



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



The 2007-2008 incoming VFW Officers are installed in a short ceremony taking place on Father's Day. Pictured from left is Brian Ritter (Three-year trustee), Howard Engstrom (Chaplain), Harold Irwin (Post Surgeon), Ralph Ritter (Quartermaster), Mike Lackey (Junior Vice Commander), Fred Noble (Senior Vice Commander), and Mike David (Commander). (Matt Klos photo).

VFW and Auxiliary Officers installed on Father's Day

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

The installation in of the 2007-2008 VFW officers took place on Sunday, June 17 at about 1:00 pm in Wilkerson Hall. Sid Sherwin, Past Commander 2004-2005, was the Master of Ceremonies. The officers sworn in that were in attendance were Mike David (Commander), Fred Noble (Senior Vice Commander), Mike Lackey (Junior Vice Commander), Ralph Ritter (Quartermaster), Harold Irwin (Post Surgeon), Howard Engstrom (Chaplain), and Brian Ritter (Three-year trustee).

As part of the tradition, outgoing Commander Bill Lyford passed the gavel to elected Commander Mike David. In a short speech, Mike said, "I want to thank all the outgoing officers this year for the work they have accomplished and stepping up to be leaders of the Post. I also want to thank the

30 Day Notice

30 day notice is hereby given to the members of VFW Post 5040 for the following motion made at the June 18 VFW meeting.

Motion was made that the By-Laws be changed to indicate that the VFW Post 5040 meeting time should take place on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm as it currently held. This By-Law change will be voted on at the July 16 meeting.

new incoming officers for taking a leadership role and look forward to working with you and the Auxiliary officers."

The first meeting conducted by the new officers will take place July 16.

The Auxiliary installed their officers following the VFW ceremony. Many of the Auxiliary officers were not on hand, however Nyda Fogarty (President), Barb Gehrke (Treasurer), and Christine Gehrke (Secretary) took the oath of office. Christine Gehrke was the Master of Ceremonies for the installation. Nyda Fogarty said in her speech, "Each year our membership dwindles down a bit more. One of the reasons I myself keep doing this year after year is that I want to see the Auxiliary keep up & keep going, as small as a group we may be. I look forward to working with the new officers of the VFW this coming year. We continue to seek new applicants for the Ladies Auxiliary and invite any spouses of VFW members to join our Auxiliary."

The only changes to the Auxiliary Officers this year is Guard (Geraldine Salyers) and 3 Year Trustee (Rose Mary Hellstern). Senior Vice President incumbent Bonnie Kagel was elected for the next year, but as of June 17 had not officially accepted the position. All other positions are filled by the 2006-2007 incumbents.

Both the VFW officers and Auxiliary adjourned to Thiede Hall for cake and fellowship.

Post picnic this month - July 15



The VFW Post 5040 annual picnic will take place on July 15, 2007 from noon until ?? pm. This will be at VFW member John Hanson's house, 2718 Deepcut Rd, Woodstock IL 60098.

VFW members, employees, and family members are welcome to attend the picnic. Games to include swimming in John's in-ground pool (water slide too!), horse shoes, participation in the Longest/Straightest Drive Contest, softball (bring bat and ball), volleyball (bring ball to play with) or other yard games (if you have them, bring the equipment - bocce ball, jarts, etc).

Bring a dish to pass, blanket or folding chairs to sit on, and some nice weather for the day.

Any questions, please call John at 815-338-7890.



**VFW Post 5040
Post Officers 2007 - 2008**

Commander	Mike David	(815)-338-5341
Senior Vice Commander	Fred Noble	(815)-338-5655
Junior Vice Commander	Mike Lackey	Unavailable
Quartermaster	Ralph Ritter	(815)-338-5018
Chaplain	Howard Engstrom	(815)-338-4453
Assistant Chaplain	- TBA -	- TBA -
Service Officer	- TBA -	- TBA -
Judge Advocate	Dick Glawe	(815)-385-3156
Post Surgeon	Harold Irwin	(815)-338-1264
Officer-of-the-Day	- TBA -	- TBA -
Adjutant	- TBA -	- TBA -
1 Year Trustee	Arnie Doerfert	(815)-385-2923
2 Year Trustee	Larry Dohm	(815)-38-4134
3 Year Trustee	Brian Ritter	(815)-276-4802

