



November 2026

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

Welcome to November, where did this year go already? Not a whole lot to report on this month, so I will keep it somewhat brief. 11 November there will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post 18, starting promptly at 1100 hrs., then we will return to our own VFW Post 604 for Frank Ozug's famous chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes as well as \$1.00 off all adult beverages all day...Come out and enjoy good food and great people.

As far as Post meals are concerned, Friday November 6th, for only \$10, we will have a full on Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings, a Salad bar, and dessert as well. On Friday November 20th we will continue with Steak night including Fries, Salad Bar and dessert for just \$15. Come out and enjoy an awesome meal with us. Food specials for Monday remain unchanged.

We are still looking for donations to our repair deck project, don't forget that we have 3X5 American flags for a \$5 dollar donation as well, thank you all for the donations to date.

VFW Post 604 donated \$250 dollars to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank across the street, Scott Tincher and I presented the check to Madison Stratton and Director Jake Bruner on October 27th. (Picture sent separate) The Hoosier Hills food bank has an outreach food program for Seniors as well, more information can be had at the Post, or you can go to their website at www.hhfoodbank.org.

Commander out... ❖

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VFW Auxiliary

The days are getting shorter and it's finally getting cooler. Perfect time at the Post to sit out on the deck with friends!

As you probably know, we lost Karen Cain this past month. She was such a little thing with a huge spirit. She loved the VFW and honored it in so many ways. She supported and mentored me in so many ways; I'm kind of struggling these days. We are so fortunate that Chelle Brown and Karen Arcuri stepped up to help fill her huge shoes. There will be a Celebration of Life on November 1st at the Post for her from 1-5pm. If you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert, a signup sheet is at the Post. I know the family would be heartened to see people there. At her funeral in mid-October, we had a tremendous VFW turnout. I know that her family was so grateful for everyone who attended or sent their sympathies.

Looking forward, we are having a kids Christmas Party on December 5th from 10-12 noon. I am unavailable due Frank having surgery right before then, but I know that Santa's little elves will be busy. If you'd like to help, please let me know and I'll get you signed up. We've increased the age limit to 15. Please bring your kids, grandkids, your relatives' kids, neighbors' kids - whomever! Please sign up your youth by November 29th. Sign-up sheet is in the Post – we'll need child's age, gender, and interests so Santa can get appropriate gifts. (I'm thinking some of the older ones might get gift cards- I know! That will make their day!)

We had our chili cook-off on October 25th, and it was a big hit. They were all so tasty – though some too hot for me – but Roger Mink was our big winner. He received a gift certificate for 2 free Friday night meals and a beautiful pot of mums. (Continued...)

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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
 Dinner ... 5:30 PM – 7:00 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

2026-2027 VFW Post 604 Officers

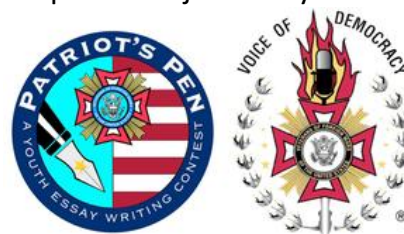
Dale Blubaugh Commander
 Aaron Dobrin Sr. Vice Commander
 Cathi Johnson Jr. Vice Commander
 Scott Tincher Quartermaster
 Peter Chadwick Chaplain
 Ken Sexton Judge Advocate
 Richard "Moe" Moldenhauer Surgeon
 Debbie Deckard Adjutant
 Debbie Deckard 1 Yr. Trustee
 Will Warner 2 Yr. Trustee
 Bradley Mobley 3 Yr. Trustee

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Carol Rowan-Ozug President
 Mike Pipher Sr. Vice President
 Julie Martin Jr. Vice President
 Michelle Brown Treasurer
 Karen Arcuri Secretary
 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

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We raised \$200 which will be a shared donation between the Auxiliary and the Post to go to Mishawaka Troop Town, which is the Department President's and Commander's Special Project this year.



Scholarship entries are coming in and hopefully our next newsletter will name some winners. The kids work so hard on these projects! They will be honored on January 9th at our Post anniversary party. **SAVE THE DATE!**

We have filled all the slots for the November 10th Meet and Greet at our VA Clinic. Thank you to all our volunteers. If you're not on our list, but still want to come, feel free to join us. We'll be there from 8-2 visiting with veterans as they await their appointments.

Our meals this month will be lasagna on November 13th and on the 27th will be pork tenderloins; at \$10 for those meals.

Please remember that annual members need to pay their dues by December 31st in order to keep their membership active. Thank you.

Drawing – Betty Richardson – NS/NP. Next month's drawing will be for \$120.

If you are ill, I wish for your health. If you've lost a loved one, I wish you peace.

