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Membership Notification

Special Election to be Held at Post Meeting on November 17

Jon Showers, our current Post Commander, has submitted a letter of resignation from his current position as Post Commander. This means that Sid Sherwin, Senior Vice Commander, will move up to Commander. If willing, John (Sully) Sullivan, Junior Vice Commander, will move up to Senior Vice Commander.

A special election will be held on the November 17 meeting to fill the positions of Junior and Senior Vice Commander. This newsletter notification serves as the official notification that such election will be taking place, with the membership present at this meeting electing individuals to the open positions created as a result of Jon's resignation.

Please stop by or call the post to find out who will be running prior to the November 17 meeting. Please plan on attending this meeting if at all possible. Thank you.

VAC Opens in New Location

Photo and Story by Don Peasley

With the opening of the McHenry County Administration Building on Ware Road the Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC) has moved to this new location. Michael Iwanicki continues as the VAC superintendent and the phone number is (815) 334-4229.

The public open house for the new building was held Saturday, November 8. Offices moved to the new building include County Administrator Rick Bernotas; County Board Room, County Treasurer, County Auditor, Supervisor of Assessments, Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County, and County Recorder.

The existing government center south of Ware Road will continue all court services and offices vacated are being adapted for needs of the ever-growing demands on court services.



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VETERANS DAY

50th Anniversary
November 11, 2003



Veterans Day Ceremony

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Veterans Day. In observance of this day, the post will be conducting a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot next to the post. A lunch will be held following the ceremony at 12:00 p.m. Cost of the lunch will be \$5.00 for Veterans, \$6.00 non-Veterans.

The above poster can be found at <http://www.appc1.va.gov/vetsday/page.cfm?pg=20> on the Department of Veterans Affairs website in colorized format for printing or downloading to your computer.

"The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."

VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2003 - 2004

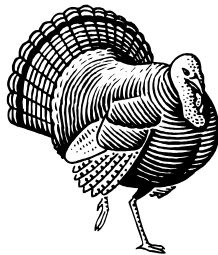
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Annual Turkey Raffle November 22nd

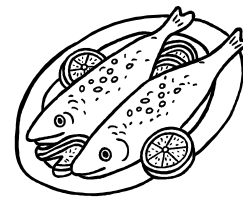
Most of you should have received by now one book of Turkey Raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser **[First Prize: \$150, Second Prize: \$100, Third Prize: \$50, and 40 turkeys next 40 prizes]**. The cost of each ticket is \$1.00. You should have received 10 tickets, so please sell or buy them yourself. Please have the stubs and money back to Post 5040 by November 12th, 2003.

The night's activities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Turkey dinner for \$6.00. A paddle wheel drawing will be held for turkey, other meats, cash prizes, and liquor. The main drawing will start at 9:00 p.m. Come on down to the post, hang out with some old friends, and enjoy the night.

Friday Night Fish Special at the Post

By Candy Horning

November 7 - Salmon Loaf
November 14 - Orange Roughy
November 21 - Catfish Filets
November 28 - Stuffed Shrimp



Along with the fish specials, served every Friday is the \$5.95 all-you-can-eat Perch dinner. Just added will be a salad bar on Friday night. Come on down for the best fish in town!

More Memories of the Old Guard

By Dwayne Raney, Past Commander 1967-68; 1976-77; 2001-02

Thanks to Past Commander Ken Kerns for providing those names of previous post chaplains. I remember Ted Bates very well for one special reason other than he was a good chaplain and seemingly well liked. That was when Post 5040 members had urged Ted to run for the office of the 5th VFW District's chaplain's position (unfortunately, I can't recall if he won it or not).

Also, yes, there was Roy Stackhouse who also was a key member of the former VJ-Day Committee, and Ed Mortensen who also served well.

I remember parking cars out in the city park during our July 4th Festival, plus, on other committees such as VJ Day, and when the post held carnivals on and around the square. The Ferris Ride, countless stands featuring games of chance, all kinds and food, the boxing and wrestling tent, etc.

Then there were the long and very popular VJ Day Parades from way north starting at or around and up Clay Street, crossing the railroad tracks to and on Benton Street, turning right and a quick left onto Dean Street, proceeding all the way up Dean and ending around Dean Street, Forest and Austin Avenues. And, being part of more than one color guard, leading the parades from start to finish.

Of course, to climax the day, was the annual Pageant of Drums on the Woodstock High School football field. What great corps they were. We had the best in the nation for a while many will say.

Last but not the least, was the annual State VFW Officers Dinner in the post held upstairs to accommodate the many who attended. Also, having the Bob Freund Orchestra playing upstairs and the Jimmy Bates Band downstairs for many hours.

Other parades many of us marched in included the Loyalty Day Parade in May in Elgin, our own Woodstock and Greenwood Memorial Day parades, Harvard's Milk Day Parade, McHenry's Fiesta Day Parade, and the Armistice soon to become Veterans Day parades down at the Cantigny War Memorial near Winfield.

All this and more, like our Thursday night's VFW Bowling League at the Edgetown Lanes on Route 47, before the Dick Tracy parades began.

As it is said in singer Dean Martin's song, "Memories, Are Made of This" !!!!!



Members of the VFW Rifle Squad participate in the all-school assembly to dedicate the new flagpole at the elementary school. From left: Bill Lyford, Henry Nulle, Bob Gibson and Charles Mathey. (Don Peasley Photo).



St. Mary's students gather in the gymnasium for a program dedicating the new flagpole on Lincoln Avenue. Dwayne Raney, American Legion official, gave the dedicatory address. (Don Peasley Photo)

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The VFW & American Legion participated in an assembly at St. Mary's School dedicating a new flagpole donated by the St. Mary's Men's Club. Student Council members prepare to raise the flag on the new pole in front of the elementary school building on Lincoln Avenue. The plaque reads, "To the students of Saint Mary. For God

Ladies Auxiliary From the President

By Nyda Fogarty
President 2003-2004

November will be a busy month. I'll remind the Auxiliary members to please donate cookies for our annual Teacher's Tea which will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 4:00 p.m. Please have the cookies down at the post by 2:00 p.m. on November 20th.

I have secured the Marian Central Jazz Band for the entertainment. They are really wonderful; they played for this event previously. We serve punch, finger sandwiches, cookies, coffee and tea. The Teacher selected receives an engraved pin.

Please try to attend the Christmas dinner which will be held on December 4th. The Auxiliary will furnish meat and everyone is asked to please bring a dish to pass and a \$5.00 gift. Please bring anything wrapped for bingo prizes.

If your dues are paid by this date and you are present, you will be eligible for the drawing for free dues for next year (three will be given). Viola Brown will be the Chairman for the party. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.



and Country, 2003. St. Mary Men's Club." From left: Kelly Larkin, secretary; Kaitlin Thompson, treasurer; Maggie Dhom, president; and Megan Szudarski, vice president. (Don Peasley Photo).

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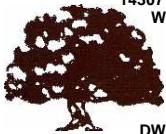
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