**Ladies Auxiliary to
VFW Post 5040
Post Officers 2007 - 2008**

President	Nyda Fogarty	(815)-338-1759
Senior Vice President	- TBA -	- TBA -
Junior Vice	Viola Brown	(815)-338-1446
Secretary	Christine Gehrke	(815)-338-3533
Treasurer	Barbara Gehrke	(815)-338-1546
Chaplain	Karen Wells	(815)-338-4821
Guard	Geraldine Salyers	(815)-337-3770
Conductress	Irene Brown	(815)-459-3483
1 Year Trustee	Lois Freund	(815)-338-5261
2 Year Trustee	Margaret Webb	(815)-338-4213
3 Year Trustee	Rose Mary Hellstern	Unavailable

**Ladies Auxiliary
from the Treasurer**

By Barbara Gehrke, Treasurer 2007-2008

Our Auxiliary is sponsoring a Bakeless Bake Sale. This is where you guesstimate what you might spend if you were to bake an item for a Bake Sale, then you donate what you feel comfortable with you bake. Only you don't bake the item, you donate what it would have cost to make it. Thank you to all that have donated.

In August, our 2008 dues notices will be going out to our members. If you still have not paid your 2007 dues, they are definitely delinquent as of June 30, 2007.

We are still looking for any women who have a relative fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan; 18 years of age or older. As the Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040, are always looking for volunteers for our projects throughout the year. Projects include marching in parades, writing letters and cards, donating items for mailing to our soldiers and politicians, etc. We are always looking for new faces to join with us to help our vets in hospitals or their families whenever in need.

A warm "Thank you!" to all the women of our Auxiliary who were helpers on the Soup to Nuts Sale and the wives of our Post members, who are always there to help our Veterans. It just goes to show that there are volunteers out there. We need you to become a member. We have benefits to offer such as cancer grants and Scholarship programs that help if you join. Please consider joining.

For more information on the Auxiliary and benefits, see the Auxiliary website:

www.ladiesauxvfw.org



† Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Phone / Cards:

- John Dacey Family (death of John)
- Ferd Raffel
- Ken Korst - at Lake of the Ozarks
- Ed Hall - back home needs our prayers
- Ed Lange - in Memorial Hospital

Personal Visits:

- Bob Loomis - Home
- Otis Setser - Valley Hi
- Ray Murphy - Valley Hi

I appreciate Harold Irwin going with me on visits to see our veterans. Please have a safe Fourth of July Holiday.

It's Independence Day: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

- - Declaration of Independence, 1776

**2007 Poppy Days
final report**

By Fred Noble, Poppy Chairman 2007

We did good...but we could do better! This is a summary of the final total for Poppy Days. The total collected was \$5,126.32.

27 people (including 6 Auxiliary members) out of approximately 503 members isn't very good. I hope next year more of you will turn out and give us a good accounting for Woodstock. It can be done!

Several locations could not be covered because we didn't have the people collect funds. I believe those locations could have boosted our total greatly.

The top three taggers were:

- Bob Gibson
- Don Sword
- Marvin Monson

The top three locations were:

- 120 & Greenwood
- Wal-Mart
- Jewel

Thanks to those who made special contributions for this fund.

The Auxiliary installation of officers took place on Father's Day, after the installation of VFW Officers. Christine Gehrke (right), Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary, installs Nyda Fogarty (President), left side of picture, and Barbara Gehrke (Treasurer), standing behind Nyda. (Matt Klos photo).

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VFW honor guard participates in Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication

By Don Peasley
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

The Woodstock VFW was at the forefront of a ceremony honoring veterans of all wars. They provided the Honor Guard to present the colors and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Woodstock dedicated its Blue Star Memorial Marker Saturday, May 19 during ceremonies at the Sesquicentennial Park on Illinois Route 120 (Church Street).

The Blue Star Memorial Marker was begun by garden clubs in New Jersey in 1944. The name is taken from the Blue Star in the Service Flag in honor of those serving in the Armed Forces and was established to honor World War II veterans. In 1951 it expanded to recognize all who served in military units.

Jody Bailey, president of Garden Clubs of Illinois, recalled the history of this memorial.

“When seeking a suitable way of honoring service men and women, the National Counsel of Garden Clubs decided it would be more appropriate to help beautify and preserve the country that service men had fought to protect than to build a stone monument.

“Markers continue to be dedicated each year at highways, veteran facilities, national cemeteries, parks and historic sites. There are 118 Blue Star Markers in Illinois. Almost all major highways have a Blue Star Marker, and this one on Illinois Route 120 is called a Blue Star By-Way Memorial Marker, identifying it as an important secondary road in the community,” said Bailey.

