



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Car show a success

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On July 12, VFW 5040 held a "Remember Our Heroes" car show outside in the VFW parking lot. With a full lot of cars, food, and drink, there was plenty to see on that Saturday afternoon.

The idea for a car show spawned from Bill and Jeanie Kulinsky. Jeanie works at the VFW as one of our bartenders. "It took about three months to set up and prepare for," commented Bill. "It was better than I expected and we even had to turn entrants away."

Although most entrants in the show were local, they filled the VFW parking lot with about 33 cars. In the back of the lot, a beer tent was set up. Brats and hot dogs were sold from inside the VFW which were prepared in the kitchen. In conjunction with the show, a 50/50 raffle was held to raise funds to support the VFW. Also raffled off were donations from local businesses within Woodstock.

For the entrants of show, 10 trophies were given out for different classes of cars. Judging was performed by Mike Keane. One of the favorite mementos from the show that each entrant received was pair of patriotic dog tags with the inscription "Remember Our Heroes" on them. Bill Kulinsky said that people who enter shows a lot usually have displays in their cars of dashboard plaques/signs of shows they have been in, so this was something a little different to be able to display.

Bill and Jeanie want to thank everyone that helped in the preparation, the advertising, gathering donations (thanks Patrick B.!) and helping on the day of this event. Jeanie also sends a special "Thank You" to Ray Benoy: "Thanks for pre-registering and we're sorry you couldn't attend the day of the show. We missed you."



These volunteers form the VFW Car Show committee which conducted the show on the VFW parking lot Saturday, July 12. From left, front: Bill Kulinsky, Tony Malysiak. Back: Jeanie Kulinsky, Pat Ritter, Patrick B. and Brian Ritter. (Don Peasley Photo)

VFW 5040 supports local National Guard picnic preceding deployment in August

By CPT Anne K.E. Brophy
Assistant Staff Judge Advocate
416th Engineer Command
Parkhurst Reserve Center
Darien, Illinois

FROM THE JAG SCHOOL, Charlottesville, VA: Thank you to my fellow members of the Woodstock VFW Post 5040 for the contribution to the Crystal Lake Jaycees to benefit the 8th Infantry Illinois National Guard, Company D, 1-178th Infantry. We were able to send off our soldiers with a memorable family day picnic/deployment party. The soldiers said that they had a great time. For some of these soldiers, this is their 2nd or 3rd deployment. In all, 40-50 soldiers are leaving for Afghanistan on or about August 23. The unit has invited the VFW to join them as they depart. The Patriot Guard Riders (who have come to our house - the Post - before) are going to escort the soldiers as they leave town.

In addition to the VFW, many other organizations made the party a huge success: Walmart contributed from three stores, the law firm of Kililis, Ridings & Vonau (Jaycee) contributed the sweets and

VFW annual Post picnic brings out family, food and fun

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

You'd think that with all the events that get planned at the VFW that we'd learn to space things out. It so happened that July 12 and 13 were especially busy for the Post. The Car Show was on Saturday which took up most of the day, on Sunday about 10 VFW Post members showed up at the Woodstock Armory for the picnic there, and then they headed to John Hansen's house for to meet up with more VFW members for the annual picnic. Several people that were at the picnic went to at least two, if not all three events. What a weekend.

As usual, John Hansen did a great job in preparing the use of his home and yard for the picnic. A open canopy tent was set up for members to eat food under and keep out the sun. The in ground pool was warm and all the kids that were there spent most of there time there while many adults sat at the tables under the tent enjoying the various dishes of food that was brought.

Grilling this year was Ralph Ritter. He made sure the burgers, hot dogs, and specially prepared shish-ka-bobs (chicken and beef by Ann Hansen, John's wife) were hot and cooked just right throughout the afternoon.

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More pictures of the Car Show, Post Picnic and other events inside.

Ladies Auxiliary from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2008-2009

Several names are on the list of unpaid dues for this past year which ended June 30, 2008. Membership fees are now due which are \$15.00 for the 2008-2009 year.

Our newly elected Department Senior Vice President, JoLynn Altvatter, attended our July meeting.

Our District President, Sylvia Wilvert, will be present at our August 7 meeting to do her annual inspection. Please try to be present at this meeting.



Ralph Ritter, John and Ann Hansen gather round the grill watching the shish-ka-bob's cook that Ann prepared. (Matt Klos Photo)

Bob Gaylord practices his golf swing for the "Closest to the Pin" game held at the VFW picnic. (Matt Klos Photo)

VFW picnic

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Of course, no VFW picnic at John's would be complete without some games that each person was encourage to try. We got a few people out for the golf drive in which each person hits three balls and the closest person to the pin won a prize. We got to see plenty of slices, divots, over shots, and laughs. In the end, John's son Chad Hansen came closest and won the prize.

