



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



Mark your calendars for the March 3rd auction and spaghetti dinner

By Michael Lackey and Matt Klos

On March 3, 2007 the Post will be having an auction and spaghetti dinner similar to what we did last year.

The spaghetti dinner will be served from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$6.00 and includes plate of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. The auction will start at 6:00 pm.

This auction is open to members and non-members, so come on down to support your Post.

"We have quite a few nice items," Michael Lackey, chairman for this event, indicated in a letter to me. "household appliances, gift certificates to a bed and breakfast, restaurants, and boutiques, household furnishings, Cubs tickets, etc."

Just what is being auctioned off? Quite a few things. And this is only the beginning. We still have a month to go, so more items should be added to the list. Auction items include:

- two \$25.00 gift certificates at English Rose Boutique
- \$20.00 gift certificate to Janapea's Deli and Catering
- \$100 gift basket from Cobblestone's
- \$90.00 elk horn table lamp
- \$190 20x30 canopy rental
- \$150.00 personalized computer class from a corporate trainer for professional and business applications
- \$90 putter
- \$50 gift certificate at Fox Willow Pine (wholesaler of exotic trees and shrubs)
- \$50 gift certificate at Van Hoorn Nursery (ornamental grasses and hostas)
- \$100 VFW liquor basket
- \$300 signed painting
- \$100 Miller patio umbrella and cooler
- \$150 decorative pillow

- \$90 Hepa air cleaner
- \$200 "Old Time" Stereo, CD and record player.
- Pair of Cubs tickets.
- The VFW will be donating towards the auction: a certificate, retail value of \$825.00 for a party of up to 75 people, which includes the use of the lower hall for a Saturday or Sunday evening, employee labor, clean up fee, taxes and hors d'oeuvres which will include: stuffed shrimp, shrimp cocktail, bacon wrapped scallops, teriyaki chicken shish kebabs, bacon wrapped water chestnuts, jalapeno poppers, mozzarella cheese sticks, vegetable tray and relish tray. Package does not include any beverages.
- Bigger items later.

Last year was a lot of fun, even if you were not able to get in on the bidding.

As previously mentioned, this years chairman is Michael Lackey. Mike is a Vietnam veteran. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He is a newer member of our Post, having joined about two years ago.

If you have any questions about the auction, please contact the Post at 815-338-5040.

Past Commanders commemorative dinner slated March 31, 2007

By Thom Gillespie, Quartermaster

On Saturday, March 31, 2007, the Post will be hosting a roast beef dinner to commemorate all Past Commanders of Post 5040. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 pm and the buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be free for each Past Commander and one guest. A cash bar will be available.

To all Past Commanders, please watch your mail for an invitation and RSVP request. We will need a response no later than March 16, 2007 as to whether you will be attending, so that we will be able

See PAST COMMANDERS, page 3.

Results of third annual pancake breakfast and blood drive at Post 5040

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Had the Bears not been playing and the weather a bit nicer, we probably would have had more people.

"The weather was definitely a factor on the low turnout this year," Sid Sherwin, chairman of the drive, remarked. The night before and in the early morning on Sunday it had snowed; just enough to make road conditions a little slippery in spots and also keeping people from venturing out.

Last year, 27 pints of whole blood were donated. This year, only 18 pints were collected on January 21.

Each person who donated blood was eligible for a free pancake breakfast at the Post which included pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, and milk. 18 free breakfasts were eaten and about 21 breakfasts were paid for by other patrons.

Although the turnout was low, that's 18 more pints to help save lives in Illinois.

"Putting together a blood drive is a lot of work," Sid Sherwin said. "You have to coordinate, advertise, find volunteers, make sure the Post is set up, etc. However, the volunteers help make things a lot easier and I want to thank each and every one of them for helping out. Thank you very much."

Those that helped out with the drive included: Larry Dohm, Charlie Mathey, Hank Nulle, Hank Enstrom, Mike David, Bob Gibson, Sid Sherwin, Alan Belcher, Bill Lyford, Howard Engstrom, and Becky Gillespie.

