



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Happy 65th Anniversary Post 5040!

By Matt Klos

Happy birthday to our Post. It's 2011 and the Post is 65 years old this year. According to our Charter that is hanging in Thiede Hall (the lower level) next to the Life Membership board, our Post was chartered on March 4, 1946 with 224 members.

Many of these original signing members have passed on. However, they left behind a great legacy for the current generation of veterans at the VFW. We have a Post home that has been an icon in Woodstock for many, many years.

Of these original 224 charter members, there are about 16 that can tell you today that they were there to put their names on the Charter. Even though some have moved away or are no longer members of this Post, we honor and thank those that are still with us today that helped to get this Post started:

- Robert W. Behler
- George M. Burke
- Sam Dykstra

- Richard E. Howell
- Harold R. Irwin
- Vernon T. Kopsell
- Robert A. Korslin
- Delbert J. Lee
- Albert R. Mansfield
- Dean F. Mishler
- Don L. Perkins
- Loren J. Pulver
- Richard M. Rabbitt
- Walter C. Silliman
- Oscar J. Sommer
- Matthew J. Tanzer

For a complete list of all the charter members and Post Commanders through the years, you can visit our website and look at the "Post Officers" section.

So, what has the Post been planning to celebrate this milestone? Currently what the officers and directors are trying to do is incorporate the anniversary into several events that are being planned this year. Although having a large party as we did in 2006 to celebrate the 60th anniversary would be nice, fiscally this is not practical in these times of financial woes and uncer-

tainty. With the different fund raising events that are being planned for this year, the plan is to try to incorporate the notion that our Post is 65 years old and we are acknowledging it.

Through little things we can let the community know that we have been around for 65 years and that we will continue to do so going forward.

We have reached a milestone in the longevity of our Post, but let us not forget what the purpose of this organization is:

"The objects of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are fraternal, patriotic, historical, 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 constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whom-so-ever."

Happy birthday, Post 5040!

Anyone have any information on the SS Woodstock Victory?

By Matt Klos

An email came to me from a gentleman who lives in Texas. It may be possible that some of our World War II members might have some information that this man is looking for. If you do, you can reach out to this individual directly.

During World War II starting in 1944, 534 Victory ships, a type of cargo ship, were built. Each of these were named for towns, colleges, and universities in the United States. After the war, these ships were sold, mothballed, and even scrapped. Very few remain. So here is the request:

To the Members of Post 5040,

Hello. I'm interested in finding out if you have the SS Woodstock Victory ship photo in your photo collection. The SS Woodstock Victory was named for the city of Woodstock (Illinois, New York or Vermont). I'm trying to collect all 534 Victory ship photos. I'm down to 19 Victory ship photos left to find.

Ship information: Woodstock Victory 01 01 10.44 launched 1944 Woodstock Victory, U.S. War Shipping Admin., Baltimore. (American Export Line) 1948 Laid up Hudson River, later transferred to Suisun Bay. 1984 Scrapped Kaohsiung.

If you do have information or a photo of this ship, please contact me:

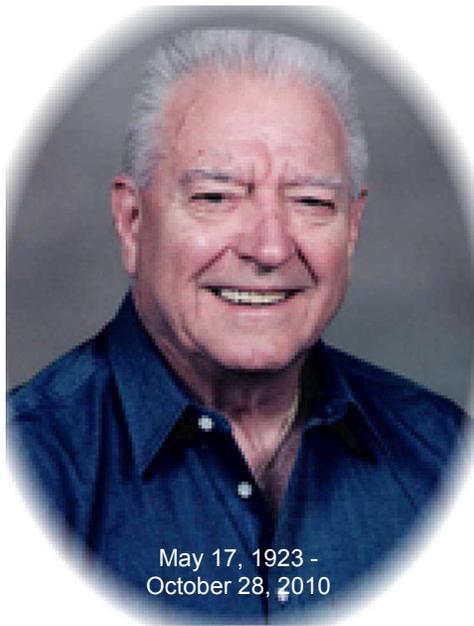
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Planning on visiting the Post?

Remember, all visitors, members and non-members, should sign-in at the Post. There is a sign-in sheet right when you enter the main entrance.

Mark Your Calendar
District Meeting at Our Post
May 15th, 2011
District 5 at Woodstock Post 5040
Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at noon
Meeting 1:00 (election)



May 17, 1923 -
October 28, 2010

Remembering Dan Hall

By Matt Klos

As it happens, sometimes members of our Post pass away and we don't hear about it unless a family member contacts the Post. Such is the case with long time member Dan Hall whom some of you may know.

According to Dan's wife, Kathy, Dan had been severely ill since June of 2010. Kathy expressed several thoughts that she shared with me that I pass on to you.

"He thought a lot of being a member of Post 5040 all his life. I wish once during our time together Dan and I could have gotten back to Woodstock where he spent so many of his early years, but that just never worked out. One of those regrets Dan and I talked about in his last years," commented Kathy.