Russ Freeman brought Ladder Golf with him and several people tried that for the first time as well.

Overall it turned out to be a very nice event to gather with VFW friends, seeing family members enjoy the pool and games and just relaxing with some good food, cool drinks, and a lot of fun.

Thank you to everyone that helped set up the tent, the coolers (Ralph, Pat, Brian - thank you much!). Thank you very much John and Ann for opening your home to the VFW and providing a wonderful time. It is very much appreciated by all those attending. Thank you!



Becky Gillespie samples some of the dishes that were prepared by Post members who attend the picnic. Thanks to everyone that brought a dish to pass. (Matt Klos Photo)

Friend of the Post, McHenry County Board Member, District 3, Mary L. Donnor, gives John Hansen a hug before leaving. Mary was invited to the picnic after meeting up with VFW members at the Woodstock Armory picnic that took place the same day. (Matt Klos Photo)

TLS 3rd Annual Raffle & Dinner
Proceeds Benefit TLS Veteran's Shelter
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- 2nd Prize:** 50" HD Flat Screen TV
- 3rd Prize:** Luxury Weekend at the Grand Geneva Resort (\$500 value)
- 4th Prize:** \$500.00

Tickets are \$10.00 each.
(10,000 max tickets to be sold)

Dinner and drawing to be held **Saturday, October 11, 2008**
Woodstock Moose Family Center
406 Clay Street, Woodstock

Stone Quarry Road to perform before and after dinner.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$20.00 per person in advance and \$25.00 per person at the door.

For dinner reservations, please call TLS at (815) 648-2203.

For raffle tickets see Alan Belcher, Hank Enstrom, or the VFW.

For more information and rules, visit at: TLSVETERANS.org





VFW Post members and spouses find some shade under the tent while enjoying some of the dishes prepared for the picnic by everyone that attended. (Matt Klos Photo)



Russ Freeman shows Ralph Ritter the proper way to throw the golf ball bolas in a game of ladder golf. Nice throw there, Russ. (Matt Klos Photo)



The big hit of the day with the kids was swimming in the pool and going down the water slide at John Hansen's house during the VFW picnic. (Matt Klos Photo)

Past Officers Dinner

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Cocktail hour: 5:30 pm Buffet dinner: 6:30 pm

Menu:

Roast beef, Mashed potato/gravy, Mixed vegetable, Rolls/butter

Cost: \$6.00 per person

This dinner is open to all members of the VFW as well as to the public. We want to honor all of our past officers and thank them for a job well done.

Please send in the advance reservation form below no later than September 27, 2008 if you plan on attending.

Reservation form: Yes, I/we plan on attending the VFW Past Officers Dinner on October 25, 2008

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cost: \$6.00 per person. Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Please return your completed reservation form and payment to: Woodstock VFW Post 5040
240 N. Throop Street
Woodstock, IL 60098-3225
(Please respond by September 27, 2008)

National Guard

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some salads, Ralph's Rental gave us a reduced price on the bouncy house that entertained the children. Si and Val Villarreal (Jaycees) donated their time and services providing music all afternoon. The American Legion donated pillow cases and iron-ons with the faces of the family members. The VFW, Woodstock Moose and Crystal Lake Bowling alley donated ice. Riverside Bakery donated two beautiful cakes decorated with the Company D, 1-178th Infantry unit crest. Cathy Porthie donated her homemade potato salad and beans. Yvonne Piarkowski (Jaycee) and her manager from the Disney store came in costume to entertain the kids. The Woodstock Jaycees helped with the kids games throughout the day. To my fellow Crystal Lake Jaycees, thanks for all of their hard work and service. Thank you to everyone!

In addition to the contributors, I would also like to recognize Jill Winling. She is the FRG (Family Readiness Group) Leader at the 1-178th. I would like to invite everyone to meet Jill and the FRG. We should keep in close contact with her to make sure that we can maximize the amount of help we can give the troops and their families while abroad. Many of the women that are staying home have small children (two moms are expecting babies this fall and another mother had to miss

the picnic because she was at the hospital having her baby). I hope that they know that the VFW and the entire community will stand with them and provide all of the help we can.

I also would like to recognize Gary Jensen. He is active in American Legion Post 1231, a VFW member and a former Jaycee. Gary organized the American Legion to do their pillow case project. What they did is take pictures of the family members of those being deployed. Those pictures were transferred to iron-ons. Those iron-ons were then transferred onto pillow cases; one for the soldier and one for the family. The soldier and his or her family are then able to sleep well keeping each other in their thoughts and prayers.

