

Results of the Sweetheart Raffle

By Matt Klos

So you didn't get a phone call that you were the winner in the Sweetheart Raffle. You weren't the only one. After all, there were only four major winners. Even if you didn't win, the raffle was deemed an overall success.

The lower hall where the raffle took place was decorated for Valentines Day, with balloon centerpieces on each table and each female guest to arrive was treated to a red carnation. The atmosphere was lively, as the husband and wife duo, Talisman, provided the musical entertainment for the night. Freddy and Lorrie Lamberti of Talisman, took song requests from the audience and played dance favorites that were enjoyed by all.

The bar was hopping as well drinks were served by Kelly Gorham and other bartenders, and a tap beer cooler, run by Mark Adolphus, a Jaycee Member, who volunteered to serve beer on the makeshift bar table (the top of the pool table).

Dinner for the night began with a salad followed by a main course of Prime Rib or Chicken Kiev, served up by Candy Forte and her kitchen and wait staff. For such a large crowd of people being served, it was impressive to see the wait staff zigzag among the tables serving out salads followed by the main meal. There was a lot happening in the kitchen, cutting all the prime rib and topping off plates with a baked potato. With so much meat to cook, other Woodstock club kitchens were used just to help out with the monumental task.

After dinner was served, the fun began. A paddle wheel raffle found some lucky winners taking home some packages of meat, a water purifier, an electric ice cream maker, and two large slow cookers. These appliances were donated by a Sears salesman who not only sold tickets but was able to have some of his contacts donate the appliances.

Right after the paddle wheel raffle, two members of the post were recognized for their service to the Post. Ray Benoy was given a Special Recognition award and an "Outstanding Service Award" traveling plaque that would be inscribed with winners of this award. Ray's name will be the first to be put on the plaque. Ray Benoy, who owns Benoy Motors in Woodstock and is a life member of VFW 5040, has helped the post countless times in it's raffle ticket sales, no matter what the occasion. For the Sweetheart Raffle he came through once again. Ray sold a total of 270 raffle tickets (\$13,500).

Also recognized was Matt Klos, given a Certificate of Appreciation for his work to keep the members of the post

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Sid Sherwin (left), Post Commander, poses with Sweetheart Raffle \$5,000 winner Mae Bentley of Hebron, and \$2,000 prize winner Hank Enstrom (Matt Klos photo).



Raffle Chairman, Hank Enstrom (center) and Post Commander, Sid Sherwin (right) congratulate Ray Benoy on receiving an "Outstanding Service Award" for his help in the selling of tickets for the Sweetheart Raffle (Matt Klos photo).

Sweetheart Raffle guests enjoy the entertainment of Talisman and take time to socialize with other guests and friends (Matt Klos photo).





St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 March 16, 2005
 Dinner Special of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots to be served. Normal Wednesday night fare of Chicken and Ribs will also be served.

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By Howard Engstrom

Draped Charter (February Meeting)

- Gregory Bruno
- Wylie Anthony

Cards were sent to both families. May our comrades rest in peace.

Ladies Auxiliary - From the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2004-2005

Our February meeting started off with a potluck dinner which was great. The 5th District President, Patty Rapanos, came for dinner and to do the annual inspection. I presented a 50 year pin to Delores Polizzi this month. If anyone else needs a pin for the number of years you have been a member, please call me and I'll get one to you. Look on your membership card for date you became member.

One of our former members passed away recently in Lakeland, Florida. Lorraine Pribla was a long time member but had transferred her membership down there.

We were also saddened by the death of Mildred (Cleo) Engebretson who lived in Morristown, Tennessee. Cleo moved from Woodstock a number of years ago to Las Vegas and then to Tennessee where some family lived. As one of our past presidents, she served in 86'-87', 87'-88', and 91'-92'. Cleo's husband, Milt was one of our Past Commanders.

The next District meeting was held on Sunday February 20th at the Elgin Post. Lunch was served, followed by the meeting and included a Memorial Service for our deceased members.

Nyda Fogarty

Post Gives Blood

By Matt Klos

On January 30, the post held a blood drive, the first one in many years. This was Commander Sherwin's project, as he tied it in with a Pancake Breakfast. In all, 19 pints of blood were collected. Heartland Blood Center, which was the collecting agency, indicated that if they get 15 pints on a donation day, its a good turnout.

