



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Remembering commanders

Heidenreich and Schuld

By Don Peasley

Two Past Commanders of the Woodstock VFW died during the week of August 21.

Delmar Heidenreich, 83, died August 22. Arthur Schuld Jr., 72, died August 26.

Heidenreich, World War II U.S. Army veteran, was one of the founding members of VFW Post 5040 and was involved in the purchase of a home at 240 Throop Street to serve as the Post's headquarters. The building was purchased in May 1952. During renovation Heidenreich was installed as Commander in March 1953.

"Del was quite active in those first years. He was one of the regulars from our VFW and Auxiliary visiting veterans at the VA Hospital in North Chicago," recalled Joe Thiede, Commander in 1954.

Down Memory Lane! Arthur Schuld Jr., Commander 1963 and 1969 (seated), and three other past Commanders of the VFW look over a scrapbook. The occasion in 1986 was the 40th anniversary celebration of the founding of Post 5040. Standing: Dean Mishler, (1961); Kenneth Korst (1965); and Ed Wille (1968). (Don Peasley Photo)



"Del and his brother Vaughn installed the sound system in our Post Home," said Thiede.

Heidenreich served as Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander before becoming the VFW's ninth Commander. (The VFW was chartered March 4, 1946.) Del was on the VFW seven-member House Committee managing business activities.

The VFW sponsored a Teen-er League program for players 13-15-years of age, and Del was a coach and manager in that program.

Schuld served as Commander on two different occasions. Art, an Army veteran who served in Korea, was elected Commander in 1963 and in 1969. He was active on many committees both before and after he served as Commander.

One highlight of his tenure in office was to preside over festivities related to VFW's participation in All-America City events in 1964. Schuld presided over the dinner when the VFW announced a gift of six flowering crab trees as an All-America City congratulatory tribute. Those trees were planted at the city park near George Sullivan Field. Three of those trees survive.

Schuld was Senior Vice Commander in 1969 when VFW Post 5040 received its Perpetual Charter from the National VFW.

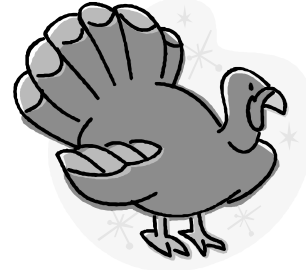
Heidenreich was born at Woodstock in 1921 and married Lucille Koch in 1944. They moved to Woodstock in 1949. I remember Del working part-time as an accountant but his main career was to serve 30 years in law enforcement specializing in records and communications. He worked in the McHenry County Sheriff's Department for three decades.

Survivors include his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, and three brothers, Vaughn, Gerald and Vernell. Del was buried in McHenry County Memorial Park with military honors by the VFW's Rifle Squad August 27.

Schuld, born in 1932, is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren and three

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Annual turkey raffle tickets on sale now!



I just received my tickets in the mail the other day. Did you? You should have been sent a book of 10 tickets. Each ticket for the annual turkey raffle is \$1.00 each. Prizes are the same as last year:

1st Prize: \$150.00

2nd Prize: \$100.00

3rd Prize: \$50.00

40 turkeys next 40 Prizes!

Turkey dinner served 6pm-8pm

Saturday, November 19, 2005

Cost is \$6.00

Sell them to your neighbors, friends, co-workers, your family, even a stranger. Please send back your ticket money by November 12 so we can get a count of how many people to plan at the turkey dinner. This has been a big hit in the past years and one of the big fund raisers the post puts on each year. If you need additional books, contact the post.

Memorial day committee to begin plans for 2006

By Dwayne Raney

The Woodstock Memorial Day Committee will hold its first meeting to plan for the 2006 observance on Monday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m., in the Woodstock VFW clubrooms.

Committee chairman Dick Schroeder urges all who are interested in helping to plan for the Monday, May 29, 2006, parade and program to not only attend this meeting but all future meetings.

Further information persons may call him at 815-338-5428.

VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2005 - 2006

Commander	Thom Gillespie	(815)-338-6826
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2 Year Trustee	Lois Freund	(815)-338-5261
3 Year Trustee	Margaret Webb	(815)-338-4213

Ladies Auxiliary, from the President

By Nyda Fogarty
Auxiliary President 2005-2006

The VFW Picnic on September 11 at John Hanson's house in the country was certainly a very nice event. There was lots and lots of food, drinks, a very warm sunny day and nice for all the people that went swimming in the wonderful pool. It was nice of John to have this at his beautiful place.

