



# 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

Spring is here finally, although it doesn't feel very spring to me, as the colder weather keeps on hanging on, rest assured that it will get better weather wise. Congratulations to Post 604 as we have made over 102% in membership this year, we will pick up a check from District 7 for \$100; congratulations to everyone for making this happen. Looking at the menu for our Friday dinners, Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Aaron's famous Fish and Fries, with the accoutrements (Cole Slaw and such), for only \$10.00, Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> will be Commander's Steak Night with baked potato and salad bar and dessert for only \$15.00, come and enjoy dinner with your friends and family. Our daily food specials have not changed at this point (Such as \$3.00 ¼ pound Hotdogs on Mondays and the ever famous \$5.00 Smoked Pork Chop).

The Commander's Friday night drawing signup will now be \$5.00, I think this definitely will add to the excitement of hitting a bigger pot of cash when it does happen. Come see us at your VFW Post 604.

Commander Out... ❖

**Commander – Dale Blubaugh**

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## COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
02/27	Kendra Dumond	\$1,309	Not Signed
03/06	Rita Shoufler	\$1,371	Not Signed
03/13	Mildred Richardson	\$1,425	Not Signed
03/20	Mykel Lucas	\$1,494	Not Signed
03/27	Andrew Kristoff	\$747 (½ win)	Signed / Not Preset



**\$5 to play** – Sign – Who wins, who knows?

Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

### VFW Auxiliary

Another year has come and gone, and Auxiliary elections are upon us again. If you've ever thought you wanted to make a difference in veterans' lives, this may be for you! Not interested in being a board member but you still want to help? We have several committee chair places open. The work involved is much less time-consuming but just as important. Community Outreach? Legislative? Americanism? And several more! Please let me know if you'd like more information. We meet for only about an hour once a month and if you can spare that to help, you may be the perfect fit. Our elections will be April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the lower level. All Auxiliary members are welcome to come and vote.

Our Spring Conference is April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at Marriott East in Indianapolis and members in good standing are all welcome to attend. Karen Cain and I are going, and we have room for 3 more in my car!

We have gotten several new members in recent weeks and for that I certainly want to say "Welcome!" We appreciate you!

On March 29<sup>th</sup> we took a large number of lap blankets to our District meeting. These will be given to veterans who spend hours in local (to them) hospitals getting infusions or dialysis. Thank you to the many who donated. We also took several tote bags of hygiene supplies - which are always appreciated. (Shampoo, soap, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc.)

Our meals this month will be lasagna with garlic bread, salad bar, and dessert on April 10<sup>th</sup> for \$10. Our famous pork breaded (or grilled) tenderloin sandwiches (and all the fixings) with a side, chips, and

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**2025-2026 VFW Post 604 Officers**

Dale Blubaugh.....	Commander
Aaron Dobrin.....	Sr. Vice Commander
→Vacant← .....	Jr. Vice Commander
Scott Tincher.....	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick.....	Chaplain
Ken Sexton .....	Judge Advocate
Richard “Moe” Moldenhauer..	Surgeon
→Vacant← .....	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard.....	Adjutant
Debbie Deckard.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Jason Endris .....	2 Yr. Trustee
Bradley Mobley.....	3 Yr. Trustee
Gary Demes .....	1 Yr. House Committee
Barney White .....	2 Yr. House Committee
Roy Smith.....	3 Yr. House Committee

**2025-2026 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers**

Carol Rowan-Ozug.....	President
Mike Pipher .....	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin.....	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain .....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson .....	Conductor
Chelle Brown .....	Patriotic Instructor
Chelle Brown .....	Guard
Sara Dobrin .....	Chaplain
Chelle Brown .....	1 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin.....	2 Yr. Trustee
Kenya Blubaugh.....	3 Yr. Trustee

**From the Bar Manager (Aaron Dobrin);** I want to thank Slide & Harmony for performing at the VFW in March. This was the first time in a long time Post 604 has hosted a live band. We learned a lot. I appreciate those who have provided constructive information regarding future live band performances and how we might improve. I also want to thank everyone that provided less than constructive criticism, your complaints have been noted. Moving forward we will attempt to provide live music in an atmosphere that will make the music enjoyable for as many people as possible. If you didn't enjoy the performance in March, give us another try, our next live music performance will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Friday before Memorial Day. The Band will be playing on the back deck, so it should be enjoyable for all.

