

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

March Madness is upon us ! Hoop, Hoops, and more Hoops ! We going to get into the spirit of things this month. First, every Saturday we will have the NCAA games playing on all three TV's. And if push comes to shove we have the one downstairs, for the pool players, too. Also, to add to the excitement we will be selling **Pizza \$1 a Slice** from 12 to 4pm, along with **\$1.50 Draft Beer**. Nothing like Pizza and Beer to add to Good Cheer ! And we will be doing this all 5 Saturdays in March.

Speaking to pool players, the guys are going to put an area downstairs designated for darts. We have a real nice dart board and nowhere to play darts. As soon as its complete I'll let you know.

We hosted the 7th District Awards for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year. We were told to expect around 30 people and 51 showed up,, which is a good showing for this event. I ordered extra pizza's just in case, good thing I did. All in all, it was a successful event.

Boy, steak night was a bust last month. That snow storm on February 16th really put a damper on it.

We actually sold 12 meals, which surprised me. It was a Maytag Repairman evening.

Ok, it's official, nominations for officers will be held at next month's meeting. We are in real need of Trustee and House Committee positions. Anyone interested see Debbie on Monday or contact me.

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VFW Auxiliary

March is here and hopefully some nicer Spring like weather and we will be seeing more members at the Post.

This month we will be continuing with Friday Chicken Dinner, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Tenderloins, and since there is an additional Friday our All You Can Eat Tacos 'till gone. Please refer to the calendar for dates for each meal.

The Indiana State President special project is supporting sending care packages to service members overseas through Patriots Guard. Our Auxiliary will be collecting items for this project from now till March 15th 2024. A marked container is available for items needed for drop off going forward at the Post. No glass or aerosol items are allowed. Thank you to all that have already supported this endeavor.

Nominations for officers is coming up this month a list of positions will be posted on the board outside of the Post's kitchen. Please consider signing up for the position you would be interested in serving with elections in April. Hope to see more members attending our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Post.

I wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter and hope to see you at Post soon.

Stay healthy and hope to see you at Post soon ❖

Toni M Kristoff – Auxiliary President

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Overseas Service member care package suggestions:

Food Items		
Beef Jerky/Slim Jims	Fruit/Granola Bars	Pull-top Soups
Boxes/Bags of Candy	Hot Sauce	Ramen Noodles
Chicken/Tuna Packs	Instant Coffee	Rice Krispie Treats
Cookies / Gum	Mac & Cheese	Small Ketchup/Mustard
Cooking Spices	Oatmeal Pack (Add H2O)	Sunflower Seeds
Energy Drinks (shots)	Powdered Drink Mix	Trail Mix
Health & Beauty Items		
Antacid Tablets	Deodorant (Men/Women stick)	Panty Liners
Baby Wipes	Dry Skin Lotion	Razors
Bug Repellant	Eye Drops	Shampoo
Chap Stick/Lip Balm	Feminine Pads	Shave Cream (no aerosol)
Cough Drops	Hand Sanitizer	Travel Size Kleenex
Dental Floss	Nail Clippers	Vitamin C Drops
Fun & Games		
Air Fresheners (trees)	Frisbees	Sudoku
Checkers	Ink Pens/Pencils	Sugar/Creamer
Cross Words	Nerf Footballs	Tylenol/Advil
Dominos	Notebooks	Word Find
Envelopes	Playing Cards	

Collecting items through March 15, 2024, in support of sending care packages to service members overseas through Patriots Guard. Please deposit donations in marked container available at the Post.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

I want to share two short stories about our VFW Family...

My rope broke on my flagpole at home. I mentioned it to Cathi and Greg Johnson, and asked if they could help me put on a new one. A month or so later, Cathi asked me if I still needed help. I told her yes, and she said one of them would be over the next morning. She texted me the next morning and said Greg would be over. I told her it was 18 degrees outside and not to worry about it. A bit later Greg pulled up. He had my flag up in about 10 minutes. I'm so happy to have my American flag flying again!

At the end of December, I was bartending at the Post on a Friday night and had a severe infection in my right thumb to point that I became physically ill. Amy Thomas got behind the bar at 8:30 pm and finished my shift so I could go home to recuperate.

If you do not visit the VFW, you are missing out on meeting and socializing with some of the best people you could ever meet. You also are missing out on an opportunity to support our fabulous veterans.

Sandi Taylor

Commander

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Easter is March 31st this year. I would be remis if I didn't wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Well that does it for this month. Come on down Saturday and watch the games, have some Pizza and a cold Beer. Enjoy the comradeship. Don't forget the Friday meals.

See you at the Post ! ❖

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Below, left to right, District 7 VFW Auxiliary President Judy Williamson, VFW District 7 Commander Jill Gilbert, and District 7 "Teacher of the Year" Justin Gardner, Jackson Creek Middle School, Bloomington



COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
01/26	John Martin	\$230	Not Signed
02/02	Hawes Morrison	\$281	Not Signed
02/09	Jon Tilford	\$332	Not Signed
02/16	Dorene Baker	\$375	Not Signed

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

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

MARCH 2024

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ALL GAVE SOME    SOME GAVE ALL				1  \$10 Open to the Public	2 MARCH MADNESS \$1.50 Drafts Pizza \$1.00 a Slice Until 4PM Open 1200 - 1800
3	4  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	5	6	7 *Vet to Vet – 1800	8 Serving 1800 – 2000 Spaghetti & Meat Balls  \$10 Open to the Public	9 MARCH MADNESS \$1.50 Drafts Pizza \$1.00 a Slice Until 4PM Open 1200 - 1800
10 	11  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	12	13	14 *Vet to Vet – 1800	15 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  \$16 Open to the Public	16 MARCH MADNESS \$1.50 Drafts Pizza \$1.00 a Slice Until 4PM Open 1200 - 1800
17 	18  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	19  Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	20	21 *Vet to Vet – 1800	22 Serving 1800 – 2000 ! Tenderloins !  \$10 Open to the Public	23 MARCH MADNESS \$1.50 Drafts Pizza \$1.00 a Slice Until 4PM Open 1200 - 1800
24 	25  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	26	27	28 *Vet to Vet – 1800	29 Serving 1800 – 2000 Taco Night  \$10 Open to the Public	30 MARCH MADNESS \$1.50 Drafts Pizza \$1.00 a Slice Until 4PM Open 1200 - 1800
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Telephone (812) 339-2375

(*Vet-to-Vet at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room B123 – Check <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

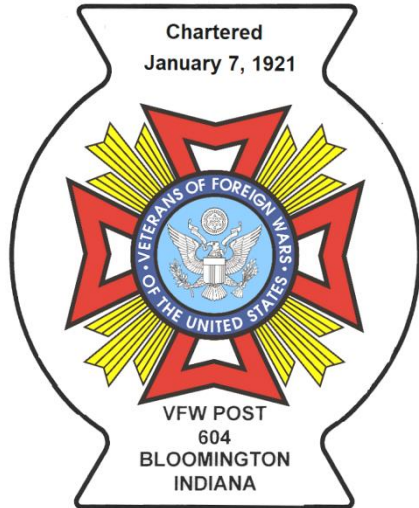
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Phone: (812)-339-2375

Friday March 1st

\$10.00 1800 - 2000

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday March 8th

\$10.00 1800 - 2000



Spaghetti &
Meat Balls

Friday March 22nd

\$10.00 1800 - 2000



Friday March 29th

TACO NIGHT 1800 - 2000

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

\$10.00



Friday March 15th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

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

10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