Our potluck dinner before our last meeting was very good. Our longtime faithful member Ruth Gehrke has been confined to Woodstock Hospital and we hope she will be out and around real soon.

My thanks and appreciation to Chris Gehrke for taking charge of the nice dinner and night out on September 15 at the old "Pub" downtown for the dinner the Auxiliary gave me. I thank all the ones for the gift and who came and made this possible.

VAC meeting to host Medicare, Part D special seminar October 19

By Arnie Doerfert

SSN representatives from McHenry County will be at the VAC Meeting on Oct 19 to talk about changes in Medicare Part D (drug) which goes into effect on Jan 1, 2006.

On January 1, 2006, Medicare will be offering insurance coverage for prescription drugs through Medicare prescription drug plans. Insurance companies and other private companies will work with Medicare to offer these plans. These plans will help you save money on your prescription drug costs. Medical practice has come to rely more and more on new drug therapies to treat chronic conditions and out-of-pocket spending on drugs has increased dramatically.

Come out to learn more about this new change, especially if you have Medicare. The VAC (Veterans Assistance Commission) of McHenry County meets at 7:30 at the VFW Post.

Snowbirds, your address changes are needed

If you are one of the many snowbirds who fly south for the winter months, we need to know your temporary address change. If you don't let us know, you will probably not receive this newsletter while you are gone. Send address changes to: Ralph Ritter, VFW Address Change, 412 Davis Court, Woodstock, IL, 60098-4006.

✠ Chaplains Report ✠

By Howard Engstrom

Phone Calls and Cards Sent:

- Donald Kline Family
- Arthur Schuld Family
- Delmar Heidenreich Family
- Frederick Kierl Family

Personal Visits:

- Fred Wallis

Draped Charter:

- Delmar Heidenreich
- Arthur Schuld
- Donald Kline
- Richard Rasmussen
- Robert Shepanek



Casino trip planned November 6

By Kelly Gorham

We are planning a casino trip for anyone interested. Fun to be had by all who attend! Questions, see Kelly or Anne at the bar! Come on out for a fun day. See below for the details. For more information on the Mississippi Belle II, visit their website at: www.belle2casino.com

Date:	Sunday, November 6th
Where:	Mississippi Belle II
Meet:	At the VFW by 8:15 am. Bus will be leaving at 8:30 am sharp.
Extra Pick-Up:	Wisted's in Marengo at 8:45 am sharp.
On the way:	We will have bloody marys and bingoo.
There:	You will have 4 hours to include tickets for buffet.
Heading Home:	Sandwich, chips, soda or beer, movie and dice.
Sign-up:	At the bar by October 22nd. Please pay when signing up.
Cost:	\$15 per person, bus driver tip is extra. And of course, your gambling money.
Minimum:	35 people
Maximum:	45 people – sign up early!!

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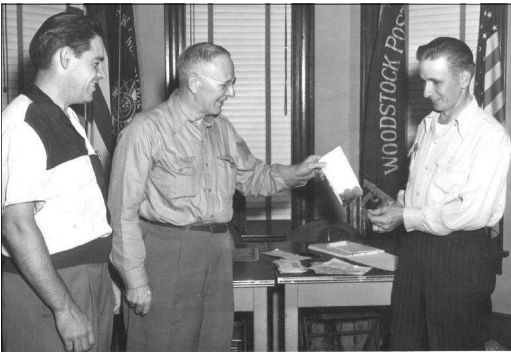
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Commanders

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great-grandchildren. Funeral service were held at a funeral home in Marengo August 30.

The deaths of Heidenreich and Schuld call attention to the fact that several Past VFW Commanders have died in the past years. This includes Bob Molthen (1970) died May 2001; Ervin Burg (1962) died July 2001; LeRoy Corey (1958) died November 2001; Roy Stackhouse Sr. (1956) died March 2002; Walter Kuck (1995) died April 2002; and Kenneth Kerns (1960) died April 2005.