Mary Fran Madjak, Woodstock Garden Club president, conducted the dedication



Leading the program to dedicate the Blue Star By-Way Memorial Marker are members of the Woodstock Garden Club and Jodie Bailey, president of the Garden Clubs of Illinois. The Blue Star Marker is on Illinois Route 120 (Church Street) in the Sesquicentennial Park. From left: Brenda Dahlfors, Jodie Bailey, Mary Fran Madjak, president of the Woodstock Garden Club; and Elaine Showers. (Don Peasley photo).

program. Woodstock VFW Commander Bill Lyford led the VFW Honor Guard in presenting the colors and leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VFW Commander Bill Lyford led the VFW’s participation. VFW members included Dick Glawe, Arnie Doerfert, Fred Noble and Lyford. A Woodstock High School quartet composed of Clare Gre-

chis, Ariana Freeman and Laura Miller sang the National Anthem before the speaking portion of the program began.

Woodstock’s Blue Star Marker is located in Sesquicentennial Park on the north side (on Church Street). City of Woodstock has placed two trees by the marker to provide a beautiful setting for this historic memorial marker.

Members of the Midwest Antique and Classic Motorcycle Club (MACMC) present John Hansen (third from left) with a \$500.00 check to go towards the Boiler Fund. John is the Chairman of the Boiler Fund project, raising money for the replacement of the boiler system with a more efficient and updated boiling system. (Ralph Ritter photo).



Meeting dinner price increased

A motion was made and passed at the June 18 meeting to raise the price of dinner that is served before the VFW meeting. It would be raised to \$4.00, from current price of \$3.00. This dinner price has not been raised in many years. It was due for price increase to cover preparation / labor. Still a good deal for what members get on that night.

New year, milestones and a National win

By Matt Klos, *VFW News* Editor

Welcome to July. It's a new year for our Post as our Officers have been installed and the previous year officers have conducted their last meeting in



June. I want to thank all the VFW and Auxiliary officers for their dedication to the VFW over the past year. Each of you have helped to extend the life of your respective organizations and keep the organization involved in the community. It takes work and commitment to be an officer. It also takes some sacrifice in that you have to give up some (or a lot) of your time to keep the organization going.

Some of the officers coming into this year are brand new to the positions they have been elected to. Best of luck to you all and hope you learn something new this year about Post VFW leadership. For others of you that have held a leadership position in the Past, I hope that you can take your previous experience and apply it a step further to help guide the Post in the right direction over this next year.

Switching gears a little, this month of

July also marks a milestone in our *VFW News* history. Call it what you will: (Volume 53, Issue 1), the 625 issue, first for the new VFW year, etc. It is also my 5th year anniversary as Editor of the *VFW News*, taking over the editor position from Don Peasley in July 2002. My 60 completed issues pales in comparison to Don Peasley's 564 that he created (that's 47 years worth!). I really didn't think that I'd still be editor after five years. Anyone want a shot at this job? Ha, just kidding.

As a nice token to celebrate this "milestone", our Post was informed that for the 2007 VFW Publication Contest, not only did we take **1st place in the Department (State) Publication Contest** for Medium Post Category, we also took **1st place at the National Level**. This means our *VFW News* took 1st place in the Nation for the Medium Post category! The last time we placed nationally was in 2001 for 3rd place, 1999 for 2nd place, and 1985 for 1st place. While Don Peasley was Editor, the *VFW News* placed nationally 15 times (four times at 1st, five times at second, and six times at 3rd). This is the first time the *VFW News* has placed at all nationally with myself as editor.

This is an honor for me as well as the Post. Each year, I have submitted the publication for this contest and have to make a choice of one issue to enter from January to December. This year, I submitted the December 2006 issue which was 12 pages in length. However, I cannot take all the

credit for this. As Editor, I organize the content and layout of the newsletter, deciding what makes it in and what stays out. It takes a lot of writing to make each issue and with the help of different people each month, it all comes together. Looking back at the December issue, contributors such as Nyda Fogarty, Howard Engstrom, Mrs. Charles Mathey, and Dwayne Raney contributed about 12%, Don Peasley about 41%, and the rest was filled in by the Editor. This is joint effort, and I want to thank all of you for helping on this.

I especially want to thank Don Peasley too. He contributes a lot to this newsletter, taking pictures and writing stories. While a professional writer and historian, he is a VFW member and contributes his work as part of his philanthropy philosophy. Without his stories and pictures, there is a lot of "activity" that would not have been included in each newsletter.

