



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



## Tickets going on sale in September for November 22 VFW turkey raffle

By Post 5040 Commander, Fred Noble

The 2008 Turkey Raffle tickets will soon be going on sale at the bar and ticket books will be mailed out to all the membership after the September meeting.

Chairman this year are Senior Vice Commander Mike Lackey and Trustee Brian Ritter. They cannot run this event alone, so volunteers are being sought to help out to make this a successful event.

This is a major event for our Post during the year that raises funds to help operate the Post building. The dinner itself is a lot of fun and we usually get a nice turnout for this. Dinner will be served from 6 pm - 8 pm.

Tickets will be mailed out in September to everyone on the *VFW News* mailing list. You may notice an increase in the price of the tickets for this year. Tickets will be \$20.00 for a book of 10, \$2.00 per ticket. If you buy or sell 10 tickets, you get a free turkey dinner.

Prizes will be the same as last year; first prize \$200; second prize \$150; and third prize \$100. 40 turkeys will be drawn from the tickets sold. At the dinner, additional drawings on the paddle wheel will be held for other prizes, including more turkeys.

I thank you in advance for your support of your Post Home. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Turkey Raffle on November 22, 2008.

Remember to watch your mail for the tickets and return them to the Post in a timely manner. Thank you.

## County Fair salutes veterans from current and wars past with tractors

By Don Peasley

Woodstock's loyal and faithful Rifle Squad occupied a prominent role in the July 31 salute to McHenry County veterans who have died in this nation's wars since 1941 at this year's McHenry County Fair.

Rifle Squad members were escorted in front of the grandstand audience mid-way in the parade which involved 21 antique tractors in this unique tribute to the 236 men and women who died in defense of our country over the past six and one half decades.

Rifle Squad members were Fred Noble, Post 5040 Commander; Bill Lyford, Charles Mathey, Dick Glawe, Bob Gibson, Harold Irwin and Arnie Doerfert.

Tractors were formed in two rows. These vintage tractors provide reminder of McHenry County's agricultural heritage. Richard Tobiasz read the names of tractor-drivers, make and year of the tractor and names of the veterans being honored.

After the 21 tractors were in formation, all tractors were revved up; then the tractors were silenced one by one. The Rifle Squad's three volleys broke the silence.

The involvement of tractors served as a reminder that 4-H, with its many agricultural projects, is a major part of each annual McHenry County Fair.

This list shows the tractor owner-driver, make and year of the tractor. As the driver moved in front of the grandstand audience, Rich Tobiasz read a list of McHenry County veterans who have died in this nation's wars since 1939 and when possible, included the towns of these fallen veterans (see page 6 for list of names).

This list shows the order of tractors in the parade.

1. 1939 F-14 Farmall, owned and driven by Harry Alten.
2. 1946 Farmall H: Bruce Rosenthal.
3. 1947 Farmall H: Scott Anthony, driven by Chason Rockstead.
4. 1949 Farmall M: Scott Anthony, driven by Andy Pogo.
5. 1953 Farmall Super H: Dick Goad.
6. 1953 Farmall Super MD: Larry Davidson.

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## Woodstock Infantry deployment ceremony held at Opera House

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

The Woodstock Opera House was packed full of loved ones, family, friends, and well wishers seeking to get a glimpse of the deploying soldiers that will be leaving on Sunday, August 24 for training. Delta Company 1/178th Infantry, 33 Brigade Combat Team, soldiers were brought up on stage and addressed by several deployment leaders as well as special guests.

The soldiers will be going to Fort Bragg, NC for two months of training and then on to Afghanistan as part of a yearlong Provisional Reconstruction Team Mission for Operation Enduring Freedom. They will be aiding in rebuilding and construction of communities, security, mentoring and training government units such as officials, police and army.

Leaving home and family is never easy, not for the family or the soldier deployed. 2LT Ken Enberg, Deploying Platoon Leader, addressed the crowd saying, "While we are over there you think of us, but remember we are thinking of you back home just as much."

