



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



Don't forget about the Sweetheart Fun Night on February 9, 2008. This should be a lot of fun and something different that the Post hasn't really done before.

Planned Events and Food:

- Live music by the duo Talisman
- Lightning Raffle will be played
- 50/50 raffle in addition to the main raffle
- Chicago Style Italian Beef and Sausage, \$6.00
- and more!

Fun starts at 5:00 pm and goes to 10:30 pm or later.

The VFW has mailed out books of raffle tickets. Each ticket is \$2.00, a book for \$20. Buy a few or the whole book of 10.

Main raffle prizes:

- \$500.00 First prize**
- \$250.00 Second prize**
- \$50.00 Third prize**

Funds raised will support various Post maintenance projects.

On this night also, **Lightning Raffle** will be played. **What is this you ask?** I had the same question. It sounds pretty fun and easy to play.

This is a raffle game that plays kind of like bingo. Since I was not familiar with this game, I had Ralph Ritter explain it to me. Each game of Lightning plays pretty quickly over the course of several minutes, and its not that hard to learn. For

each game, there will be 150 cards sold at \$1.00 each card. Each card is about the size of a pull-tab game card if you are familiar with these. The card, when opened, reveals three numbers. For each series of Lightning (Ralph said there would be five or six series played) there will be a different set of colored lightning cards (e.g. the cards you buy are only good for one series of play).

After the cards are sold for a series, a bingo cage full of balls numbered "1" through "66" will be turned, and individual balls will be pulled. If the three numbers on your card(s) are called out during the course of the game, you win (check the night of the game, but I think you have to yell out "Lightning" if you win.)

The balls are pulled and called out fairly quickly and there is always a winner

for each series.

You can buy as many cards as you like, so long as they are available. The winner of the series will be paid out in a 50/50 split of the series. Half the money sold in a series goes to the house, half to the winner (s). In some cases there may be a lone winner in a series, others there might be several.

This is something relatively new that the Post is trying. If there is interest in it, we might have more of these Lightning raffles in the future, such as at special events or Friday night dinners.

Also remember, if you have not turned in your pink raffle tickets please drop them off at the Post. Likely by the time you get this newsletter, it will be too late to mail them.

## Spaghetti dinner and auction: March 1

Coming up at the beginning of March will be the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm and auction at 7:00 pm. Mike Lackey, Jr. Vice Commander, is chairing this event. In preparation for this auction, the Post is looking for local retailers who would like to donate new items to be auctioned off. Also, if some of you have some old artwork (painting's, vase's, etc.) that you're tired of seeing in your home and would like to donate for this auction, please contact Mike Lackey.



For those retailers wishing to donate, the Post will provide a tax number for their donated item and as an incentive, the retailer will be given an ad in this newsletter, free for one month.

Woodstock Mayor, Brian Sager, will be volunteering his time as auctioneer this night. Any questions, please contact Mike Lackey at (815)-337-8255.

## Results of blood drive January 20, 2008

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

We had a very successful blood drive this year considering the cold weather we experienced on January 20. Heartland Blood Center, the blood collection agency, expected about 18 donations. However, we exceeded this expectation with a total of 30 people who came to donate. From this, 20 people donated a single unit of blood, and three people donated a "double-red" donation (red cell Apheresis which counts as two units of blood). In total, 26 units of blood were collected. Even after the drive ended at about 12:15 pm, several potential donors came to the

Post wanting to donate blood, but we just ran out of time as the Heartland had already packed up the bus.

There were several volunteers this day, helping out to screen people, cook pancakes, run the bar, etc. A big "Thank you" to Commander Mike David (bar), Larry Dohm (kitchen), Alan Belcher (kitchen), Charlie Mathey (cashier), Fred Noble, Sid Sherwin (cooking), Howard Engstrom, and chairman John Mencotti (donor sign in). Thanks also to the Heartland Blood team who braved the frigid weather and drove the collection bus to the Post: Team Lead Adrian Fis, Veronica Rios, LeMarcus Nobles, and Joe Neu.

(See page 3 for pictures from the drive.)

# Ladies Auxiliary: from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2007-2008

Due to illness and lack of a quorum for the January meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the meeting was cancelled.

We have lost another of our long time members the week of January 14, June Sarbaugh. She was the sister of one of the members, Phyllis Reed. June used to come to our Christmas parties and potlucks and we always hoped she would bring one of her wonderful pies as she was known to make. June had a very large family and we certainly extend our sympathy to all of them.

