



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

What a ride the month of May was, an exciting finish for the Indy 500, and no rain to stop the race, now comes June and the hot humidity that comes with it.

I want to acknowledge everyone that made Memorial Day a great success. The celebration at Valhalla Memory Gardens was very well done and talked about in many conversations, and what a great job our guest speaker did as well. Thanks also go out to the VFW Post 604 Auxiliary for everything you all did to make it a memorable event. Special thanks also go out to Aaron Dobrin, Pete Chadwick, Mike Pipher, Brad Mobley, and everyone that helped make this Memorial Day an awesome program. We had many folks show up for a delicious meal cooked by Frank Ozug and Greg Johnson in the Kitchen, and some really cool music played by Cory Simms on the back deck a great day. Special thanks go out to Toby, our bartender, for your dedication to our club and keeping us rolling and still in business. Having said that, we are in need of folks that would be willing to bartend a couple days a month. If interested, please let me or any of our officers know. We have been forced to close on occasion as we are having staffing issues, so keep an eye on the VFW Facebook page for updates and days we are forced to close due to staffing shortages. Thanks to everyone that played a role in placing flags on veteran's grave sites at the various cemeteries we care for, a Job well done.

Our amazing Veterans Service Officer (VSO), Steve Miller, invited me and eight other local veterans to a round table discussion with Michael E. Hershman, the State Medical Center Director, and his staff at our local VA Medical Center. Very informative information was talked about, some on the negative side, but so much more positive was talked about with the new legislation

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VFW Auxiliary

Happy 250th birthday to the USA!! I must be getting old as I remember the 200th birthday as an adult. WOW! I hope you all have some sort of plans to celebrate this very important milestone of our democracy.

I'd like to send a gracious thank you to Dale for mulching and Kenya for planting our beautiful flowers. Just in time for our Memorial Day celebration. If you missed that, it was a wonderful program with great patriotic music and special guests. Then of course the meal afterwards at the Post is always special. We had a great crowd! Hope to see you next year!

At our meeting in May, we had our officer installation service with Harriet Figg officiating. She's always been such a good friend to our Post. Karen Cain is passing the Treasurer's torch to Chelle Brown. Thank you Karen so much for all the years you did this. No - she's not going anywhere! She's still continuing as our Secretary and Membership Chair.

In the upcoming weeks (now that Memorial Day is in the rear-view mirror) the Auxiliary will be bundling up shelf stable meals for the Wheeler Mission. They do have some veterans among their crowd, but these will be available to anyone in their mission. An important part of the Auxiliary is community service and outreach. We will also be donating patriotic or inspiring books to the local school libraries. If you have a favorite and would like to donate one, please see me! (No political or religious books please) I just got a book on what makes a hero, this one will go to Ellettsville Primary library.

At this point, we aren't taking any specific donations. Once the new state officers are installed

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Veteran's Plots & Columbarium

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later this month and committees pulled together, I'm sure we'll be hearing from the committee chair people as to what their needs will be. Keep an eye out for our donation box in the front hallway of the Post.

Our drawing this month- Shelby Kiser. NP/NS.

If you or a loved one is sick, I wish you health. If you have lost a loved one, I wish you peace and comfort. ❖

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President
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that has been passed both at the state and federal levels.

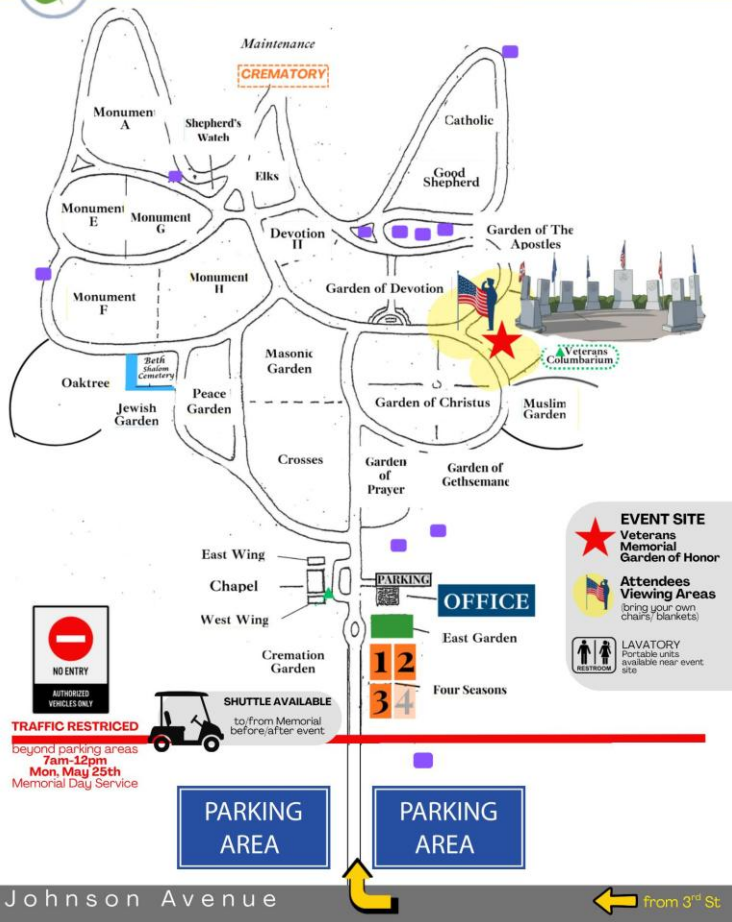
Governor Braun just signed into Indiana law (27 May 2026) that our veterans with a 10-90% disability rating get a significant property tax break, and if you are 100% on VA disability you will pay \$0 on your property tax. State Excise tax has also significantly changed for our veterans at our BMV. You can go to www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/ to get more information and confirmation on the different subjects related to the awesome changes that are happening for our veterans. VSO Steve Miller and his very effective assistant Andrew Blake have a real grasp on what has changed in the VA world, any questions can be referred to them, their office phone number is 812-349-2537 and are located at 214 W 7th St. Suite 100, Bloomington IN. 47404 just west of the Monroe County court complex.

