



VFW Post 604 News



July 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

With July upon us and the Monroe County Fair is in full swing, pools are open and all the splendor of Summer, it is a busy time for everyone. I am pleased to report that a major goal was achieved on Wednesday, June 24, as the Post 604 roof was fully replaced in a single day. It looks great. We continue to update our Post to the best of our ability and to make it more comfortable for our VFW community.

However, we are still occasionally forced to close due to a shortage of bartending and gaming personnel. If you are interested in volunteering to bartend, please contact me, Aaron Dobrin, or Scott Tincher so we can get you started in the system.

Please take note of our upcoming food specials:

Friday, July 3: Pulled pork sandwich with fries.

Friday, July 17: Chili dog bar for \$1.50.

Mondays: Quarter-pound hot dog and chips (\$3) and smoked pork chop sandwich and chips (\$5).

Additionally, please be aware that we will be slightly revising the bar menu as the summer progresses.

Commander Out... ❖

Commander – Dale Blubaugh

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Dates to remember for July 2026 are as follows:

July 4th – Declaration of Independence 1776

July 21st – First Battle of Bull Run 1861

July 25th – National Hire a Veteran Day

July 27th – Korean War Veteran's Armistice Day 1953

July 28th – National Buffalo Soldiers Day

July 29th – Army Chaplains Corps Anniversary

July 30th – USS Indianapolis Torpedoed 1975

VFW Auxiliary

Happy 250th Birthday to the US! Hope you plan to celebrate with friends or loved ones. Remember to be safe though!

I'd like to invite everyone to join us for the annual "Sing Out Veterans" on July 2 at 7pm at the lower level of the main building at Bell Trace. It's a sing along to honor our Veterans with patriotic songs. It's a free program (donations will be accepted) featuring a small band. Song lyrics will be projected on a large screen. It's being led by Mark Weidenmeyer – a life member at our Post. It's to "bring joy to all our veterans, their families and friends." Hope to see you there.

I was remiss with my last newsletter and didn't properly thank all the people who made the Memorial Day program such a success. Of course, the people actually in the program or involved in organizing the program, including Brad Mobley, Mike Pipher, Aaron Dobrin, Pete Chadwick and our special guests. Cathi Johnson for her photographs. A huge thanks to Erin McAllister and Mike Ayres at Valhalla. Then those who stayed back at the Post to get everything ready for the fabulous crowd we had – Frank, Jennifer Warren, Julie Martin, Greg Johnson, Karen Cain, Kathy Norris – and everyone else who stepped up to help bus tables and be present for whatever was needed. If I've missed anyone, I truly apologize.

We are in the transition period for the "new" administration for the Auxiliary. The Post, District and the Department all start their new year on July 1. The Department Convention was after this newsletter went to print, so I'll report on that next time. Currently, there are no special requests for clothing or toiletries. More on that to come after the Convention! I will say that our District collected 132 blankets and about...

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Veteran's Plots & Columbarium

Valhalla Memory Gardens' free columbarium niche & grave plots are still available to honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. Individuals are only responsible for any required opening & closing costs and site markers not provided by the military. For more information contact Commander Dale Blubaugh at VFW Post 604. (812) 606-8230



Canteen News

Post hours of operation are:

- Sunday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Friday 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Happy Hours are:

- 5:00 - 7:00 PM Monday & Tuesday
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Friday
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday

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half of those came from our Post. Great job everyone!!

Our meals continue the same – Lasagna on July 10th, tenderloins on July 24th and all you can eat tacos on July 31st. \$10 each.

I'm so excited to announce we sold out of tenderloins in May – a new record since Covid. The lasagna in June actually sold out as well. Thank you all for supporting the Post and Auxiliary- please keep it up! Bring friends, family, neighbors!

Name drawn for June was John Todd- \$97.50- NS/NP

If you or a loved one is ill or in pain, I wish you health and comfort. If you've experienced a loss, I wish you peace. ❖

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President
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COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
05/29	Kathy Stout	\$265	WINNER
06/05	Matthew Heldman	\$355	Not signed
06/12	Sally Connerly	\$480	Not signed
06/16	Joann Vernon (½ win)	\$240	Signed-not present
06/26	Closed		

\$5 to play – Sign up – Who wins, who knows?
Be here Friday @ 7:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

July

1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	Serving 1730 - 1930 Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Fries \$10 Open to the Public	 Open to the Public
5 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 - 1600	 6 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's Open to the Public 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	7	8	9	Serving 1730 - 1930 10 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, & Salad \$10 Open to the Public	11 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
12 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 - 1600	 13 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	14	15	16	Serving 1730 - 1930 17 Chili Dog Bar \$1.50 Open to the Public	18 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
19 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 - 1600	 20 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	21 Meetings V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Auxiliary 1800	22	23	Serving 1730 - 1930 24 Grilled or Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches \$10 Open to the Public	25 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730
26 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 - 1600	 27 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE - Free - for - ALL	28	29	30	Serving 1730 - 1930 31 All You Can Eat Tacos \$10 Open to the Public	

HELP NEEDED

Each month we are required to submit a Community Service Report to headquarters. Help is needed to ensure Post 604 submits a complete report. The only way this can be done accurately is for members to let us know about all community service projects they voluntarily participate in.