LTC Daniel Fuhr added that, "The hardest part of this is the separation. But the job we



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# Ladies Auxiliary from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2008-2009

Our 5th District President was a guest at our August 7 meeting. She will return for our September meeting for the Annual Inspection. The meeting on September 4 will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass if attending. We will eat at 6:00 pm before our meeting at 7:00 pm.

The next District meeting will be on Sunday, September 7 at Elgin Post 1307 on Ware Road. Lunch at 11:30 am and meeting to follow.

On September 20 there will be a dinner for Past Commander's and Past Presidents of the 5th District at Winthrop Harbor Post #7448. Cocktails at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm.

Dues for the 2008-2009 are due for this coming year as of July 1st.

We offer out sympathy to Ron Halde- man and the Haldeman family on the re- cent death of his wife, Jane Haldeman. Our sympathies also to Joan Mansfield on the death of her brother Richard Heisler.

Congratulations to Pat and Bob Gay- lord who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on August 9th.



Woodstock VFW Auxiliary members have chosen officers for the 2008-2009. They paused for this photo before their August 7 monthly meeting at the VFW on Throop Street. From left, front: Nyda Fogarty, president; Viola Brown, Junior Vice President; Chris Gehrke, Secretary and Conductress; and Barbara Gehrke, Treasurer. Back: Lois Freund, Patriotic Instructor; Geraldine Salyers, two-year Trustee; Karen Wells, Chaplain; Irene Brown, three-year Trustee; and Rose Mary Hellstern, Guard. Absent from photo: Bonnie Kagel, Senior Vice President. (Don Peasley Photo)

## Patriot's Pen



<p><b>2008-2009 Theme</b> "Why Amer- ica's Veterans Should be Honored"</p>	<p><b>Entry Deadline</b> November 1, 2008</p>
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Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is 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. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

For entry forms, teacher packets, and previous year winning essay, please visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and look under the menu item "Programs".

## Voice of Democracy

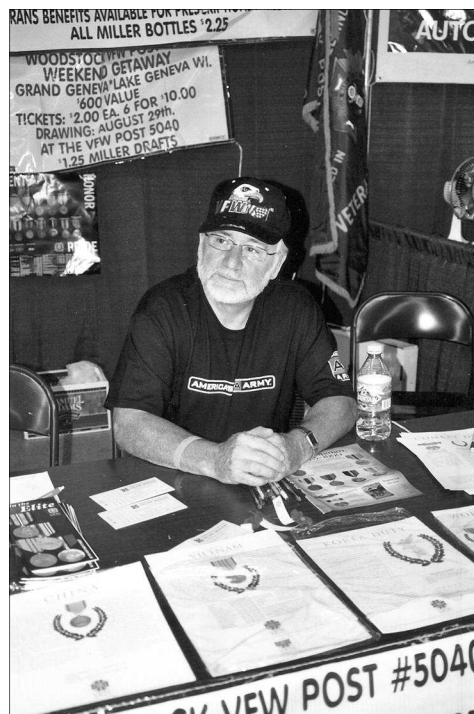


<p><b>2008-2009 Theme</b> "Service and Sac- rifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by _____"</p>	<p><b>Entry Deadline</b> November 1, 2008</p>
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The Voice of Democracy, endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' 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 es- say based on an annual theme.

Created in 1947, the scholarship pro- gram annually provides more than \$3 mil- lion in scholarships. Each Department's first-place winner receives an all-expense- paid trip to Washington, D.C., plus the opportunity to compete for national schol- arships. The first-place national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

For entry forms, teacher packets, and previous year winning essay, please visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and look under the menu item "Programs".



Alan Belcher staffs the VFW booth at the first night of the McHenry County Fair in Building D. Belcher provided information concerning VFW membership eligibility and discussed services provided veterans and their families by the VFW. (Don Peasley Photo)