The death of Del Heidenreich recalls the early years of VFW Post 5040's establishment. This photo shows Heidenreich (right) Post Commander in 1953-54, at a mortgage burning ceremony with Joe Thiede (left) and Bill Thomson. The photo is in the front room in the home purchased at 240 Throop Street in May 1952. Thiede served as Commander in 1954-55.

Thomson, World War I veteran, was Commander in 1951. In memoirs for the 50th anniversary of the VFW News, Del recalled, "For ten years along with some others, I drove Auxiliary members along with band members, to Downey Veterans Hospital to entertain hospitalized World War II veterans." He also recalled the carnival each year at Emricson Park, Fourth of July fireworks and the work of many Post members in applying their special talents to convert the house at 240 Throop Street into the Post Home. (Don Peasley Photo)

"Fight for what's right" Commanders column

By Thom Gillespie
VFW Commander 2005-2006

I have to apologize to 5th Dist Commander Patrick Green and everyone present at the floor meeting, my initial reaction was out of line and uncalled for.

Fight for what's right!

Apparently no one was listening to my "State of the Post" speech at the floor meeting.

- Candy reported to the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security, which is investigating some discrepancies from a few years back, that the VFW had over reported her earnings from a few years ago. When a Government agency asks to see your records it is not a good idea to tell them "wait while I modify the books."
- If the waitress does not write the drinks on the ticket how can the bartender collect the money?

Fight for what's right!

Since the end of June up until mid September, I have been trying to solve one problem after another trying to keep the club functioning in some kind of normal fashion. I have been forced to be the club manager and acting Quartermaster for the first three months of my tour of duty as

Commander. If the membership wishes to have a club, I will not be acting as club manager any longer unless we get a club manager to take over the duties that I have been doing.

At the first Staff meeting (VFW Officers and Trustees / Canteen Directors and Board members), we agreed to hold separate meetings. A staff meeting to deal with issues related to VFW specific items, a Directors meeting to address club concerns. At the first meeting after this split, three people showed up: the Commander, Sr. Vice and Adjutant, all of which are also Directors making it kind of hard for the Staff to decide where to split the lines of authority.

At the last VFW monthly meeting (August 15), I asked the floor to remove our non-attending Quartermaster. The motion was tabled until the next meeting on September 23. Recently it became known that the present appointed Quartermaster resigned. So now I become the Quartermaster. Post 5040 has nothing on the X sheet because I have not done any of the paperwork. I still need to finish the 990 form because it has to be to Springfield by the end of the month.

I was at the meeting when the Siddons' resigned which happened several years ago. Any of you recall why that happened and the circumstances that surrounded that? It would be too long to go into detail here, but some of the same reasons why

American Legion Past Commanders and Presidents Dinner Planned

By Dwayne Raney

The American Legion and Auxiliary McHenry County Council Past County Commanders and Presidents Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 8 at the McHenry American Legion Post 491, 1331 Riverside Drive, in McHenry .

There will be a 5:00 pm cocktail hour (cash bar) followed by the dinner at 6:00 pm and will be hosted by Eugene Boxleitner, McHenry County Commander .

The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person and is by **reservation only** . All reservations must be received by October 1.

Please make checks payable to McHenry County Council and reservations should be made with Don Andrews, 2518 North Bockman Road, Marengo, IL 60152, or phone 815.568.6749.

The dinner is open to all past commanders and presidents as well as other American Legion and Auxiliary members and their guests.

they ended up leaving are the same reasons we have today. As Quartermaster I saw what Sid Sherwin went through when he was Commander -- now as Commander I understand better why Mark, Eric, Carl, and Bill resigned. However, I am not ready to do that yet.

Fight for what's right!

This is your post. Whether you want it to live or die it is up to you. The VFW is a volunteer driven organization and when nobody volunteers the organization loses. I was put into this position by the VFW membership. I could have refused, but I accepted because I want this organization to succeed and also because no one else would do it.

Fight for what's right!

Thank you to all the kitchen employees for helping to eliminate Wednesday night dinners. If your attitude and behavior continues the same, Friday night fish fry will go the same route.

