

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

Memorial Day is behind us with another successful Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans Memorial. We are back in full swing again this year. Hopefully the dark days of the pandemic are well behind us and its full steam ahead.

I tried to get "Rock'in Rich" to play for us on Memorial Day, but I was too late and he couldn't be here until 5pm which is when everything winds down. I tentatively have him booked for Labor Day to play on the deck. So stay tuned !

We're still looking for volunteers for the kitchen and for bartenders. One day a month can make a huge difference. NO EXPERIENCE needed, just time & willingness to help out. Since we moved to Industrial Park Drive in early 2009, we have been operating solely on a volunteer basis. **No one** is paid from our proceeds. Our continued survival is dependent on our volunteers. For those of you interested in tending bar we will reimburse you for the cost of the license. Let one of our officers or the bartender know if you want to assist, we'll be in touch to discuss scope and work out details.

Well, this is going to be a short one this month. I would like to thank everyone for their support and well wishes over the past several weeks.

See you at the post as soon as I am able. ❖

Commander – George Kristoff
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VFW Auxiliary

Let's begin this month by congratulating the newly elected officers who will lead our Auxiliary through the coming year. Toni Kristoff will be in charge as President and will be supported by the following: Mike Pipher – Senior Vice President, Julie Martin – Junior Vice President, Karen Cain – Secretary/Treasurer, Sara Dobrin – Chaplain, Greg Johnson – Conductor, Carol Rowan Ozug – Guard, and Michaelle Brown – Patriotic Instructor. The three Trustees will be: Julie Martin, Glenda Sexton, and Carol Rowan Ozug. Many thanks to these folks who have stepped up to offer their time and energy to help keep our Auxiliary in good working order so we can do the things we do on behalf of our veterans.

We need your input on the matter of Friday evening meals at the post. We had contemplated creating a committee to study the cost, menu, and success of the meals we cook and serve, but then it seemed a better idea to go straight to the consumer...you...and ask you to help us decide what we should be doing to generate more interest. The Auxiliary is currently cooking twice monthly – a fish fry and a tenderloin sandwich meal. Should those meals continue? Is there something else you think we should be serving? Feel free to think outside the box and send your thoughts and ideas to me: mpipher@iu.edu.

Speaking of emails, we are trying to rein in costs associated with sending out the newsletter each month. Would you please consider providing us with your email address so we can send it to you

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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
Dewey "Joe" Hardin	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 Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
04/28	Phyllis Grubb	\$781	# 87 Not Signed
05/05	Lisa Balliett	\$845	#262 Not Signed
05/12	Jennifer Thomas	\$912	#313 Not Signed
05/19	Jennifer Thomas	\$975	#140 Not Signed



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

Auxiliary

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electronically and reduce our mounting postage costs? This would be especially important for you folks who spend part of the year elsewhere. Again, use my email (above) to share yours.

I have a wood flag display case that I would be willing to donate for use by the family of a veteran. These triangular cases are a great way to memorialize the flag that draped your veteran's coffin. Again, use the email above if this is something you can put to good use.

Finally, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped me this past year. When we were all stunned by Dorothy's untimely passing last year and it fell to me to assume her office, it only worked out because a bunch of really fine folks also stepped up and shouldered a large share of the load. As a result, our Auxiliary pulled off many good things over these past 12 months that included children's parties, great meals, 100% membership (and still growing), fundraisers, and an ingenious coupon project that has benefitted our own post's veterans. We put into practice some truly great ideas that have and will continue to pay dividends! ❖

Mike Pipher - Auxiliary President (Acting)

Flag Day

Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the U.S. flag by Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The first annual recognition of the flag's birthday is believed to date to 1885 by a schoolteacher named BJ Cigrand. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to observe the day as a state holiday. In 1949, Congress designated June 14 as National Flag Day by an Act of Congress. The president delivers an address that proclaims the week of June 14 as National Flag Week. We are encouraged to fly U.S. flags during that week.



Our current American flag, was adopted in 1958 as the U.S. prepared to add Alaska and Hawaii to the union.

Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

JUNE 2023

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>ALL GAVE SOME</p>  <p>SOME GAVE ALL</p>			<p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>1 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000</p> <p>Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Open 1000 - 1800</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Noon until gone! Wings-N-Rings</p> <p>1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>8 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000</p> <p>Fish Fry 1800 - 2000</p>  <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Noon until gone! Lasagna</p> <p>1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>15 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000</p> <p>1800-2000 - Steak Dinner</p>  <p>\$16</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Noon until gone! Honey Chicken BLT</p> <p>1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meetings</p> <p>V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>22 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000</p> <p>Serving 1800 – 2000</p> <p>! Tenderloins !</p>  <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Open 1200 - 1800</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Noon until gone! Cod Fish Sandwich</p> <p>1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>29 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000</p> <p>Serving 1800 – 2000</p> <p>TACO NIGHT</p>  <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>30</p>

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

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Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000



Friday June 2nd

\$10.00

Friday June 9th

\$10.00

Fish Fry 1800 - 2000



Friday June 23rd

\$10.00 1800 - 2000



Friday June 30th

Taco Night 1800 - 2000



Friday June 16th - 6:00 till 8:00 PM

Steak Night

\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00
10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