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President
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November

Open 1200 - 1800 Sunday	Open 1200 - 2100 Monday	Open 1200 - 2100 Tuesday	CLOSED Wednesday	CLOSED Thursday	Open 1600 - 2200 Friday	Open 1200 - 1800 Saturday
1   <p>Fall Back</p>	2  <p>Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	3 	4 <p>CLOSED</p>	5 <p>CLOSED</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	6 <p>Serving 1730 – 1900</p> <p><i>Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar & Dessert</i></p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	7 <p>Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730</p>
8 <p>Souper Sunday</p> <p>Serving 1200 – 1600</p>	9  <p>Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	10  <p>BIRTHDAY</p>	11  <p>Noon 1800 Open to the Public</p>	12 <p>CLOSED</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	13 <p>Serving 1730 – 1900</p> <p><i>Lasagna, Garlic Bread, & Salad</i></p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	14 <p>Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730</p>
15 <p>Souper Sunday</p> <p>Serving 1200 – 1600</p>	16  <p>Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's</p>	17 <p>Until 1800</p>  <p>Meetings</p> <p>V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Auxiliary 1800</p>	18 <p>CLOSED</p>	19 <p>CLOSED</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	20 <p>Serving 1730 – 1900</p> <p>STEAK NIGHT, FRIES, SALAD BAR & DESSERT</p> <p>\$15</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	21 <p>Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730</p>
22 <p>Souper Sunday</p> <p>Serving 1200 – 1600</p>	23  <p>Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's</p>	24 	25 <p>CLOSED</p>	26  <p>CLOSED</p>	27 <p>Serving 1730 – 1900</p> <p>Grilled or Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>Open to the Public</p>	28 <p>Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730</p>
29 <p>Souper Sunday</p> <p>Children's X-mas party sign-ups close</p> <p>Serving 1200 – 1600</p>	30  <p>Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's</p>					

November Dates of Interest:

- November 1 – End Daylight Saving Time
- November 3 – Election Day
- November 6 – Friday Potato & Salad Bar Dinner
- November 10 – US Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- November 11 – Veteran's Day
- November 13 – Friday Lasagna Dinner
- November 17 – VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 6PM
- November 20 – Friday Steak Night
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
- November 27 – Friday Tenderloin Sandwich Dinner

Brief History of Veterans Day

- The Treaty of Versailles signed on June 28, 1919 in Versailles, France based on an armistice seven months earlier that went into effect **on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month**. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "The War to End All Wars"
- November 11, 1919 – Armistice Day first commemorated as proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson
- 1938 – Armistice Day designated a legal holiday, dedicated to world peace & to honor veterans of WWI
- 1954 – Name changed to Veterans Day, a day to honor American veterans of all wars
- 1968 – After brief change as a result of the "Holiday Bill", Veterans Day reverts back to celebrating on November 11th



Children's Christmas Party Sign Ups

The sign-up list for the Children's Christmas party will be available in the bar area starting November 1st through November 29th - Child /Grandchild relatives of VFW & Auxiliary members (in good standing) up through age 15 are eligible.

Child must be present on to receive their free gift from Santa. The party will be on December 5th from 10:00 AM until Noon.

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 us at the Post or call Curtis Wampler at (812)369-8981 and leave a message.

COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
10/02	Dennis Eldridge	\$3,275	Not Signed
10/09	Diane Evans	\$3,515	Not Signed
10/16	Deano Marti	\$3,765	Not Signed
10/23	Steven Cooley	\$4,055	Not Signed
10/30	John Ketcham	\$4,310	Not Signed

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



Hoosier Hills Food Bank Donation: (Left to Right)
Jake Bruner – Associate Director/Chief Admin Officer
Madison Stratton – Development & Volunteer Mgr

Presented by VFW Post 604's
Dale Blubaugh – VFW Post 604 Commander
Scott Tincher – VFW Post 604 Quartermaster

2026 CSFP Senior Food Box Schedule

Monroe County Hoosier Hills Food Bank
2333 West Industrial Park Drive

Every 3rd Friday of odd months from 10AM – 12PM
Friday November 20th

Seniors and/or Proxies must have photo ID at pick-up

Vet to Vet

Vet to Vet is a local veteran's organization committed to helping veterans achieve recovery from the psychiatric and adjustment problems the veteran may face.

Veterans can feel disconnected from themselves and from other people. With help, the veteran can regain a connection with people. They can gain back some of what they lost. "This is a process, but if we work at it, we can have a whole new outlook on life and re-invent ourselves anew."

Vet-To-Vet facilitators [Terri Languell](#) and [Pete Chadwick](#), encourage you to come to Vet-To-Vet's weekly Thursday meeting held at Ivy Tech's main campus, 200 Daniels Way in Bloomington - room B123. Email Terri or Pete by clicking on their name above or visit Vet to Vet webpage <http://www.vetovetbloomington.com/> for additional information.

Annual Chili Cook-off – October 25th



Carol Rowan-Ozug & Dale Blubaugh present prize to Roger Mink, this year's Chili-Cook-off winner!!!

Help Restore the Deck at Our Post!

Our VFW Post's outdoor deck has been the heart of countless gatherings—veterans swapping stories, families enjoying eating outdoors, and friends raising a glass in the open air. Years of use, weather, and wear have taken their toll, and it's time to repair and restore this special space, so it can continue serving our members and community for years to come.

Our fundraising efforts to get the job done need your support!

- Ways to Help -

50/50 Raffles - Buy a ticket, take a chance, and help the Post at the same time. Half the pot goes to a lucky winner; the other half goes straight to the deck restoration fund.

Bacon Raffles - Because everything's better with bacon! - Enter for a chance to win delicious bacon while supporting a great cause.

God Bless Our Vets Stickers - We are selling these for \$1.⁰⁰ each.

USA Flag Drive - For every \$5.⁰⁰ donation, you'll receive a beautiful 3' x 5' American flag. Show your patriotism and help rebuild the deck at the same time—it's a win-win!

Stop by the Post, talk to a member, or reach out to learn how you can get involved. Whether you grab a 50/50 ticket, purchase a sticker, enter the bacon raffle, or pick up a flag with your donation, you're helping preserve a place that means so much to our veterans and their families.

Thank you for standing with us. Let's get this deck restored together!

