



VFW Post 604 News



January 2026

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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

January comes the colder days of early winter, some of us dislike what winter brings and yet some of us accept and thrive in the process of winter, anyway, I hope everyone is where they desire to be this time of year (Warm or Cold).

There are no holidays or military remembrance days in January to speak of really, however we are planning a return to Steak Night on January 16th. Dinner will include baked potato and salad bar. Price is not set at this time, but you know it will be reasonable and very tasty while they last. Also, look forward to Fish and Fries on Friday January 2nd. Dinners served starting at 1730 (5:30 pm) till 19:30 or we run out. Make room in your calendar for the Post 604's 105th birthday party on Saturday January 10th, starting at 1800, all members in good standing are welcome to participate with their guests. The dinner is catered, so come join us!!!

Again, I want to thank everyone that has volunteered their services or brought in desserts and side dishes all year and of course, **YOU** our members. We are all here for each other, as it should be.

The VFW Auxiliary article explains a little more in detail as Carol Rowan-Ozug and our Auxiliary are also involved in most every aspect of our small club.... Stay warm and safe, come out and support your local VFW Post 604. Commander Out... ❖

Commander – Dale Blubaugh

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VFW Auxiliary

The holidays have passed and we're into the quiet time of the year. Looking for something to do? Come on out to the VFW and meet up with old friends and make new friends. We have different games, including euchre - it's a great way to spend an afternoon or evening! And there's always the pool table and dart board down in the lower level.

Our children's Christmas party was a ton of fun! Thanks to Sara Dobrin and Kenya Blubaugh and everyone else who pitched it. Special thanks to Santa George. The kids loved you! Look at our Facebook page to see all the smiles!

Our Post anniversary dinner will be on January 10th at 6pm. The dinner is catered and members in good standing are welcome with their guests. Last year's was canceled for horrible weather so fingers crossed that we can do it this coming year. Abigail Smith- one of our entrants to Voice of Democracy - was one of three chosen in our district to advance! That is very exciting for her and our Post. Karen Cain and I (and hopefully Abigail and her family!) will be going to the awards presentation later this month at the Martinsville VFW.

We will continue to collect lap blankets (50" x60") in the entry to the Post 'til June. These will be delivered to vets undergoing chemotherapy and infusions in local hospitals. There are several members of our Post who are undergoing these treatments and I'm sure all would appreciate a warm blanket to cover up with during the long treatments.

Don't forget the National VFW Auxiliary offers scholarships for members and their family members to continue their education. Scholarships are so helpful

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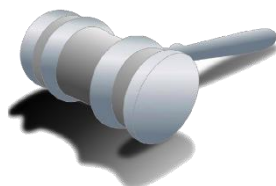
2025-2026 VFW Post 604 Officers

Dale Blubaugh.....	Commander
Aaron Dobrin.....	Sr. Vice Commander
Cathi Johnson.....	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

COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
12/05	Garret Middleton	\$663	Not Signed
12/12	<i>No drawing due to inclement weather</i>		
12/19	Doreania Bray	\$710	Not Signed
12/26	Theodore Legler	\$804	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows?
Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

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with the rising costs of further education.

Our meals this month will be January 9th - lasagna, January 23rd - pork tenderloins, and January 30th – and our all you can eat beef tacos are back!! All are still just \$10 including dessert.

If you have missed getting your annual dues in on time, we are always happy to still collect them.

Auxiliary drawing- Kathy Hendrix- Not Signed

Please stay safe in this winter weather. If you or a loved one is ill, I wish for your health. If you are grieving, I wish you peace. ❖

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President

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Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF)

This group helps homeless vets and families & those at risk of homelessness with temporary and permanent housing, various counseling options including for employment, essential needs including food, clothing, & hygiene needs.

Our Post 604 Auxiliary has actively supported them for some time now, and we are again seeking donations. Here are the items of interest:

HVAF NEEDS:

ONGOING COLLECTION AT OUR DISTRICT MEETINGS STARTING JANUARY

<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">Non- Perishable Foods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canned Meat Canned Fruit & Soups Pasta & Pasta Sauce Peanut Butter & Jelly 	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">Home Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Towels (Body, Hand, Kitchen) Pillows (Bed and Decorative) Wash Cloths (Bath & Kitchen) Twin/Full Bedding (Sheet, Pillow Cases, Blankets) 														
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Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604



JANUARY 2026



1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600	 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL	 *Vet to Vet – 1800		1 *Vet to Vet – 1800	2 Serving 1730 – 1930 Fish and Fries \$10 Open to the Public	3 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
				8 *Vet to Vet – 1800	9 Serving 1730 – 1930 Lasagna & Dessert \$10 Open to the Public	10 Post Anniversary & Awards Dinner 6:00 PM 
				15 *Vet to Vet – 1800	16 Serving 1730 – 1930 STEAK NIGHT IS BACK Open to the Public	17 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
				22 *Vet to Vet – 1800	23 Serving 1730 – 1930 Pork Tenderloin & Dessert \$10 Open to the Public	24 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
		20 Meeting V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Auxiliary 1800		29 *Vet to Vet – 1800	30 Serving 1730 – 1930 All You Can Eat Tacos & Dessert \$10 Open to the Public	31 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730

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

Gaming License # 00274

Busy night writing holiday cards on December 19th for 140 Monroe County veterans in nursing facilities. Thanks so much to Carol Rowan-Ozug, Sarah Fuller, Karen E. Cain, Michelle Wilhelm Brown, Mia Buffum and one of our newest VFW Auxiliary members, Denise Smith.



December 13th Post 604 Christmas Pitch-in – Cancelled



To avoid the risk of scenes like this.



Children's Christmas Party



Juliette, Amaiah, Desmond, Weston, Victor, Kymber and Chance huddle with Santa and Commander Blubaugh



Dale Blubaugh, Victor, Raymond Krebbs, & Chance doing decoupage