
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

Greetings! Spring is in the air and I hope everyone has made it through winter in good shape. We at the Post are making plans for a great spring and summer. Everyone is invited to the Post meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm to help us plan our spring and summer activities for the Post. We are always open for suggestions that will improve what we have to offer our members.

As most of you know, no one at the Post is paid for what they do. Everyone you see working at the Post is volunteer. We have such a great bunch of members that spend a lot of their free time helping to make our Post the only Post in the State that is totally volunteer. If you would like to join us and become a part of a great Post, all are welcome to come by anytime. Having fun and great conversation and helping Vets is our main goal.

At our last meeting, we invited the newly appointed Monroe County Veterans Officer to speak and introduce herself to everyone at the meeting. We agreed to support her and back her to improve services to our fellow Veterans. We are asking all of you to help Mary Elftman in her new position as Monroe County's Service Officer and wish her well. We also voted to sponsor a little league ball team this year. We will try and publish the dates and times for some of the games.

It is also time for us to start thinking about new officers for the Post. Everyone should be involved in making the right choices to take our Post forward and improving how we can help and support the Veterans of this county. Our monthly meetings are important to every member and the direction that the Post is moving. ❖

Commander - Joe Hardin

Post 604 Men's Auxiliary

Yo, Everything has been awesome these first 2 months! The first time with Tim and Tim in the kitchen was really good, the chili and double decker grilled cheese was a home run. Our tenderloin Sundays have really been great as well (total sell outs), speaking of tenderloins, the next NASCAR Sunday is March 20th. Our all-u-can eat fish is also a huge success it's been a sell out too! Wait a minute, did I say March? Holy cow 3 months into this year already. It seems like we just celebrated the new year a couple of weeks ago.

Remember every Friday night we have a special dinner at a very special price. There is not a better price nor is there a tastier dinner in town.

As you now, Post 604 is the oldest post in the state! So not only is this a special organization (Veterans of Foreign Wars), but we are also the first to honor those that served. We have several auxiliary members that served in the military, but were not sent abroad. You can also qualify thru your grandparents / parents / spouse. So come in and join this *elite group*. ❖

Tim Haney, President VFW Men's Auxiliary

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VFW Auxiliary

February was a quiet month. At our February meeting we discussed helping clear out the basement and came up with some solutions. Also, on a trial basis, Dorothy and Sandy are going to be serving Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches on the 1st Friday of each month. Again, this will be on a trial basis so please come and check this out.

We are coming up on nominations and elections. We will be accepting nominations for all offices, especially President. Yes, it is time for someone else to take the office.

We will still be having our taco dinner on the 4th Friday of the month. Please come in and enjoy the fun and good food on Friday nights.

Here's hoping this finds everyone well and in good health. If you've lost someone near to you, my condolences. Also, last but not least, may God bless our troops both near and far.

Looking forward to Spring! ❖

Julia Curtis
President VFW Auxiliary
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Renewing Membership

Your continued membership is important to us. The V.F.W. and its Auxiliaries are the life-blood of our post. If you know of someone desiring to join our ranks please do not hesitate to contact one of our officers.

Annual membership renewal forms are mailed to each V.F.W. and Auxiliary member. Dues shall be forwarded per the directions contained in the notice received by the member with the renewal form. If you do not receive a renewal notice, please contact the Post 604 Quartermaster or one of your club officers for assistance. ❖



WHOA--60° F in FEBRUARY!!!

Kinda makes you wonder what's in store for March!! But we do know that the **1st Friday of the Month Dinner Special**—this month will be something absolutely new. **Philly Steak & Cheese — French Fries — Cole Slaw — Dessert**—just **\$6.50!!** Serving starts at 6:00 pm till we run out!! We are thinking this meal will be better than the Tenderloins!! (oopps--snicker!)

NASCAR Sunday will be on **March 20th** with the Men's Auxiliary. revving up with their **Great Big Ole Tenderloin Sandwiches.** Post opens at Noon and close somewhere around 6:00 p.m. Its more than just a sandwich — it's a meal and a good time — you get both for only **\$5.00!!**

















May not have 60° weather for our **3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (18th)!!** But we do have our 8 oz. Rib Eye with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just **\$11.** This meal would easily cost \$13 and change--minimum anywhere else but here at your **VFW Post 604!** — prepared by our Post Commander!! That's right — just **\$11.** **Texas Hold-'em Tournament** every **Thursday,** starts at **7:00 p.m.** Also the **Men's Auxiliary Fish Dinner** on the **2nd Friday** of the month (**Mar 11th**)-all you can eat!! If that's not enough then the **4th Friday of the Month (25th)** presents **The Auxiliary** with their **TACO NIGHT** — all you can eat for just **\$6.50!!!**