# Tractors

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- 7. 1937 Allis Chalmers WC: Dennis Alten.
- 8. 1950 Farmall Super A: Bill Manke.
- 9. 1950 Farmall M: Jerry Darling.
- 10. 1951 Massey Harris 44: Alan Plane.
- 11. 1952 John Deere G: Pat Fritz.
- 12. 1953 Allis Chalmers WD45: Jason Madaus.
- 13. 1954 Allis Chalmers WD45: Glenn Stanek.
- 14. 1954 Farmall 400-Scott Anthony.
- 15. 1958 Oliver 720: Ken Oleson.
- 16. 1960 John Deere 730 Diesel: Bernie Shea.
- 17. 1964 John Deere 4020: Tyler Franzen.
- 18. 1965 John Deere 4020: Allen Wilkening.
- 19. 1967 Farmall 1206: Jeff Smith.
- 20. 1971 John Deere 4320: Coyote Run Farms, driven by Carl Raatz.
- 21. 2008 John Deere 7830: Buck Brothers, driven by Gene Fleece.



Rifle Squad at Present Arms during Taps. From left: Harold Irwin, Arnie Doerfert, Bob Gibson, Chuck Mathey, Dick Glawe, Bill Lyford and Fred Noble. (Don Peasley 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

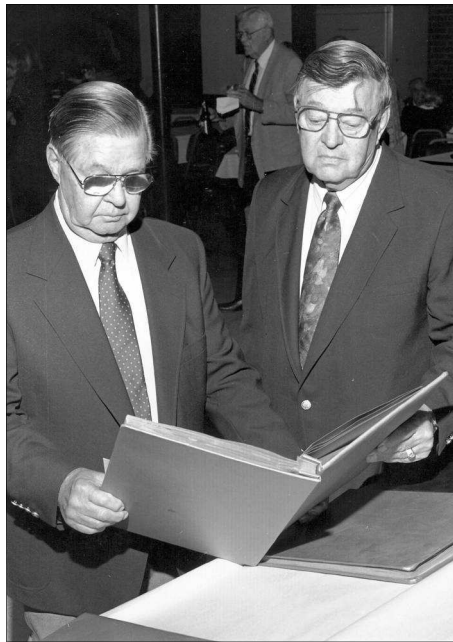
September 27, 2008 if you plan on attending.

**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)



During duty aboard the USS Tangier, Raymond Murphy, Seaman First Class, was a mechanic for seaplanes aboard this seaplane tender, USS Tangier. (A Ray Murphy photo from his active duty log)

Ray Murphy, right, and his brother Clifton check a VFW album during the 50th anniversary of VFW Post 5040 in 1996. The three brothers, Ray, Cliff and Clarence, all served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. (Don Peasley Photo)



## VFW Member Raymond Murphy recalled

By Don Peasley

Raymond Murphy, who died July 12 at age 87, was one of three brothers who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Military service was important to him as reflected that he left a vital job with a company in defensive work to join the Navy on January 17, 1944 even though he was in a job qualifying him for a deferment.

After high school he began working at Alemite where his father Clarence Murphy Sr. and his brothers Clifton and Clarence Jr. worked. It was in a factory manufacturing aluminum and zinc die castings for the auto industry. This shifted to wartime manufacturing with the start of World War II.

Ray's military service was in the South Pacific and near the coast of Japan where he served as a Seaman aboard the USS Tangier, a seaplane tender. He was a mechanic working on those seaplanes. His battle station he described as "a gunner."

We have a unique look at his military service because he kept a hand-written log of two years aboard the USS Tangier. The diary shows sea duty around Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Leyte Gulf and Lingayan Gulf. Action shifted northward as the war progressed so that USS Tangier's seaplanes were hunting submarines around Iwo Jima and Japan.

One entry in November 1944 log: "Three Jap planes came over and strafed and bombed nearby." A stark diary entry followed a few days later, "Ammo ship blew up in harbor; all hands killed."

He logged the good and the bad and

here's another sad entry: February 27, 1945, "A guy was killed by TBM Avenger when the prop hit him in the back cutting him in two."

Ray listed the many other ships he saw. In a March 7, 1945 entry he referred to a British fleet of two battle wagons, three big carriers and 12 destroyers. He added, "They gave us a good show on maneuvering the large babies."

By mid-June 1945 the crew was able to go ashore for liberty at Manila Bay. He purchased a pair of wooden slippers for four pesos. His ship returned to the United States for service in late June.