Gary also has been working with local government to ensure that the soldiers are protected financially while deployed. While we are all familiar with the rights set forth in law, some soldiers are still unprotected against small things like property tax issues or utility fees that the soldier or service member may not be able to afford. Gary has contacted the local governments to ask for their assistance if any of the soldiers come into need. So far, two jurisdictions have responded in the affirmative. I encourage all of our members to assist Gary in recruiting local governments to support these troops and all our troops during their deployment.

Again, thank you for sponsoring this great event!

Tentative schedule for the Woodstock Armory Army National Guard on their deployment dates

By Gary Jensen

- 1) August 23rd: Farewell Ceremony at the Woodstock Armory.
- 2) August 25 or 27 (very tentative): line the streets of the bus path out of town. Community members with flags, signs, etc. We are working on getting the Patriot Guard to do an escort.

8th Infantry Illinois National Guard Company D 1-178th Infantry

As this unit gets ready to deploy at the end of August to Afghanistan, the 40-50 soldiers come from all over Illinois and even Wisconsin. Here's some demographic data on where these Guard members are from:

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| Algonquin, IL | Moline, IL |
| Beach Park, IL | Marengo, IL |
| Beloit, WI | Mt. Morris, IL |
| Belvidere, IL | Normal, IL |
| Bourbonnais, IL | Palatine, IL |
| Caledonia, IL | Peotone, IL |
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| Chicago, IL | Port Barrington, IL |
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| Manito, IL | Wonder Lake, IL |
| McHenry, IL | Woodstock, IL |
| Midlothian, IL | |

Updated deployment information will be announced at the August 18 VFW meeting.



VFW Post 5040 members attended the 8th Infantry Illinois National Guard, Company D, 1-178th Infantry picnic at the Armory in Woodstock on Sunday, July 13. The VFW donated funds and ice to help make this a special day for the families of service members that will be deploying soon. From left, CPT Anne Brophy, 2007/08 Chaplain Howard Engstrom, 2008/09 Commander Fred Noble, 2007/08 Commander Mike David, and 2008/09 Junior Vice Commander Ed Lumpp. (Si Villarreal Photo)



Mike Keane, judge for the VFW Car Show, examines this 1965 yellow Ford Mustang in the line-up next to the VFW building. L-R is a 1958 Pontiac, 1970 Super Sport Impala, 1965 Ford Mustang, and a 1970 Plymouth Road Runner. (Don Peasley Photo)

This line-up shows a variety of makes and models on view at the VFW Car Show. How many of these vehicles do you recognize? R-L is a 1936 Plymouth, 1965 Mustang, and a 1960 Studebaker. (Don Peasley Photo)

How to feel humbled

By Anne Brophy

Dan Regna and I were invited to attend a reception at the Chicago Board of Trade which in and of itself was cool. We were in the pits where millions of dollars are exchanged everyday. Yet, we were there for something far more important. We had the privilege and honor of meeting 22 Congressional Medal of Honor winners.

Donna Kurtz, a Financial Advisor for Smith Barney, invited Dan and I as vets and I can't be more thankful. I was able to talk with many of them including Illinois' own Al Lynch. As I introduced myself to two of the men as CPT Brophy, one pointed his finger at me and said he knew I was military. I laughed and thanked him for his service. Then, this Congressional Medal of Honor winner, one who has seen things that many can't imagine, gave me a hug and thanked me for my service. I almost cried. I am so proud to serve and

here he is thanking me...a man that almost made the ultimate sacrifice. When Dan and I left that afternoon, we felt so humbled to be amongst these great men.

I have had the chance to talk with many fellow soldiers across the country and felt humbled at what they had to say and some of the experiences that they have gone through. I was sitting at dinner tonight with a new friend who told me how her HUMMV was attacked in Baghdad and why she never takes choppers anymore. I heard from a friend in Texas whose HUMMV was hit and if it was not for a malfunctioning fuse he wouldn't be here today. I talked to the soldiers who have that far away look in their eyes and try not

to remember the 13 IED's that hit their convoy. We have heroes all around us.

I've listened to those at the Post. Do you know that Fred Noble is a WWII vet and also our VFW commander? How many of us have sat to listen to his stories? I have shared and listened with many of our fellow members and continue to be amazed at the heroes around us everyday.

And then there are people like Ralph Ritter who is a true hero having survived Vietnam and is helping the young vets today survive their deployment.

These are our heroes. These are the people that make me feel humble. Congressional Medal of Honor winners to those around us everyday.

