
VFW POST 604 NEWS

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March 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

Well it's finally here. Spring is getting closer and closer. 20 March marks the day. The groundhog said there would be 6 more weeks of winter, but I sure hope he's wrong on that one. We're starting to get some warmer days, so I'm going to be optimistic.

We held the District Awards for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners last month. Had a good crowd, as usual. Had pizza delivered from Rocky's for lunch and was an enjoyable day. The District likes to have this event at our Post for two reasons. We are centrally located and are one of the very few non-smoking Posts in the District, and the State, as well.

We're trying to decide on what direction to go to for Steak Night. Our supplier went out of business and the quotes, for steaks, I'm getting are through the roof. We were getting a very good grade of beef at a reasonable price, but we haven't found a permanent replacement, as of yet. I have a temporary solution so Steak Night will not change this month. We're weighing our options on how to proceed.

We will hold nominations for officer at this month's meeting. At this point I don't honestly know if we have any openings, however, anyone interested please let us know.

Just a reminder that 29 March is Vietnam Veterans Day. Mark it on your calendar.

Well that's it for now. Gearing up for better weather ahead. See you at the Post ! ❖

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

VFW Auxiliary

Be sure to sign up your children and grandchildren for the Auxiliary's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 starting at 10am. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen hallway at the post. Children up to the age of 11 will hunt eggs, but be sure to bring along any teens because we'll let them hide the eggs and help the youngsters. The older kids will also receive treats for their help. In addition to the egg hunt (plastic eggs!) there will be games, donuts, juice, milk, and FUN! If you would like to donate a couple of bucks for the party, stop by the post, write a message on one of the shamrocks in the kitchen hallway, and pin your donation to it.

Last month I wrote about our project to send \$5 appreciation cards to each of the post's veteran members. Those cards have been mailed out, some have already been used at the post, and we've even received a few Thank You cards. Believe me, we're the ones who need to be saying "Thank You!" loudly and often.

Congratulations! Give yourself a pat on the back. Our Auxiliary has reached its 100% membership goal already this winter. Your interest in belonging to a wonderful veterans service organization was the card that put us over our goal. There's still time before June 1 to add to our membership. Ours is a very fluid community with new families moving into town all the time. Please consider inviting potential new members to visit the post and see who and what we are. Our Friday night meals would be a perfect opportunity because they are open to the public.

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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

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 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



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
27 Jan	Cathy Staley	\$380	Not Signed
03 Feb	Tom Teague	\$438	Not Signed
10 Feb	Jesse Robinson	\$491	Not Signed
17 Feb	Jean Burgess	\$545	Not Signed

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

March Dinners!!!!!!

1st Friday of the Month (March 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 (March 10th)** A more than generous serving of fish - would you believe - **\$10.00??**

From there we go to our **3rd Friday of the Month STEAK NIGHT (March 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 (March 24th) Dinner. The Auxiliary and their Gigantic Hand-Dipped Breaded Tenderloin Sandwiches.** There are always Desserts and extras with these meals. Only **\$10.00!!!!!!**

Now we get the 5th Friday of the month (March 31st). Back again by popular demand **"All You Can Eat Taco's"** Hard or soft shell and all the fix'ins. **Plus dessert !**

Come on down on Friday nights, serving from 6 to 8 pm. We'd love to serve you. ❖

House Committee

Auxiliary *From Page 1*

We voted at our February meeting to be a group sponsor once again for our community's Wreaths Across America program. Next December may seem a long way off, but organizers are already hard at work setting up committees and making plans.












A very big round of thanks goes out to everyone who has contributed to the HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families) program by sponsoring one or more days on our online calendar. In just six months, we've raised more than \$600 for this project. It's easy to do, it just takes a \$5 donation. Contact Jenny Tracy.

Would love to see you at an upcoming Auxiliary meeting. They're held at 6pm at the post on the third Tuesday each month. ❖

Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

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Closed	Open 1200 - 2100	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000  \$10 Open to the Public	4 Open 1200 - 1800
5	6 Open 1200 - 2100	7	8	9 * Vet to Vet – 1800	10 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000  \$10 Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200	11 Open 1200 - 1800
12  Daylight Saving Time Starts	13 Open 1200 - 2100	14	15	16 * Vet to Vet – 1800	17 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  \$16 Open to the Public Open 1600 – 2200	18 Open 1200 - 1800
19	20  Open 1200 - 2100	21 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	22	23 * Vet to Vet – 1800	24 Serving 1800 – 2000 ! Tenderloins !  \$10 Open to the Public	25 Open 1200 - 1800
26	27 Open 1200 - 2100	28	29  Vietnam Veterans Day	30 * Vet to Vet – 1800	31 Serving 1800 – 2000 TACO NIGHT  \$10 Open to the Public	

(* 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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Friday March 3rd

\$10.00

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday March 10th

\$10.00

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



Friday March 24th

\$10.00

1800 - 2000



Friday March 31st

Taco Night 1800 - 2000

Friday March 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