For the record, I inquired to the Department Level and National Level of the number of entries that were submitted this year. At the Department (State) Level, for the Medium Post Category, there were five entries. Someone had to take first, right? At the National Level, there were 55 entries total for all Post categories.

One more thing: to my wife, thanks for helping label, tab, proof-read, and deliver the news letters to the Post Office each month. All your help makes a difference.

District pays dues for some lapsed memberships

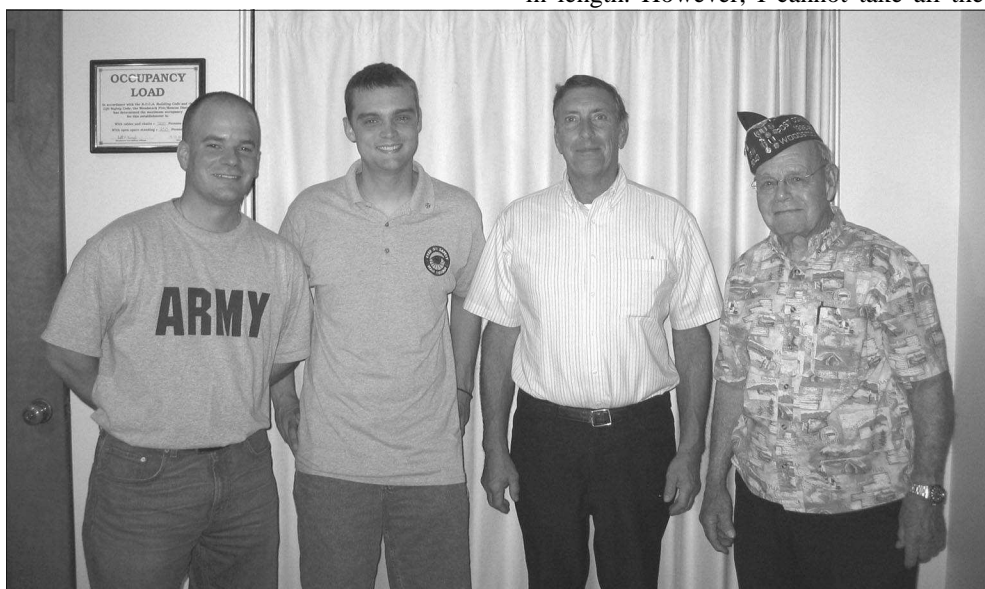
By Matt Klos, *VFW News* Editor

Some of the people receiving this newsletter may have been surprised to see the newsletter in their mailbox last month.

There were a handful (less than 30) that had let their dues lapse for the second year in a row and were removed from our Post address list. Some of these members were "reinstated" and their dues paid up for this year. When I asked the Quartermaster, Thom Gillespie, why the members had been reinstated why so many, Thom indicated that, "District had reinstated the members and paid their dues, not our Post."

So, this was a gift for some of you. Some of the reason behind this was to get the membership numbers up. In doing so, 5th district obtained 100% membership.

Currently 5th District is at 102.52% and Post 5040 is at 101.82% with 503 members. So, your names have been put back on the roster and you will be receiving the newsletter again.



New members of the VFW (from left): Chad Gibbs, 27, still active as a Sergeant in the Army, is stationed out of Ft. Carson, CO. He is a Light Armor Driver. He has been serving for five years and qualifies for the VFW with the Iraqi Freedom (Iraq Campaign Medal). Nick Nolan, 26, is a Navy veteran served from 1999-2005 as a Machinists Mate. Campaigns qualifying him for membership include Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan Campaign Medal) and Iraqi Freedom (Iraq Campaign Medal). Wayne Heidtke was in the Army from 1966-1969 and was a Plumber. Wayne qualifies for the VFW with his service in Vietnam from 1967-1968. Commander Bill Lyford swore the new members in at the June 18 meeting. (Matt Klos photo).



The Marine Corps League stays dry under the canopy while getting the corn roaster prepared for corn. This was one of several food stations set up in the VFW parking lot during Fair Diddley.

VFW parking lot food stop for Fair Diddley

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On Sunday, May 20, Woodstock held its Fair Diddley arts and craft fair, sponsored by the Mental Health Resource League for McHenry County. In the VFW parking lot, several organizations had set up to sell food. The McHenry County Marine Corps League sold brats, hot dogs, roasted sweet corn, baked potatoes and pop. The Dupage County Marine Corps League had a corn roaster which was the hit of the day.