We have suspended our Commander's meals on the first and third Fridays of the month, with a limited bar menu still available, depending on volume of people available to help. Monday specials remain the same as before, ¼ pound hotdogs for \$3.00 and that ever-delicious smoked pork chop sandwich \$5.00.

Commander Out... ❖

Commander – Dale Blubaugh
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Valhalla Memory Gardens



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



June

1200 - 1800	1200 - 2100	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p>1 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's Open to the Public 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>*Vet to Vet - 1700</p>	 <p>5 Open to the Public</p>	<p>6 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730 Open to the Public</p>
<p>7 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600  Laurens B Strain - 1918</p>	 <p>8 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>Serving 1730 - 1930 12 <i>Lasagna, Garlic Bread, & Salad</i> \$10 WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY MILITARY SPOUSE DAY Open to the Public</p>	<p>13 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730</p>
<p>14 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600  Army's Birthday ★ FIAG DAY ★ Open to the Public</p>	 <p>15 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meetings V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Auxiliary 1800</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	 <p>19 !!! 7PM BINGO !!! Open to the Public</p>	<p>20 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730  SUMMER BEGINS AT 10:22PM</p>
<p>21 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600 Father's Day</p>	 <p>22 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>*Vet to Vet – 1800</p>	<p>Serving 1730 - 1930 26 Grilled or Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches \$10 Open to the Public</p>	<p>27 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 - 1730 National PTSD Awareness Day</p>
<p>28 Souper Sunday !!! Serving 1200 – 1600</p>	 <p>29 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free – for - ALL</p>	<p>30</p>				

2026-2027 VFW Post 604 Officers

Dale Blubaugh..... Commander
 Aaron Dobrin Sr. Vice Commander
 →Vacant← Jr. Vice Commander
 Scott Tincher..... Quartermaster
 Peter Chadwick..... Chaplain
 Ken Sexton..... Judge Advocate
 Richard “Moe” Moldenhauer Surgeon
 →Vacant← Service Officer
 Debbie Deckard Adjutant
 Will Warner 1 Yr. Trustee
 Debbie Deckard 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

Thanks again to members of Bloomington South football and their parents for helping us place Memorial Day flags at Clear Creek Cemetery this year. Also, our thanks to others who came to honor our late veterans.



Memorial Day Ceremony



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

With respect to Bingo - Please give us some grace as we venture into this new territory.

June 19th – Mark Your Calendar

7:00 PM



VFW Volunteers Needed

Since our grand reopening in July 2011, we have operated completely with unpaid volunteers. This is quite an achievement and is the envy of many VFW posts in the state. It hasn't always been an easy road as the number of volunteers tends to fluctuate, but we have been successful. We have also created an atmosphere of cooperation and camaraderie.

We are looking for volunteers to help cook and wait tables on Friday nights. We are also looking for more bartenders to volunteer. **Experience is not required**, anyone interested, please contact one of our officers if you are willing to help us keep the doors open.

COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
05/01	Sue Allen	\$265	Not Signed
05/08	Frederick Scott	\$345	Not Signed
05/15	Jason Endris	\$535	WINNER
05/22	Michele Mobley (½ win)	\$80	Signed-not present

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

From the Editor:

The first West Industrial Park Drive Post newsletter was distributed in August 2010. VFW membership was 415 members and VFW Auxiliary membership was 341 as reflected on July 27, 2010 membership rosters.

Now advance the clock forward to this newsletter... As of May 27, 2026, our VFW membership is 183 and Auxiliary membership is 191.

Membership attrition is due largely to the passing of our older members, members transferring to other posts, lack of recruiting, and non-renewal of annual memberships. Over 80% of our current members are life members. New memberships are of great importance to our continued existence.

A great many of us have frequented Post 604 and are familiar with our atmosphere and commitment to the VFW Mission Statement. Each one of us, through word of mouth, can help increase community awareness and help attract new members. Please talk to your friends and help us to get the word out, so we can increase our membership, increase participation in our activities, and ensure our existence well into the future.