



October 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 October, probably the prettiest month of the year as the leaves turn their various bright colors, and the temperature is not in the 90s.

Not a lot to report this month, so I will keep it fairly short. On October 2nd Aaron is planning on having a German type meal, featuring Bratwurst, sauerkraut, a potato type side, and dessert for \$10. The post meal on October 16th will be Steak, baked potato, and a vegetable with dessert for only \$15. Our Monday specials remain the same with a \$3 quarter pound hotdog, and of course our special smoked pork chop sandwich for \$5. (Note...Our Dinner service time has changed and is now from 5:30pm to 7pm instead of 7:30)

We are planning on having a chili cookoff on Sunday October 25th, bring your favorite chili to share with others, we will have a donation bucket beside each type of Chili to raise money for the Post and determine whose chili is the favorite, come out and enjoy the fun.

As mentioned last month, we are working to collect funds to renovate our deck. Included in the effort is a **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. See article on page 5.

Every dollar raised will go toward materials, labor, and improvements needed to make the deck safe, sturdy, and welcoming once again.

Enjoy the fall! Commander out... ❖

Commander – Dale Blubaugh

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VFW Auxiliary

Happy Fall. I think we're all happy to see the heat dissipate a bit! I know I am. Fall is a busy time for our VFW Post 604 Auxiliary.

On October 4th, there are some folks heading up to the Indiana Veterans Home to visit with our older generation who have served our country well. If you'd like to come, please let me know. It's just a day trip and they have a big cookout and time to visit.

Our Auxiliary is donating to supply Edgewood Primary and Intermediate school libraries with some patriotic books. If you have any personal favorites you'd like to donate, I'll be sure to see that they get them.

We had our District audit this month and we passed with flying colors. We welcome our new secretary, Karen Arcuri. Karen Cain is taking some well-deserved rest but is still mentoring all of us and it is so much appreciated.

Our trip to the National Home was fraught with some personal drama for me and pouring rain, but it was amazing as always. And the bus trip and companions are always a blast. At the Parade of Checks, more than \$37,000 was donated. Please watch for our "[VFW Auxiliary 604 Bloomington](#)" Facebook page as I plan to post about the National Home. Did you know that it's not a house or a single building? It's an amazing community with 45 single family homes dedicated to our veterans and families. An interesting fact - there are currently 107 children on the campus who live with their families. I had no idea that there were that many! There are some photos at the end of this newsletter that help introduce you to this amazing community. Totally supported by the VFW and its patrons.

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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

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
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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Starting October 2nd, all meals on Friday nights will be served from 5:30 - 7pm. The Auxiliary will continue to have Lasagna on October 9th, pork tenderloin sandwiches on October 23rd and ALL YOU CAN EAT TACOS!!! are back on October 30th. Our ROTC cadets are back for the school year helping in the kitchen and serving meals. Come out and meet some of these amazing kids! Please join us and bring friends and/or family. If you have a big group, we can reserve a table for you. Just text me at the number below. Where else can you get a meal and dessert for only \$10?? We would love it if more people could bring in desserts to help ease the load on us of baking every week.

On October 25th around 1pm we will have our 3rd annual chili cook-off to benefit the Indiana Department Auxiliary President's Special Project- "Mishawaka Troop Town" which is creating a small house community for homeless veterans. We are looking for some fun, old family favorite recipes or whatever kind of chili your family likes for our chili entries. Don't let Tim win again! (sorry Tim!) Let's get some good competition going! Please come and enjoy some great chilis with peanut butter sandwiches (on white bread of course!) and great people. Voting tally will be by the chili that gets the most donations.

We still have a few spaces to fill for the Bloomington VA Clinic Meet and Greet on November 10th from 8am-2pm. If you feel it in your heart to help for an hour or two to visit with our veterans as they wait for their appointments, shoot me a text and we'll work out a time slot.

Karen has sent out the annual letters to donate to VFW and veteran causes - and also for annual members to remember to renew their memberships. Thank you in advance for sending this back.

