

**VFW**

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**POST 3404**

# *Gazette*



**JUNE**

**2024**

Editor-David Suits





## NOTES FROM THE COMMANDER

### GREETINGS COMRADES

As the 2023-2024 VFW year comes to an end, there are many accomplishments to celebrate. With the hard work of some of the members and friends, the Post has seen renovations on much of the interior with new floors, wall painting, and operating equipment. An unplanned replacement of the Clubroom heating and air conditioning system was required this month due to continuing leakage of the old R-22 system.

Post 3404 has been notified that we have reached All-State requirements for the year and are very close to All-American status!

We welcomed a Veteran Service Officer to an office in the Post on February 1, but regretfully, he has been reassigned to the St. Louis Regional Office effective June 1. He has already vacated the Post. We will continue to have a Post Service Officer that can refer veterans to VFW VA certified service officers.

The 2024-2025 year officers will take over upon the Department Commander being sworn in at the Convention on June 8. I have been elected again for another year as Commander. The other officers are Mike Derby, Senior Vice Commander; David Anderson, Junior Vice Commander; Russ McBurney, Quartermaster; Debi George, Adjutant; Charles Hudson, Chaplain; Jerry Housley, Judge Advocate, Joe Hinton, Surgeon; Brian Ferguson, Officer of the Day; and Bob Huff, Guard. Trustees are Walford (Wally) Galloway, David Snodderly, and Jack Gilley.. We look forward to serving another year.

Respectfully,

Arnold Wilkerson

Post Commander



## **AUXILIARY V.F.W. NOTES**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial weekend!

Thank you to all that helped with Poppy Day event May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We raised money to help veterans through our Post's Relief Fund. We can always use more help with poppies.

Also, thank you to all that helped with the Yard Sale. We were able to raise money to help with another storage shed. which we need desperately.

I cannot say "Thank you" enough for the extra effort and time that was part of our May fundraisers.

VFW Convention is June 6-9 at the Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, MO.

Carol Roush

Auxiliary President



## NOTES FROM THE NEW ADJUTANT

My journey is a testament to dedication and adaptability, reflecting a deep commitment to service that spans decades. My military career began in the Army Reserves, a path chosen immediately after high school, which speaks to an early determination to serve my country. The transition from basic training to active duty marked the beginning of an extensive period of service, with my being stationed across various states in the U.S. and completing two tours in South Korea. These experiences not only highlight my resilience but also my ability to thrive in diverse environments.

The shift back to the Reserves due to personal circumstances did not deter me; instead, it showcased my flexibility and unwavering commitment. My deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom was a significant chapter in my career, contributing to a global effort and demonstrating solidarity with fellow service members. Upon my return, I continued service in the Reserves until transitioning to the Inactive Ready Reserves in 2008 which is indicative of my lifelong dedication to the military.

My involvement with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) further underscores the commitment to the community and fellow veterans. Since 2001, I have been an active member, achieving the rare status of dual-life membership before the option was discontinued. My roles at the Tom Wolfe Memorial VFW Post 4207 in Monett, Missouri, included Chaplain, Jr. Vice Commander, and Commander, allowed me to influence and contribute to various initiatives, from youth activities to fundraising events.

My recent transfer to Post 3404 and the roles as Judge Advocate and Chaplain demonstrates a continued desire to serve and lead within the veteran community. The anticipation of taking on the role of Adjutant for the upcoming year is a clear indication of my intent to deepen my involvement and impact. My story is one of continuous growth, leadership, and an unwavering spirit of service, embodying the values that the VFW and the military.

My journey is not just a personal narrative but a reflection of the broader experience of many veterans who dedicate their lives to serving their country both in uniform and beyond.

See ya later!

Debi George



Hello to all,

The Give Vets Hope group continues to grow with a number of veterans and their support systems in many ways.

I talked with a veteran recently who stated that he would like to come to more of our meetings but didn't feel like he could. I let him know that I call or make contact with many more individuals, than attend our meetings. I did not want him to feel guilty about not attending. We are very inclusive.

As a point of interest, in the last 5 years I have made over 5,000 calls, emails, text messages, and voice mails. Whew! Sometimes a veteran does not respond to my contacts for a month. When this happens, I let them know that if I don't hear from them that this may be my last attempt.

