



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Commander thanks all for 2007-2008

By Mike David, Commander 2007-2008

As I leave office I'd like share a few thoughts with all the Post Members, friends of the Post, and our dedicated employees. It has been my privilege to serve as your Commander this past year. The hard work of everyone through my entire term will leave a lasting impression on me. I know that this "can do spirit" will continue into the 2008-2009 year.

Of all the things accomplished over the year, I am most proud of your commitment to assisting needy Veterans and continuing the Post history of community service. Your continued support of the TLS Veterans home in Hebron, the many "Welcome Home" events for our service men and women returning from overseas duty, and the opportunity to utilize the Post Relief Fund to assist individual veterans is to be commended!

We can all take pride that so many Woodstock organizations have been able to use our building and facilities to make Woodstock the great community that it is! A special thanks goes to Bill Lyford and his leadership in managing the Rifle Squad and Honor Guard. Our participation in the parades and colors presentations is a Woodstock tradition that the community has come to depend on. Congratulations Comrades!

My Best wishes and my personal support goes out to our new Commander, Fred Noble and his newly installed staff. I know you will be as supportive of him as you were to me.

In closing, I ask all of you to remember that our country's flag has flown proudly in front of our Post home for sixty-three years! That flag is proof that our Post and our country will continue to be "the land of the free and the home of the brave!" God bless all of you and God bless America!

Best of luck, VFW and Auxiliary in 2008-2009!

Jones Locker Service and VFW 5040 team up to support troops

By Don Peasley, Woodstock VFW News Editor 1955-2002

VFW Commander Mike David and Pat Ritter are leading the VFW's program to send snack packages to veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project was inspired when David learned Jeff and Suzy Madenis, owners of Jones Locker Service, have been accepting donations to help with their "Support Our Troops" project.

Beef jerky is one of the more easily packaged items to be sent overseas although many toilet articles are welcome contributions, Jeff said.

Jeff and

Suzy have a countertop container inviting customers to drop in change from purchases to purchase gift packages. Mike David said the VFW was matching contributions collected in May.

Ritter is packaging merchandise requested by veterans. She has the cooperation of the U.S. Postal Service and the Woodstock office of UPS for reduced shipping costs. The VFW is paying the shipping cost.

See their website:

www.jonescountrymeats.com



Mike and Suzy Madenis, owners of Jones Locker Service, help package beef jerky and other items for shipment to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of a "Support Our Troops" program. The Woodstock VFW helped finance this project in conjunction with donations from customers of Jones Locker Service. From left: Mike David, Post 5040 Commander; Mike and Suzy Madenis; and Pat Ritter. (Don Peasley photo)



Post picnic - July 13

The VFW Post 5040 annual picnic will take place on July 13, 2008 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!), horseshoes, 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.



Ladies Auxiliary from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2008-2009

As this month comes to an end it is also the end of our year. If you haven't paid your dues for this past year, you will soon be in arrears. Dues for the '08/'09 will be started on July 1. Dues are \$15.00, which includes cancer insurance.

Other new officers for our new year are Guard Rose Mary Hellstern and conductress Chris Gehrke. We thank Irene Brown for serving as Conductress all these years. Our officers were installed at our June 5 meeting by Chris Gehrke.

Don't forget, the VFW picnic at John Hansen's house on July 13. See the front page column in this newsletter for more information.

Wilkerson Hall floor shines

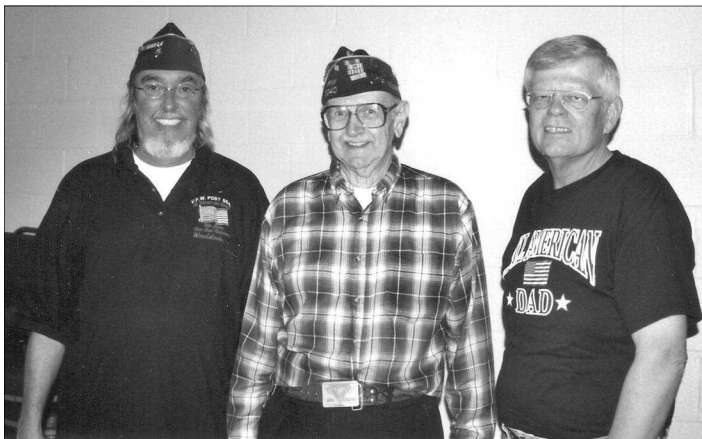
By Russ and Donna Freeman



Just a little update on some improvements at the club. We stripped and waxed the upstairs hall and stage to make it a bit more attractive for renting out for parties.

We would like to thank our crew of volunteers: Don Hodory, Fred Noble, Ralph Ritter, Art Stolske and Don and Anita Sword for helping us out. This was a big job, making a very old floor look much newer. We would also like to thank Mike David, John Hanson and Sid Sherwin for helping move all the tables and chairs. [Editor's Note: The floor looks beautiful, guys. Great work!]

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Remember Our Heroes Car Show
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 Food, Raffles, Music, Beer Tent and more...
 Proceeds will benefit VFW Post 5040
 Saturday July 12, 2008 11:00 am - 5:00 pm



These are the leading officers for Post 5040 in 2008. From left: Mike Lackey, Senior Vice Commander; Fred Noble, Commander; and Ed Lumpp, Junior Vice commander. (Don Peasley Photo)



Woodstock VFW Post 5040 officers for 2008-2009 assume leadership following the state convention this past weekend. Installation took place June 15. From left: Mike David, outgoing Commander; Fred Noble (new Commander) his wife Rae Noble; and Bill Lyford, installing officer. (Don Peasley photo)

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July 2008

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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 - 9:00 pm	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 Cub Scouts - 7 pm U.S Army Air Corps Established (1926)	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	4  Independence Day VFW Post 5040 is closed TODAY	5 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
6	7 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	8	9 "Celebrity Bar Tender" Night, 7-9 pm	10	11 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	12 VFW Car Show 11am - 5 pm Saturday Raffle 4 pm
VFW Picnic 13 John Hansen's House  12 pm - ? Bring a dish to pass.	14 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	15	16 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	17 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	18 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	19 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
20	21 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for August 2008 VFW News items	22 Jaycees 7:30 pm	23	24 Blue Star Banner Group Meeting 7 pm	25 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	26 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
27 Korean War Ended (1953) National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28 World War I Began (1914)	29	30	31	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	2 Saturday Raffle 4 pm

McHenry County Fair, July 30 - August 3, 2008 www.mchenrycountyfair.com

McHenry County Fair, July 30 - August 3
VFW 5040 will have a table and we need volunteers to staff it. Sign up at the Post or contact Fred Noble.

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Orange County Convention Center
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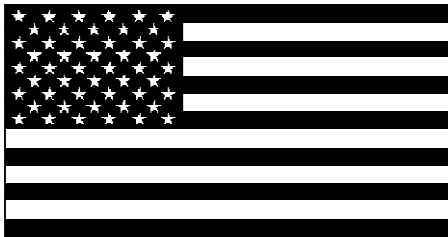
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This month's issue:

- **Commander David's outgoing message**
- **Jones Locker Service supports troops overseas**
- **Short issue, but you might find something interesting...**

Upcoming Events:

- **July 4: Independence Day**
- **July 12: VFW Car Show 11am - 5 pm**
- **July 13: Post Picnic**
- **Every Friday: Dinner at the Post and Lightning raffle**

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 We are open to the public!

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Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 Post Officers 2008 - 2009

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