We had a trial, "once a month" Wednesday night dinner on Wednesday, September 14. Turkey and fixings were served. Just for the record, here are the numbers:

- Candy was on the clock 14½ hours: \$185.50
- Jill was on the clock 4 hours: \$15.60

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VFW scholarships - only one month left

School is well in session and that means it's time to let our community schools know about the scholarships that are available at this time of the year. The deadline is only one month away. For more information on these scholarships, contact the Post or the National VFW website: www.vfw.org

Patriot's Pen



Voice of Democracy



2005-2006 Theme "Who Are Today's Patriots?"	Entry Deadline November 1, 2005
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2005-2006 Theme "How I Demonstrate My Freedom"	Entry Deadline November 1, 2005
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Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the annual contest.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The Voice of Democracy, endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The annual contest, which is designed to foster patriotism, allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme.

Created in 1947, the scholarship program annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships. Each Department's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., plus the opportunity to compete for national scholarships. The first-place national winner receives a \$25,000 scholarship.

VFW picnic a success

By Matt Klos

Hot! That was the word of the day at John Hanson's house on September 11. This was day of the VFW Picnic. We had a menu of ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, and plenty of other dishes that members brought. We had bees (Brian Ritter, Nyda Fogarty, and myself were stung), we had swimming, and we had fun.

John summed up the day saying, "We had a good turnout. About 40-50 people, plenty to eat, a lot of people in the pool, and plenty of fun."

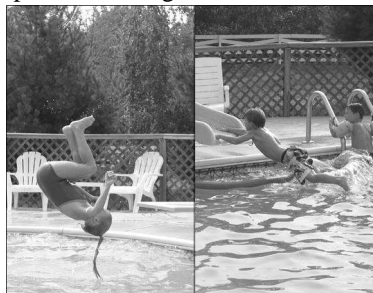
"Mack my dog even had fun in the pool and provided good entertainment for those poolside," laughed John.



Keeping cool by the pool from (R) Kim Klos, Anita Sword, Marv Monson and friends.



John and Ann Hanson, opening up their home to host the VFW Picnic for 2005.



Kids showing their crazy abilities at the pool.

Commander Thom

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- Janice was on the clock for 4¼ hours: \$16.58
- Tara was on the clock for 6½ hours: \$42.55
- Total **paid** kitchen help: \$263.23

Candy has not yet provided the post with any kind of accounting of food costs. Where did these turkey's come from? How many were ordered? How many used?

Charlie Mathey, Bob Gibson, Larry Dhom volunteered to cut up the turkey's while Candy was on the clock filling up pitchers of beer. Anna Mae volunteered time, serving food so all the waitresses could get caught up delivering drinks. Ralph helped tend bar for free.

One waitress used ticket numbers 8301 thru 8440 missing 8310 thru 8400, 8420, 8433, 8436, 8437 so she used 45 tickets. Served 89 people, total food was \$728.80 and total bar was \$54.00.

The other waitress used number 6951 thru 7000 missing 6952, 6958, 6964, 6965, 6975, 6980, 6990, 6993, 6994 so she used 41 tickets. Served 71 people, total food was \$594.85 and total bar was \$54.00.

My question is:

- What happened to all those missing tickets? Did people just walk out without paying?

This is the total for both according to the tickets turned in:

- 160 people paying \$1,323.65 for food and \$108 for drinks.

My question is:

- Why did 160 people drink mostly water (what about softdrinks or other)?

Total from the cash register tape \$1,994.65. Broken down, \$1,367.65 was for food, \$70.25 waitress ordered drinks, \$556.75 paid at bar for drinks. We needed three bartenders that night.

Fight for what's right!

Thom Gillespie
Commander Post5040

Just some of the food available for those who braved the heat at the picnic.



My reaction to "Fight for what's right"

By Matt Klos, Woodstock VFW News Editor

I called Thom from my hotel room on Wednesday night to ask him how things went on Monday at the meeting. I was in Pittsburgh this week due to work. I first called his house and talked to his wife Becky. Becky and I proceeded to have a 27 minute conversation about things at the Post. Bad things going on, corrupt things going on.

Thom and Becky have been putting in many hours at the post to clean up paperwork, address problems, etc. It was mentioned that they spent easily over 30 hours during one of the past weeks doing "Post" related stuff. Yes, they work. They have day jobs. Becky is a Senior Regent at the Woodstock Moose. Yet, Thom and her have been volunteering many hours at the VFW to clean up the cr@p at the post. I felt sorry for Becky and Thom that they have had to deal with the stuff they have been dealing with, and I thanked them for doing it. Honestly, I would have quit long ago. I would have thrown in the towel. But they are dedicated to making the VFW succeed, and have done a great job thus far.

