



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

## Spaghetti auction and dinner results

By Matt Klos, *VFW News* Editor

The auction and dinner that took place on March 3 did comparably well to last years auction. This years auction cleared about \$4,000, with a retail value of about \$2,500. Last years results were a little better, but then again there were a lot more pricier items up for auction.

The chairmen for this event were Mike and Sue Lackey. They did a great job of ensuring that there were items to be auctioned and also did a lot of legwork to make sure things came together on March 3. They even went door-to-door to some of the downtown Woodstock businesses asking if the businesses would like to donate to the auction.

65 dinners were served and a total of 69 items were auctioned off. Last year, we only auctioned off 23 items.

Our auctioneer for the night was someone that probably a few of you know. A short time before the auction date, the auctioneer that we had last year was unable to get back to the state. Looking for someone to do the auction, the VFW asked Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager to be the auctioneer. Having some auctioning experience, Mayor Sager did "an excellent job". He even said that he would do it next year if needed.

A fun time was had by all who were there. Late into the night, Mike David said, "Hey! It's 11:30 and the Post's lights are lit!" Lots of people stayed after the auction ended and had a good time.

Thanks to Mike and Sue Lackey for being the chairmen for this event. They were new to chairing this event, and quickly found out how hard it was to do. Great job!

Thanks to the paid staff and volunteers that worked in the kitchen, serving, taking money, and cleaning up.

**VFW 2007-2008 Officer  
Vote at 4/16 meeting.**

## VFW sponsors Woodstock Little League

By Don Peasley  
*VFW News* Editor 1955-2002

The Woodstock Little League is preparing for its 53rd season and the VFW has been an active participant in the program throughout these decades of baseball! VFW is sponsoring a youth baseball again this year.

Long-time members will remember the VFW was an active participant in organizing the Little League in 1954. The VFW, American Legion, Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus and Moose Lodge were founding Woodstock organizations providing both financial help and manpower to launch this youth program for boys age 8 to 12 years of age.

At that time the National VFW conducted a Teen-er League for boys 13-15-years-of-age so Woodstock had its own Teen-er League team. In fact, that program continued through 1970.

The Woodstock Teen-er League team

managed by Jim Smith won the state title in a play-off against West Allis, Wisconsin, defending national champion. Woodstock won the first game, lost the second game and lost the final game in a double-header in July of that year. West Allis then repeated as national champions.

This year, Little League concentrates on boys and girls ages 7 to 12. The Little League took over the 13-16 age group with the demise of the Teen-er League. For the second year the Greater Woodstock Baseball Association is in charge of the older age group.

Bob Stroh, Little League president, says Little League will have 350 players on 34 teams and Opening Day will be Saturday, April 28 at Bates Park

The VFW continues to provide accommodations for the Little League to conduct its annual player registration and provides facilities for the board to meet monthly in our building. The player draft will be conducted at the VFW in mid-March.

The Little League adults and players reciprocate, assisting at VFW special event dinners.

## Auxiliary in search of new members

By Barbara Gehrke  
Treasurer 2006-2007

Ladies, do you know any ladies that can help us with our current membership needs? We need volunteers that can help with fundraising and join our Auxiliary women to keep our membership up. We also need members to form a flag team who are willing to carry our Auxiliary colors in parades.

Each year our membership numbers have been decreasing. We currently have about 98 members, down from 114 from last year.

We are looking for any women 18 years of age or older who wish to join us. There are of course criteria that needs to be met, but its pretty simple if you are related to a veteran of the VFW.

If you are a mother, sister, niece step-sister or foster-sister of a veteran, please

call us and let us know. Also, if you are related in this way to any soldier fighting in Iraq, you are also eligible. We have a meeting place for you; please check us out. Ask for our President or Sr. Vice President. Our Sr. Vice President is also our Membership Chairman.