We also want to express thanks to Highland Blood Center for bringing out the donation bus and the collection team, consisting of: Scott Hall, Nina Ghufloor, Stacey Becherer, Lisa Stastny, and Nyisha Richardson.

[See inside for pictures from the drive.]

VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2006 - 2007

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"Congratulations Ladies Auxiliary on your 60th anniversary," from the National President

January 29, 1947 - January 29, 2007

Dear Sisters:

In the Spirit of America--We Are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes. This year's theme epitomizes your Auxiliary's dedication during your 60 years of outstanding service to veterans, their families, and your community.

On behalf of all your Sisters in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I commend those of you who are serving your Auxiliary today as well as those who have served before you.

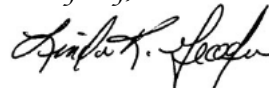
The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States nationwide is in our 93rd year and your Auxiliary has played a significant role in helping us build our great organization.

Without your Auxiliary's support, we could not provide hundreds of services, such as, sending care packages to our troops deployed overseas, providing blankets for America's homeless veterans, and raising millions each year for Cancer Aid & Research.

Your Auxiliary has demonstrated compassion for others, volunteered many years of service to your community, and set a shining example to future generations to follow in your footsteps.

I personally want to thank you for taking an active role in making the 2006-2007 year a success! May your Auxiliary continue to prosper, fulfilling our pledge to America's veterans that we will not forget the sacrifices of America's Cherished Heroes.

Loyally,



Linda K. Meader

National President

Charles Rakers named Memorial Day guest speaker

By Dwayne E. Raney, Member of the Woodstock Memorial Day Committee

Charles Rakers, principal at Woodstock's Marian Central Catholic High School, has been selected by the members of the Woodstock Memorial Day Committee to be the guest speaker at the Monday, May 28, 2007, Memorial Day program. The program is to be held again at the bandstand in the park on the city square. The program is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m.

Following the program, the parade of participants will proceed to and from both cemeteries as has been the custom in past years.

The next meeting of the committee, which is made up of representatives of various community organizations, will be on Monday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW clubrooms. Gay Belcher and Dick Schroeder are serving as co-chairpersons this year.

† Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Phone / Cards:

- Ken Korst
- Gerry Donahue
- Ray Benoy
- Carl Glawe

Personal Visits:

- Bob Emerson - funeral
- Wake for Karin Benoy
- Don Smith at Hearthstone
- Nick / Loretta Stemper at Hearthstone

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

-- Mother Teresa

Corrections from last issue

- For the listing of Auxiliary Presidents on page 6, the 1962 President should be Grace Hoey, not Holy.
- In the same listing, 1988 and 1989 President should be Chris Gehrke and Barbara Gehrke in 1990; not Chris in 1988 and Barb in 1989 and 1990.

Sorry about this, ladies!

A last tribute to Annamae Weber

By Mike David and Matt Klos

On November 3, 2006, Annamae Weber passed away at age 86. Anna Mae was an Auxiliary member as well as a tireless supporter of the VFW. For those of you that knew her, you know how much she liked to help out at the Post. For those of you that didn't know her, she was one of those people that you don't hear about much but played an integral part of our Post in the volunteer capacity.

Annamae helped work in the kitchen on Wednesday nights serving dinner. She helped out with Friday night dinners as well. At other times, Annamae was one of those people that you could count on for support when help was needed to do something at the Post. She just liked to help out any way she could.

On December 2, 2006, bartender Kelly Gorham and others paid tribute to Annamae with an informal memorial remembrance to a generous woman and friend that will be missed by the Post. As a way of saying goodbye, stories were told of Annamae and what she did, her contributions, and how she would be remembered. As a final tribute, for those present, a round of Schnapps shots was distributed and a "toast to Annamae" was made, for Annamae liked a bit of Schnapps. It was a final goodbye to an old friend.

Once again, our condolences to the Annamae's family, for she will be missed by VFW Post 5040.

VFW salutes President Ford

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, 2006 - The nation's oldest major veterans' organization is saluting the life of one of its members, former President Gerald R. Ford, who died Tuesday night at the age of 93 at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Gary Kurpius, the commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., said that the former president served his nation honorably as a World War II naval officer, as a U.S. congressman from Michigan, as vice president, and then as the 38th president of the United States.