The Jaycees were on hand serving hamburgers and cheeseburgers, nachos, fries, pop. Helping out with the Jaycees were Mark Adolphus, Paula Kohley, and Sara Hodges. Mark donated the use of a tent for food preparation and shelter from the elements. It rained a little this day, so good thing for the tent.

The VFW didn't sell any food, but instead provided the beer. It was estimated that about 200 people passed through the tent area and bought some kind of food or drink. About \$200 was taken in that day for beer sales that went into the VFW treasury.

Thanks to Bud Porter, Mike Lackey, John Hansen, Hank Engstrom who served beer and played VFW host to the public. Thanks to Ralph Ritter for setting up the beer lines and keg system. Also thank you to Pat Ritter and Brian Ritter for providing balloons for the tent area.

Donation made to family of local wounded soldier

The Midwest Antique and Classic Motorcycle Club (MACMC) has donated hundreds of dollars to VFW Post 5040 over the years to help fund our Post and its cause to help veterans. On Sunday, June 17, the Post showed its appreciation by giving back to the family of one of the donors from the MACMC.

Les and Lauri Joseph of Rockford, Treasurer and Board members of MACMC, have a son currently serving in Iraq. 27 year old Marine Staff Sergeant Matthew Joseph was wounded last year on May 10, 2006, taking shrapnel to the head. He recovered from this and remained stationed in Iraq.

While on duty on April 26, 2007, an IED flipped his Amphibious Assault vehicle which contained a crew of four. Two men were killed, two lucky men, including Matthew, survived. They both were severely injured in the explosion. Sid Sherwin, VFW member and MACMC member, told the story that "when Matthew surveyed the damage after the accident, he put his hand to his head thinking that the flipped vehicle had spilled oil on him. He quickly realized as he lowered his hand holding his ear that it was not oil at all."

The Joseph's were at the Post on Father's day and were presented a check for \$250 from the VFW by Sid Sherwin. Les said, "It is a special Father's day to have my son alive." He also reported that Matthew is recovering well. Anyone wishing to contact Matthew can do so at the following address:

Bill Lyford, left, stands next to Les and Lauri Joseph. Their son, Matthew, was severely hurt while in Iraq from an improvised explosive device (IED). Sid Sherwin, VFW member, presented a \$250 check to the Joseph's to be used to help Matthew who is still in Iraq and recovering. (Matt Klos photo).

SSGT. Joseph, Matthew M.
2D AABN A CO 3RD PLT
UNIT 73565
FPO AE 09509-3565

American Legion post elects officers

By Post 412 Adjutant Dwayne E. Raney

Woodstock American Legion Post 412 members re-elected their officers for the 2007-2008 year at the annual meeting held on June 11th, at the Woodstock VFW.

They are: William Urch, Post Commander; Richard D. Schroeder, Senior Vice Commander; Henry A. Nulle, Junior Vice Commander; and James D. Hodges, Finance Officer.

Commander-elect Urch reappointed Dwayne E. Raney to be the Adjutant as well as the Post Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Both Nulle and Raney are also members of the Woodstock VFW Post 5040.

Next American Legion Post 412 meeting will be Monday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m., in the clubrooms of the VFW.





Without the cooperation of these two schools as well as those who sponsor the candidates, the

American Legion 412 Boy's State chairman reports

By Post 412 Adjutant Dwayne E. Raney

Citations of appreciation were awarded to the following sponsors for their support of the American Legion's Premier Boys State of Illinois, in which they sponsored a young man at Boys State, held at Southern Illinois University in Charleston.

They include, John Harding of Harding Real Estate of Woodstock; the Woodstock Lions Club; the Woodstock VFW Post 5040; the Woodstock Dairy Queen; Ronald Steadman; Richard Schroeder; and the Peter Umatum Post 412 of Woodstock.

The eight young men attending Boys State were selected collectively from both Marian Central Catholic High School and the Woodstock High School.

local Boys State program can not a success.

The American Legion, Department of Illinois, has awarded certificates of participation again to both Laurie Kaminski, Woodstock High School secretary, and Julie Diamond, Marian Central Catholic High School guidance department secretary, for their continued assistance in recruiting candidates to attend Boys State.

The citations read, "in grateful recognition of meritorious service rendered to the youth of the state of Illinois, represented at Premier Boys State, by helping to develop an interest in and promoting an understanding of the role and function of government."

