
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

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
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.

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

February 2023

Closed	Open 1200 - 2100	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1600 - 2200	Open 1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	 <p>Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000 \$10</p>	4
5	6	7	8	9	 <p>Fish Fry 1800 - 2000 \$10</p>	11
12	13		15	16	 <p>1800-2000 - Steak Dinner 10.. NY Strip \$16</p>	18
19		21	22	23	 <p>Serving 1800 - 2000 ! Tenderloins ! \$10</p>	25
26	27	28				

(* 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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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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Friday February 3rd

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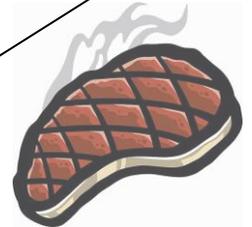
Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



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

