

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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April 2024

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

Are you ready for the Eclipse? They are estimating somewhere around 300,000 will descend on this area for the event on April 8th. The best-case scenario, it will be a Zoo around Bloomington. After some discussion, we have decided to close April 8. Not knowing what to expect, we have decided that the best course is to not open. It could be the case that we couldn't even get to the Post if we wanted to. Safety is our first concern.

I mentioned last month that we would have nominations at March's meeting. Actually, nominations for Officers doesn't happen until the April meeting. At our March meeting we discussed the positions, who is going to fill them, and it looks as though we will have all of the Officer positions filled with one exception, and that is the Commander. The Commander position is open. I am not running for a 7th term. When I took the office of Commander, I figured I'd do it for one maybe two years and it turned into 6, with no end in sight. I've enjoyed the past six years, but it's time to pass it on. Anyone interested contact me or any of the other Officers.

I haven't mentioned it lately, but as a reminder we still have niches available in the columbarium at the Veterans Memorial, located at Valhalla Memory Gardens. We have had issues with pricing which have finally been resolved. The niche is free to the Veteran. In the case where there is a spouse, they will be included. The only cost will be the opening and

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VFW Auxiliary

Spring has officially arrived, the Dogwoods are blooming and the weather will allow us to start utilizing the deck. Come on down and enjoy all the Post has to offer.

The district has asked that each Post donate games, puzzles crossword books at May District meeting for the Veterans home in West Lafayette. Your donations can be left at the Post if you care to participate in this project.

The giant Sloppy Joe's are coming back and going to be our featured meal on second Friday of the month in April and May. The Chicken dinner will continue on the first Friday of the month with our giant tenderloins on the fourth Friday of the month. May will have a fifth Friday with all you can eat tacos. Our dinners are only ten dollars with funds used to support Post and our veterans, so come on out and join us.

The Auxiliary has been providing a cleaning service once month for the Post. I would like to ask everyone if they could take time to pick up any spilled popcorn, food, or drinks both upstairs or downstairs as it happens or when seen. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our Post looking its best.

April Auxiliary Meeting is April 16,2024 at 6 pm with nominations and election of officers for 2024 - 2025 year. We have a number of vacancies to fill including President. Please consider serving. If you have any questions regarding duties and responsibilities of the

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2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Toni Kristoff	President
Mike Pipher.....	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin	Jr. Vice President
Karen E. Cain.....	Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Johnson	Conductor
Michelle Brown.....	Patriotic Instructor
Carol Rowan Ozug.....	Guard
Sara Dobrin	Chaplain
Carol Rowan Ozug.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Glenda Sexton.....	2 Yr. Trustee
Julie Martin	3 Yr. Trustee

2023-2024 VFW Post 604 Officers

George Kristoff.....	Commander
Cathi Johnson.....	Sr. Vice Commander
Aaron Dobrin	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard	Quartermaster
Peter Chadwick.....	Chaplain
Ken Sexton	Judge Advocate
Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer ...	Surgeon
John Tilford	Service Officer
Debbie Deckard	Adjutant
Jim Edney.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Scott Tincher.....	2 Yr. Trustee
Dale Blubaugh.....	3 Yr. Trustee
Roy Smith.....	1 Yr. House Committee
Gary Demes	2 Yr. House Committee
Barney White	3 Yr. House Committee

COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
02/23	Tracy Callahan	\$423	Not Signed
03/01	Kenya Blubaugh	\$459	Not Signed
03/08	Eva Buffaloe	\$506	Not Signed
03/22	Kathy Norris	\$608	Not Signed

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

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closing of the niche, plus costs associated to the plaques. This is a substantial savings. If you were to go out and purchase this on your own, it would cost you several thousand dollars. Any interest please contact me for the details.

Well, that's it for this month. With spring here, you'll be seeing some vast improvements in the weather. Enjoy and take care.

See you at the Post ! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff

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office, please refer to MALTA or contact myself or Karen Cain, we would be glad to assist you.

I want to recognize all the volunteers who have helped in any way make the dinners successful from diligently working in kitchen with food prep, taking orders, serving dinners, busing tables, donating desserts and food, selling and or donating items for raffles and all that goes on behind the scenes. Let's give them all a huge **THANK YOU!** They are the backbone and heart of this Auxiliary, and I salute them. Their dedication does not go unnoticed and is appreciated. So that said please take time, when you're at the post, to acknowledge these dedicated individuals. We could always use the more help. Please consider volunteering, we would love to have you participate in any capacity.

Hope to see you at Post soon. ❖

Toni M Kristoff – Auxiliary President

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Honor Guard Looking for Members

The Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard are looking for new members. They not only honor Veterans who have passed on, but provide a very valuable service to the families. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard you can contact the Post or call 812-825-2710 and leave a message.

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

April 2024

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	 <p>1 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 *Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>5 Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000 \$10 Open to the Public</p>	<p>6 Open 1200 - 1800</p>	
	 <p>7 CLOSED</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 *Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>12 Serving 1800 – 2000 Sloppy Joes \$10 Open to the Public</p>	<p>13 Open 1200 - 1800</p>	
<p>14</p>	 <p>15 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>16 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 *Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>19 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner \$16 10..NY Strip Open to the Public</p>	<p>20 Open 1200 - 1800</p>	
<p>21</p>	 <p>22 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 *Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>26 Serving 1800 – 2000 ! Tenderloins ! \$10 Open to the Public</p>	<p>27 Open 1200 - 1800</p>	
<p>28</p>	 <p>29 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>30</p>			<p>ALL GAVE SOME</p>  <p>SOME GAVE ALL</p>		

Telephone (812) 339-2375

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

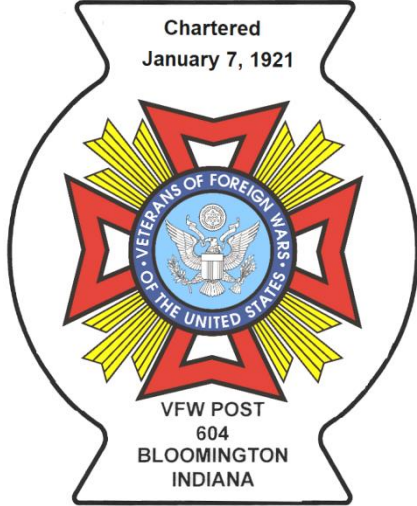
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Phone: (812)-339-2375

Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday April 5th

\$10.00 1800 - 2000

Friday April 12th

\$10.00 1800 - 2000

Sloppy Joes & Fries



Friday April 26th

\$10.00 1800 - 2000



Friday April 19th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

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

10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