I then called Thom at the Post. He was working on the 990 Tax form to turn into state before the end of the month. Think of it as tax day for your own home. If you don't take initiative and turn in taxes by April 15, the IRS will come knocking at your door. Same goes for the post. No one would do this if it wasn't for Thom. He's trying to keep the place alive.

As I was talking with him, he mentioned that no one would volunteer to take notes at the meeting on Monday. Thom walked out of the meeting and went downstairs. After a few minutes, he came back up and someone finally volunteered to take notes. I know how hard it can be to manipulate a pen and paper and listen at the same time.

Thom said he was going to prepare a Commanders column and I would get it before the weekend. I asked if I could print all of it. Initially I thought this might not be a good idea and Thom agreed, but then we talked about it and said membership needs to be aware of this.

As Adjutant, I have had to go to the Officer and Directors meetings now to take notes. I have never been to many of these before, so it was an eye opener. The things I started hearing, the problems the Post is having; it made me disappointed and disgusted at what I heard.

What I have to say following this is purely my point of view. Yes, I am pointing fingers. Yes, you may get mad at me. But you know what, I am going forward with it anyway because the membership needs to hear this.

Now, I know that with any restaurant or company, you will have employees take advantage of the company. Some worse than others. People may stay on the clock when they shouldn't, in a restaurant they may eat food without paying, in an office they may take supplies for use at home. Usually there is a president or owner who devotes a tremendous amount of time to make their business or restaurant turn a profit and keep it in business. But when you have a non-profit organization that can barely keep afloat with a dedicated few, to take advantage of it because you can is scandalous.

I have heard many things going on at the post which I cannot verify, but in our meeting conversations, those present can verify the things going on. We have had problems in the kitchen with food not being paid for, hired employees clocking in early and riding the clock, not doing anything for 45 minutes to an hour. We've had people behind the bar pouring free drinks for people when the bartender goes into the back room to get something. Inventories of food cannot be accounted for, people are hired at random without discussion from the Officers or Club directors approval and formal job applications not filled out. We have closed circuit video tapes documenting bar problems. We've had money gone missing, food and drinks unaccounted for. Incompetencies abound.

Come on people, wake up! What is our VFW open for, serving the community or a vehicle for select few to continuously take advantage of? The VFW barely turns a profit and a lot goes toward paying our hired help. Drinks at the bar are ridiculously low compared to other establishments. I've heard some say that if we were to get rid of the dinners altogether, the bar alone would not be able to keep the post open due to operating costs (electricity, heat, gas, etc.). They say the kitchen must stay in place. What, with our broken ovens and lack of honest workers? So what if we went to the business model of only having the kitchen open only for special dinners and events? Would it work? Just might.

When I look back at the VFW through old VFW News articles, I see a robust Post which was profitable, involved with the community, and a place to be. This is not true anymore today with our Post. We keep the Post open because we don't know any better. Each month you look at the

books and the money available becomes less and less. It's on a downward spiral. When will we hit bottom? Sure we have fund raisers which bring in badly needed funds, but these get eaten up. We want to donate money back to the community and help veterans but we are afraid to give away money. We don't do enough volunteers to raise money to give it away, so the accounts continue to drain. We spend more than we take in.

Some of you reading this will probably say, "Matt, you don't know anything about what's going on. You're not here. It's not that bad. The post keeps going. Yes we have problems but we keep going." Ok. Sure, I am not there. I don't spend time at the post unless I need to. I don't get involved because I spend my time elsewhere, between work in Chicago and traveling for work, and family. But I still care.

We have broken post. What is the fix? Can't someone step in and take over and make things right? No one wants to or has the time to do this unless we pay them. A volunteer in this position is just not possible with the time involved and the work that needs to be done.

