



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Past Commander Charles "Chuck" Gehrke, age 64, dies

By Matt Klos

We say farewell to another comrade among our ranks, and one that was very active in our Post for many years.

As printed in the Northwest Herald, "...Gehrke, 64, of Woodstock, died Sunday, August 26, 2007...He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970, serving in Vietnam. He was a machinist at Union Special in Huntley for many years. He was a member and past governor of Woodstock Moose Lodge No. 1329...He umpired for Woodstock Girls Softball and Woodstock Little League for 20 years."

Chuck served as Post Commander in 1975 and 1979. He was married to Christine Gehrke who is serving as Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary for 2007-2008.

Our sympathies to wife Christine and brother Jim. Chuck will certainly be missed by all. He was a regular attendee of the monthly VFW meetings and liked to help out in fundraising.



Charles Gehrke, pictured on the back cover of the August 1979 issue of the VFW News. Chuck was serving for a second time as Commander of the VFW Post 5040 when this picture was taken.

Pork Chop Sandwich Day, Saturday October 6, 12-6 pm

Come on down to the Post for a bite to eat on Saturday, October 6. Pork chops are going to be grilled and served with beans and fries. The meal will be \$6.00 and pints of Miller Lite sold for \$2.00.

This lunch/dinner is aimed at raising funds for the painting of the outside of our Post. Besides the back wall of our Post being vandalized with graffiti, the existing paint is blistering terribly and needs to be hand scraped before painting. We are recruiting painters, but now need some funds for the paint.

Please stop by for this fund raiser.

You responded: yes, we do read it

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Well, I had a great response to last months editorial. I got several mailed letters, a couple of phone calls, and some emails.

Lots of encouragement from many of you. Here are some of your thoughts:

- Jerry R.: Enjoys newsletter and reads each issue. Interested in 5040 Club. Willing to pay \$3 a year for newsletter.
- Kurt K.: Grandfather was a past commander and remembers handing out poppies with grandfather 30 years ago.

Loves getting each issue. Newsletter lets him know what is going on with the Post. Hopes to get involved more with the Post when he retires from Navy.

- Susan B.: Daughter of Past Commander and now lives in Texas. She doesn't get to the post often, but having the newsletter brings some of Woodstock down south. Would pay \$3, even as much as \$10. Misses the flashback stories that were sometimes printed in the paper.
- Betty T.: Enjoys the newsletter each month and says the \$100 amount for the 5040 Club is a small amount over the course of the year. "The newsletter is top notch and very well put together."
- Vernon K.: Was a little upset with the story complaining about funds, but did send me a newsletter for Veterans of Underage Military Service to help me get ideas for saving money. Thanks, Vernon! (www.oldvums.com)
- Al B.: Said I could remove him from the mailing list if I could email him the newsletter. Also said that we need a way to support our advertisers (e.g. don't want to unnecessarily remove anyone off the list - our advertisers count on reaching out to this list.)
- Dan H.: Reads the newsletter every month. Newsletter does a "fine job of keeping vets posted on past, present, and future events." Donated \$100 for VFW 5040 Club, \$40 for turkey raffle, and \$10 for mailing expenses. Thanks Dan!

See RESPONSES, next page.

			
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**Ladies Auxiliary
from the President**

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2007-2008

I want to thank everyone who donated to our bakeless bake sale recently. It was a good turn out and certainly helped our treasury with the expenses we have. This is one of the few ways to make any money for the Auxiliary.

Our November 1st meeting will be held up stairs as the downstairs will be used for a party. We cannot take the space when the Post needs to make any money that they can. Plans will be made at that time for the annual Christmas dinner and party.

I appreciate all the help from Chris Gehrke and the Commander Mike David for the planning for our 60th Anniversary party and dinner held on September 29. It was unfortunate that other dinners were going on the same night especially in the District. I also want to thank Don Peasley for his publicity in the local papers about our celebration and historical facts and pictures.

Our District President Sylvia Wilvert came to our Oct. meeting and did her annual inspection. Our potluck dinner turned out real well and we also had the company of our Junior Past District President, Lorraine Anderson from Elgin Post 1307 and Sylvia's daughter.

Our sympathy certainly goes out to Chris Gehrke and her family and to brother Jim and family this past month with the death of our long time member of the Post Chuck Gehrke. Chuck was a Past Commander twice and was always attending the Post meetings. He also was a former Governor of the local Moose Lodge and very active in that Lodge. He certainly will be missed by everyone.