He resumes the diary September 24, 1945, heading back for a second cruise around Japan. The ship anchored near Qmianto, Japan on October 10 with mountains all along the shoreline. On October 4 he recorded flying over Nagasaki and Hiroshima. The USS Tangier went to Yokomaha Naval Base in Tokyo November 23, then sailed for Saipan. On December 1, 1945 he made this cryptic note, "Left the Tangier in Saipan. Eager to head home." On December 31, 1945 he was at Great Lakes and mustered out of the Navy where his wife and several family members met him.

One entry refers to being "in the tail of a typhoon on October 5, 1945." I remember that terrible storm which caused much damage to our Navy. I was aboard the USS Lawrence C. Taylor in an even more violent part of that typhoon. We learned about it early so we went full speed ahead to run away from as much of the storm as possible.

Ray was a charter member of the Woodstock VFW. I remember Ray and his brother Clifton participated in the 50th anniversary of Post 5040 in 1996. Ray was active in the community in a variety of ways throughout his 87 years with memberships in a number of organizations and as a member of the McHenry County

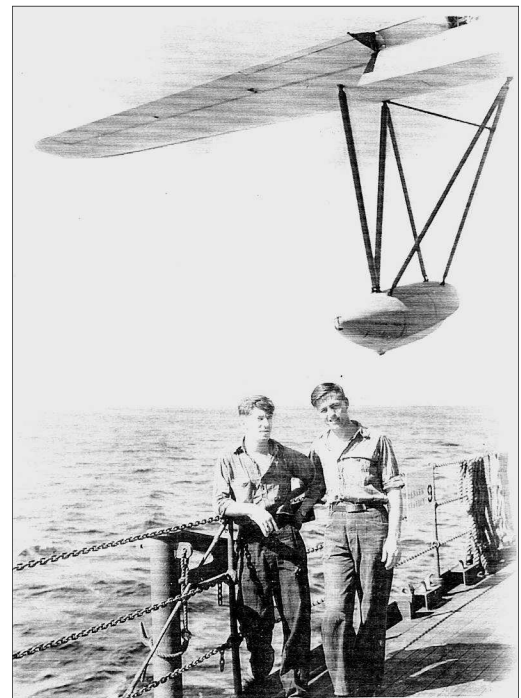
Board from 1961 to 1974.

Ray and his wife Mary had nine children and most of those years of raising children took place while they were living on the family farm immediately northwest of Deeter's Restaurant.

In conversation with Sue Hereley, oldest of the nine children, and Colleen Clarke, youngest, they spoke of their dad's devotion to family as a main part of his life. Colleen observed, "Dad was very proud of his children in whatever they excelled at."

Sue elaborated: "It did not matter if we excelled or not as long as you did your best." She added with a smile, "He did like to win."

As a lifelong Cubs fan he would be smiling now as the Cubs are determined to break their 100-year drought!



Ray Murphy (right) and a shipmate are aboard the USS Tangier, a seaplane tender on duty in the South Pacific. (A Ray Murphy photo from his active duty log)

**GOD SPEED**

Delta Company 1/178 Infantry  
Good luck, safe trip, and see  
you **ALL** back in a year!

**† Chaplains report †**

By Pete Lockinger

Draped Charter at  
August 18 meeting for:

Clarence Peters

**TLS 3rd Annual  
Raffle & Dinner**

Proceeds Benefit TLS  
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Hebron, Illinois

**Grand Prize:**

**Vacation for Two  
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**Other Prizes:**

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**

**Deployment**

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have to do is very important. We are going  
over to help our neighbors rebuild com-  
munities, houses, wells, schools. There  
will be dangers, no doubt."

"I give this advice to you: Accomplish  
the mission, do the right thing, take care of  
our people, be prepared, and be disci-  
plined."

Director of Veteran Affairs Tammy  
Duckworth is no stranger to the dangers  
and anxiety these soldiers face, having lost  
both legs in 2004 while in Iraq as a heli-  
copter pilot.

"When the call goes out, 'Who will step  
forward?' you (Illinois National Guard)  
have answered."

Mentioning the dangers that will be  
faced and the ever present possibility of  
injury, Duckworth said, "The State of Illi-  
nois will back you up to take care of you if  
something happens."