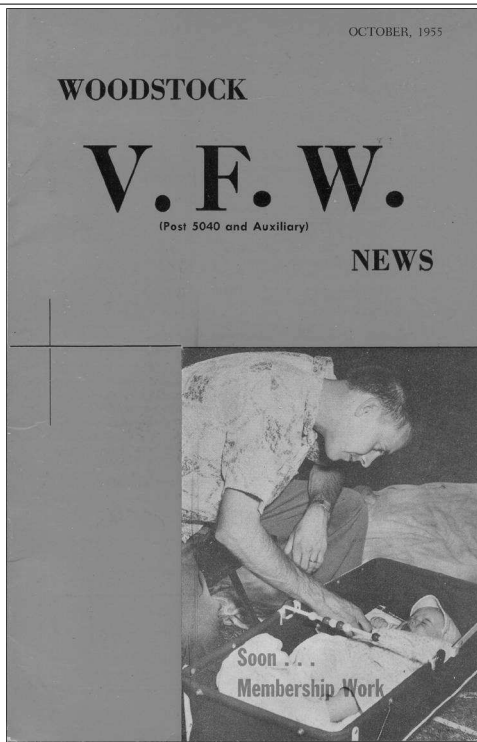
I will probably get in trouble for writing this column this month, but I'm tired of playing the cover up game and turning a blind eye. I'm tired of seeing people being pushed to their limits taking care of a broken post when for every good they do, there is an opposite evil by someone else taking advantage of the situation. So you are saying now, "What is your solution then, Mr. Smart@ss Editor?". If you really want to know, here it is:

I say close it down. Close down the post, close down the bar. If people need a place to meet, open up strictly for the meeting. No drinks or food will be served.

We should take a hiatus for a month or two or three. Evaluate what we have, what are the Post needs, what our bills are down to the penny. Figure out what we want to do with the Friday dinners. Figure out if we have special dinners the cost effectiveness of using a professional caterer and volunteers for a single night. We need a break to figure this out. Come up with a new operating model. Wow, wouldn't this be nice jolt for the Post? An opportunity to start fresh? Heck, some people may actually want to get involved to do this.

We, as a Post, are lucky to have a Post Home. **Our membership built this post, but it is the bane of our existence today.** We are concerned more with keeping the post functioning to "stay alive" than with the mission of the VFW, which is to

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The front cover of the October 1955 *VFW News* issue. As quoted in this issue, "Del Lee finds himself taking care of six-month-old Jeffrey during one of the few times he isn't busy helping the VFW's membership cause. His wife, Helen, can expect him to be out with other VFW members in the next few days, for the 1956 membership drive is now on. The goal: 550 members. Then Del can take care of Jeff while Helen helps the Auxiliary make its goal! (Photo by Don Peasley)."

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"honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans' service, community service, national security and a strong national defense. What would happen if the post shut down for a while? Would our Post "die"? I don't think so.

Consider this: Before merging with Post 5040, our VFW Post 6004 in Crystal Lake met in a community room (rent free) at a local bank. We had a membership of about 100, with only about 10 people showing up at the monthly meeting. We had no bills. We gave our money away. At the end of the year, around Poppy Days, our bank account was frightening low. But, with Poppy Donations, we sprang to life again, able to donate money to the community, veterans in need, etc. We had money for scholarships such as VOD and Patriots Pen. But we gave it all away. Our books never had over \$12,000 in the accounts for each year. We operated on donations. We paid no one. This is how we did it and our Post survived just fine. Hmm...

