

# VFW POST 604 NEWS

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August 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 lost our beloved Auxiliary President, Dorothy White, last month. She was a breath of fresh air. She had a great love for the Auxiliary and our Post. Dorothy always decorated the Post for the different holidays, and she especially loved putting on the Children's Christmas Party. She was an exceptional person, a great friend, and will be missed by all of us. We dedicated the back of the calendar page in this newsletter to her honor.

In the last two newsletters we had an article about the Columbarium being available to Veterans. I only received one inquiry, which was hard for me to believe. It is something that most of us will never have available again. The Niches are FREE for the veteran and their spouse. The only cost is the opening and closing plus the plaque for the spouse. The cost of this is a fraction of what it would cost if you went out and purchased it yourself and nowhere near what a casket and burial would cost. The reduced rate is good through December 31. After that it will go up to the normal pricing. We are offering this to VFW Members only, at this time. If we don't receive more responses, then we will open it up to any veteran that is interested.

If anyone would like more information, please contact me for the details.

I hope everyone is staying cool. This heat wave should end fairly soon, I hope. We were at our place on Kentucky Lake a week ago and the lakes surface temp was 90+ degrees. That's really warm for a lake. Needless to say, the fish weren't exactly jumping the boat.

The new pool table is going over very well. We have

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## VFW Auxiliary

The passing of Auxiliary President Dorothy White leaves a huge hole in our hearts and also in our organization. Without question, Dorothy's support for veterans and her enthusiasm for the VFW fueled just about everything we've been doing within Unit 604. She can't be replaced, but we can honor her by doubling down on our own efforts to carry out the veteran-oriented programs that had been so dear to her heart. We love you, Dorothy. Thank you.

Dues notices for 2023 are about to go into the mail. We ended the 2022 administrative year with 183 members. We'll be trying to grow that number this year. One way to do that is to develop and promote new activities, some of particular interest to families with children and others of interest mostly to adults. For starters, we're going to hold a children's Halloween Party on Saturday afternoon, October 29 featuring fun and games and snacks and a costume contest. We're also thinking about getting a Euchre Night re-started that might work well on Monday evenings. More info on both will be forthcoming.

We're trying out a slightly different kind of fundraiser that runs from August 1 through next July. Contributors will pay \$5 to be a "sponsor" of a particular day on the calendar. Names of "sponsors" will appear on the appropriate days on our Facebook page. More than one person can be a "sponsor" on each day. You may want to pick your birthday or anniversary or each of your children's birthdays, or...whatever. Jenny Tracey is spearheading this new effort. We will donate all proceeds to HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families) which just happens to be this year's project for VFW Auxiliary Department President Harriet Figg, who is from Gosport here in

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## 2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Mike Pipher .....	President (Acting)
Julie Martin .....	Sr. Vice President
{Vacant} .....	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain .....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson.....	Conductor
Julia Bastin.....	Chaplain
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
07/01	Scott Tincher	\$162	Signed/Not Present
07/08	Barry Robinson	\$209	Not Signed
07/15	David Millen	\$256	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 (5<sup>th</sup>) Fried Chicken Night. Dark or White Chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable for only \$10, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month (12<sup>th</sup>)** A more than generous serving of fish and would you believe just **\$10.00??**

From there we go to our **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (19<sup>th</sup>)!!!** USDA Choice **10 oz. New York Strip** with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$16.**

Now to the **4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY of the Month (26<sup>th</sup>) Dinner. The Auxiliary and their Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches.** There are always Desserts and extras with these meals. Only **\$10.00!!!!!!**

**Come down and see us on Friday nights, serving from 6 to 8 pm.**

**We'd love to serve you!**

**House Committee**

## DRAFT GOLD BEER



**\$2.50  
A GLASS**

# Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

## August 2022

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000</p>  <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p><b>Open to the Public</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fish Fry 1800 - 2000</p>  <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p><b>Open to the Public</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>CELEBRATION</b> <i>of Life</i></p> <p><b>Dorothy White</b></p> <p>@ VFW Post 604 1200 - 1600</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1800-2000 - Steak Dinner</p>  <p><b>\$16</b></p> <p><b>Open to the Public</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Serving 1800 – 2000</p> <p><b>! Tenderloins !</b></p>  <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p><b>Open to the Public</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Open 1200 - 2100</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	 		

(\* For Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room A118 – Check website <http://www.vetovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

