### 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

We opened back up on a limited basis last month and the results were good. Our first Monday was a zoo. We came close to setting a record for the day. We will be keeping the hours the same for the month of August as well. The City of Bloomington and Monroe County have issued a new Executive Order that does not allow over the bar service. What that means is, that no one can sit at the bar or be served at the bar. Everything must be served in the dining area or on the deck. This Order is in effect until further notice.

Based on what is happening right now, we will not be serving our Friday meals or hosting a Tenderloin Sunday the month of August. Along with that, the Commander's Drawing will continue to be suspended, also. Once we are allowed to be back fully operational, we will evaluate everything at that point. There is no indication as to when that may happen.

Pizza's are back! We are now serving Rocky's Individual Pizzas. We brought them in a few weeks ago and considering the limited hours we are operating now, they are doing very well. We have Sausage, Pepperoni, and Supreme. I took a couple home about two weeks ago, cooked them in the oven, and they were very good. Come down and have a pizza, hamburger, cheeseburger, or some of our other items on the menu. Support your Post. We need it more than ever now.

I hope all of you are doing well. Hopefully, we'll get through this in the near future and get back to normal.

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#### **VFW Auxiliary**

**Membership** – we ended up 2019-2020 membership year at 100% with 196 members. Thank you for helping us get to that goal, that's 2 years in a row. Wonderful, now on to 2020-2021.

We will send out dues notice for 2021 dues soon. Your 2020 membership card is good until December 31, however, we will accept dues that you send in sooner. You can leave them at the bar for Membership Chairman Karen Cain or send them to her at 231 N. Knapp Road, Bloomington, IN 47404.

**Scholarships** – It's time again to think about getting your students to write and submit their Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy essays. This year themes, Patriot Pen: "WHAT IS PATRIOTISM TO ME?" and Voice of Democracy theme "IS THIS THE COUNTRY OUR FOUNDERS ENVISIONED?" The deadlines are to be at our VFW Post by October 31st. We will be contacting some of the MCCSC teachers that have helped in the past. If you know of a teacher that would be interested in having her class write the Patriot Pen essays as a writing assignment, please have them contact Co-Chairman Karen Cain or Post Commander George Kristoff. You can find official entry forms at https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-andeducation/youth-scholarships, in the body of each in blue it says download 2021 entry form. Interested in the Voice of Democracy and need help? contact Kim Stegemoller, she can help you navigate the Voice of Democracy waters. She can be reached at kim.stegemoller@gmail.com or 812-320-3702.

Hope to see everyone soon. ❖

**Dorothy White - Auxiliary President** (812) 345-9025 (Cell)

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Commander From Page 1

Come down and have a pizza, hamburger, cheeseburger, or some of our other items on the menu. Support your Post. We need all the support we can get.

Stay safe and see you at the Post. �

Commander – George Kristoff (812) 327-6540 (Cell) georgek@bluemarble.net

#### From the Adjutant

Hopefully, everyone and their families are still healthy and have not had any health issues that are associated with



the coronavirus issue we all are having to deal with at the present. Trying to deal with the everyday changes we all must make now is enough to make you sick even if you are not. Hopefully, all this unnecessary stress will be behind us soon.

We did manage to get all our new Officers for the coming year installed at last Tuesday's meeting, so at least we are all set for another year. Also, John Martin, Junior Vice Commander, was able to be at the meeting for the installation of Officers. He has been ill for quite some time and it was good to see him able to get back to the Post.

I wish there were something else I could pass on to everyone, but I cannot think of it at the present. We have been for the most part shut down for all or at least a part of the past four months so there has not been much happening here at the Post. Please stay healthy, try to keep your families healthy, and may God Bless America.

Bill Evans – Adjutant VFW Post 604 Bloomington, Indiana

#### 2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Dorothy White	. President
Mike Pipher	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin	Jr. Vice President
Karen Cain	. Secretary/Treasure
Greg Johnson	Conductor
Jenny Tracy	. Chaplin
Les Martin	Guard
Toni Kristoff	Patriotic Instructor
Julie Martin	
Sandi Taylor	. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee
Julia Bastin	. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee

#### **2020-2021 VFW Post 604 Officers**

George Kristoff	Commander
Dewey "Joe" Hardin	
John Martin	Jr. Vice Commander
Debbie Deckard	Quartermaster
Brian Stewart	Chaplain
Richard Moldenhauer	Judge Advocate
Peter Chadwick	Surgeon
John Tilford	
Bill Evans	Adjutant
Cathi Johnson	
Jim Edney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee
Terry Carmichael	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee
Roy Smith	
Gary Demes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. House Committee
Barney White	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr. House Committee

#### Rocky's Pizza Now Available

#### 7" Individual

Sausage \_\_\_\_\_\$5.50 Pepperoni \_\_\_\_\$5.50

Supreme \$6.00

(sausage, pepperoni, mushroom, onion, green peppers)

#### August 2020

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday 12 pm to 9 pm Friday 4 pm to 10 pm Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm

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#### **Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604**

## August 2020

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

**Telephone Number (812) 339-2375** 

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# August - Continued Restricted Operations



Open Monday Noon – 9:00 PM Open Friday 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM Open Saturday Noon – 6:00 PM Closed all other days



No Dinner Specials on Fridays – Bar Menu Always

Hope to resume full operations in September – Depends on COVID-19 Restrictions

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