The collections were taken in a the Heartland mobile coach which has five beds and two screening rooms. Four blood technicians worked inside the bus screening donors and collecting the blood.

Inside the post, a Pancake Breakfast served by the Post officers "fed about 50-60 people," Commander Sherwin indicated.

Although turnout for the breakfast was a little low, the breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee and milk prepped all the donors with a hearty meal with plenty of food.

Thanks to everyone that gave blood and helped out with the breakfast preparation.



Mike Scheidler (left) and Mike Keane (right) donate blood. Nina Ghufloor (center), a blood technician, monitors the collection (Matt Klos photo).



VFW members welcome the Heartland Blood Center mobile unit at the clubhouse for the Post Blood Drive. From left: Alan Belcher, Hank Enstrom, Commander Sid Sherwin, Bob Gibson, Joe Thiede, Hank Nulle and Post Chaplain Howard Engstrom. (Don Peasley Photo).

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informed by covering post events each month through his involvement as the *VFW News* editor and webmaster of the post website.

Finally, after much anticipation and everyone telling each other that they were going to win, the main cash prizes were pulled. Members of the audience dug deep into the ticket mixing cage and pulled out the winning tickets. The prizes went to:

- **First Prize:** \$5,000, Mae Bentley of Hebron
- **Second Prize:** \$3,000, Bud Pflug of Johnsbury
- **Third Prize:** \$2,000, Hank Enstrom of Woodstock
- **Fourth Prize:** \$1,000, Gary Sherwin of Marengo

With the winners known and the tables cleared, it was time for more music, more dancing, and more socializing. For the many of you that came out, we hope you had a good time. Many people commented how nice the evening was and the great job all the staff did to make it a success.

By the numbers, this raffle was a success. The goal of this raffle was to sell 1,000 tickets. After about 10 months of selling, 628 raffle tickets were sold. For the night of the dinner, 132 dinner tickets were sold. Taking out the expenses of putting on the raffle, the post ended up with a profit of \$18,508.29.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the chairman of the Sweetheart Raffle, Hank Enstrom and Don Sword. Their involvement and leadership help to make this a great success.

And finally, for all of you that were not mentioned but played a role in helping out with this raffle, from selling tickets, working at the fair booths, setting up, cleaning up, etc. THANK YOU! We could not have done it without you. Together we pulled it off and it was indeed a success. JOB WELL DONE!

[Editor's Note: For more pictures, see the our web home page. About 46 pictures are posted for you to see some of the fun.]



Soup to Nuts Sale

By Russ and Donna Freeman



Once again it's time to think about our Soup to Nuts Sale, our annual sell-anything-indoor-garage-sale. Put aside all the old treasures you have no use for anymore. The sale will be May 6th and 7th. We will need help the 5th and 6th to pick up and also on Friday and Saturday to sell.

As a reminder, items should be clean and in good working order. Suggested items are: books, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, working appliances, tools, furniture, etc.

The Post does not have the storage space to hold large items, so hold on to them until they can be picked up (or dropped off) closer to the date of the sale. If you need a pick-up, call us at 815-338-3414 the first week of May.

Membership Update

As we are approaching the end of the VFW year in a few months, we still have a few members who have not paid their yearly dues for the 2004-05 year. As a reminder, dues for new members are \$28 for the first year, reinstated and continuous membership is \$25.

According to the VFW Memstats, the Post is currently at 88.67% in membership for the year. If you have not turned in your dues yet for this year, please do so.

Here is a list of members who's dues are outstanding according to the National VFW records:

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| • Adelman, Steve (address unknown) | • Molen, Dana (address unknown) |
| • Albin, Stanley | • Nelson, Eugene |
| • Andrew, George | • Olach, Robert |
| • Barone, Phillip | • Olson, Douglas |
| • Beaudine, Bruce | • Piquette, Robert |
| • Blietz, Richard | • Plancon, Paul |
| • Borchardt, Orville | • Radloff, Stephen Jr |
| • Brizzi, Jeremy III | • Raske, Edward |
| • Burri, William | • Rousey, Andrew |
| • Cabezas, Jorge | • Ryer, Joshua (address unknown) |
| • Casper, Michael | • Sanborn, Bob |
| • Covell, John | • Sanborn, Everett |
| • Dionne, William | • Schulemann, Calvin |
| • Duffy, Earl | • Shepanek, Robert |
| • Erwin, Edward | • Shugart, Nathan |
| • Falk, Samuel | • Silliman, Walter |
| • Fleck, Bob | • Silvertsten, William |
| • Gardiner, Wayne | • Simpson, Howard |
| • Gaylord, Bradley | • Sokolski, Joseph |
| • Hardt, Adam | • Speechley, William |
| • Heinkel, Roland | • Thatcher, Roy (address unknown) |
| • Howell, Edward | • Thayer, Eugene (address unknown) |
| • Joorfetz, Albert | • Van Marter, Alan (address unknown) |
| • Kehe, Jerald (address unknown) | • Willholt, Thomas |
| • Klemke, August (address unknown) | • Witty, Peter |
| • Koeller, Ronald | • Wojnicki, Albert |
| • Lemke, Arnold | • Wright, Harold |
| • Maloney, Thomas | |

For the names above in which you see the "(address unknown)", if you know these people, please contact the post so we can update our records with their address information.

State and National Convention Dates

The State and National Convention dates for the VFW are set as follows. If you plan on attending, make hotel reservations early:

84 th Annual State Convention	106 th VFW National Convention
June 23-26, 2005	August 20-25, 2005
Peoria, IL	Salt Lake City, Utah

Some members of our post plan to attend the State Convention. If interested, contact the Commander or the Post at 815-338-5040.

Uncle Joey DeRosa - Flashback to 1944

Submitted by Peggy Porter

[Editors Note: Every once in a while I get letters from people wanting to share something about someone they new in the military. This letter I received from the Porter's in December and I have been meaning to get it into one of the issues. Finally, here it is.]

Attached is a letter from my Uncle Joey to his sister Louise, my mother. Uncle Joe also mentions my father, Gill, in his letter. Uncle Joe's mom and dad were born in Italy, moved to the states and owned a small grocery store in the neighborhood.

Please take note of the date Uncle Joey wrote the letter and the date he was missing in action. I found the dates rather mysterious and as well the comments in his letter, "The reason why I didn't ask for a package is because I didn't want any. You see things are happening fast around here and I don't know what is in store for me."

I never had the privilege of knowing Uncle Joe because I was born after his death. However, I do remember all the wonderful stories about him and what a very special person he was. How positive he had touched so many peoples lives in his short life. I hope you are as moved by his letter as I was.

September 15, 1944

Hello Everyone,

This is your airman writing you a letter on one of my flights in the B-24 Liberator. Yes folks it probably has never been done before, but its fun. I shall never forget this letter since my position here in the plane is unforgettable.

I have just finished taking sight seeing pictures up here, so as soon as they are developed I shall send them.

Your letter dated August 30 arrived the other day, so I shall answer it now. By the way Louise, I said sociable cards, so don't speak about bad habits. You have to do something for enjoyment.

I was in Rome on a vacation, but it took quite a while to see him (the Pope) so I wasn't able to. Although I am terrible sorry that I couldn't get Gill something, but I shall try again.

The people here in Italy aren't too friendly since the Americans bombed hell out of their homes. Of course I have nothing to do with them so they don't bother me.

Have you been noticing the difference in the flow of ink? Well you'll have to ignore it, because the altitude affects the pen.

I know that Bob K. is down here but I probably won't get to see him.

The reason why I didn't ask for a package is because I didn't want any. You see things are happening fast around here and I don't know what is in store for me. Also I have practically everything, since some of my girlfriends have sent me candy. Oh yes thanks for the gum, I sure did appreciate it.

Well we are getting ready to land so I'd better stop now. Give Gill and the others my best regards. Tell him to keep up the good work and keep a lookout for a fast convertible.

Love, J.M.

P.S. There are some pictures of my basketball uniform which I used here in sunny Italy. JM!

December 15, 1944 Obituary for
Joseph M. DeRosa

A memorial high mass for Staff Sgt. Joseph M. De Rosa, 21, of 1124 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park IL will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Ascension Church 815 S. East Ave., Oak Park.

Sgt. De Rosa, who has been reported presumed dead by the War Department, was listed as missing in action Dec. 15, 1944, in Yugoslavia. He was a B-24 bomber armorer and aerial gunner with the 15th Army Air Force. He had been awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael De Rosa; a brother, Dominic, and six sisters.