Below is a list of reportable categories of community service:

1. Community Involvement - including but not limited to - blood drives, CPR classes, recycling, highway clean-up, or other projects that benefit the community.
2. Cooperation with other organizations.
3. Aid to others - examples are food bank, nursing home, senior citizen centers, etc.
4. School or Church Assistance - volunteer in school, speaker of program in school or church or other assistance projects.
5. Citizenship Education - Flag presentation, color / honor guard, distributed patriotic literature, conducted "Get Out To Vote", conducted patriotic programs in schools, Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor, Memorial Day, Loyalty Day Programs or other Americanism Projects.
6. Safety - Pedestrian safety, drug awareness, recreational safety, highway safety, home/fire safety, other safety projects and public recognition.
7. Youth Activities - sports or athletics, Boy or Girl Scouts, other youth groups, contests or special events, education, recognition to youth groups.

The above are just some examples of the types of community service projects that can be reported. If you are not sure if your project is reportable, please submit it anyway.

When submitting a report be sure to include name, money spent (if any), number of hours (report any portion of an hour as a full hour and be sure to include the time you travel to and from your residence), miles involved, and a brief description of the project. If you have access to email, you can send your report to main@vfw-604.org.

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Help Needed continued...

If you don't have email capabilities, you can complete an informal short written report and drop it off at the VFW post or bring it to monthly meeting with you. Be sure to include the relevant information when submitting a report.

Information received will be consolidated and sent to both state and national headquarters. This will show Laurens B. Strain, VFW Post 604 is not a post in name only, but rather a post dedicated to serving God, our fellow veterans, our community, and our great nation.

2026-2027 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←	Benefits Advisor
Debbie Deckard	Adjutant
Debbie Deckard	1 Yr. Trustee
Will Warner	2 Yr. Trustee
Bradley Mobley	3 Yr. Trustee
Gary Demes.....	1 Yr. House Committee
Barney White.....	2 Yr. House Committee
→Vacant←	3 Yr. House Committee

2026-2027 VFW Post 604 Auxiliary Officers

Carol Rowan-Ozug.....	President
Mike Pipher	Sr. Vice President
Julie Martin.....	Jr. Vice President
Michelle Brown	Treasurer
Karen Cain	Secretary / Membership & Scholarship Chair
Greg Johnson.....	Conductor
Jenny Tracy.....	Patriotic Instructor
Kathy Norris.....	Guard
Sara Dobrin.....	Chaplain
Julie Martin.....	1 Yr. Trustee
Kenya Blubaugh.....	2 Yr. Trustee
Kathy Norris.....	3 Yr. Trustee

7th District National Home Bus Trip

19-20 September 2026



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N A T I O N A L H O M E

Contact Keith Rohloff (keith.rohloff@outlook.com) to sign up. Bus leaves Brazil VFW Post @ 1000 and Greenwood VFW Post @ 1200 Saturday September 19th, 2026. Cost is \$170 per person/double occupancy at Tru by Hilton in Jackson. Deadline to sign up is August 20th or sooner if bus is full (First 46 paid riders) State pick-up point with payment.

Mail your check to:
Keith Rohloff
100 Brinegar Drive
Springville IN 47462

September 19, 2026

9:30 AM Bus Arrive Brazil VFW Post 1127 (Park on Depot St in front of VFW Post)
303 S Depot Street Brazil 47838

10:00 AM Leave Brazil VFW Post 1127

11:15 AM Arrive Greenwood VFW Post 5864 (Park behind building -VFW Post entrance)
1842 Veterans Way Greenwood IN 46143
317-888-2488

12:00 PM Depart Greenwood VFW Post 5864

TBD Stop on way for smoke break (Will be determined by riders/bus driver)

4:30 PM Arrive Tru by Hilton
2401 Shirley Drive Jackson Michigan 49202
517-867-5000

5:30 PM Group Dinner – TBD

September 20, 2026

9:00 AM Depart Hotel to go to VFW National Home
3573 S Waverly Rd Eaton Rapids MI 48827
800-424-8360

10:00 – 2:00 PM Tours/Lunch/Program (Driver invited to participate/Driver provided lunch)

2:00 PM Depart VFW National Home

TBD Stop on way for smoke break (Will be determined by riders/bus driver)

6:30 PM Arrive Greenwood VFW Post 5864

6:45 PM Depart Greenwood.

8:00 PM Arrive Brazil VFW Post 1127



Sing Out Veterans!

A SINGING TRIBUTE TO U. S. VETERANS - 2026

To celebrate upcoming 4th of July (Independence Day), please join us in singing as we salute all veterans at:

Bell Trace Commons

800 N. Bell Trace Circle, Bloomington, IN

Thursday, July 2nd, at 7:00pm.

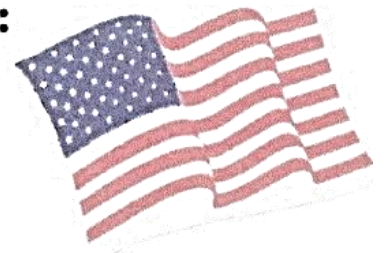
For more information contact:



Mark Wiedenmayer

American Legion, Life member

VFW, Life member



Mark.Wiedenmayer@comcast.net

- * This is a FREE program. We will sing the Service Medley, patriotic songs, and other favorites to bring joy in honoring all veterans, their families and friends, at Bell Trace Commons in the lower-level large room.
- * The SOV Ensemble with vocalist Ethan Upchurch, Stella Hooker-Haase, James Orbit Simon, David Shank, and Mark Wiedenmayer, will accompany this one-hour program. Song lyrics will be projected on screen, and songbooks will also be available. Thank you to all veterans for serving our country!