Drawing - Patricia Wright- NS/NP. Next month's drawing will be for \$116. Please feel free to attend our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the lower level of the Post.

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

Carol Rowan-Ozug – Auxiliary President
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Laurens B. Strain – VFW Post 604

OCTOBER

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 CLOSED *Vet to Vet – 1800	2 Serving 1730 – 1900 Bratwurst Sauerkraut, Potato side & Dessert \$10 Open to the Public	3 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
4  Serving 1200 – 1600	5 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's  Open to the Public	6 	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED *Vet to Vet – 1800	9 Serving 1730 – 1900 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, & Salad \$10 Open to the Public	10 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
11  Serving 1200 – 1600	12 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 	13   Navy Birthday! 	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED *Vet to Vet – 1800	16 Serving 1730 – 1900 STEAK NIGHT, BAKED POTATO, VEGGIE, & DESSERT \$15 Open to the Public	17 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
18  Serving 1200 – 1600	19 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 	20 Until 1800  Meetings V.F.W. 1800 V.F.W. Auxiliary 1800	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED *Vet to Vet – 1800	23 Serving 1730 – 1900 Grilled or Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches \$10 Open to the Public	24 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730
25  Serving 1200 – 1600	26 Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 	27 	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED *Vet to Vet – 1800	30 Serving 1730 – 1900 ALL YOU CAN EAT TACOS \$10 Open to the Public	31 Smoked Porkchop Sandwich \$5.00 Serving 1200 – 1730  Open to the Public

Telephone (812) 339-2375

(*Vet-to-Vet at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room B123 – Check <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

Gaming License # 002744

October Dates of Interest:

October 3 – East and West Germany reunified (1990)
 October 12 – Columbus Day
 October 13 – US Navy Birthday (1775)
 October 13 – Breast Cancer Awareness Day
 October 14 – Chuck Yeager Breaks Sound Barrier (1947)
 October 18 – Recognition of Women in Military Service
 October 23 – Beirut Bombing Killed 241 Marines (1983)
 October 24 – United Nations Birthday (1947)
 October 26 – National Day of the Deployed
 October 26 – Erie Canal Opens (1825)
 October 28 – Statue of Liberty Dedicated (1886)
 October 28 – Cuban Missile Crisis Ended (1962)



Statue in the "Tribute Garden" at the entry to the VFW National Home campus.



Click me:



This is the 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2,813 sqft Indiana House at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI, maintained by the VFW Department of Indiana and its Auxiliary. Currently a veteran and his 2 boys live there and are one of many success stories. They came here after a tough divorce, fresh out of the service without a clue how to successfully return to civilian life. He received mental health, career and financial counseling. Job training to make that transition to "the real world" and is ready to move on with his life. He was able to do this knowing his boys were safe and could develop friendships among the 107 kids who also currently live in National Home community.

What a great message of hope for these heroes who served that we may be free. In this wonderful place, our donations are in clear view.

COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
09/04	Velma Abbott	\$2,415	Not Signed
09/11	Frederick Scott	\$2,655	Not Signed
09/18	Stacy Wood	\$2,870	Not Signed
09/25	John Todd	\$3,070	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!



DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT



Support
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
WED., SEPTEMBER 02
4 - 9:30PM

10%

DONATION NIGHT

Support WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA by presenting this flyer to the Bloomington, IN location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!

Let us do the cooking while you give back!
Dine in or order to-go—every bite helps honor our Veterans with wreaths placed on their graves. BE SURE TO BRING THIS FLYER OR MENTION "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" SO THEY CAN GET CREDIT.

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BLOOMINGTON, IN




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In collaboration with Bloomington's Texas Roadhouse on September 2nd, Post 604's Amy Thomas greeted patrons at the door to help promote Wreaths Across America, to collect donations for this annual effort in memory of our departed veterans. One of many community efforts Post 604 supports. Sure do appreciate all Amy does for our post!

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, we 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!