The Woodstock American Legion truly appreciates their efforts year after year. As American Legion Post 412 Boys State Chairman, I thank you very much.

Rise in Postal Rates translates to cost savings for Post

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

With the new postal rates in effect, I mentioned that there would be some changes to the way the newsletter was mailed. The only change you should have seen was that two paper tabs were put on the newsletter and possibly some of you received your newsletter faster than you normally do. Though relatively insignificant, those tabs on the newsletter mean a lot of dollar savings.

Looking at last months mailing of about 600 newsletters, if Postal rates did not change, it would have cost \$113.62 to mail the newsletters. With the Postal change in effect, here's what happens. Previously, the newsletters were mailed at a rate called "non-machinable", meaning that they had to be manually handled. Had no changes been made in how the newsletters are mailed, it would have cost \$167.16 to mail the same 600 newsletters last month. By adding tabs to each newsletter, the rate classification changes to "machinable" and the total cost we paid was \$94.20 to mail the 600.

So why didn't we use tabs before? Before the Postal rate change, the difference between the non-machinable and machinable classification was less than \$7.00 a month. Considering it takes an additional three man hours to put the perforated tabs on by hand and line them up correctly, it was not worth it the time and work for the little savings yield. Due to the changes in Postal regulations, the Post Office is making it very expensive to mail non-machinable letters. This means a savings of \$73.00 per month if we did not tab the newsletters. What about having the printer put the tabs on? Price starts at \$50.00, so this is not even an option.

With the new rates in effect, there really wasn't an option on what to do. We had to keep costs at or around the same price before the rate change. Lucky for us, the changes we made decreased our newsletter mailing expense by \$20.00 per month, which is good news. What about the price of tabs? 1,200 tabs cost about \$3.40 per month which is not too much.

Ok, this will probably be the last QM Report for the VFW News. Quartermaster Thom Gillespie said he had a May report to put in. Since technically June is the last month of the officers, we can get it in. July is another story.

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 June 30,2007				
FISCAL Quarter >>>	May			
POST 5040	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
1. Admin or App Fees	-\$144.00		\$185.00	-\$329.00
2. Nat & Dept Dues	\$742.25	\$5.75	\$3.00	\$745.00
3. POST Gen Fund	\$923.64	\$2,331.91	\$1,971.26	\$1,284.29
4. POST Relief Fund	\$3,057.95	\$5,126.32	\$415.70	\$7,768.57
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	\$896.25	\$5.75		\$902.00
6. Fly Flag Book Fund	\$1,687.81		\$350.00	\$1,337.81
7. Memorial Day Fund	\$1,956.11	\$773.00	\$589.14	\$2,139.97
8. Other in Post Account	\$5.10	\$14.00		\$19.10
9. Honor Guard	\$2,900.49			\$2,900.49
10. TV Fund / Boiler Fund	\$1,210.00	\$355.50	\$450.00	\$1,115.50
11. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	\$2,287.18	\$8,905.80	\$9,518.79	\$1,674.19
12. Post HOME Fund	\$5,963.89	\$150.00	\$3,263.34	\$2,850.55
13. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	\$1,827.82	\$100.00		\$1,927.82
14. Savings Account Interest	\$55.94			\$55.94
15. Raffel Account	\$2,562.55			\$2,562.55
Post and Association Totals:	\$25,932.98	\$17,768.03	\$16,746.23	\$26,954.78
Association Total	\$9,373.01	\$9,411.30	\$13,417.13	\$5,367.18
Post Total	\$16,559.97	\$8,356.73	\$3,329.10	\$21,587.60
Post Available	\$6,061.36	\$2,451.66	\$1,974.26	\$6,538.76
Operations				
Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances				
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	\$18,350.43	\$17,350.43
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	\$4,938.52	\$1,674.19
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	\$5,210.95	\$3,439.79
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acct	\$1,927.82	\$1,927.82
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$0.00	Raffel Acct	\$2,562.55	\$2,562.55
Value of Real Estate?	\$657,000.00	Uncleared checks	\$6,035.49	
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	Quicken Total	\$26,954.78
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$0.00	\$0.00	Bank Total	\$26,954.78

Memorial Day in Woodstock Square - 2007



John Hanson and Jim Clegg, getting ready for the parade and Memorial Day ceremony. (Ryan Klos photo).



Crowds gather in front of the main stage in the Square. (Ryan Klos photo).