In case you have not sent in dues for this year we want to inform you that this is long over due. The current year will be over on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Please send them to Barb Gehrke.

Barb and Chris Gehrke attended the Voice of Democracy District banquet in Antioch this past month.

As Americanism chairman of the Auxiliary, I want everyone to not forget to vote on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately in Illinois you have to declare yourself as to which party you want to vote for. Some states recognize independent voters and others, such as Wisconsin, you can vote for anyone you want.

Mark Adolphus, a good friend of the Post, has helped in a number of volunteer efforts and lends a hand whenever he can. (Matt Klos photo).

## Friend of the Post: Mark Adolphus

By Mike David and Matt Klos

When it comes to running an organization such as the VFW and the VFW Post home, it takes many volunteers helping out to get things done. We all know, volunteers are hard to come by. Many people that help out at the Post are either members, on the payroll, they know someone at the Post etc. Some people volunteer their time because they are part of a committee that is using the hall for a special event or they just want to help out where ever they can.

One such person that has spent a lot of time at the Post to volunteer is Mark Adolphus. Mark is not a member of the Post and cannot become a member. However, this does not stop Mark from volunteering. Mark has been around the Post for many years. He's made a lot of friends through the Post and feels that the VFW is an organization that has a lot to offer its members. Even if not a member, the next best thing is just being a friend of the Post.

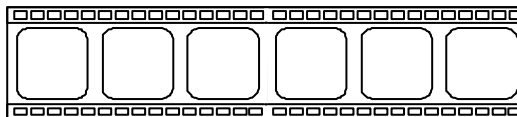
You probably have seen Mark at the Post and have read about some of the volunteer work he does through this newsletter. He has helped with things such as electrical hookups, security systems at the Post, clean up, etc. Just recently he upgraded the security system at the Post, installing an \$800 package for free. Why? Because he cares about the VFW.

A local resident and member of the Jaycees, Mark is one of those people that just jumps at the opportunity to help out. Tickets get printed for an event, Mark is eager to help sell some to people he knows and to Jaycee members. Someone mentions that something in the kitchen or back room is not working and Mark is already trying to figure out what's wrong with it. That's just the way he is.

Several times last year, Mark has offered the VFW use of a large tent that he owns for outside grilling events, such as the time in August during the Brat Fest and the Pork Chop dinner in October.

Our Post appreciates the work of Mark very much and is lucky to have him as a friend of the Post.

Thanks for all your work, Mark!

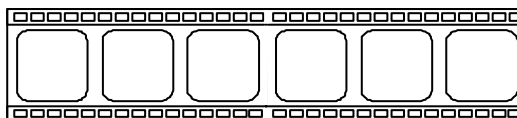


## 16MM FILM CANIS- TER FOUND AT VFW; RUMORS SPECU- LATE CONTENTS

While looking for Christmas decorations in the upstairs storage area, an old canister of 16mm film was found hidden among some old boxes. One of our Post members who specializes in video equipment had the means to view the film. From the contents, it looks like footage from the 1940's to 50's of Post activities, parades, bowling team, dances, etc. It runs about 45 minutest to an hour.

Although it has no sound, there has been some interest from local historical organizations to turn this over for their collections. Before this is even considered, it would have to go before our membership for a vote.

On the night of the Sweetheart Raffle, the film (which was transferred to DVD), will be played on the bar area TV's for viewing. This will be the only public showing for now. If you want to see some of the old footage and maybe some familiar by-gone faces, mark February 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come out for the Sweetheart Raffle.



## Remembering Frieda Hinner

Last month it was noted that Frieda Hinner, a longtime Auxiliary member, passed away at Valley Hi Nursing Home on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 98½. Mike Korst, grandson of Frieda Hinner, sends a "thank you" to those who made donations to the VFW in lieu flowers. The Post would like to recognize and thank Mike's family (Mike, Deb, Kelly and Christopher Korst) and also Ray and Ginny Schultz for their memorial contributions.

Fondly remembering his grandmother, Mike mentioned that, "Frieda always enjoyed attending the Fish Fry at the club and was a regular contributor to and shopper at the 'Soup to Nuts' sale."