"Dan was buried at Riverside National Cemetery with full military honors. VFW Post 184 handled most of the service there and it was very moving; they went out of their way and I can't thank them enough for what they did. We also had the approximately 10 mile trip from the church to the cemetery lead by the Patriot Guard Rider's motorcycle group who also participated in the ceremonies at the cemetery."

Dan's obituary reads:

"Age 87, longtime resident of Corona (CA). Entered Eternal Rest on Thursday evening following illness. Born in Aurora, Illinois Dan was the youngest of four children to Bertile and Ida Hall. He enlisted in the United States Army following high

school graduation and proudly served his country during World War II, serving in the Pacific theatre from June 1942 to October 1945. Dan was a life member of VFW Post 5040 in Woodstock, IL for over 60 years. His career was spent as a salesman; the majority of which was in the Dairy, Food and Beverage Processing industry, selling various kinds of equipment. Dan worked as an outside salesman for several major manufacturers and distributors in this field, retiring from sales in 1992. Not one to sit around, following "retirement" he began to work for Paradise Knolls Golf Course where his retired father-in-law also worked, and still later, Dan became very involved and active at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church---helping in the construction of the worship center and also as custodian. His final employment until 2 years ago, was in parts assembly for one of his previous equipment employers. He leaves behind his loving wife of more than 32 years, Kathy of Corona, children Gregory R. and Mark D. Hall, Kim Staats and Kathryn Hall, stepchildren Kristine Swart and Keith Benschopf, twelve grandchildren, Erik, Melody, Gregor, & Shane Hall, Joshua, Jeremy, & James Staats, Jessica & Andrew Coleman, Kayla Swart, Donovan, Hope, & Megan Benschopf, two sisters Margaret Purcell and Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Gay, as well as dear friends. Dan now joins his late beloved parents and brother, Robert Hall in Eternity."

Condolences may be sent online at:

February 2011 Calendar	
2	Cub Scouts 7 pm
3	Ladies Auxiliary 7 pm
7	Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm
8	Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30 pm
12	Sweetheart Suitcase Dinner Dance 5 pm; \$35 per couple.
14	VFW Officers Meeting 7pm American Legion Post 412 7:30pm
16	Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7 pm
17	Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm
20	Daytona 500 party at the Post
21	VFW Meeting - 6:30 dinner, floor mtg. 7 pm
22	Woodstock Jaycees Gen. Mtg. 7:30 pm
24	VFW Board Meeting 7 pm
Friday's: Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle: 7 pm	
Saturday's: Raffle 4 pm	

✠ Chaplains Report ✠

By Pete Lockinger, Chaplain

Each year at the December meeting, we remember all our deceased members that passed away during the year. As a final roll-call, we remember the following that died in 2010. May God bless our departed comrades:

- Jesse Barry
- Raymond Benoy
- Harold Cross
- Laverne Emricson
- William Euker
- Carl Glawe
- Francis Grasser
- Dan Hall
- Edward Hall
- Edward Lange
- Jack Meyers
- Donald Misisic
- Glenn Noble
- Ervin Schultze
- Donald Smith
- Warren Stanek
- Nicholas Stemper
- Arthur Stolzke
- James Stone
- William Victory
- Arnold Witt

March 2011 Calendar	
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WOODSTOCK AMERICAN LEGION
 Meets Second Monday of
 Each Month
 (Except December) at the
 VFW at 7:30 P.M.

Sweetheart Suitcase Dinner / Dance

VFW Post 5040
 Where: VFW, 240 North Throop, Woodstock, IL 60098
 Information: 815-338-5040 after 4PM

February 12, 2011

\$35.00 per couple – Rose & complimentary glass of champagne for the ladies.
 Tickets must be paid in full by February 4th

Music and Dancing - 5 PM Cocktails (Cash bar) - 6 PM Dinner

Prime Rib or Stuffed Cornish Game Hen (choice of meal made at time of payment)
 Twice Baked Potato, California Blend Vegetables, Soup and Salad

*******Bring your overnight bag*******

Dinner ticket enters you in a special drawing.
One lucky couple will be chauffeured to The Royal Victorian Manor, that evening, to spend the rest of the night there and then be chauffeured back to the VFW in the morning.

The romantic room package includes complimentary beverages, a gift basket, and breakfast in the morning.
 The drawing will be held at approximately 9:00 pm

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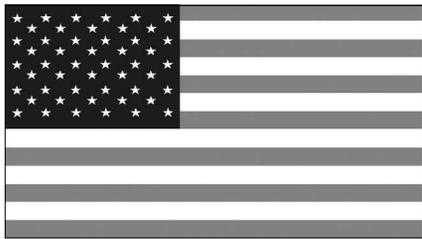
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VFW POST 5040, WOODSTOCK
65 years of service: 1946-2011

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 Post Officers 2010 - 2011

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This months issue:

- **What is significant about March 4th?**
- **Final roll call of 2010 deceased members.**
- **And a couple of more things of interest inside...**

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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.**
- **February 12: Sweetheart Suitcase Dinner Dance**
- **February 20: Daytona 500 party at the Post.**
- **March 20: Blood drive.**