Did you notice that the Post was very nicely decorated for Valentine's Day?? We would like to say **Thank-You** to our Post 604 Volunteers — **SUPER JOB!!** ❖

House Committee

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

March 2016

Closed Sunday	Open 1200 - 2200 Monday	Open 1600 - 2200 Tuesday	Open 1600 - 2200 Wednesday	Open 1600 - 2200 Thursday	Open 1600 - 2200 Friday	Open 1000 - 2200 Saturday
		1	2	3  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	4 Serving Dinner 1800 – 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	5
6	7 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	8	9	10  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	11 Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	12
13 Spring Forward 	14 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	15 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800 Men's Aux – 1800	16	17  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	18 Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	19
20 Open Noon - Victory 	21 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	22	23	24  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	25 Serving Dinner 1800 - 2000  Commander's Drawing 1900	26
27 	28 HOT DOG MONDAY Open @ Noon	29	30	31  Starts at 7pm * Vet to Vet – 1800	 	

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

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NEVER QUIT

We can never give up on the political process. No matter how hopeless it seems, no matter how obnoxious and unqualified the candidates, no matter how frustrated we become.

Every member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has placed himself or herself at risk for the United States. Many of us have known friends who did not return, have seen our fellows hit and some killed. We – among all citizens – know and must not forget the sacrifices over these past 239 years to gain and keep the right to self-government. We wore the uniform of the United States. The United States is not a tangible thing or a big-bucks corporation. The United States is us – the people. We are among a special subgroup of those people and we, like it or not, carry that burden of leadership. We must continue to carry the torch of freedom.

You may recall an earlier Post 604 newsletter column quoting Winston Churchill's 1941 speech to the students about to graduate from the same school, Harrow, which he attended decades before. The theme of that speech was, *"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."*

It appears 'the enemy' is now a legion and the worst, the most insidious, of these threats are from within. They are those who value personal power and financial gain – and those two goals look increasingly the same – over the collective interests of the other citizens of the United States. They run large corporations, they have massive fortunes, they own the media, they select milk-toast political candidates who never even considered military service who look good and like to sound strong but who are already bought and paid for. But Churchill's words still echo if we will but listen, urging us to never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

You can hardly avoid hearing the bluster on television and radio and in the newspapers. Not so long ago you had the guts to hold up your right hand and swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and

domestic. Do not yield. Continue that strength of character and dedication. Think for yourself. Do not be swayed by others. Do your own research, considering – however initially unpleasant it may seem – the points of view of those 'on the other side'. Check the 'facts' claimed by the candidates and remember those who play fast and loose with those facts. Assess your sources of information as we did in military intelligence: *Who is the author, speaker, media producer? Who are they addressing and what do they want that target audience to think and do? What is the source's personal agenda? Influence? Status? Power? What are they risking? What is their track record for accuracy? Are they a member of a particular organization or movement or group? If so, are they pursuing the interests of that group? Who pays them? What is the source of funding for that person or group? What is that persons or groups agenda? Go ahead and read and listen, but filter every bit of information you get from that source with the research you did – seeking answers to the above and similar questions – about their background and record. Be sure to vote, but do your own research first. Share your findings and sources with others. Be involved no matter how hopeless it may seem.*

The students of Harrow and the men and women of the United Kingdom did not give in to the Nazis. They won. Freedom was preserved. If we give in, government 'for the people' and 'by the people' will have died. Only a government 'of the people' will remain. ❖

John Tilford – Service Officer



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Post & Auxiliary Elections

Annual Office elections for VFW Post 604, VFW Auxiliary, and Men's Auxiliary are upcoming. Person submitting nominations, nominees submitted, and voting is limited to members in good standing. Elected offices are as follows:

VFW. Post 604 Offices

Nominations: Open March 15, 2016- Close April 19, 2016
Open Voting: April 19th 2016 meeting after nominations close

- ✓ Commander
- ✓ Sr. Vice Commander
- ✓ Jr. Vice Commander
- ✓ Quartermaster
- ✓ Chaplin
- ✓ Judge Advocate
- ✓ Surgeon
- ✓ 3-Year Trustee
- ✓ 3-Year House Committee



VFW Auxiliary Offices

Nominations: Open April 19, 2016
Open Voting: April 19th 2016 meeting after nominations close

- ✓ President
- ✓ Sr. Vice President
- ✓ Jr. Vice President
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Chaplin
- ✓ Conductress
- ✓ Guard
- ✓ 3-Year Trustee



VFW Men's Auxiliary Offices

Nominations: Open March 15, 2016-- Close April 19, 2016
Open Voting: April 19th 2016 meeting after nominations close

- ✓ President
- ✓ Sr. Vice President
- ✓ Jr. Vice President
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Chaplin
- ✓ 3-Year Trustee