Secondly, please don't be put off by others who think bad or wrong about some of us who aren't around at the moment. Please call us at (815)-338-1759 for our President. Call us at (815)-648-4958 for our membership chairman. If these individuals are not reachable, try our Auxiliary Treasurer in charge of dues collection (815)-338-1546. If you need any other help please call our Post home at (815)-338-5040.

Additional numbers of the our officers are on page 2 of this *VFW News*. For additional information about the Auxiliary, please see these internet links:

[www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org)  
[www.ladiesauxvfwil.com](http://www.ladiesauxvfwil.com)

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## Ladies Auxiliary from the president

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2006-2007

This year is going by pretty fast. Only three months left until the Department Convention. Several members have not yet paid their dues for this past year. I will list them here:

• Barbara Aavang	• Pat Nelson
• Joy Aavang	• Penny Nolan
• Fran Amico	• Beulah Polnow
• Judith Bennett	• Kim Radloff
• Eileen Berry	• Jo Romo
• Helen Book	• Marie Salyers
• Mary Carpenter	• Anita Sword
• Everyn Hoey	• Darlene Wojcieszek
• Holly Lewis	• Mrs. Zykowsky

Our dues have only been raised once in many years to \$15.00. This covers you for cancer insurance.

The Spring Frolic will be on April 21 at the Antioch Post. This honors the Commander and President of the District.

NEWS FROM THE PAST: Helen Kyle was a long time faithful member and she served as Hospital Chairman for many years. This involved traveling to North Chicago Veterans Hospital taking supplies and entertaining the Veteran's with games and pop and pizza. She would get as many as possible to go to fill up the car.



## Soup to nuts sale



By Russ and Donna Freeman

Another reminder 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 Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12. We will also need help for setting up and selling.

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. We will be available after April 15 to take calls for item pick-up and offers to help with the sale. We can be reached at 815-338-3414.

## † Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

### Phone / Cards:

- Bob Gordon
- Ron Nehls
- Charles Mathey

### Personal Visits:

- Ken Korst - at home
- Don Holst -Hearthstone Manor
- Ed Carey - Hearthstone Manor
- Loretta Stemper - Hearthstone Manor
- Ray Benoy - at home
- Mrs. Joe Thiede - at home

### Drape Charter:

- Wayne Gustafson
- John Brown

## American Legion Essay Contest

Dwayne Raney, Post 412

Adjutant & Americanism Chairman

The Woodstock American Legion presented certificates of participation in the annual American Legion Essay Contest to the following:

At Northwood Middle School, to Cathy Porter, secretary; 8th grade teacher Kathryn Kruse Spaldon; and students Breanne Hunt and Lark Meiners.

At Woodstock High School, to Laurie Kaminski, secretary.

At Marian Central Catholic High School, Julie Diamond, secretary.

At Clarence Olson Middle School, to Patricia Morozink, English teacher.

At St. Mary of Woodstock Junior High School, to Kathy Stanger, secretary; Barb Villont, English teacher. To the following students: Bradley Barger, Sean Duvall, Kara Dwyer, Timothy Dwyer, Rebecca Eberly, Caroline Frame, Megan Graf, Anneliese Gries, Heather Gustat, Emma Hussey, Alex Janko, Matthias Kersten, Kathleen Knox, Robert Leahey, Laura Le Feavour, Elizabeth Manning, Stevey Medina, Carlo Minniti, Jack Murray. Tricia Otten, Christian Pigott, Isabella Ramirez, Devon Ruhde, Karr Santos, Samantha Szczudlo, Jacob Thompson, Kyle Thompson, and G. Paul Trinidad.

The subject and title for the 2007 essay contest was, "Americanism - The Freedom to Choose".

Thank you to all the students that participated and the faculty that helped the students with guidance in this contest.

## Rockford AirFest 2007

### Angels Among Us!

The Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) is pleased to announce that the Rockford AirFest will return to RFD for our third year of providing the regional community with a thrilling military and civilian three-day air show June, 1, 2, & 3, 2007.

