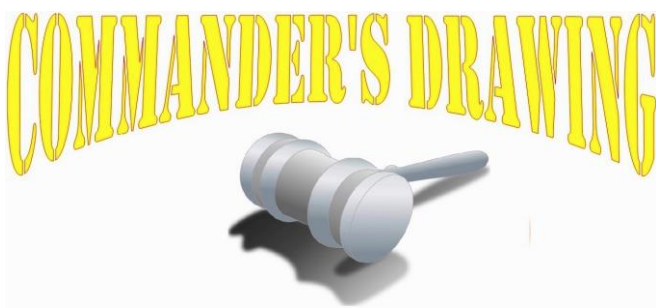
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2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Dorothy White.....	President
Mike Pipher	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin.....	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson.....	Conductor
Julia Bastin.....	Chaplin
Les Martin	Guard
Toni Kristoff.....	Patriotic Instructor
Sandi Taylor.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Toni Kristoff.....	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin.....	3 Yr. Trustee

2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff	Commander
Cathi Johnson	Sr. Vice Commander
John Martin	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick.....	Chaplain
Dewey "Joe" Hardin	Judge Advocate
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer...	Surgeon
John Tilford.....	Service Officer
Bill Evans.....	Adjutant
Dale Blubaugh	1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincher	2 Yr. Trustee
Jim Edney.....	3 Yr. Trustee
Barney White.....	1 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith	2 Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes	3 Yr. House Committee



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
05/27	Julie Moreno	\$120	Signed/Not Present
06/03	Allen Empson	\$158	Not Signed
06/10	Ryan Rowley	\$203	Not Signed
06/17	Brian Christenson	\$266	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 8:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

We're Back on Schedule!!!!!!

1st Friday of the Month (July 1st) Fried Chicken Night. Dark or white meat Chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable for **only \$10.00**, yep plus desert ! Cooked by our Famous Chef Barney and assisted by your Friendly Commander!

And then we have our **Auxiliary Fish Dinner on the 2nd Friday of the Month (July 8th) → A more than generous serving of fish ←** And would you believe just **\$10.00??**

From there we go to our **3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (July 15th)!!! USDA Choice 10 oz. New York Strip** with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$16.**

Now to the **4th FRIDAY of the Month (July 22nd) Dinner. The Auxiliary and their Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches.** There are always Desserts and extras with these meals. Only **\$10.00!!!!!!**

Now this month has 5 Fridays (July 29th) and the Auxiliary is coming back with their "All You Can Eat" Tacos and fixin's. \$10.00, yep just \$10.00

Come down and see us on Friday nights, serving from 6 to 8 pm. We'd love to serve you!

House Committee

Pool Table Is Ready To Play



Our new Pool Table is set up and ready to go.

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Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Gaming Annual Activity License # 00274

100th Anniversary January 7, 1921 to 2021



Our Friday dinners have fallen off somewhat. However our last Steak Night did quite well. We had a previous steak night where we received someone else's steak order and didn't realize it until we were ready to cook them. The quality was not good at all. I had a long talk with our supplier and the steaks we received this time were exactly what I had ordered. The quality of these steaks was very good. Come down and support your club on Fridays. With the price at restaurant's going through the roof, we're a good alternative and a reasonable price.

We just invested in a Pool Table for the downstairs. It is a regulation table that is available to our members. There's a picture of it in the newsletter. Bring your own Cue or use one of ours. Come on down and enjoy the fun.

Just finished having our parking lot resealed and stripped. It really looks good. Arnold Paving did it for us and did a very good job.

In closing I would like to mention that our Auxiliary President Dorothy White is in Methodist Hospital. She's recovering from some health issues. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery.

Everyone take care and See You At The Post ! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff
(812) 327-6540 (Cell)

50-50 Drawing \$128 6523248

Is the winning number for the 50-50 drawing we held on Saturday 18 June. No one was present to win, so we have the ticket on the board for the winner to claim. We will hold it for 30 days.

Hoosier Bar & Grill - Veterans Discount

Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville is offering a 20% off discount to all Veterans. This is for food only. It's called the "Hero's Discount" and you must ask for it.

It's a great place with good food, service, and friendly staff. They have a family side also. Check it out !

about an upcoming production by Emmy award-winning filmmaker Jo Throckmorton. He is tracing the steps of Private Laurens B. Strain and Sergeant Ernest Finley Duncan, both from Bloomington. This will trace the steps of these soldiers in France during WWI. The film will air at the end of the year on PBS in Indiana. More information can be found at www.hoosierheroesofwwi.com. The purpose of the film is, for some - to remember, and for others - to learn for the first time, these incredible stories.

Jenny also told us how we can support the VFW National Home for Children. You can now purchase a Tribute Brick \$100. These will be placed at the National Home in walkways in several different locations including the museum and WWII Memorial. If interested please let us know as they will be customized.

We've had our share of members sick, or in the hospital over the past month. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Please keep President Dorothy in your prayers for a speedy return to VFW Post 604, her leadership is sorely missed. ❖

Submitted by Karen E. Cain, on behalf of :

Dorothy White - Auxiliary President

Columbarium Niches Available to All Members

We still have Niches available to all Post member free of charge. The Columbarium is located at the Veterans Memorial in Valhalla. The only charge is for the opening and closing of the niche and for the plaque for the spouse, if applicable. It is at a greatly reduced price until the middle of August. This is a great savings to all veterans. As we know the price of burials and cremations is substantial. Interested?, please contact Commander George Kristoff or call the Post and leave a message. We will provide you with all the details.

Honor Guard Looking for Members

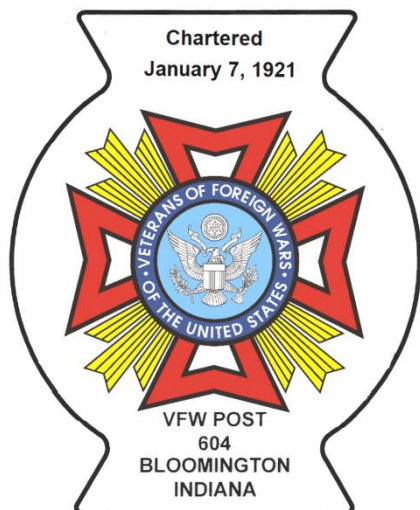
The Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard are looking for new members. They not only honor Veterans who have passed on, but provide a very valuable service to the families. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard you can contact the Post or call 812-825-2710 and leave a message.

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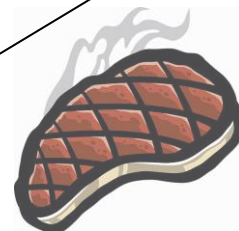


Phone: (812)-339-2375

Friday July 1st

\$10.00

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday July 8th

\$10.00

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



Friday July 15th

\$10.00

1800 - 2000



Friday July 29th

Taco Night 1800 - 2000



Friday July 22nd - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00
10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