Nominations for 2005-5006 Post Officers to Start in March

By Matt Klos

Starting next month, nominations for new post officers will be taken to fill positions for the 2005-2006 year. Elections will take place in April and installation of officers to take place in June.

It was noted at the February meeting that our current Commander, Sid Sherwin, will not accept any nomination for officer for the next year. This was Sid's first year as an elected officer, and prior to that he had stepped into fill the role of Commander due to previous Commander resignations. Sid has done an outstanding job, given the task he has had to carry out in leading our post, and has now decided he needs to let someone else take command of the post.

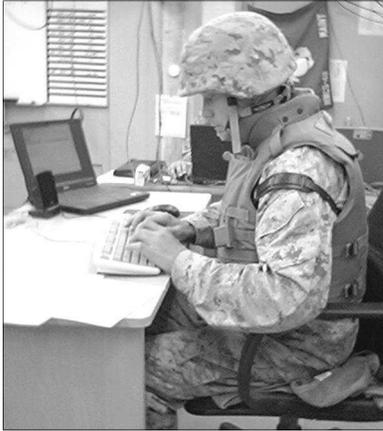
Are any of you, the members of our post, up for a challenge? The post once again calls on you to help take an active part in the leadership of the post. We need some dedicated people to help out and be an officer for next year. Even if you haven't been to a meeting in a long while, this could be the year that you can make a difference and get involved. It's only for a year. Please think about it. If you have any desire to help bring change and leadership to the post, come to next month's meeting and have yourself nominated.

Are You Eligible for the Circuit Breaker License Plate Registration Fee Discount?

The Circuit Breaker Program is administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities. The discount fee for a standard plate is \$24 rather than the usual \$78.

To qualify for the Circuit Breaker Program, applicants must be at least age 65, or at least age 16 and totally disabled. A person needs to be an Illinois resident and have an annual income of less than \$21,218; or a combined annual income of \$28,480 for a two-person household; or a combined annual income of \$35,740 for a three-person household. To find out if you are eligible for the program, please call the Illinois Department of Revenue at (800) 624-2459.

Jim Smith at his desk in Iraq.
September 17, 2004 photo.



Past Commander Jim Smith Sends Christmas Letter From Iraq

[Editors Note: This letter was sent to me on Christmas Day. After presents were opened and I had a warm cup of coffee, I decided to check email and see what was happening on the internet. When I opened my mail, I found this letter. My Christmas spirit was humbled from what I read. I was thankful for soldiers like Jim.]

I'm not one to write often, but with today being Christmas and all, I decided to write a letter for your newsletter. Feel free to include it in your next publication if you find it appropriate. If not, no big deal. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and that everyone is well. Please feel free to write and tell me how you are doing.

Take care and happy holidays,

Jim

CWO3 James R. Smith, Maintenance Officer
MWCS-48, Al Taqaddum, Iraq

Today is Christmas day, and once again I find myself deployed in a foreign land. This is not the first time this has happened, and it's a possibility that it may happen again in my career. As history has repeated itself, we find our nation in armed conflict, defending freedom on behalf of those who may not otherwise be able to do so for themselves. General von Clausewitz once wrote that war was the continuation of politics by other means. We in the military do not make the political decisions, but are required to enforce them. Irregardless of political views, we serve the nation in a hostile environment performing the many jobs we have been trained to do. I am very fortunate to serve with very highly skilled and motivated Marines eager to demonstrate that they can be counted on, just as those before us have done.

The Christmas spirit is alive and well here. Throughout the camp you will find many Christmas trees on display, colorful lights strung all about, Christmas carols playing on radios and computers, and even an inflatable snowman that stands watch above the air control tower; standing as a lone sentry awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. We have been very fortunate to have received the generous outpouring of support and well-wishing from the American public. Mail comes in sporadically, but when it does arrive there are many packages full of holiday goodies and numerous Christmas cards. It is amazing to see the Marine's faces light up and to watch the overall morale of the unit increase. Christmas is the time for giving, and we are thankful to receive your generosity.