With approximately 75,000 visitors at last year's show, we are expecting over 100,000 as we welcome the United States Navy Blue Angels as part of our 2007 show card. Rockford was selected as one of a handful of Midwest cities to host this popular military team.

#### Show Times (approximate):

- Friday: 5:30 - 8:30pm  
(Gates open at 4pm)
- Saturday: 11:00am - 5pm  
(Gates open at 9am)
- Sunday: 11:00am - 5pm  
(Gates open at 9am)

#### ADVANCED SALE: ONLINE TICKETS

Buy Now Online for BIG Discount!

During the month of March, adult tickets purchased online will be discounted to the advanced online price of \$6 per day. Your ticket will be good for entrance into AirFest 2007 on any **one** day: Friday, Saturday or Sunday, June 1, 2, or 3! Buy your ticket now and decide later which day you would like to attend.

Online Ticket Prices: Good through 4/15/2007. Each ticket is good for one day: June, 1, 2, or 3, 2007

- Adult: \$6\*
- Child: \$5\* (5-12)
- Kids Under 5: FREE

\*Plus service fee: \$1.50 (per ticket) + \$1 credit card fee (per charge)

Tickets will be available for **sale at the gate**. See below for gate ticket prices:

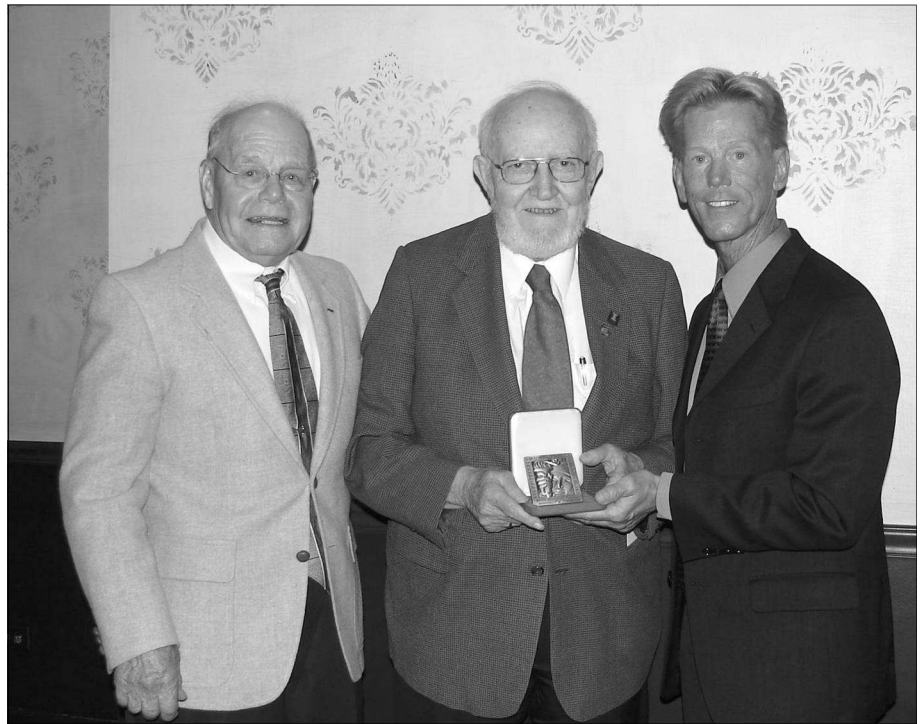
- Adult: **\$10** Friday/**\$15** Sat & Sun
- Child: \$5 (5-12)
- Kids Under 5: FREE

For more information, visit their website:

<http://www.flyrfd.com>

## Next Post Meeting

On April 16, our next Post meeting, the Post members will be electing officers and will also be voting on additional matters from the Association meeting.



VFW Post Commander (left) Bill Lyford, Don Peasley, and Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager are pictured with the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award given to Don Peasley on February 25, 2007 for his work in the Woodstock community. (Photo by Mary Peasley).