Following the ceremony, a reception for  
all those in attendance took place. Wood-  
stock VFW Post 5040 presented 50 phone  
cards to the Officer in Command for the  
deploying soldiers, donated by the VFW  
National and Department of Illinois.

**Deployed Soldiers  
D Co 1/178 Infantry:**

SGT Christopher Abeyta  
SGT Richard Barnes  
2LT Ronald Bazillian  
SSG Steven Bessel  
SPC William Burleson  
SSG Matthew Burleson  
SSG Keith Buteyn  
PFC Norman Cain  
SPC Kyle Cooper  
SPC Jaimie Cox  
SPC Dustin Creasy  
SGT Richard Davis  
SPC Michael Demartino  
1LT Jerry Dickson  
SPC Bryan Eagon  
2LT Kenneth Engberg  
PV2 Terence Fenner  
1SG Andrew Fowles

SPC Dan Grashel  
SPC Isaiah Guerrero  
SFC Kevin Guyot  
SPC James Halterman  
PV1 Sean Heraty  
SPC Matthew Hill  
SFC William Hornbeck  
SPC Brett Kinney  
PV2 Kurtis Kuta  
SPC Micah Lichtenauer  
SPC Jason Litchford  
SPC Rene Martinez  
SGT Kevin McCratic  
SPC Brandon McDonnell  
PV1 Bradley Mynor  
PV1 Cory Pierce  
SGT Guy Porth  
SSG Jeffrey Rees  
PFC David Reid

PV2 Nicholas Reynders  
PFC Julio Rodriguez  
PV2 Coty Rowan  
SPC Lukasz Saczek  
SPC Roberto Santiago  
SFC Jason Schultz  
SPC Joshua Slocum  
SFC Robert Smolar  
SPC James Thomsen  
2LT Donicio Silva  
SGT Michael Vanderkoon  
SPC Keith Vepley  
SGT David Waters  
SGT Brian Watterson  
SPC Robert Weinger  
SGT Matthew White  
SGT Jimmy Young  
SSG Robert Zaehler

**Deploying Soldier List**

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

No doubt, the deployment of any sol-  
dier is hard for the families involved. It  
also impacts the communities the soldiers  
are from. On August 24 2008, 55 soldiers  
departed Woodstock, IL bound for Fort  
Bragg, NC for two months of training.  
After that they will head to Afghanistan.

Those of you that get the Northwest  
Herald, on Saturday (23) and Sunday (24)  
you saw on the front page of the paper  
articles about the deployment.

However, this story doesn't end yet.  
These soldiers have a year long deploy-  
ment. This is a unique opportunity for our  
community to help and show our support  
for these soldiers.

If you would like to help support the  
families and deployed soldiers, the Family  
Readiness Group (FRG) leader Jill  
Winling can be reached at 847-804-6120  
or: sgtwinling@aol.com

Here's another idea. Write a soldier. Let  
them know that we're thinking of them.  
The Ft. Bragg Address for the two months  
will be:

Rank, Last Name, First Name  
2125th GSU/ATTN: D-1-178 IN  
AT - 3275 Butner Rd  
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Following the Deployment Cere-  
mony on August 23, 2008 at the  
Woodstock Opera House, Delta  
Company 1/178th Infantry  
moved to the main level of the  
Opera House for refreshments.  
Soldiers, family, and friends  
gathered outside to take pictures  
and talk. 55 soldiers are being  
deployed on a yearlong mission  
to Afghanistan.



Salute to Fallen Soldiers. McHenry County veterans who have died in this nation's wars since 1939. List read as part of the opening ceremony at the 2008 McHenry County Fair, "Twenty -One Tractor Salute".