"President Ford built bridges not only here in the Nation's Capitol but throughout an entire country that was reeling in turmoil after the Watergate break-in and in the final days of the Vietnam War," said Kurpius, a Vietnam veteran from Anchorage, Alaska.

"Not all of his decisions may have been popular at the time, but history proved that they were the correct decisions, and that he was the right man in the right job at the right time," he said.

"We salute the life that he led, and our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Betty, and the entire family."

Ford was a life member of VFW Post 830 in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was one of a very select group of eight U.S. presidents who joined the VFW, the nation's largest organization of combat veterans. The others are Theodore Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, and George H.W. Bush.

Past Commanders

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to make all the final arrangements. If we do not get your response by March 16, 2007, we have no choice but to assume that you will not be present.

I, Thom Gillespie am the chairman of this event. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me. My phone number is (815)-338-6826.

This Past Commanders dinner is open to any member of Post 5040 that was a Commander of 5040 and also those members that transferred to our Post that may have been a Past Commander of other Posts (such as Marengo and Crystal Lake).

Currently, this is the list of Past Commanders that I know of. If any of our membership know of someone that is missing and should be included, please contact me so I can add them to the list:

- Anderson, William
- Beckus, Gerald
- Belcher, Alan
- Bueler, Robert FL
- Cacci, Frank FL
- Douglass, Fredrick WI
- Emrickson, Lavern IL
- Gehrke, Charles
- Gehrke, James
- Gillespie, Thom
- Hanson, John
- Kleinfelter, Clarence
- Korst, Kenneth
- Lyford, William
- Meyers, Jack
- Mishler, Dean
- Nulle, Henry
- Raney, Dwayne
- Sherwin, Sidney
- Sorensen, John
- Stemper, Nickolas
- Vujovich, Michael IL
- Wille, Edwin
- Wolff, Howard FL



This is a November 1964 photo of World War I veterans. For some reason we don't have the names of these men. Don Peasley would like any VFW member who recognize any of these men to call him with the name.

With the help of older VFW members, we think we will find these names. The photo will be given to the McHenry County Historical Society as part of Don's collection of historic photos for archival purposes.

Call Don at 815-338-1533 or send him an e-mail to tell him about this photo and these men at:

dpeasley@owc.net

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Volunteers bring Post up to city code

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Everyday at the Post, volunteers help make a difference. Here is another example of Post members having the heart, skill, and drive to help keep the Post alive.

Since our building was built long ago (1954), as new building codes were passed, in some cases we were "grandfathered" into the code and did not have to comply with current standards. However, in some cases we have to comply when there could be a potential health issue, especially in our Post kitchen.

"The drains were out of code, according to the Health Department," said Brian Ritter, who helped work this project, "The VFW [Post] was grandfathered in before the code, but now we have to be in compliance."

The code in question had to do with the floor drains. In order to comply with current building code, the Health Department required that we have "open sight" floor drains, also known as indirect waste drains. Indirect waste receptacles provide an air gap separation in the drainage system. The purpose of indirect drainage is to prevent sewage from backing up into the unit being drained which could expose food products to sewage.

The Post had until February 1, 2007 in order to comply or risk having the kitchen closed down. We had two options: pay an outside contractor a lot of money or do the work ourselves.

Luckily for our Post, several individuals stepped up and decided that as long as the Post provides the materials, they would do the work.

Drains were replaced in the kitchen, bar area, and in back room by the ice machine. The existing drains had to be replaced which required cutting the concrete floor, breaking up the concrete, put in new pipe, tie into existing sewer lines, fill holes, pour and finish cement, then repaint floor.

Ralph Ritter, who also worked on this project estimated that, "materials cost the Post between \$130-\$200; bringing in a local plumber would have cost anywhere from \$1800-\$2500, rough estimate."

Ralph estimated that 15-18 hours per person were volunteered on this to do the cement and plumbing work. This was done on the weekends, one drain area at a time. Jack Fish and Sid Sherwin painted and sealed the floors where the work was completed.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to you all!