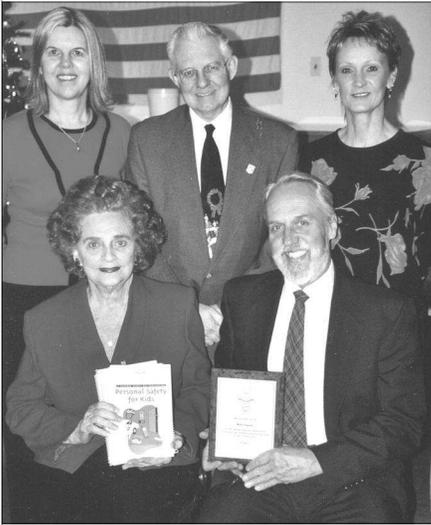
Years ago, when I first became a veteran of a foreign war,

I did not feel that my service compared to those who served in the truly monumental conflicts of the past: World Wars I & II, Korea, and Vietnam. I did nothing "glamorous", I just did my job as I was trained to do. Through history and Hollywood, you often hear of the horrific battles, and of the people who fought them. Through my association with various veterans' organizations, I have been privileged to meet some of these people that were there for those conflicts. In time, I've come to realize that there is nothing magical about these people; they are not larger than life, although I still stand in awe of their accomplishments. They are men and women from every walk of life, who in their youth answered their nation's call to serve the higher good. Not everyone who served was on the front line, exposed to the horrors that only they know. Many filled positions of combat service support, vital to the success of ongoing military operations, facing similar hazards, fear and stress as those on the front lines. I now see that those who served in conflicts of the past were only doing as we are today. They perform their jobs that they were assigned to the best of their ability, all contributing to the success of overall military operations. I look at the young men and women that I serve with today, and often wonder if this was how it was in times past. Sure the uniforms change and equipment is upgraded as technology progresses, but such things as camaraderie, courage, and esprit de corps are timeless. Will my children and my grandchildren look to me as I looked at the generations before me? Will such places as Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan hold the same mystique to them as Vietnam, France and Korea held for me?

By no stretch of the imagination do I consider myself a hero. I've done nothing spectacular. I have served my country and will continue to do so for as long as I can. I enjoy my job, I enjoy being a Marine, and I especially enjoy working with those around me. If anyone is a hero in my mind, I think of my wife and all of those we left at home. She has had to pick up the pieces of being without me, and absorb the responsibility of being both parents to our four kids, all the while worrying about me. Attempting to maintain some sense of normalcy when in fact nothing is "normal", has got to be one of the toughest jobs that I can think of. If anyone deserves our support, it's the wives, husbands, children, parents, and loved ones who we had to leave behind to continue their lives in familiar surroundings constantly reminded that something is missing.

Time goes by quickly here, as we are all busy every day of the week. Our time to come home will be here before we know it. Of course, time never moves as quickly as we would like it to. We will leave here knowing that we did our job to the best of our ability. We don't care why we were here, only that we too wanted to serve just like those that have gone before us.

In closing, I hope everyone has a happy and joyous holiday season and a happy new year. Take comfort in the fact that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your support of what we are doing, and we thank you. We'll be seeing you soon. Merry Christmas everyone!



Nyda Fogarty, president of the Woodstock VFW Auxiliary, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Community Safety Net for the Auxiliary's sponsorship of a book titled, "Personal Safety for Kids," to fourth and fifth grade students in public and parochial schools. From left, front: Nyda Fogarty and Woodstock Mayor Alan Cornue. Back: Cheryl Metcalf, assistant superintendent of District 200, Ed O'Brien, St. Mary's School superintendent; and Donna Holmes, representing Community Safety Net. (Don Peasley Photo)

Auxiliary Recognized For Safety Net

By Don Peasley

Parents of fourth and fifth grade students in Woodstock have praised a book on safety precautions distributed by Woodstock VFW Auxiliary as a community service project. Donna Holmes, representing Community Safety Net which produced the book, contacted Woodstock area businesses to help finance the production of 900 books. The books were given to St. Mary's and Woodstock public school students.

Ed O'Brien, superintendent of St. Mary's School, said 54 books were given to St. Mary's students, and he called the program "A partnership in safety."

A total of 855 books were given to public school students in Clay, Northwood, Dean and Greenwood schools. Holmes said five books were given to Boy Scout troops.

At the District 200 school board meeting November 23, 2004 school board officials presented Nyda Fogarty, VFW Auxiliary president, with a Certificate of Appreciation for the sponsorship of the safety program.