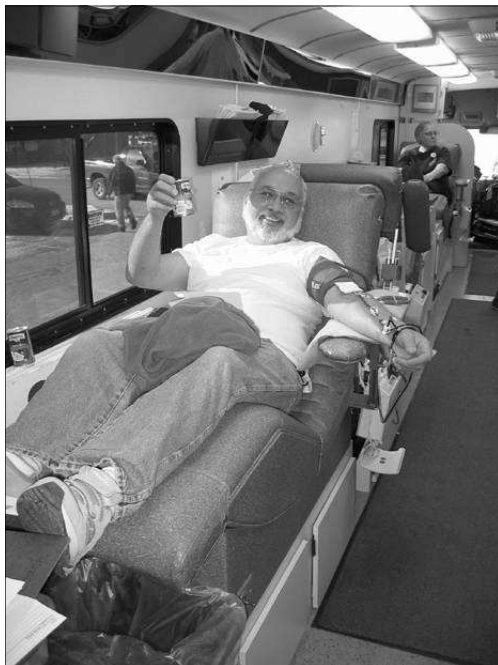
Our sympathies go out to Frieda's family, as she will be missed by VFW Post 5040 and Ladies Auxiliary.

# Fourth Annual VFW Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast, January 20, 2008

Blood donors Linda Lewis (left) and Sue Flemming (right), are monitored by Heartland Team Lead Adrian Fis. (Matt Klos photo).



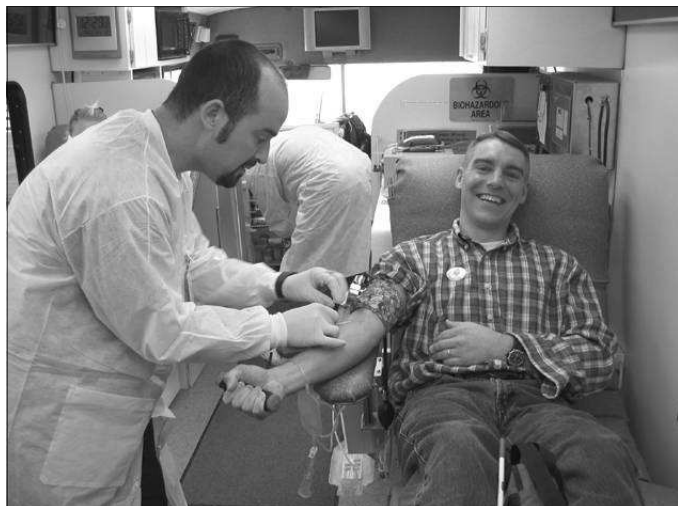
Some of the volunteers that helped with the blood drive on January 20, 2008. Sid Sherwin (left) started the January blood drive in 2004. This year he was helping out cooking pancakes. John Mencotti, this year's chairman, helped with donor sign in, Charlie Mathey was the cashier, and Larry Dhom worked in the kitchen. (Matt Klos photo).



Ralph Ritter holds up a can of juice, replenishing some of his liquids as he gives a "double-red" donation. Red Cell Apheresis separates red cells and plasma while your blood is being drawn, unlike whole blood donations where blood components are separated later in the process. Donors can donate every 16 weeks when doing a "double red" donation. (Matt Klos photo).



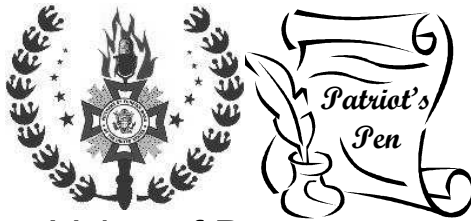
Dawn Ritter, daughter-in-law of Ralph Ritter, last blood donor of the day, is attended by LeMarcus Nobles. This was Dawn's first time giving blood. See Dawn, its not that bad. (Matt Klos photo).



One of Heartland Blood Center's mobile donation coaches. (Matt Klos photo).

They wanted to take a picture of me, the VFW News editor, because I'm always hiding behind the camera. My 63 pint draw performed by Adrian Fis. (Matt Klos photo).





## Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contest winners recognized

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

The 2007/08 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners and their families were treated to a spaghetti dinner on January 21 at the Post. VFW chairman Mike Lackey and Ladies Auxiliary chairwoman Chris Gehrke were the primary judges this year for the student oratory and essay contests.

The Patriot's Pen is a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the annual contest. Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme, which for this year was "Why I am an American Patriot".