## VFW Post 5040 member Don Peasley honored with award

Don Peasley's involvement with the Woodstock VFW as founder and editor of the Woodstock *VFW News* to report activities related to veterans was a factor in his being chosen for a significant honor.

Bill Lyford, WS VFW Commander, and his wife Eileen, were among those invited to a ceremony when Mayor Brian Sager presented Don with the Illinois Humanities Council Studs Terkel Award on February 25.

"Don's work in photographing and reporting events in McHenry County for almost 60 years was valuable in preserving historical aspects of McHenry County's activities and changes," said Mayor Sager in discussing the city council's nomination of Don for the award.

The award is named after Studs Terkel, Pulitzer Prize winning author and Chicago radio-television commentator.

In the formal nomination Mayor Sager said, "Don Peasley has chronicled thousands of significant history and cultural events in McHenry County. His literally tens of thousands of photographs and seemingly almost as many newspaper stories on the events, times and people of Woodstock and McHenry County are testaments to the dynamic character of our

community, as well as his own commitment to historic documentation.

"Among the many significant events he has covered have been the birth and growth of the Woodstock Little League, Woodstock VFW, Memorial Medical Center, Farm Bureau, and the McHenry County Fair.

Today these organizations are institutional and woven into the mainstream fabric that defines Woodstock and reflects the changes in the agricultural face and the people who have been the backbone of McHenry County over the past 60 years.

"In 1955, Mr. Peasley founded the *VFW News* chronicling the history and events of Woodstock Post 5040. He served as editor of that publication until 2002, creating a special issue in 1996 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Post.

"Don Peasley generously donated his treasured collection of historical photographs and negatives to the McHenry County Historical Society. The Society will computerize and preserve the collection in archival quality folders and containers for the enjoyment and education of Woodstock and McHenry County residents for generations to come."



Marion Long (left), VFW Auxiliary president 1971, 1972 and 1983, honors Verda Dierzen as Teacher of the Year in 1972. Dierzen was honored at an open house celebrating her 90th birthday Saturday, February 24 at Grace Lutheran Church. (Don Peasley Photo)

## 1972 Auxiliary Teacher of the Year celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Don Peasley  
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

The Woodstock community turned out in large numbers in late February to honor one of the community's most popular and prominent people. The celebration was to help Verda Dierzen observe her 90th birthday at an open house Saturday, February 24.

Verda, who grew up on a farm near Greenwood began her teaching career at Greenwood School in 1936. She complemented her teaching career as administrator in District 10 and District 200 before retiring in 1972.

It's noteworthy to point out that Verda was honored as Teacher of the Year at the Woodstock VFW Auxiliary's annual salute to all teachers in 1972. The Anderson family grew up at a farm near the intersection of Route 120 and Charles Road. Verda attended the one room school named Charles School. (Her older brother Clayton Anderson still lives on that family farm!)

After becoming Greenwood principal, she worked as assistant county superintendent of schools from 1945 to 1950. She returned to the classroom in 1950, initiating kindergarten at Greenwood and Westwood schools in the newly-organized District 10 school district (comprised of 26 rural schools surrounding Woodstock).

Dierzen added other subjects to her work load while becoming principal at Westwood in 1956. She was instrumental with Mary Endres in developing an innovative, personalized teaching philosophy. When Districts 10, 72 and 152 were com-

bined into District 200 in 1969, Verda became assistant superintendent, in charge of instruction and school bus transportation.

After the formation of D200, Verda Dierzen and Mary Endres were instrumental in developing the District 200 curriculum to such a high level of accomplishment that it earned national attention.

Her service continues after retirement. For example, she worked part-time at SEDOM as an instructor consultant for nine years after retirement, became active in the Retired Teachers Association which still occupies some of her time. She schedules a meeting with students at the school that has her name.