However, this is how the typical text/contact goes:

"Hi Violet,

I'm hoping you and your family have had a good week. We had a good meeting this last Tuesday with plenty of pop and pizza (food and fellowship).

I wanted to let you know that you are being thought of today.

Have a good weekend and next week!"

This kind of message seems to accomplish exactly what I hope happens. It is something of a verbal greeting card with the sound of my voice and thoughts of remembering them, being sent.

Our group welcomes all veterans, and their support systems, no matter who they are. We meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, at the Post, at 5:30- about 7:00 or 7:30. We also have lots of pizza, pop, and something for dessert sometimes.

Find us at [givevetshope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/).

David Suits  
Give Vets Hope co-facilitator  
417-773-1837—please leave a message

Every  
Saturday  
Night




**VFW POST 3404**  
1136 E Atlantic, Springfield, MO  
(417) 865 6929

Doors open 3 PM  
Games and play sheets sales 3:30 PM  
Pull Tabs called as sold  
Kitchen & Club Room Open 4 PM  
Early Bird Games Start 5:30 PM  
Followed by 16 Regular Games

**2 Progressive Pots Weekly**

**J. Wilbur Adams**



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
**VFW Post 3404**

6-10 AM

Open  
to  
Public

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1136 E Atlantic  
Springfield, MO 65803

Every  
Saturday

**Veterans Connection**  
1st Saturday  
8:30 - 10

Eggs to Order  
Omelettes  
Hash Browns  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Ham  
Biscuits & Gravy



Pancakes  
French Toast  
Toast  
Biscuits  
Coffee  
Juice  
Milk

VFW Post 3404  
1136 E Atlantic, Springfield, MO

**KARAOKE**  
*Night*

OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC

Every Friday Night  
Dinner from 5-7 PM \$8.00  
Karaoke from 7 until we're done



**VFW Post 3404**  
1136 E Atlantic, Springfield, MO



3rd  
Friday  
monthly  
5-7 PM

**Fish Fry**

Fried Catfish - Fried Potatoes - Baked Beans  
White Beans & Ham  
3 Kinds of Cornbread - Cole Slaw  
Dessert - Iced Tea

**\$10**  
Per Person



"Give Vets Hope" is a support group for veterans that provides a safe place to be seen and heard without judgement. We do a lot of listening to help understand how to overcome daily life situations and learn from others experiences

Meetings 2 & 4th Tuesday of the month, 5:30 PM

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**VETERANS CONNECTION**  
**8:30 - 10 AM**  
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
**\$9**  
BUFFET STYLE BREAKFAST

FOUNDED BY THE LATE WAYNE WARNER, CONTINUES AS A GROUP OF VETERANS WHO MEET ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT VFW POST 3404, AT N. NATIONAL & E ATLANTIC FOR BREAKFAST, SUPPORT, FELLOWSHIP, AND INSPIRATION.

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# **VFW Post 3404**

**1 - Veterans Connection 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

**6 - Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting  
Dinner 5 PM - Joint Meeting 5:30 PM  
Meeting 6 PM**

**13 - Marine Corp League Meeting 7:00 PM**

**17 - June MOC Scratch 6:00 PM**

**20 - Home Committee Meeting 4:30 PM**

**21 - Monthly Fish Fry 5 - 7 PM**

**23 - Post Work Day 1:00 PM**

**27 - Staff Meeting 4:30 PM**

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- **Wood Carvers Every Monday night**
- **2nd & 4th Tuesday Give Veterans Hope  
5:30 PM**
- **Friday nights Dinner from 5 - 7 PM  
followed by Karaoke Night**
- **Saturdays 6:00 - 10:00 AM Breakfast**
- **Saturdays Bingo starts at 5:30 PM**

**Follw us on Facebook J Wilbur Adams VFW 3404**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JUNE 6, 1944**

**D-DAY**

**JUNE 12, 2018**

**WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY-EST. 2018**

**JUNE 14**

**FLAG DAY, BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. ARMY IN 1775**

**JUNE 16**

**FATHER'S DAY**

**JUNE 19, 2021**

**JUNETEETH DAY**

**JUNE 23, 1941**

**COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY (AUXILIARY AND RESERVE ACT)**

**JUNE 25, 1950**

**START OF KOREAN WAR**

**JUNE 27, 1953**

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY, PTSD AWARENESS DAY**