Receiving a \$100 savings bond in the Patriot's Pen, the winner from our Post this year was Taylor Pichen, 13, a seventh grader from Northwood Middle School in Woodstock.

The Voice of Democracy (VOD), endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The annual contest, which is designed to foster patriotism, allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme, which for this year was "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans".

There were two winners this year in the VOD contest and each was given a \$150 savings bond. Stephanie Koerner, 18, is a Senior at Huntley High School. She will be attending University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall, majoring in Education with an emphasis as a secondary math teacher. Megan Keiber, 17, is a senior at Harvard High School. She will be attending Illinois State University this fall and is currently undecided in her major.

After the dinner, the students and their families were invited upstairs to be recognized by the VFW membership before the formal VFW meeting. After making the

announcement of the winners and giving them their bonds, the students were in for a little surprise. I don't think we had done this in the past, but someone in the audience requested that the essays be read aloud by the students themselves.

Only two of the three transcripts were available to read, but the students took the suggestion in stride. The two VOD winners, Stephanie and Megan, each read their essays. Understandably a little nervous standing in front of about 35 people to read their essays, the students did a wonderful job and all three were given a standing ovation by the Post members.

Although the essays from our Post did

not place at the District 5 Level which would allow their essays to move up to the higher judging levels, the winning students from all the VFW posts in District 5 were invited to a District dinner to recognize their participation.

In the Past, some of you reading the newsletter probably have asked the question of "what did the essays say?". New for this year, I am including the essays in the newsletter on this and the following pages and will also be putting them on website.

Thank you to all the participants in this years contests and their families for their support.



Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen co-chairman Chris Gehrke, Ladies Auxiliary Secretary and Jr. Vice Commander Mike Lackey, present savings bonds and participation certificates to this years VOD and Patriot's Pen winners. From left to right, Chris Gehrke, Stephanie Koerner, a Senior at Huntley High School, Taylor Pichen, a seventh grader at Northwood Middle School, Woodstock, Megan Keiber, a Senior at Harvard High School and Mike Lackey. Presentation was made on January 21, 2008 before the monthly VFW meeting. (Matt Klos photo).

## Voice of Democracy: "My Role in Honoring American Veterans"

by Stephanie Koerner  
Senior, Huntley High School

In August 2001, my family and I visited Washington DC to get a better understanding of the feelings of democracy that those serving the great United States of America felt. The memorials all hold a special reverence and pristine quality that I have never experienced any other place that I have visited. On August 11, 2001, we were actually at Arlington National Cemetery. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is especially serene. Even with hundreds of people visiting the tomb, there is a silent

reverence surrounding the entire area of the tomb. It still brings chills to me whenever I think of the fact that these brave soldiers earned the honor of protecting this very special tomb. It is obvious that they so clearly realize the sacrifice and courage these men endured for our country. The rows of white tombstones at Arlington is a strong reminder of those who gave their lives to protect the freedom and democracy of our great nation.

As Veterans Day again approaches, I look forward to veterans speaking at our school. They have such interesting stories to share with us about their lives - it is intriguing. This holiday falls on the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. As today I hear of all the tragedy and killing happening over-

seas, I worry about how close to the next world war we are. And still, the diligence and drive of these young men and women protecting our country is astounding.

To be completely honest, I feel that I can never come close to honoring these American heroes to the level that they should be honored. They are willing to risk their lives for the safety and freedom of all Americans. It takes a special individual to possess the amount of dedication and drive that is necessary to join and serve in the armed forces, and I say "God bless you" to all of them. Yes, God Bless America. I am so tired of hearing that God should not be included in the schools. There is a school in my area that actually banned the singing of the song "God Bless America" at an event because the word God was in the song and it actually offended some people. That is a major part of the problem with the country, God is not allowed to be praised, sung in songs, or glorified for all that he has given to each of us. As each soldier fights with all his might, I feel that I can at the very least stand tall as I say the "Pledge of Allegiance", sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" with pride, and remember what this country was founded on "In God we trust". I could never give a big enough "thank you" to the men and women who serve for my family, my neighbors, and the generations to come.

## Patriot's Pen: "Why I am an American Patriot"

by Taylor Pichen, Grade 7, Northwood  
Middle School, Woodstock

What is a patriot? A patriot is someone who loves and supports his country. I am an American patriot. I love America and all it fights for. Since I love my country and I want to keep it as it is, I support it and keep it clean.