Dierzen keeps up on current activities with participation in Retired Teachers programs and attending timely activities. She made a point to hear Orion Samuelson's Jan. 28 discussion on preserving farmland and protecting sources of water in McHenry County.

Philosophically, she declares, "Schools and classrooms should be as attractive as possible. Children should be involved in making them that way.

"I believe school life is not preparation for life but is life itself and should be in keeping with that philosophy. Home and school should be a true partnership with parents involved in school planning and their child's education at the school."

She urges teachers to know each of their children "very well" and points out each child is different and adds, "The teacher needs to know the strengths and weaknesses and interests of each of her children."

Continues Dierzen, "The teacher needs to guide them in their total growth and development toward their potential." Both Dierzen and Endres believed meaningful

work relating to various curriculum areas develops life experiences, citing for example, "We had school stores that involved mathematics and we had citizenship clubs that brought courtesy into contact with others. We included real life experiences at our school environment."

One of her satisfactions as an educator was to get parents involved in the ongoing education at the school. This was especially true at District 10 where parent involvement related to all subject areas. Talking about accomplishments at District 10, she said simply, "District 10 was well ahead of its time with things we were doing."

While leading District 10, both Dierzen and Endres were involved in courses at the University of Chicago, and this included taking classes with Ethel Kawin, children psychologist at the University of Chicago.

## Nominations for 2007-2008 VFW officers announced

At the March 19 meeting, nominations were taken for VFW Post 5040 officers. Our current Commander, Bill Lyford, will not be seeking another year in office. Bill has also been commander of the our Post in 1998-99, 1999-00. He has also held other officer positions and feels that it is time to let some others lead the Post.

The nominations made at the meeting were as follows:

Commander:  
**Mike David**

Sr. Vice Commander:  
**Fred Noble**

Jr. Vice Commander:  
**Mike Lackey**

Quartermaster:  
**Ralph Ritter**  
**Thom Gillespie (incumbent)**

Chaplain:  
**Howard Engstrom (incumbent)**

Judge Advocate:  
**Dick Glawe (incumbent)**

Post Surgeon:  
**Harold Irwin (incumbent)**

3 Year Trustee: **open**

At the April 16 meeting, nominations will be open for a final round. After the close of nominations, voting will commence.

If you would like to nominate someone or even yourself, you will have to be present at this meeting.

## Post kitchen cleans up with automated dishwasher

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On March 16, 2005, an automated dishwasher was picked up from the Arlington Heights Elks Lodge which was donated to Post 5040. The Elks Lodge was merging with another lodge at the time and was getting rid of equipment. To custom fit the dishwasher, a little cutting and welding work would have to be completed before it could be installed.

Well, two years later the dishwasher has finally been installed. Why the wait? There were other priorities at the Post that needed to be attended to and prep work (such as updating the drain system) needed to be done before the washer could be installed.

The automated dishwasher will be a welcome addition to the Post kitchen. Dishes have been done by hand since the Post opened and this dishwasher has the capacity of doing about 55 loads an hour.

This addition to the Post would not be possible had it not been for the volunteers that installed the dishwasher. Thanks to Charlie Mathey and Ralph Ritter for installing, Brian Ritter for welding, Bud Porter for letting the guys use his shop for welding and metal work, and Bob and Pat Gaylord for cleaning up after the install.

## Furnace installation in 2006 sees payoff

By Becky Gillespie

It's now been a full year since the two new furnaces were put in in January and February 2006. The Post spent \$7,060.93 for gas service from April 2005 through March 2006. From April 2006 through March 2007 the total spent was \$5,393.63. Great job guys, the Post saved \$1,667.30!

## Boiler replacement funds sought

By John Hanson, Project Chairman  
Past Commander 1986-87

Our club has been around since the late 40's, and the heating system is extinct. We replaced two furnaces last year and have saved \$1,600 in heating costs this winter. There are now major problems with the boiler system making it necessary to have it replaced. I have gotten one estimate at over \$5,000. The plan is to take



The automated dishwasher installed in the VFW kitchen, ready to tackle some dirty dishes. (Photo by Ralph Ritter).