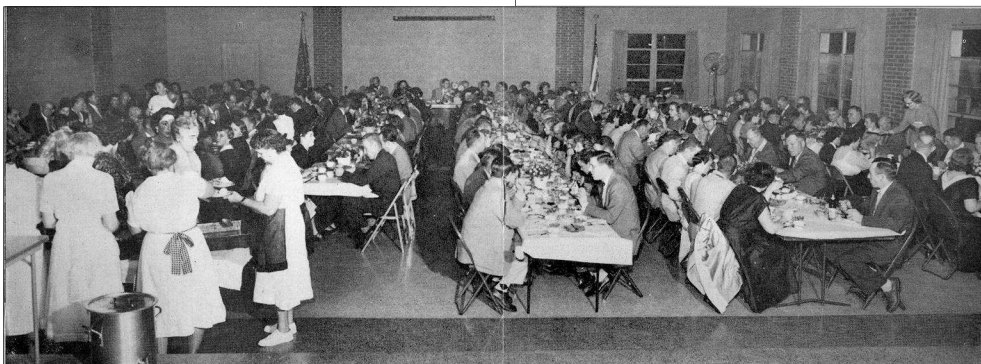
50 years ago this month

By Matt Klos

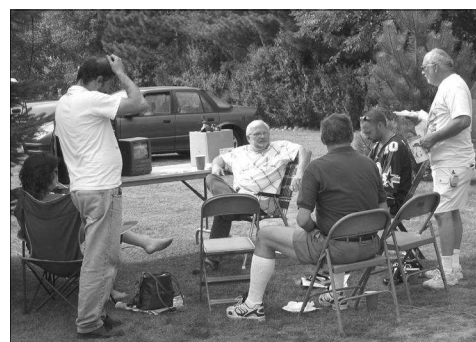
With the 50th Anniversary of the *VFW News* honored in the July 2005 issue, each month until July 2006, a column will be featured looking back 50 years to the current month. In the October 1955 issue of the *VFW News*:

- Earl Holm is commander. "The fact is that Post 5040 has as its main responsibility helping veterans and the families of deceased veterans. You are helping some veteran right now with your membership."
- Walter Guse, entertainment chairman, announces that there will be a costume party on October 29. Dance music featuring the Glow Notes of Belvidere will be provided from 9 pm - 1 am. Prizes to be awarded in costume categories. Free food to be provided.
- VFW members approved presenting the V-J parade and Pageant of Drums as an annual affair.
- Membership drive launched by VFW and Auxiliary with a kickoff dinner attended by 240 persons. Roy Stackhouse, membership chairman, and Earl Holm arranged the dinner.
- 50 bowlers are rolling every Thursday evening at Edgetown Lanes in the VFW league.
- Auxiliary divides into two teams for their 1956 membership drive, with the losing team required to entertain the winners.
- Fishing contest, chaired by Lou Gehrke, closes on November 1. Bob Reynolds had a picture of him and his 9½ pound northern pike that was 33¾ inches long.
- Leonie Kennedy, Auxiliary President, gives report that Auxiliary visited Downey hospital. Announces that Auxiliary is conducting a house-to-house drive for cerebral palsy this month.
- Advertisers included in this issue: Conway Dairy, Dacy's (Electrical Store), Buckley's Cleaners and Launderers, Polizzi Bros. Food Market, R.W. Schultz (Food Plan), Amico (Radio & TV sales), Thomas Merwin Undertaking, Stewart's Locker Service, Ray Wolf Jewelers, Wendt's Shell Service, Sanitary Plumbing and Heating Co., Jack Fish (Painting, Decorating), C&E Trucking Service, Schneider - Leucht Funeral Home, Donahue Furniture, Building Material from Shurtleff's, Bob Conway's Shell Service, Edgetown Bowling Lanes, Home Oil Company.

Auxiliary Ladies served 240 members and guests at the membership Kickoff Dinner, October 8, 1955 (Photo by Don Peasley).



Bud Porter and Mike David (center) watch grill master Ralph Ritter flip burgers. Ralph volunteered his grilling ability for the day and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for the 40+ picnic goers.



Becky and Thom Gillespie, Mark Adolphus, Nyda Fogarty's son (back to camera), Brian Ritter and Ralph Ritter enjoy each others company while eating and watching the football game on TV's set up.

October 2005

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	1
2 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm	3	4 Dirtt Group 7 pm	5	6 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	7 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	8
9 VFW Officers Mtg. 6:30 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	10	11 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	12 Cub Scouts - ?? Pm	13	14 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	15
16	17 VFW Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm Deadline for November 2005 VFW News items	18 Dirtt Group 7 pm	19 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm [Seminar on Medicare Part D (drug)]	20 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	21 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	22
23	24 Girls Softball ?? Pm	25 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	26	27	28 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	29
30	Halloween 31 	1	2	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	4	5



Judy David, Mike David, Nyda Fogarty (left side of table), Don Sword, and Ralph Ritter take a break from conversation and eating to pose for a picture.



Marv Monson, Don and Anita Sword and Nyda Fogarty enjoy some of the many dishes that were brought and shared on this hot picnic day.

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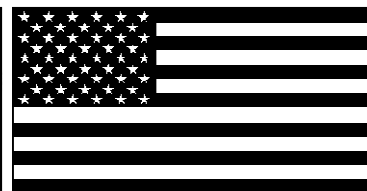
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