Following are the groups who contributed financially to this program and are recognized in the printed booklets:

School Partner

- Kraft Foods-Claussen Pickle Company

Multi-Class Partner

- Farmers Insurance Julian Agency, Inc.
- OWC.NET - Woodstock's Internet Provider

Class Partners

- Alliance Contractors, Inc.
- B & Z Electrical Contractors, Inc.
- Centegra Health System
 - Henry Technologies
- John L. Sullivan - State Farm Agency
 - KHC Corporation
- Lemke Machine Products
- Peet Frate Line, Inc.
 - Teak Builders, Inc.
- Velocity Logistics, Inc.

2/3 Class Partner

- D.B. Hess Company
- Woodstock Farm & Lawn Center

1/2 Class Partner

- Advantage Transmissions
 - Bank One - Chase
- Emtech Machining & Grinding, Inc.
 - Frisbie & Lohmeyer Insurance
- Power Auction & Equipment Sales LLC
 - Stern Built Carpentry
 - The Klein Family

1/3 Class Partner

- American Community Bank & Trust
 - Blue Ribbon Millwork
 - Centerville Properties
- Cub Scout Pack 367
- Country Insurance - Bill Wilson
 - Desert Dog Auto Parts
 - Harding Real Estate

Update on The Moving Wall

Army Doerfort mentioned in the February meeting that the Marine Corp League is bringing The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to Woodstock.

The Marine Corp League also floated the idea that they wanted to make it a combined effort of all the Veterans groups in McHenry County to have a part in bringing the wall to Woodstock.

It will be setup on May 25th, with viewing from May 26 to June 2. Plans are still in progress. As more information becomes available, it will be posted in the *VFW News*. For more information on the moving wall, check out the web site at: <http://www.themovingwall.org>

French Customs (a little humor ☺)

A group of Americans, retired teachers, recently went to France on a tour. Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on bag.

"You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready," snipped the Frenchman.

Mr. Whiting replied, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show my passport"

"Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!" asserted the officer loud enough to draw attention.

The American senior gave the French custom officer a long hard look. Then he quietly explained: "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate your country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to."

Website Update - The Friday Night Fish Fry menu is now available on the website. Check out what's to eat and what it costs. A link to the menu is on the home page.

Canteen Committee Put In Place

A Canteen Committee has been established to help oversee the operations and handle issues that come up, particularly on the Wednesday and Friday dinner nights. The committee is as follows:

- Bill Lyford - Chairman
- Mike David - Canteen Manager
- Bob Gibson - member
- Charley Mathey - member
- Larry Dhom - member
- Hank Enstrom - member

This group of members is in effect thru June 2005, at which time new members will be nominated. If you are interested in helping out on this committee, contact the post.

March 2005

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise) ☆☆☆☆☆☆

Closed	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 Dirtt Group 7 pm	2 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	4 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	5
6	7 Woodstock Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm	8 VFW Board Mtg. 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	9 Cub Scouts - ?? Pm Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	10	11 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	12
 13 Boat Bus trip to Jumer's Casino in Rock Island. March 13. \$15.00 per person. See Kelly at the VFW if you have questions or call the VFW at 815-338-5040. www.jumerscri.com	14 American Legion 7:30 pm	15 Dirtt Group 7 pm	16 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm  St. Patrick's Day Dinner Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots. Chicken and Ribs will also be served. 5 - 8 pm	17 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	18 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	19
20	21 VFW Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm Deadline for April 2005 VFW News items	22 Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	23 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	24	25 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	26
27	28 Girls Softball ?? pm	29 Dirtt Group 7 pm	30 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	31	1 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	2

From the Editors Desk By Matt Klos



Another issue arrives at your door. You might notice a little change in the printing of the newsletter this month. As always, I am trying to improve the newsletter and hopefully make it a little better with each issue. With this issue, we are trying a new printer. The reason for the change was not only cost savings, but also due to quality. The process used to print this newsletter will be done via high speed copier from an electronic file.

The benefit of doing this means crisper photos, lines, and detail. I anticipate this issue to look a little different and hope you find it easier to read as well. As a side note, we are continuing the renewal of the website and domain name which incurs an annual cost of \$60.90 (\$10.95 for the domain name, \$49.95 for the web host). Until next month, take care.

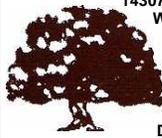
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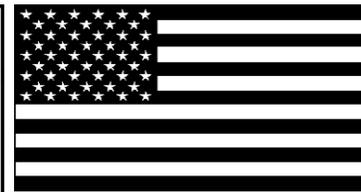
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