**World War II Veterans from Crystal Lake, Cary, and Fox River Grove:**

- William Arneson
- Paul Baker
- Robert Bartel
- Clifford Beavis
- Ernest Beran
- Marvin Botsford
- Elmer Carlson
- John H. Clarke
- Paul Colby
- Laddie Dolicek
- Clarence A. Ehrke
- Richard Ekstrom
- Warren E. Eldred
- Norman R. Erickson
- Herbert Fernholtz
- Arthur Franke
- Edward Green
- Lynn Gumprecht
- Raymond Harris
- Henry Heiman
- James Huling
- Robert Jamison
- Norman Johnson
- Arthur Kelder
- Edward T. O. Klein
- John E. Lazansky
- James Lindeman
- Harry P. Martini
- Arthur McVickers
- Frank Nagel Jr.
- Laverne Nelson
- R. J. Niemiec
- Elmer M. Peters
- Robert F. Peters
- Walter J. Portem
- Stanley Pukelia
- Thad Reid
- Gene Reynolds
- Gordon B. Schlottman
- Laverne Schroeder
- Charles Schultz
- Clayton B. Starritt
- Edward Steckelberg
- John Van Hartz

**World War II Veterans from Woodstock:**

- John W. Adams
- Robert Barker
- George Behler
- Elmer Bernhardt
- Edward Bloedom
- William Russell Byron
- James R. Cox
- Vernon E. Fish
- Albert F. Freund
- Ralph W. Goodyear
- William H. Haley
- Francis A. Hoffman
- Robert A. Jamison
- Melvin H. John
- Harold C. Karsten
- William Levernier
- Thomas Lounsbury
- Burton McBroom
- Bert McCannon
- James T. Merwin
- William J. Meyer
- Ray Murphy
- William Musser
- Joseph Nelles
- Lawson Ostrander
- Gerald Peachy
- Edwin Riley
- Robert Sweeney
- Vinton F. Thompson
- Raymond E. White
- Charles Whiting
- Robert Whiting

**World War II Veterans from Marengo:**

- George Hoehn
- Harold R. Kinreed
- Clarence Knutson
- Arthur Knutson
- Archie Lund
- Donald McAndrews
- Ellsworth McCub
- R. C. Perdelwitz
- Frederick Schroeder
- Robert T. Usborne

**World War II Veterans from Richmond and Hebron:**

- Elmer Bigelow
- Walter Brown Jr.
- Ray L. Chapman
- Lawrence Paul Currey
- Bob Carlson
- Daniel D. Ducey
- Eugene Letterman
- Nicholas Heelein
- Raymond L. Jacobson
- Roy Nelson
- Thomas Rarsontis
- Kenneth Reich
- Walter E. Todd
- Bertil E. F. Waller

**World War II Veterans from Harvard:**

- James B. Baker
- Robert L. Brady
- Herbert Edson Bridges
- Charles Burton
- Stanley Cooper
- Willard Cornelius
- John Robert Duff

**World War II Veterans from Algonquin and Huntley:**

- Robert E. Abbott
- Richard Benson
- Edward Sailors
- Charles W. Swan
- Melvin A. Boyer
- Andrew J. Lohneis
- Bert Waller
- Morris F. Weltzien

**World War II Veterans from Union and Marengo:**

- Paul E. Colby
- Charles F. Pederson
- Bernard Baker
- Matthew Berwanger
- Carl A. Bremer
- Paul S. Day
- William Engle
- Lyle Fleener
- Clarence F. Guhrke


- William E. Britt — Woodstock
- John E. Bumey — Harvard
- Theodore J. Busch — Spring Grove
- Charles E. Case — Woodstock
- James R. Green — McHenry
- Melvin H. Jones — Wonder Lake
- Gerald W. Justen — McHenry
- Charles D. Kilroy — Crystal Lake
- John H. Kilroy — McHenry County
- Eugene H. Kling — Cary
- William J. Luedtke — Woodstock
- Charles Martin — Fox River Grove
- Donald R. Miller — McHenry County
- Wilbur G. Nelson — Woodstock
- William J. Sandstrom — Crystal Lake

- Veterans from the Vietnam War:**
- James W. Ambrose III — McHenry
  - Lester E. Becker — Harvard
  - Richard J. Behrns — Spring Grove
  - William H. Borchart — Union
  - Harry W. Braun Jr. — Hebron
  - Samuel P. Chambers III — Crystal Lake
  - Glenn P. Davis — McHenry
  - Donald E. Dermont Jr. — Woodstock
  - Larry D. Ehlers — Algonquin
  - Sydney J. Elyea — Woodstock
  - Carter J. Freund — McHenry