We also had our first go at hosting Bingo on March 20<sup>th</sup>, I appreciate everyone's patience while we learn how to make it more seamless. Bingo feedback was extremely positive, so if you missed it, we are doing it again. In April, Bingo will be on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning around 7pm.

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dessert is on April 24<sup>th</sup> for \$10 also. Best deals in town! When the weather is good, the deck is definitely open! We had quite a few people out on the deck for 20 March's Post steak night - enjoying that beautiful day.

Please remember the VFW Memorial Day Program at Valhalla Cemetery in Bloomington at 10am on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker is a decorated female veteran who has her own engineering company locally. There will be a hook and ladder fire truck for the kids to climb on (from 9:30-11:30) and some phenomenal entertainment. And as always, donuts, water and coffee will be served. It is open to the public and families are encouraged to bring their kids. There is no lawn seating, so you'll also need to bring a blanket or chairs. Our committee is working on a huge surprise for that day. More information to come. All are welcome to come over to the Post after the program for a free meal of Frank's ham and beans, and burgers and dogs. Open to the public!

Drawn this month was Paul Chambers, Jr – Not Signed / Not Present.

If you or a loved one is sick, I wish you health. If you've lost a loved one, I wish you peace & comfort. ❖

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**Purple Up Day** : This year observed on April 15<sup>th</sup> to honor and celebrate military children who often face frequent relocations, parental deployments, and other sacrifices for their strength, sacrifices, and contributions.

Purple Up Day is part of the **Month of the Military Child**, which is celebrated every April to recognize the unique challenges and resilience of children in military families. The day encourages everyone to wear purple, a color that blends the colors of all military branches—blue, green, red, and gold—as a visible sign of support and appreciation for military youth.

**National Military Brats Day**, established in 2016, celebrated on April 30<sup>th</sup>, also recognizes these children with various celebrations, awards, & recognition.

April is recognized as the month of the Military Child.

# April

1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Serving 1730 - 1930 <b>Fish and Fries</b> <b>\$10</b>  <b>Open to the Public</b>	Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730  1949 - NATO Created
<b>5</b> <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 - 1600  Happy Easter	<b>6</b> Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's  <b>Open to the Public</b> 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL				Serving 1730 - 1930 <b>Lasagna, Garlic Bread, &amp; Salad</b> <b>\$10</b>  <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>11</b> Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
<b>12</b> <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 - 1600	<b>13</b> Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's  <b>Open to the Public</b> 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	<b>14</b>  1948 Air Force Reserve Created	<b>15</b>  Income Tax Deadline  Purple Up!! Day	<b>16</b>  Former POW Recognition Day  *Vet to Vet - 1800	Serving 1730 - 1930 <b>COMMANDER'S STEAK NIGHT</b>  <b>\$15</b> <b>!!! 7PM BINGO !!!</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>18</b> Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
<b>19</b> <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 - 1600	<b>20</b> Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's  <b>Open to the Public</b> 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	<b>21</b>  Meetings V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Auxiliary 1800	<b>22</b>  1908 US Army Reserve Created	<b>23</b>  1908 US Army Reserve Created  *Vet to Vet - 1800	Serving 1730 - 1930 <b>Grilled or Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches</b> <b>\$10</b>  <b>!!! 7PM BINGO !!!</b> <b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>25</b> Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
<b>26</b> <b>Souper Sunday !!!</b> Serving 1200 - 1600	<b>27</b> Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's  1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	<b>28</b>  1949 - NATO Created	<b>29</b>  National Military Brats Day	<b>30</b>  National Military Brats Day		

### Canteen News

Post hours of operation are:

- Sunday ..... 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday..... 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday..... 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Friday ..... 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday..... 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Happy Hours are:

- 5:00 - 7:00 PM Monday & Tuesday
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Friday
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday

Food available will be our "Bar Menu" or a special of the day.

With respect to Bingo - Please give us some grace as we venture into this new territory.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – Mark Your Calendar**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – Mark Your Calendar**

**7:00 PM**



April 5<sup>th</sup> calendar icon explanation - The Gold Star symbol is also represented by lapel buttons awarded to next-of-kin. Gold Star Lapel Button for combat deaths features a gold star on a purple background with a wreath of laurel leaves, while

Next-of-Kin button has a gold star within a circle surrounded by oak sprigs, signifying the family's grief and valor of their fallen service member.



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