One Saturday morning my brother was playing Medal of Honor, a war game. I asked him, "How can you stand to play such a violent and awful game?" He simply replied, "It was only something that soldiers are going through now and what veterans went through." I never thought of it that way. Just then I realized I was taking our freedom for granted. If the soldiers and veterans hadn't fought, would I be here today? Would I be able to walk the streets alone? Would I have been allowed to receive an education? These are questions American patriots should ask themselves.

There are several things I have done

and will continue doing to help our country and its people grow more prosperous. I have participated in community clean-ups, donated to charity, volunteer work, and every Christmas my family participates in delivering gifts and Christmas dinners to less fortunate people. There are so many opportunities for everyone to help our country. You can participate by volunteering in a veteran's hospital, in homeless shelters, or volunteer to help towns that have been struck by natural disasters. If you disagree with the government laws and would like to voice your opinion, you can write to the government suggesting ways to change them.

United States of America is a great country. This country will always be my home. I love America because it is the land of the free. There is almost no other country that will let you be any religion you want, except for America. As long as you are in the U.S. you can be any religion you choose.

I know that I'm lucky to have such a great place to live, and never will I take it for granted. I thank all those who fought for us and who are still fighting. You are my inspiration to be brave and remain patriotic. "The land of the free and the home of the brave." Those eleven words ring true in describing America. I am an American patriot, are you?

## Voice of Democracy: "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans"

by Megan Keiber  
Senior, Harvard High School

The most significant way I honor the United States of America's veterans is by living the example of a person who knows her freedoms and liberties were paid for with the price of sacrifices made by veterans throughout our country's history. I can never remember a time in my family when I was growing up where there was a negative word spoken about the veterans of the United States of America. In fact, one my grandfather's proudest memories is when, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he asked his parents if he could quit high school in his senior year. He asked if they would sign for him to enlist in the Navy to go fight in the war to keep our country free. As a little girl, I remember watching parades sitting with my parents when the honor guards would come marching down the street with the American flag, and we would always stand up and put our hands over our hearts. Even though there have been times that I've heard disagreements

about governmental policies and certain politicians, I've only heard words of gracious praise for the men and women who dedicated themselves to serve our country in the military. My experience has always been to have respect for those who dedicated, sacrificed, and ultimately died for our liberty. I express much gratitude towards the future, present, and past veterans of the United States of America.

When the military recruiters come to my school, I always encourage them. The recruiters always set up a table outside the main office and talk to people about joining the military. One day, a Marine came to my high school and told the story of his training and how long it took. He talked about the grueling 12 week basic training that he had to endure. He said those weeks were the hardest time in his entire life. Standing there listening to his story made me more appreciative of all who serve. I've always been amazed at all the opportunities the military presents my generation and generations to come. I am very respectful of the veterans who are in the military, and I thank them for their service. I honor veterans by encouraging future veterans to serve our country with dignity as generations before them have.

I show support of the young and middle aged veterans who have sacrificed so much to insure our country's safety. One beautiful Sunday afternoon, I was at my grandparent's house, and they wanted to take my mother, my father, and me to a unique veteran's memorial. We drove 10 miles from my grandparent's home in Marseilles, Illinois. Just off the main highway we turned into a beautiful park like setting where the memorial was built several yards from the flowing Illinois River. The memorial consisted of several large, gray, granite stones with hundreds of names carved into them. All of the carved names were those of brave men and women who had fought and died in the Middle East over the last decade. Many Americans are unaware of how great the sacrifices have been during this time. At the base of one of the stones was a pair of army boots filled with concrete. The boots were those of a soldier who had died fighting for America. The minute I saw those, I better understood the ultimate sacrifice that many of our veterans have made.

I've attended many Memorial Day parades where the World War II veterans proudly wear their hats with pins and ribbons. One of my heroes is my grandfather who served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater on a boat named the LST 633.

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I honor him by listening to his stories and experiences. He dropped out of high school and joined the Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

My family and I recently had lunch with my grandparents, and my grandfather was talking about the trip my grandmother and he took to the Hawaiian Islands 30 years after World War II was over. He had the opportunity to go and stand at the memorial of the USS Arizona. When he started telling the story, he looked away, and I could tell that he had tears on his face. My grandmother spoke up and said that one of his childhood friends had been on the Arizona when it was bombed. As children, they lived across the street from one another, and frequently played basketball, baseball, and any other game they

could come up with to pass the time. Upon hearing the news of his good friend's death, he wasted no time in enlisting. His friend's death gave him an added determination to join the military and especially the Navy. All of his experiences and stories that he has to tell, make me feel very appreciative of those who fought for the United States of America.