The Woodstock VFW Rifle Squad takes a rest before the ceremony. Seats make it a lot easier on the squad, especially when hot. (Ryan Klos photo).



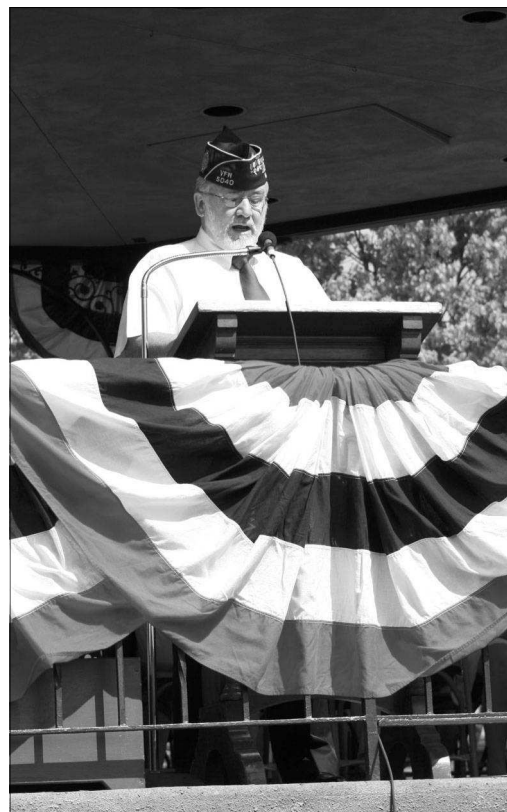
Henry Nulle (right), discussing with Bob Gibson of proper hand placement on the rifle. (Ryan Klos photo).



Distinguished participants at Woodstock's Memorial Day ceremony include Gay Belcher and Dick Schroeder, co-chairmen of the Memorial Day program; Betty Westphal, Gold Star Mother; and Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager. (Don Peasley photo).



These are key personalities to lead Woodstock's Memorial Day observance. From left: Charles Rakers, Marian Central principal, featured speaker; Ray Benoy and Gerald Donahue, parade marshals; and Alan Belcher, master of ceremonies. (Don Peasley photo).



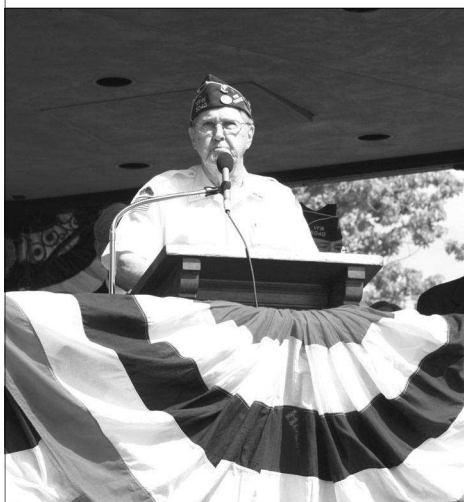
VFW member Alan Belcher, master of ceremony for Memorial Day 2007, opens the Memorial Day Ceremony. (Ryan Klos photo).



Moose Lodge Governor, Jerry Slack (right), presents a new flag to Mayor Brian Sager which will replace the flag flown in the Square. (Ryan Klos photo).

Nyda Fogarty, VFW Auxiliary President, carries a wreath to be placed on the Civil War Statue. She is assisted by Jim Gehrke and followed by Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager. (Ryan Klos photo).

VFW 5040 Chaplain, Howard Engstrom, gives the invocation. (Ryan Klos photo).



"God Bless the USA" sung by Hanna Morgan. (Ryan Klos photo).





Bob Gibson and Dick Glawe fold the flag that is replaced by the new flag given to the Mayor Sager by Moose Lodge President Jerry Slack. The retired flag will be placed on the Civil War statue. (Ryan Klos photo).



VFW Auxiliary President Nyda Fogarty read General Logan's Orders. (Ryan Klos photo).

Flag placed by Mayor Brian Sager and wreath placed by VFW President Nyda Fogarty adorn the Civil War statue in Woodstock Square. (Ryan Klos photo).



The American's Creed, recited by Clay School Rhetta Bates. (Ryan Klos photo).



Three volleys are fired by Woodstock VFW Rifle Squad, a salute the dead of all wars, as Woodstock's Memorial Day ceremony comes to a close. (Ryan Klos photo).



Gettysburg Address recited by Clay School fifth grader, Taylor Aellig. (Ryan Klos photo).