Pictured to the right is the floor drain in the Post kitchen that was installed to be in compliance with city code.

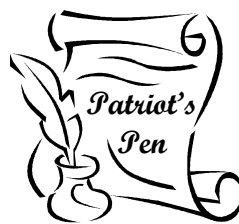
A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ralph Ritter, Brian Ritter, Bob Gibson, Charlie Mathey, Jerry Burtz, Pat Sonnenberg, Sid Sherwin, and Jack Fish.

You guys did a great job and helped save the Post a lot of money! (Photo by Matt Klos).



Patriot's Pen winner awarded savings bond

By Matt Klos and Chris Gehrke



This years Patriot Pen winner from Post 5040 was Ryan Wade, a sixth grade student at Northwood Middle School. The theme for this year that Ryan had to write his 300-400 word essay on was "Citizenship in America". According to Chris Gehrke, chairman from the Auxil-

iary, there were 13 entries this year for the contest.

"The Auxiliary read all the entries at one of our meeting and Ryan's was judged the best," explained Chris when asked who the judges were.

Wade received a \$150.00 saving bond from the Post 5040, contributions made by both the Auxiliary and VFW.

On January 13, Ryan Wade and his family along with the teacher coordinating Patriot's Pen at Northwood middle school, Katie Spaldon, were treated to a District dinner for Post winners.

Next years essay theme is "Why I am an American Patriot."



Fred Noble (right), Junior Vice Commander, and Chris Gehrke (left), co-chairmen of the VFW and Auxiliary's Patriotic Pen Essay Contest, present Ryan Wade, sixth grade student at Northwood Middle School, the first place award of savings bonds totaling \$150. Ryan is the son of Michael and Carol Wade, Wonder Lake. (Pat Ritter photo.)

MCHA retiree Sonntag receives award for service to veterans

By Don Peasley
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

Alan Belcher and several other VFW members have been instrumental in establishing the Transitional Living Services (TLS) building and staff at Hebron. Community support has been an important part of this program's success and one who has been particularly helpful is Ellen Sonntag.

She recently retired as executive director of the McHenry County Housing Authority. Belcher and the TLS board have recognized her strong support with the presentation of the 2007 Don Peasley Award for her services to veterans.

Sonntag has served on the TLS board of directors during crucial formative years. Among her contributions has been to help guide TLS board and staff in locating services and funding to find housing for the homeless veteran population.

The McHenry County Housing Authority, a federal agency, was established to serve the housing needs of low income families in McHenry County. While serving as executive director, she also served on several boards and commissions.

Sonntag served on the Salvation Army advisory board, Workforce Investment board, and as a member of the McHenry



Ellen Sonntag, recently retired executive director of the McHenry County Housing Authority, receives the Transitional Living Services' Don Peasley Award from Alan Belcher, one of the founders of the Transitional Living Services at Hebron. Sonntag was recognized for her service to veterans while a member of the TLS board of directors. (Photo provided.)

County Continuum of Care. She served as a board member of FEMA, a trustee of the Housing Renewal and Local Agency Retirement Plan, Northern Illinois Council of Housing Authorities, and as a member of the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities.

[Editors Note: The Don Peasley Award is named after Don Peasley in recognition of his 60 years of community involvement which includes extensive recognition of veterans' participation in our local communities.]

Come watch with us!

By Matt Klos and Bud Porter

In the continuing effort to "spruce up the Post", a grass roots idea came to fruition with the purchasing of two 42" flat screen TV's. As of January 22, about \$3,365 was collected from over 37 individuals and groups that meet at the Post. The televisions were bought at Best Buy, which gave us a \$250 discount on each TV. In addition to the discount, two \$100 rebates, in the form of \$100 gift certificates, were obtained as well. These will

be going into the March 3rd auction that is planned at the Post.