Charlie Mathey in metal shop of Bud Porter with the dishwasher. A little bit of prep work had to be completed on the dishwasher to custom fit the VFW kitchen. (Photo by Ralph Ritter).

out the old and put two boiler systems in for the club and the dentist's office. Ralph Ritter will install them, but we are asking club members for donations to cover the cost of the new boilers. I am hoping the club can raise the money before next winter. Please consider donating as much as you can to this project. Thank you.

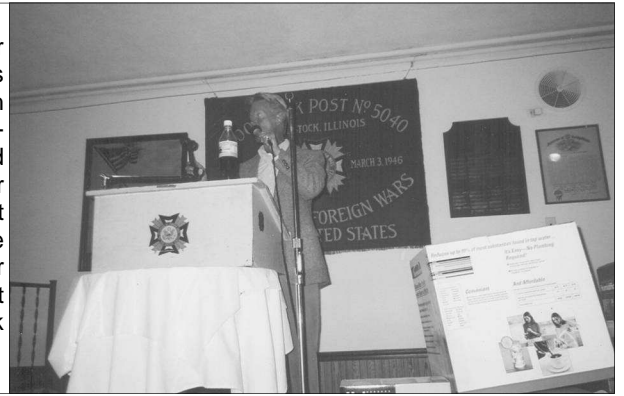
## Post picnic changes date this year - July 15

In previous years, September was when the picnic was held. This year the date has changed to July. Sunday, July 15, has been set as the date for the picnic.



On January 25, 2007, Post 5040 had a turkey fry. Above, workers help carve fried turkey in the VFW kitchen. Pictured from left is Larry Dohm, Bill Lyford, Charlie Mathey, and Bob Gibson.

Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager auctions off an item on March 3 at the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. The mayor filled in at the last moment due to the scheduled auctioneer not being able to get back in town. Thank again, Mayor!



## Postage rates go up, effective May 14

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

What does the Postage rate increase have to do with our Post you ask? You hold the answer in your hand - this newsletter! Yes, the rate increase will affect our mailing of the newsletter each month beginning in June and any other mass mailing the Post does.

When looking into what the increase meant for our Post, it was good news and bad news. I didn't think anything of it until I remembered that our newsletter has a permit imprint. Because our postal system has become so automated by mechanical handling of mail, the rate increase actually has some benefits for us.

The way our mail is handled now is that we are charged a non-machinable rate. For last months issue, it was \$110.78. Under the new rates that go into effect, non-machinable pieces have increased significantly. The new rate would add \$59.80 each month or \$717.54 a year.

The good news is that with a little extra time prepping the mail, the newsletter can qualify as machinable by adding two mail tabs to seal the newsletter. By doing so, our mail costs will actually *decrease* by \$15.47 a month, saving \$185.69 a year.

The other cost that increases is the permit, which goes up by \$15.00 per year.

So, with the increase in rates it actually works out better for the Post. For my wife and I prepping the mail, we have to handle each newsletter a little more to put on the mail tabs and the address labels.

We have this month and next month at the old rates, then with the June newsletter you should be seeing tabs on the newsletter. Any problems, let me know.

## Upcoming events to watch for at the Post

By Becky Gillespie

### May

- **5** - Steak fry. Salad, potato, veggie, and a roll. 5:30 - 8:00 \$10.00 Grilled steak. Reservations required and dinner must be paid in advance. Call the Post at (815)-338-5040.
- **11 & 12** - Soup to Nuts Sale at Post.
- **18 & 19** - Poppy Days.
- **19** - Private hall rental.
- **20** - Fair Diddley - food & beverages available in the parking lot being sponsored by Marine Corps League, Jaycees and the VFW.
- **28** - Memorial Day parade and luncheon.

