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

Happy New Year Everyone!

Well, a new year is upon us. I hope everyone made it through the Holidays ok. Seems like 2018 flew by. Where does time go?

We had a nice turnout for out Christmas Dinner last month. Thanks to everyone who pitched in. Everything was outstanding, as usual. And this year I didn't overcook the ham! Also, the Children's Christmas Party was great. Binky the clown had a new routine this year and the kids thoroughly enjoyed it. We had a record number of kids this year and it grows more each year. A Special Thanks to Dorothy White, Sandy Taylor, and Karen Cain for all their efforts in putting everything together and buying all of the presents. All of the presents were a big hit.

Don't forget that on Saturday 12 January we will be having our 98th Anniversary Dinner. We also will be having the Post winners for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy and their family. This will be a catered event. Everyone is welcome and will start at 18:00.

Along that same line, we have been asked to host the District awards for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy. This will be on Saturday 2 February at 01:00. I don't have any details yet, but will have more information by the next newsletter.

This month we will be again having the Auxiliary Fish Fry on the 2nd Friday and Steak night the 3rd Friday. Remember every Friday is Guest Day, so bring some friends and enjoy some great food.

Again, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Best wishes for 2019! ❖

Commander – George Kristoff

VFW Auxiliary

December has come and gone and we're starting a new year. Let's make it better than last year.

The kids Christmas party turned out great, well that's what I've been told. I'd like to thank Santa [Joe Hardin], Sandi Taylor for the crafts and help with them, and for Karen helping Santa hand out the gifts. Also, thanks to the Post, Moe Moldenauer, and Randy Harris for their contributions and all others — we really appreciate all the donations!

We need some new ideas for the next year, so feel free to talk to me about them.

The Christmas dinner was nice. We had plenty of food and there was a nice variety, which was great. Hope you didn't miss it.

By the time you read this, year-end membership totals will be complete. As of 12/20/2018 we were at 89.8%. We have 176 who paid their 2019 memberships out of 196. For those 20, your dues are lapsed as of 12-31-2018. We are short 20 members, last year we lost 21 members, at this rate it won't take long to diminish our membership to a very low count. We have a lot of good programs within the Auxiliary and Post as well as community projects for veterans and families. Please visit the Canteen and leave your dues marked for Karen E. Cain, Treasurer / Membership Chairman.

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a happy new years day! See you in the New Year.

God bless our veterans, both near and far. �

Dorothy J White President - VFW Auxiliary 812-345-9025

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From the Adjutant...

It's hard to believe another year has slipped by so quickly. We have started to pick up a few new members and some other transfers into the Post; hopefully next year will be better in that respect. We owe so much to both our members and the auxiliary members that volunteer so much of their time in order to keep Post 604 running as it does and maybe we will get some new members to help us out with that.

We will be having a catered anniversary dinner here at the Post on January 12 and we will be presenting the Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy contest winners their prizes at it. We Hope to have a good turnout for it.

We received in our correspondence in December, a DVD regarding suicide we have given to the Post members that promote our "Vet to Vet" program each month. Yes, they volunteer a lot of their time to keep this program up and running and we want to thank them for the great job they do as well. Depending on the volume of people that would want to hear it we can order more, and soon we will have it at the Post for those who might want to listen to it also. Just ask the bartender for it if you are interested.

Hopefully in the coming year we will be able to get our membership back up to the 100% mark. We are just over 84% now, and we only have until the end of December to make 100% membership for the year. I doubt there is any way we will make it, but if you do know someone that hasn't paid their dues yet for some reason, you might want to remind them.

Hopefully this coming year will find us with more volunteers to help in the kitchen and other places/times we need additional help. We will hope for the best. *

Bill Evans Adjutant, VFW Post 604

NEW YEAR 2019 RIGHT HERE AT POST 604!!!!!

There will **NOT** be a Tenderloin Sunday Opening this month and we know a lot of members look forward to those Tenderloins but hopefully things will work out for next month, but now keep reading cause we are still here with our Post 604 Volunteers (Best in Bloomington!!). Friday Night Dinners are back---1st Friday of the Month Dinner **Special (Jan 4**th) — where we will be featuring once again our ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO NIGHT — Hard & Soft Shell — Taco Salad – Refried Beans — Nacho Chips & Cheese --Fixin's for Toppings and whatever else we chop up — cost is just \$7.00!! Serving starts at 6 pm and we go until it's gone!! Then the Auxiliary is going to bring you the 2nd Friday Night Dinner which will be All You Can Eat Fish Dinner (Jan 11th)-all you can eat and only **\$7.00!!** Following right along with the 3rd Friday Night Dinner (Jan 18th) featuring our 10 oz. Ribeye Steak with Baked Potato and Salad and Dessert all for just \$11. Yep! That's right - just **\$11.** And then!! We have a **4th** Friday Night Dinner (Jan 25th) brought to you by the Auxiliary—check their news article!! We have Great Cooks!—Good Food!--LOW Prices!

We would like to say a great big **Thank-You** to all the **Elves** who not only decorated the Post for the Holidays, but we heard from a lot of people that they put on a <u>Fantastic Kids</u> <u>Christmas Party</u> enjoyed by the kids and adults alike!! — everybody's time and effort were greatly appreciated!!

House Committee

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Laurens B. Strain - VFW Post 604 January 2 Open 1600 - 2200 Open 1200 - 2200 Open 1600 - 2200 Open 1600 - 2200 Open 1600 - 2200 Open 1000 - 2200 Closed Wednesday Thursday Tuesday Saturday Sundav Mondav Fridav 3 1 ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO NIGHT * Vet to Vet - 1800 Commander's Drawing 1900 8 9 12 10 11 Pos 604 Chartered 1921 Fish Fry 1800 - 2000 VFW Post 604's 98th Anniversary Dinner **HOT DOG MONDAY** Open @ Noon * Vet to Vet – 1800 Commander's Drawing 1900 15 13 14 17 19 16 18 Rib Eye Dinner 1800 - 2000 **HOT DOG MONDAY** Meetings V.F.W. -1800 Open @ Noon V.F.W. Aux -1800 Commander's Drawing 1900 * Vet to Vet – 1800 20 21 23 22 24 25 26 **HOT DOG MONDAY** 6:00 PM - Dinner: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Open @ Noon Commander's Drawing 1900 * Vet to Vet - 1800 27 28 29 30 31 **HOT DOG MONDAY** Open @ Noon * Vet to Vet – 1800

(* For Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way room A118 - Check website http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/ to confirm location)

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& Awards Presentation



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