Thanks to Bud Porter for chairing this drive and ensuring that the TV's were mounted securely. Thank you also to all those that contributed monetarily:

- Ralph Ritter
- Mike David
- Art Stolzke
- Dick Stolzke
- Tom Shulfer
- Dutch Seinwehe
- Kieth Seinwehe
- Andy Anderson
- John Hanson
- Brian Ritter
- Roger Klemme
- Pat Sonnenberg
- Charlie Mathey
- Alan Belcher
- Hank Enstrom
- John Widmayer
- Peggy O'Brian
- Scott & Lisa Lang
- Paul Eames
- Thom & Becky Gillespie
- Bob Howell
- Ted Biever
- Laverne Emricson
- Gerry Burtz
- Mike Lackey
- Phil Meier
- Wayne Hiedke
- Sid Sherwin
- Jim Clegg
- Jeff Arnold
- Bud Porter
- Ken Korst
- Mary Stompanato
- Bob Schoenbeck
- Ronald Flemming
- Woodstock Moose
- Woodstock Jaycees
- American Legion
- The Marine Corps League



Coordinating the Patriot's Pen at Northwood middle school is teacher Katie Spaldon, pictured with Ryan Wade at the 5th District Dinner for the Patriot's Pen winners.



Here's a pic from way back! Pictured above is Katie Spaldon (Kruse) in 1984 as "Little Miss VFW". Katie's

sister, Christina, was Little Miss VFW in 1982. Both Katie and Christina are the grand children of VFW members Arnie and Jo Romo. Katie provided the picture above after Matt Klos called her asking for more information on the Patriot's Pen winner. (Picture provided by Katie Spaldon).



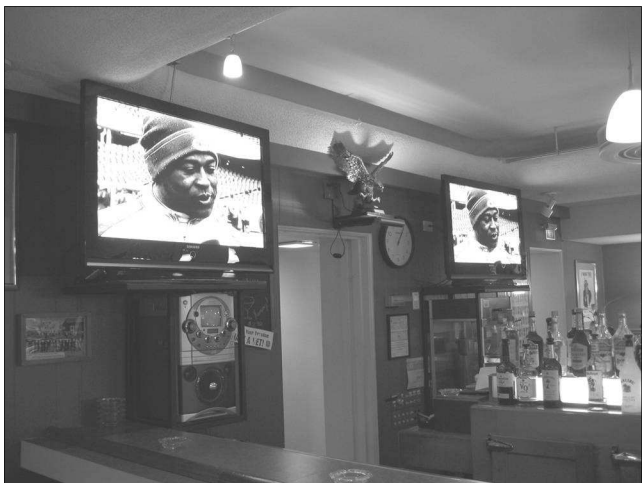
On January 21, the Post held its 3rd Annual Blood Drive and Pancake breakfast. Although the weather may have played a part in the low turnout, 18 pints of blood were collected by Heartland Blood Center. (Matt Klos photo).



Lisa Stastny (left) and Nyisha Richardson (middle) start Thomas Hohalek of Woodstock donating blood. Thomas was one of the last donors of the day. (Matt Klos photo).



Picture of the bar area. Last year, members of the Post helped to remodel the bar area. New lighting, painting and drywall helped to give a new look to our Post. New televisions are towards the back of the bar. (Matt Klos photo).



Closer pictures of the two flat screen TV's that Bud Porter helped to collect money for and purchase for the Post. Lovie Smith is pictured on TV in an interview before the Bears' winning game that sent them to Super Bowl XLI. (Matt Klos photo).

Marine Corps League Super Bowl Party!

February 4, 2007 at VFW Post 5040

\$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at door.

Includes: food, draft beer, pop, door prizes and raffles.