22 Congressional Medal of Honor winners gather for a group photo at the Chicago Board of Trade. (Jeff Rhode Photo)



Smith Barney Financial Advisor Donna Kurtz, one of the 22 Congressional Medal of Honor Winners (name not available), VFW members Anne Brophy and Dan Regna at the Chicago Board of Trade. (Jeff Rhode Photo)



For more information on the Congressional Medal of Honor, visit these websites:

U.S. Army Center of Military History:
www.history.army.mil/moh.html

Congressional Medal of Honor Society:
www.cmohs.org/medal.htm

MCYSA / CABA open up first day of games by honoring veterans

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On Saturday, July 26, McHenry County Youth Sports Association (MCYSA) president Jack Sebesta invited McHenry County Armed Forces Veterans to attend the opening of the first day of baseball games at the CABA tournament at the Mickey Sund Babe Ruth baseball complex at Lippold Field in Crystal Lake.

A hospitality tent was set up for veterans to relax in prior to the beginning of the opening ceremony, complete with food and drinks.

Only finding out about this event earlier in the week, I decided to attend this event to see who would be there, meet some people, and take some pictures for our newsletter.

Several veterans groups were represented at

this event including the McHenry County Marine Corps League, Amvets, and our VFW.

I also had the privilege of talking with two important women that night, Gold Star Mothers Sandra Barcus, mother of PFC Collier Barcus who died on July 8, 2004 and Angel Collins, mother of LCPL Jonathon Collins who died August 8, 2004.

Opening the events this night, the Marine Corps Honor Guard marched out to the front of the pitchers mound. Veterans and their families were brought out on the infield to honor those that "keep freedom free" and also to honor those that paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country.

David Radford from Crystal Lake sang the US National Anthem. This was followed by the first pitches being thrown by Sandy Barcus and Jack Collins, in honor of their sons. Both threw pitches that their sons would have been proud of.



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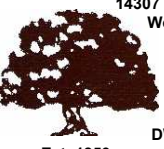
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Angel Collins (standing left) talks with Ted Bieber of the McHenry County Marine Corps League at the Armed Forces hospitality tent. (Matt Klos Photo)



McHenry County Armed Forces veterans are honored at the opening ceremony of the CABA Baseball Tournament in Crystal Lake. (Matt Klos Photo)



The Crystal Lake Lions club provided this large American flag displayed in the outfield during the opening ceremony. (Matt Klos Photo)

Sandy Barcus (left) and Jack Collins (right) throw out the first pitches to begin the games. (Matt Klos Photo)



3rd Annual The LCPL Jonathon W. Collins 5k/1 Mile Walk

This memorial fund supports:

- Marine Corps Toys for Tots
- LCPL Jonathon W. Collins Scholarship Award
- Crystal Lake South High School

When: Sunday, August 17, 2008

Time: Registration 8 am
Race 9 am

Where: Lippold Park
8597 IL- Rt. 176
Crystal Lake, IL

Cost: \$15.00

For more information on this event, please visit the website:
www.jonathancollins.org

August 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
27 <i>Korean War Ended (1953)</i> <i>National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day</i>	28 <i>World War I Began (1914)</i>	29	30	31	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm <i>Air Force Day</i>	2 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
McHenry County Fair, July 30 - August 3, 2008 www.mchenrycountyfair.com						
3	4 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm <i>U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)</i>	5	6 Cub Scouts - 7 pm	7 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm (<i>Annual Inspection Night</i>) <i>Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)</i>	8 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	9 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
10	11 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	12	13 Celebrity Bar Tender Night, 7-9 pm	14 <i>Japan Surrendered, Ending WWII (1945)</i> <i>National Navaho Code Talkers Day</i>	15 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	16 Saturday Raffle 4 pm <i>National Airborne Day</i>
17	18 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for September 2008 VFW News items	19 Jaycees 7:30 pm <i>National Aviation Day</i>	20 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	21 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	22 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	23 Company D 1-178th Infantry Farewell Ceremony at Armory (tentative) Saturday Raffle 4 pm
109th VFW National Convention, Orlando Florida, August 16-21, 2008 vfw.orlandomeetinginfo.com						
24	25	26	27	28 Blue Star Banner Group Meeting 7 pm	29 Friday Dinner Special: Chef's Pick (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	30 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
31	 1 Labor Day	2 <i>V-J Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)</i>	3	4 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	5	6

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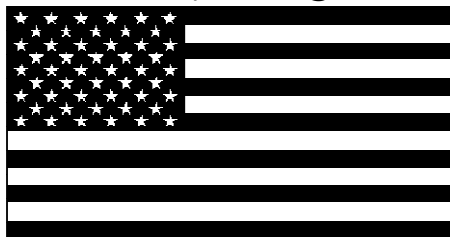
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Upcoming Events:

- **July 30 - Aug 3: McHenry County Fair**
- **August 23: Farewell Ceremony for Nat'l Guard**
- **October 25: Past Officers Dinner**
- **Every Friday: Dinner at the Post and Lightning Raffle**

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