The second District meeting will be held on November 4 in Antioch.

Don't forget to fly your flag on Veteran's Day and come to the Post for our observance outside in the Parking Lot.

Responses

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- Marion M.: Enjoys the newsletter and thinks its well put together.
- Ron F.: Enjoys reading the newsletter. Daughter in Wood Dale that belongs to a VFW Post there started a Post newsletter. Ron mentioned that this year due to costs, they were beginning to charge membership \$5 to keep the paper copy going, or they could get it online. Number of mailed newsletters went from over 700 down to 125. The Post sent out notice to members that if they didn't respond, they'd be dropped.
- Pat G.: Her and her husband enjoy the newsletter and would be willing to help out by calling people to see if they still wanted the

✠ Chaplains report ✠

By Pete Lockinger, Chaplain Assistant

Our thoughts are with Jack Fish as he recovers from surgery and a recent heart attack. Jack did a lot of weekly janitorial work at the Post, so his services will be greatly missed.

The Post is getting by, but we miss you Jack! Get well soon.

Ed Bauman is in room 207 at Valley Hi Nursing Home. He would appreciate some visits from his old friends. Please call first, (815)-334-4298.

Sick List:

- Ed Bauman
- Jack Fish
- Ken Korst
- Ed Lange
- Marian Engstrom
- Bob Loomis
- Cas Polizzi
- Hank Nulle
- Otis Setser

Draped Charter: The charter will be draped in October for those members that have passed away recently. The Charter was not draped in September.

newsletter. Willing to help out in any way needed. Both have been longtime, active members. "Keep up the good work."

- Dwayne R.: "VFW Post 5040 & Auxiliary, who cannot, and for those who just do not attend monthly meetings, are entitled to know what is or is not going on at - period!... keep it newsy and informative, to the best of your ability which you continue to do month after month."
- Don S.: Comment to me at the meeting which is so true: you just can't remove people from the mailing list because this affects all other mailings that may go out (e.g. person doesn't get a newsletter all year and then raffle tickets show up, asking for donation. What message does this send to that person?)
- Chad G.: Although living out of state, this Iraq vet who received wounds from the war last year decided he really wanted to help out. "I've always loved the Post and enjoyed all the time I've spent there and the friendship I've been shown whenever I drop in and I think this would be the perfect way to give back since I cant pitch in in person." So, Chad sent in \$100 for the 5040 Club and \$600 for the newsletter (\$300 went to the mailing, \$300 went to printing). Thanks so much Chad!

I want to thank all those that responded and gave me feedback. It was great to know that some of you are thinking about

October 2007

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


Closed	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	2 Jaycees 7 pm	3	4 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	5 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	6 Pork Chop Sandwich Day: 12-6pm Meal: \$6.00 Pints Miller Lite: \$2.00 Beans and fresh cut fries Eat outside in big tent or inside Post Fundraiser to paint outside of the Post
7 War on Terror Begins (2001)	8 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm Columbus Day	9	10 Cub Scouts - 7 pm	11	12 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm	13 Saturday Raffle 4 pm U.S. Navy Established (1775)
14	15 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for November 2007 VFW News items	16 Jaycees 7 pm	17 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	18 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	19 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm	20 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	27 Navy Day Saturday Raffle 4 pm Halloween Dinner Dance Fundraiser presented by A Soldiers Wish Foundation 6pm - 1am \$25 per person Info: 877-447-2433
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	2 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	3

this. So, where do we go from here? I think things will stay the same going forward for the time being. I'll keep plugging along and feeding you, the membership, information. You'll keep getting the newsletter. No worries for now. ☺

By the way, sorry for the short newsletter. Didn't have a lot of news this month and didn't want to "s-t-r-e-t-c-h" it out. We have some activities coming up in the next several months, so hopefully the next few issues will pack a little more information.

See you next month. Oh, and don't forget to send your Turkey Raffle stubs in with your money! *Editor, Matthew Klos*

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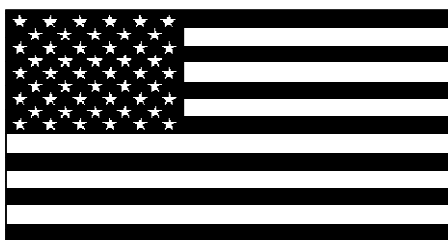

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