

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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January 2023

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

With Christmas behind us, we are now off to a new year. We had a good year in 2022. Was a far cry from the prior 2 years. That was mostly gloom and doom. It's good to be back to normal even though we are still only open 3 days a week. We would like to expand our hours, but that takes manpower, and unfortunately we are currently short of that. There are a lot of things we could do, but it takes people to do them. Anyone interested in helping is more than welcome. We need bar tenders and assistance in the kitchen.

The Children's Christmas Party was well attended. Binky the Magic Clown did his usual magic, keeping the kids and adults alike entertained. Of course we had our visit from Santa and his gifts for the children. Everyone had a good time, especially the children.

Our Christmas Dinner attendance was very good. We had a much better crowd than the previous year. I would like to personally thank everyone who brought a covered dish. We all appreciated it. And thanks to Frank Ozug for cooking the second turkey and ham. That helped considerably. For those of you that didn't attend, you missed some really good food and good time. No one went away hungry, in fact just the opposite. Great Food and Great People.

This month is our annual Birthday Dinner. It will be on Saturday 7 January from 6 pm to 8 pm. This is a catered event that we have every year. We have not had our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Awards ceremony for the past 3 years, but this year we're back on track. Our finalists and their family's will be invited to the dinner and we will present the
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VFW Auxiliary

First, let me call for a big round of applause to everyone who had a hand in bringing 2022 to a marvelous conclusion. The holiday dinner last month was excellent. The number of people who showed up and participated in Wreaths Across America was heartwarming (the ONLY thing that was warm that day!). Everyone who has helped with decorations around the post deserves a lot of thanks.

Our Auxiliary helped a couple of veterans in a special way just in time for the holidays and we also reached out and supported a couple of community projects like the Kiwanis Operation Chili for Children. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

We came oh-so-close to closing the year at 100% of our membership goal but fell just three members shy. Perhaps our very first New Years resolution should be to make sure we hit our target goal in 2023. Those who missed the end of year deadline need to get their dues paid so they can continue to use the club canteen.

Let's not get too used to sitting around in the warm, fuzzy slippers and bath robes we got for Christmas. The New Year brings new opportunities for us to get busy and go above and beyond in our efforts to support the veterans who are the reason for the VFW.

Coming up quickly in January is the Post's Birthday Dinner on Saturday, January 7th. Karen Cain has done her usual terrific job of spearheading the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests in our local schools. The winners of those contests and their parents have

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awards at that time. We try to hold this as close to the actual date as possible. This year it falls exactly on the Anniversary of our Charter, which was 7 January 1921. We will be 102 years old.

We're back to Friday Dinners this month, too. If anyone has any suggestions on something we could do different, let us know. We are always open to new ideas. We're keeping an eye on the price of steaks. They keep inching up. We want to keep Steak Night, but may have to do something different to keep the price down and affordable.

Well, that's it for this month. Thanks for a great year and a Special Thanks to all those that have volunteered over the past year. We wouldn't be able to make it without you. I am looking forward to this next year and more exciting things to come.

See you at the Post.

Commander – George Kristoff
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December Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
11/25	Kenneth Williams	\$373	Not Signed
12/02	Mary Campfield	\$428	Not Signed
12/09	JoAnn Vernon	\$482	Signed & Present
12/16	Ruth Bell	\$75	Not Signed

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

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been invited to join us at the Birthday Dinner and be recognized for their efforts.

Thank you for helping us pick up where Dorothy left off this year. I, for one, can't wait to see what's in store for 2023 but I have no concerns because our Auxiliary is made up of so many wonderful, caring, energetic, thoughtful, and giving individuals. A group of individuals, with that much character, makes for an unstoppable force. Happy New Year!

Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President (Acting)

102nd Anniversary Celebration Dinner Saturday 07 January 6 to 8 pm

The Post will provide a catered meal for all of our members, at no charge. This is an event that we put on every year and along with that we will have our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Awards. We haven't had the awards for the past 3 years due to the pandemic, but this year we're back on track. We will be serving from 6 to 8 pm, with the awards starting around 7pm or so, depending on everyone finishing their meals.

Friday Dinners

Just a friendly reminder that our Friday meals start serving at 6 PM.

We have had a couple of Fridays in the past where people have shown up at 5 PM or a little after and have tried to place orders. We don't have a full kitchen with a kitchen staff. We are all volunteers and work hard to get the dinners ready to serve at 6 PM. We don't actually start getting things ready until around 4 PM or maybe a little before, so we are stretched to make the 6 PM timeline.

Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

We're Back – January Dinners !!!!!

1st Friday of the Month (6th) Fried Chicken Night. Dark or White Chicken with mashed potato's, 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 the 2nd Friday of the Month (13th) 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 (20th)!!! 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 (28th) 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

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

January 2023

Closed Sunday	Open 1200 - 2100 Monday	Closed Tuesday	Closed Wednesday	Closed Thursday	Open 1600 – 2200 Friday	Open 1200 - 1800 Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	6 FRIED CHICKEN DINNER 1800 - 2000  \$10 Open to the Public	7  Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	13 FISH FRY 1800 - 2000  \$10 Open to the Public	14
15	16	17 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux – 1800	18	19 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	20 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  \$16 Open to the Public	21
22	23	24	25	26 * Vet to Vet@ VFW – 1800	27 Serving 1800 – 2000 ! Tenderloins !  \$10 Open to the Public	28
29	30	31	  			

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

Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744

Children's Christmas Party 2022



Santa Passing out present to Ava



Magic from Binky with 3 helpers

Collector's Item Tip Board Raffle

Jack Daniels 1954 Gold Medal Whiskey
Estimated Worth of \$500 - \$600



\$10 per Ticket

See the bartender

2022-2023 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Mike Pipher President (Acting)
Toni Kristoff Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson Conductor
Julia Bastin Chaplain
Les Martin Guard
Sara Dobrin 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
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer... Adjutant
Dale Blubaugh 1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincer 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

Wreaths Across America Bloomington, Indiana 1,140 Veterans Remembered!



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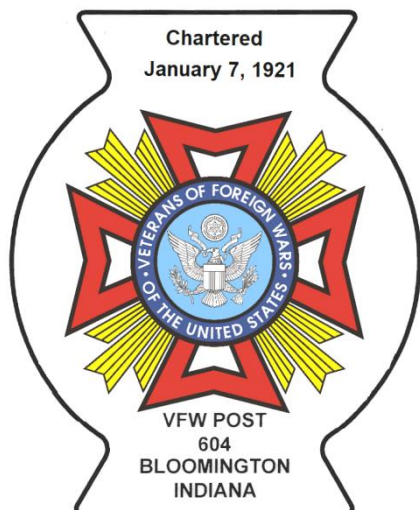


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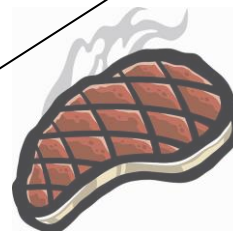
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Friday's January 6th

(1800 - 2000)

\$10.00

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



January 13th

\$10.00

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



January 2nd

(1800 - 2000)

\$10.00



10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

January 20th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00

Steak Night