- Ernesto R. Gallardo — McHenry County
  - Gordon M. Gaylord — Woodstock
  - Steven H. Gerlach — Marengo
  - James H. Graff — Marengo
  - John E. Granath Jr. — McHenry
  - Robert L. Gray — Marengo
  - Walter B. Grove Jr. — Cary
  - James D. Hacek — Crystal Lake
  - John M. Harden — Island Lake
  - Buddy E. Henderlight — Crystal Lake
  - Toby E. Jaekels — Woodstock
  - Terry J. Kenny — Crystal Lake
  - Gary R. Kieselburg — Harvard
  - Randall E. Maggio — Wonder Lake
  - Daniel A. May — Spring Grove
  - Lawrence T. Myers — Cary
  - Edward T. O'Brien — Barrington Hills
  - Gary D. Price — Hebron
  - Richard A. Rowell — Cary
  - Ronald D. Westphal — Marengo
  - Lawrence J. Wissell — Hebron
  - Michael A. Young — Huntley
- Veterans of the War on Terror:**
- Collier E. Barcus — McHenry
  - Jonathan W. Collins — Crystal Lake
  - Keith A. Nurnberg — McHenry

**World War II Veterans from McHenry County:**

- Alfred Banks
  - Leslie L. Cooper
  - James D. Farmer
  - Andrew C. Fultz
  - Woodrow N. Gibson
  - Charles M. Groth
  - Edward F. Hograth
  - Maurice J. Jeannette
  - Thomas R. Kelanaw
  - Leander L. Lafflex
  - Roy J. Long
  - Alfred E. Miller
  - Eugene Monohan
  - Elmer G. Monton
  - Thomas E. Narsutis
  - Robert N. Peifer
  - Harry J. Pickering
- Veterans from the Korean War:**
- Frank Aston — Crystal Lake



**Marine Corps League**  
McHenry County Detachment 1009

Meets every 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:30 PM  
Woodstock VFW Post 5040  
240 N. Throop St.

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# September 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
31	 <b>1</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> V-J Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Auxiliary Annual Inspection 6 pm Pot Luck Dinner for Auxiliary Members Bring Dish to Pass	<b>5</b> Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	<b>6</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Cub Scouts - 7 pm Celebrity Bar Tender Night, 7-9 pm U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated (1962)	 <b>11</b> Patriot Day	<b>12</b> Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	<b>13</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm
<b>14</b> "Star Spangled Banner" Written By Francis Scott Key (1814)	<b>15</b> VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for October 2008 VFW News items	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm U.S. Constitution Approved (1787) Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized (1914) Citizenship (Constitution) Day	<b>18</b> Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm U.S. Air Force Established (1947)	<b>19</b> Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm POW/MIA Recognition Day	<b>20</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm National Airborne Day
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Autumn Begins	<b>23</b> Jaycees 7:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Blue Star Banner Group Meeting 7 pm	<b>26</b> Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	<b>27</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm
<b>28</b> Gold Star Mother's Day	<b>29</b> VFW Day VFW Established (1899)	<b>30</b> Rosh Hashanah	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	<b>3</b> Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	<b>4</b> Saturday Raffle 4 pm

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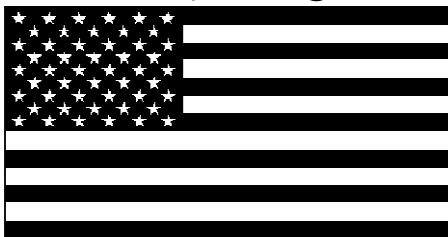
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### This month's issue:

- **Opening Ceremony at County Fair**
- **National Guard Deploys for year long mission**
- **VOD and Patriot's Pen Contest Information**
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### Upcoming Events:

- **September 1: Labor Day**
- **September 7: Blood Drive at Woodstock Moose Lodge - 8-12 noon**
- **October 25: Past Officers Dinner**
- **Every Friday: Dinner at the Post and Lightning raffle.**

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