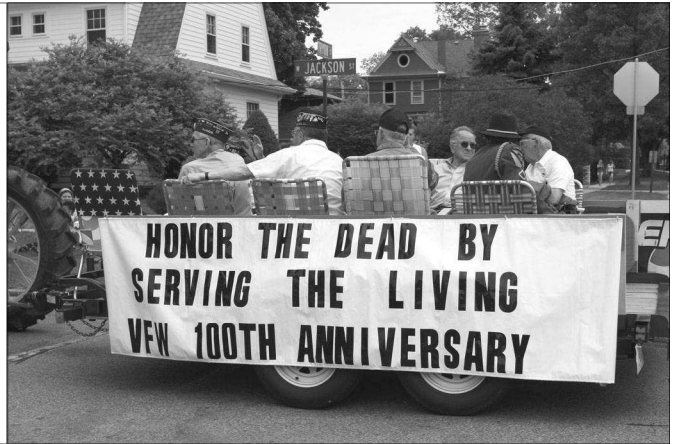
American Legion Chaplain and VFW member Dwayne Raney gives the closing prayer. (Ryan Klos photo).

Firing squad salutes as Taps is played. (Ryan Klos photo).

Families, friends, and observers eagerly await the parade floats. (Ryan Klos photo).



Veterans were encouraged to ride in the parade. (Ryan Klos photo).



VFW member (driver) John Hansen and VFW member Wes Orcutt (passenger) ride a vintage jeep float in the parade. (Ryan Klos photo).



Leading the parade, from left, is Alan Belcher, Hank Enstrom, Sid Sherwin, and Matt Klos. (Ryan Klos photo).

Parade Marshal Ray Benoy, VFW 5040 member, rides in his convertible. (Ryan Klos photo).



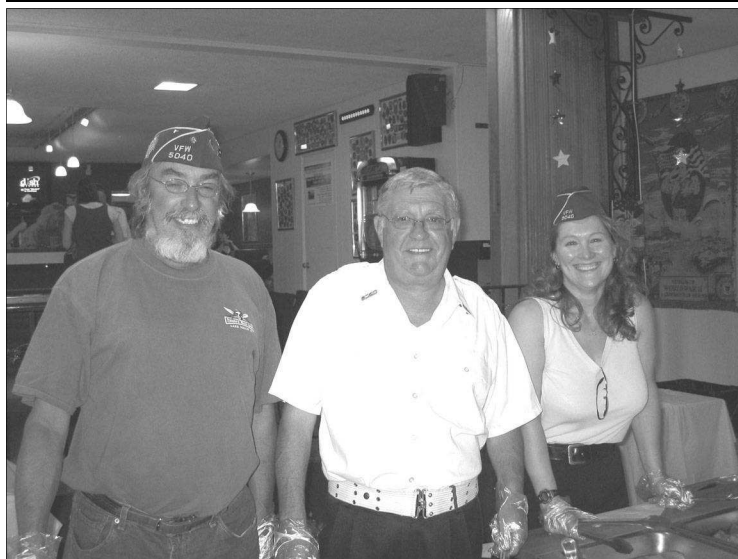
American Ex-Pow of All Wars float. (Ryan Klos photo).



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1	2 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm	3 Jaycees 7 pm	4  Independence Day	5 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	6 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	7 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
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29	30	31	1 Wednesday Dinner Specials: BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	2 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	3 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	4 Saturday Raffle 4 pm



Lunch after the parade is served by VFW 5040 members Mike Lackey, Hank Enstrom, and Anne Brophy. (Matt Klos photo).



From the Editor's desk

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Whew! What an issue. I wasn't planning on 12 pages this month, but since Memorial Day is such big event, I thought I'd try to share some of the day with you all. I will try to get these pictures out to the website in the near future. Thanks go out to my brother **Ryan Klos** for taking a lot of these. Also, hold **August 25** open. The VFW is planning a **Brat and Corn fest with beer garden**. Mike David and Ralph Ritter are chairing this. More information to follow next month. Have a great 4th of July, Comrades!

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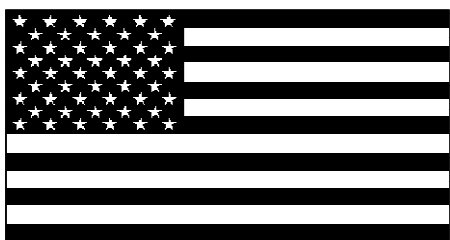

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