### June

- **2** - Private Rental - upstairs
- **9** - Private Rental - upstairs
- **16** - Private Rental - upstairs
- **17** - Father's Day Pig Roast

As you can see, things are really picking up. I have many more bookings that I'm working on. There are also bookings that are scheduled out further than what is listed through June.

So, if you are thinking about wanting to book a party at the Post, please contact us well in advance **now** if you want to make sure to secure a certain date. The month of November is already completely booked with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend.

**Mailing list**

34 members that have not paid their yearly dues in 2006-2007, nor 2006-2007 have been removed from the Post 2040 mailing list effective this month. If you hear from someone that they did not get a newsletter this month ask them if they paid their dues.



Turkey fryers Hank Enstrom, holding turkey, Sid Sherwin and Ralph Ritter dealt with the cold of being outside and heat from the three deep fryers on the side of the VFW in front of the kitchen entry way.

## Loyalty Day Monday, May 1

Loyalty Day is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.


The holiday was first celebrated in the 1930s as Americanization Day, and was intended to serve as a counterweight to May Day, which was celebrated as a Communist holiday.

Loyalty Day is celebrated with parades and ceremonies in communities across the United States, although many people in the United States remain unaware of it. Although a legal holiday, it is not a federal holiday.

The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day; and inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

# April 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
<b>April Fools Day 1</b> 	<b>2</b> Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wednesday Dinner Specials: BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>5</b> VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	<b>6</b> Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>7</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm
<b>Happy Easter 8</b> 	<b>9</b> VFW Board Mtg. 8:30 am VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm Little League 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> Jaycees 7 pm	<b>11</b> Wednesday Dinner Specials: Prime Rib (\$10) 5 - 7 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Friday Dinner Special: Lasagna w/Garlic Bread (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>14</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:30 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for May 2007 VFW News items	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wednesday Dinner Specials: Stuffed Pork Chop (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm Cub Scouts - 7 pm	<b>19</b> Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	<b>20</b> Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>21</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm
<b>22</b> Private hall rental	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Jaycees 7 pm	<b>25</b> Wednesday Dinner Specials: Roast Beef (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>Loyalty Day Spaghetti Dinner 28</b> 5:00 to 7:00 pm \$6.00 per person All VFW members who have volunteered their time eat free.
<b>29</b> Private hall rental	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Loyalty Day	<b>2</b> Wednesday Dinner Specials: BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	<b>5</b> Steak Fry 5:00 to 8:00 pm \$10.00 per person Reservations and pre-pay required



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

I really did try to get this letter out by the end of March. I was on schedule to do it and it just did not get done. Hope some of you were able to get out to the spaghetti dinner and auction last month.. I did not, but I heard it was fun and that the Mayor did a really nice job at auctioneering.

We are coming into April which means voting on officers for next year. Since it's spring, this means snowbirds are coming back from the warm climates. This means change of addresses. Please let me know if you need an address change.

Looking over the calendar from last month, and it March 31 that I am writing this, I just realized that I missed going up to the Post to take pictures for Past Commanders dinner. It's almost 10:00 pm and I know I missed the whole thing. I knew I forgot something.

On another note, I got a letter dated March 26 that for the third year in a row, the Woodstock VFW News was voted FIRST in the MEDIUM POST CATEGORY for the state of Illinois in the Department Publications Contest. The entry will be forwarded to National Headquarters for entry in the National Publications Contest. Yeah for our newsletter!

Since it is April, that mean's April Fools Day. I did put one little prank in this newsletter. Anyone have a mirror? Have a great April!

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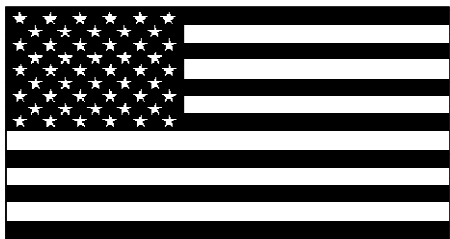

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