

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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February 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

Our 102nd Birthday Dinner was very successful. We also presented our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Awards. This was the first time we held this at our dinner since before the pandemic. Barb Ooley catered the event, as she does every year, and as usual, did an outstanding job. Our winner for the Voice of Democracy, William Foley, placed 2nd in the District. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

I am happy to announce that we made our 100% Membership goal in January. Thanks to all for renewing in a timely manner.

We sold all the tips for our 5th of "Jack Daniels 1954 Gold Medal Whiskey". We pulled the tab for the winner on Friday 13 January. Right, Friday the 13th ! And the winner was, Mike Pipher. Congratulations Mike.

We're back to our Friday dinners, and we have had decent crowds. January and February are historically slow months for everyone. With the weather to consider, and just coming out of the holidays, people don't get out and spend a lot of money. My 50 years in the grocery business was proof of that.

Everyone is enjoying the pool table. It's been a good investment for our members. We're also looking at getting a dart board. Along with that, we're also looking at getting something for kids that come to the Post. Something to occupy their time rather than sitting around listening to a bunch of old fogies. We claim to be kid friendly, but when they do come,

VFW Auxiliary

Here's an easy way to breathe some fresh spring air into your winter doldrums: Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 8th. That will be the date of our children's Easter Egg Hunt at Post 604. The fun starts at 10am that day. Be sure to sign up your kiddies ahead of time. We may run a special fundraiser to get enough money to buy eggs for the event (Just kidding...we'll be using plastic eggs).

A huge shout out/thank you goes to Jenny Tracy for putting together a truly neat project that benefits the veteran members of Post 604. The Auxiliary is mailing a \$5 gift certificate to ALL veterans who are members of the post. For those who live nearby, the vets can bring their certificate in here to the post and use it to pay for any food or beverages. We're sending them a \$5 fast food coupon to those members who live farther away. It's a small way to say "Thank You!" but it's a neat treat for the vet and also puts a few bucks back into the post. The Auxiliary is paying for this, but the idea came from Jenny and she's been doing nearly all of the legwork.

Post 604 will be hosting a ceremony for District winners of the Patriot Pen essay contest and Voice of Democracy contest on Saturday, February 25. Our local VoD winner has placed second at the District level. The public is welcome. Not only can you come out and support our local contestants, but anyone interested in participating next year will get a first-hand look at how the contest works.

Here are a couple of on-line pages you might like

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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

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| 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 |

COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Commander's Drawing Results

| Date | Member Drawn | \$Pot\$ | Result |
|--------|------------------|---------|------------|
| 23 Dec | Closed | \$134 | No Drawing |
| 30 Dec | Buddy Newlin | \$134 | Not Signed |
| 06 Jan | Stephen Glasglow | \$205 | Not Signed |
| 13 Jan | Bruce Olcalt | \$263 | Not Signed |
| 20 Jan | Lyle Deckard | \$322 | Not Signed |

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

February Dinners!!!!!!

**1st Friday of the Month (February 3rd)
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 (February 10th)** 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 (February 17th)!!!**
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
(February 24th) 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







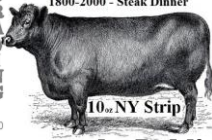




Mark your calendar!

***** Saturday, April 8th - 10:00AM *****

Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Post 604.
Be sure to sign up your kiddies ahead of time.

February 2023

| Closed | Open 1200 - 2100 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Open 1600 - 2200 | Open 1200 - 1800 |
|--|---|---|-----------|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 |  | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | * Vet to Vet – 1800 | Open 1600 – 2200 | Open 1200 - 1800 |
| 12 | Open 1200 - 2100 | 14 | 15 | * Vet to Vet – 1800 |  | 11 |
| 19 | Open 1200 - 2100 |  | 22 | * Vet to Vet – 1800 |  | 18 |
| 26 |  | Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800 | 28 | * Vet to Vet – 1800 |  | 25 |
| | Open 1200 - 2100 | | | | | |

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

Telephone Number (812) 339-2375

Gaming Annual Activity License # 002744



VFW Post 604 Award Recipients



Patriot Pen

- 1st place – Mila Havill-Weems (Right) – Jackson Creek 7th grade / teacher Justin Garner
2nd place – Mya Minn (Left) – Lakeview Elementary 6th grade / teacher Michelle Oliver

Voice of Democracy

- 1st place - William R Foley (Rear) – Junior
Bloomington North High School

VFW Post 604 and VFW Auxiliary making a difference in our community



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to check out. First, the VFW has introduced a new discount marketplace that's available to all of us. It's called BenefitHub and it carries thousands of brands in categories like entertainment, restaurants, apparel, and more. To sign up and start getting discounted items go to vfwauxiliary.benefithub.com. Scroll down to "Member Benefits," and set up an account using the code: HDDLQA. It's free to register and begin exploring a world of discounts. Another good on-line store is located at VFWSTORE.ORG and carries a wide variety of VFW and auxiliary logo items you may want for yourself or to use as a gift.

For those interested, here's another volunteer opportunity. Would you consider helping out in our kitchen on a Friday evening? If so, contact me (mpipher@iu.edu) .

Still looking for 2023 dues from a few people and we could use a few more committee chairmen. If you have an interest in such things as veterans in hospitals, Americanism, Buddy Poppy/National Home or something else, please join us at one of our upcoming meetings – they're held at 6pm on the third Tuesday of each month. ❖

Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President

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we need something for them to do. Stay tuned on that.

Along that line, the Auxiliary is looking into having a weekly Euchre tournament. We would start opening on Thursday for the game and the kitchen. The details are not quite put together yet, but would like some feedback on the interest out there. I would very much like to open on Thursdays with the kitchen open. Let us know what your thoughts are.

That's it for this month. Not much going on. Come on down to the Post for a Friday meal and some refreshments. Not a better deal in town.

Everyone stay warm and healthy.

See you at the Post ! ❖

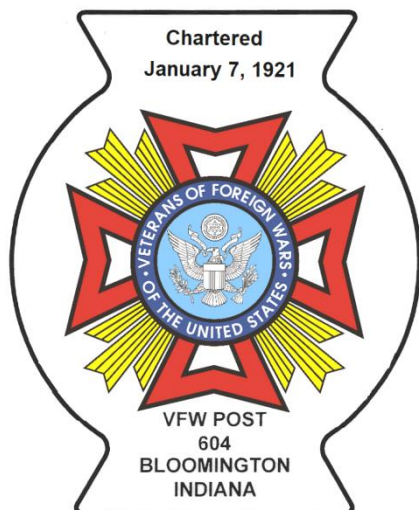
Commander – George Kristoff
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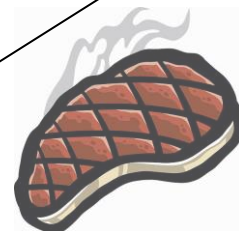


Phone: (812)-339-2375

Friday February 3rd

\$10.00

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday February 10th

\$10.00

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



Friday February 24th

\$10.00

1800 - 2000



Friday February 17th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

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