**Telephone Number (812) 339-2375**

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## My Tribute to Dorothy

I mentioned Dorothy's passing in my article, but I would like to add a personal note. My wife Toni and I didn't know Dorothy until we joined the VFW. She wasn't President at the time but was very visible. We got to know Dorothy and Barney after getting involved in the Post, on the House Committee, and Post Activities and Toni joined the Auxiliary. Dorothy became Auxiliary President the year before I became Commander. After taking over as Commander, we worked well together and I really got to know her. My wife and Dorothy became very close friends, thick as thieves, as I like to call it. She was a real character. Whenever you saw a little black dog come trotting down the hall, you knew Dorothy was right behind. She took Buddy everywhere. We even had to save our steak scraps after steak night for Buddy. Nothing was too good for Buddy. If I didn't know better, I'd swear she fed Buddy better than Barney.

I wanted to put our pictures in the entry way, so people, coming in, would know who we were. I couldn't get Dorothy to go along with it. She didn't like to have her picture taken. I badgered her until I finally caught her in a weak moment and got the picture. It's still on the wall today. I will move it, at the appropriate time, to the dining area. Dorothy's picture will remain visible to all. It's a very good picture of her.

Dorothy didn't like to get rid of anything. That was the only thing we ever disagreed on. And they were friendly disagreements. She wanted to save everything just in case we may need it someday. I say, if you don't need it, get rid of it. I had something that needed to be thrown away, one day, but Dorothy was there, and I would catch "Dorothy's Wrath" if she caught me. She would always say "Don't You Dare Throw That Away". I hung around for a while and noticed she had left. I threw it away and she never knew the difference. Didn't miss it either. She would always ask me "Did You Throw That away?" Of course, I would always say No.

She loved to decorate the Post for all of the Holidays. We have a storage room full of decorations to prove it. It was a big thing to her, and she did a great job doing it. Just like the Children's Christmas Party. She was in the height of her glory. All of us always looked forward to it because we knew Dorothy would do an Outstanding Job of putting it all together.

She was all about the Friday Night Auxiliary Dinners. She worked them all. If nothing else, she would take the orders and money. She also helped on Post Dinner nights, if we needed help. Also, if push comes to shove, she would tend bar. Dorothy was always there when you needed her and always with a smile.

Toni and I had the privilege to be able to see Dorothy shortly before she passed on. It was a good visit, and we are very happy that we were able to see her for the last time.

Dorothy was a Lovely Lady, a Great Friend, a Great Auxiliary President, and a Wonderful Person. All of us, at the Post, will miss her greatly. She will be remembered for a very long time.

God Bless Dorothy White!

George Kristoff  
Commander

plenty of ques, so come on down and play a few rounds. Bring your own or use one of ours.

Our Friday Night Dinners are picking up. Thanks to all of you that are supporting us. These dinners are one of the things that help keep the Post viable.

This is a short article for this month. Not a whole lot went on in July. Everyone stay cool and See You at the Post. ❖

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

## 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 December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## Pool Table Is Ready To Play



Our Pool Table is set up and ready to go.

our own 7th District.

We're supporting Wreaths Across America again this year. Its first year was a smashing success and likely to grow even bigger with time. Also, we'll be contacting educators this month to drum up interest in the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarships. Karen Cain and Post Commander George Kristoff have brochures that contain specifics. The theme for Patriot Pen this year is "My Pledge to Our Veterans." The theme for Voice of Democracy is "Why is the Veteran Important."

At the Auxiliary's July meeting, Jenny Tracey noted that J.C. Penny's had put sleep pants, sweatpants, and joggers on sale and, coincidentally, those are items often requested by residents of the Indiana Veterans Home at Lafayette. Several members in attendance donated \$\$ which was quickly matched by the Unit's treasury. The result was a nice \$100 in useful clothing donated to IVH out of the blue. That's just one more reason why I love this organization. Hope to see you at our next meeting on August 16!

For God and Country ❖

**Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President (Acting)**

## Message from Barney White

*I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, condolences, and cards for my wife Dorothy. She will be missed by all.*

*A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at the VFW Post. Lunch will be provided.*

*Thank You,  
Barney White*

## 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 !

## 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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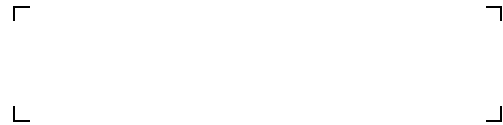
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Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000

**Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**



**Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>** Fish Fry 1800 - 2000

**\$10.00**



**Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00**

1800 - 2000



**Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 till 8:00 PM**

**Steak Night**

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