\$2.00 Miller bottles



Trustee's Report of Audit of				
The books & records of the Quartermaster & Adjutant of POST 5040 5TH DIST.				
Department of ILLINOIS for the Quarter ending Dec 31, 2006				
FISCAL Quarter >>>	Oct Nov Dec			
POST 5040	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
1. Admin or App Fees	-1,055.00	1,590.00	535.00	0.00
2. Nat & Dept Dues	1,267.00	248.00	273.50	1,241.50
3. POST Gen Fund	-1,174.73	3,863.68	4,650.87	-1,961.92
4. POST Relief Fund	4,302.68		494.73	3,807.95
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	372.00	250.00		622.00
6. New Building Fund	16,594.80	451.00		17,045.80
7. Fly Flag Book Fund	1,687.81			1,687.81
8. Memorial Day Fund	2,306.11			2,306.11
9. Other in Post Account	-808.61	1,693.00	824.89	59.50
10. Color Guard	500.00			500.00
11. Honor Guard	2,325.49	215.00	85.00	2,455.49
12. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	2,647.50	25,171.76	26,731.14	1,088.12
13. Post HOME Fund	-6,799.93	7,430.60	6,296.57	-5,665.90
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	2,583.61	900.00	2,250.00	1,233.61
15. Savings Account Interest	58.68	57.00	115.68	0.00
16. Raffle Account	1,413.84	9,875.50	6,986.79	4,302.55
Totals:	26,221.25	51,745.54	49,244.17	28,722.62
Post AND Savings Total	19,517.62	15,741.28	13,160.56	22,098.34
Operations		Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances		
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	18294.49	18,294.49
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	2827.12	1,805.04
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	3510.20	3,726.93
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acct	2033.61	1,233.61
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$0.00	Raffle Acct	3662.55	3,662.55
Value of Real Estate?	\$657,000.00	Uncleared checks	1,605.35	0.00
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$2,000,000.00	\$ -	Quicken Total	28,722.62
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$0.00	-\$ 0.00	Bank Total	28,722.62

February 2007

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise - closing times vary depending on patronage) ☆☆☆☆☆☆

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
28	29 Ladies Auxiliary reaches its 60 year anniversary today! Little League 7 pm	30 Dirtt Group 7 pm	31 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Butterfly Shrimp (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Cub Scouts - ?? pm	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	2 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Groundhog Day	3 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
4  Super Bowl XLI Go Bears!	5 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball ?? pm	6 Dirtt Group 7 pm	7 Wednesday Dinner Specials - BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	8	9 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	10 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
11 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	12	13 VFW Board Mtg. 7pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	14 Valentines Day Wednesday Dinner Specials - Prime Rib - 10 oz cut (\$10) 5 - 8 pm 	15 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	16 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	17 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
18	19 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:30 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for March 2007 VFW News items	20 Dirtt Group 7 pm	21 Wednesday Dinner Specials - BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	22	23 Friday Dinner Special: Lasagna w/Garlic Bread (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	24 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
25 Little League 7 pm	26 VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Jaycees 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	27	28 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Pork Chop (\$8) or Seasoned Chicken Breast (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	2 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	3 Spaghetti Dinner and Auction 5 - 7 pm Dinner (\$6) 

From the Editor's desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor



If you get this issue after the Super Bowl, sorry about that. I was hoping to have it out in the mail by Jan 26 or 27, but it just didn't work out. Some of you may still get it before then. Anyway, you may have noticed that there is a little more space under the calendar for this issue. I have been working with advertisers over the last few weeks on renewal of their ads. Unfortunately, we lost four this year. I am in the process of looking for some new ones. Don't forget some of our upcoming events like the Spaghetti Dinner / Auction on March 3. Last months issue listed the names of members that were delinquent on their dues. The Post Officers decided that the Post will give you 60 days to correct your unpaid membership. After this time, we will be dropping your name from the **Post 5040** mailing list due to costs. This means March would be your last issue. If for some reason you are under financial hardship, please contact the post. We might be able to help you out on dues if a hardship exists. If you are wondering who was on the list, check out the VFW Post 5040 website and look at last months newsletter, page 5.

And for **Jonathon Grell** of **Woodstock**, your family took care of your dues. Please take care while serving in the US Naval Reserve in Iraq. We wish you the best and are proud of you serving your country.

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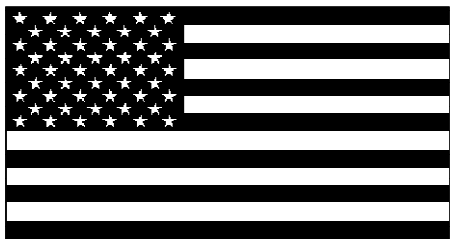
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