At the memorial in Marseilles, there was a picture of a soldier. My grandfather looked at it and said, "I don't know who you would've become, but I know who you are - you are definitely a hero in my book." He looked up into the sky and shook his head as he walked back to the car. For me, honoring America's veterans comes down to showing respect for the sacrifices they've made. Those sacrifices enable us to experience life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am forever grateful.



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Deep fried turkey, hash browns, baked beans, coleslaw, roll & butter




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

Hello, Post 5040. Welcome to the February issue of the *VFW News*. I am hoping that this issue reaches you before some of the key dates you see on the calendar on the next page. If things go well with the printer and we can get this to the Post office in time, we'll be in good shape.

First off, I want to thank Woodstock Harley Davidson, located at routes 14 & 47 in Woodstock, for taking an ad out this year in our newsletter. I hope to have a few more advertisers come on board soon as well. We appreciate all our advertisers for the contributions they make and encourage our members to use their services.

Next on the list. I was informed through one of the VFW members that the widow of a recent VFW member wanted to keep receiving the *VFW News* because she enjoyed keeping up with what was happening with the Post. Because her husband had died, the newsletter was no longer being delivered. If you know of someone in this situation, tell them to please contact me. For a yearly \$6.00 donation earmarked for the news letter funds we can put a spouse back on the list.

You may notice a little change to the newsletter as far as format this month. I just wanted to try something a little different. When I was looking at the newsletter last month, I thought, "How many people just rip open the tabs without really looking at the back of the newsletter besides the address label?" I also thought that maybe some bullets about what's in the newsletter might en-

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 <i>Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary: 61 years 1947-2008</i>	30	31	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm <i>National Freedom Day</i>	2 Saturday Raffle 4 pm <i>Groundhog Day</i>
3	4 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	5  <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	8 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm <i>Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)</i>	9 <b>Sweetheart Fun Night</b> - Lightning Raffle - Live music: Talisman - Italian Beef and Sausage -\$6.00 Fun starts at 5pm and goes until ???
10	11 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 Cub Scouts - 7 pm	14  <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>	15 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm	16 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
17	18 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. <b>Deadline for March 2008 VFW News items</b> <i>George Washington's Birthday Observed (Presidents' Day)</i>	19	20 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	21 <b>Turkey Fry: 5-8 pm</b> Deep Fried Turkey and fixings. \$6.00 per person/plate. Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	22 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
24	25	26 Jaycees 7:30 pm	27	28	29 Friday Dinner Special: Chef's Pick (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	1 <b>Spaghetti Dinner and Auction</b> Dinner at 6pm Auction at 7pm Donated new items from local retailers and individuals will be auctioned.

courage people to check out what's inside. Another thought was having our VFW and Ladies Auxiliary officers listed on the back page to serve as a quick reference as well.

As you can see by the calendar on this page, the VFW has several events planned over the month. Even if you cannot get out to them all, come out for at least one to help support the VFW. Don't forget, we are open to the public.

Last on my list of items. Hopefully by the time you read this some new changes will be posted to the VFW 5040 website. On my train rides home from work each night for the past several weeks I've been trying to put some additional information on some new pages (such a charter member listings and officer history), changing some of the screen menus, formatting some of the pages differently, etc. Not a big site overhaul, but more like a mid-winter cleanup.

I guess when I started the website changes it just carried over into the newsletter as well. Well, until next month, stay warm where ever you are and have a great February!

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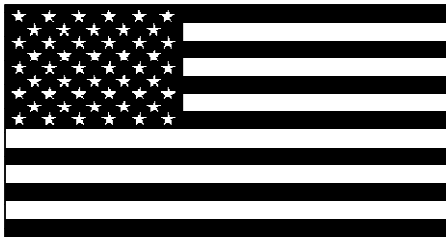
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- Result's of the Blood Drive
- Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners transcripts
- Old film found
- More columns inside...

### Upcoming Events:

- **February 5: Vote**
- **February 9: Sweetheart Fun Night**
- **Feb 21: Turkey Fry**
- **March 1: Spaghetti Dinner Auction**
- More dates inside...

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