



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



Officers for 2009-2010 were elected at the April 20 VFW Post meeting. From left, front: Mike Lackey, Commander; Ed Lumpp, Senior Vice Commander; and Dan Regna, Junior Vice commander. Back: Pete Lockinger, Chaplain; Fred Noble, Quartermaster; Arnie Doerfert, trustee; and Dick Glawe, Judge Advocate. (Don Peasley Photo)



Our annual Soup To Nuts



Sale is here

Thursday May 8
(7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Friday May 9
(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

By Russ and Donna Freeman

It's finally here. Hope you had a chance to do some spring cleaning and found some treasures that you considered donating to our annual Soup to Nuts Sale.

This is our "sell anything sale" fundraiser for the Post. As a reminder, items should be clean and in good working order. Suggested items are: books, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, working appliances, tools, furniture, etc.

Sorry, but we can no longer take old televisions or computers (seriously, if you need to get rid of a TV, contact Echelon Computers in Crystal Lake. They recycle these. You have to pay a fee - \$20 for 23" to 60" TV's, but at least you did the "green thing".)

Starting the first week of May, we will be setting up tables of items in the upper hall of the VFW. If you have items to drop off, please do so on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 5pm. If you need a pick-up of some items, contact Russ and Donna at (815)-338-3414.

Why the name Soup to Nuts? In the 16th and 17th centuries, enjoying a seven course meal was not uncommon. It usually began with soup and ended with wine and nuts. The phrase conveys the meaning "from beginning to end".

We also need a lot of "helpers" to set up and take down the many tables, loading up stuff that did not sell, and cleaning up the hall after the sale. If you can spare a little time, please contact Russ and Donna at (815)-338-3414.

VFW Post 5040 Officers elected for 2009-2010

By Don Peasley

Two Vietnam Army veterans and a 1986 West Point graduate have been elected to lead the Woodstock VFW for 2009-2010. Officers for the new year were chosen at the VFW's April 20 meeting.

Mike Lackey, 60, Vietnam War veteran, was elected Post Commander to succeed Fred Noble, who was elected Quartermaster. Lackey served in the Army from 1968 to 1971 with the 44th Medical Division of the 43rd Medical Brigade. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1970-71 working in a surgical hospital. He was born in Chicago and graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. He returned to college in 1971 and graduated in the paramedic class in 1972. He received his master's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1975.

He started working at Harper College in 1974. He was an English professor at Harper College for 32 years, retiring in

May 2008.

His wife Susan's career includes work as assistant administrator in District 47. The Lackeys have five children: Eric, Elkhorn, Wisc.; Craig, Hanover Park; Colin, Woodstock; Colleen, Malmo, Sweden; and Stephen, Johnsburg.

Mike held offices as Junior and Senior Vice Commander and has been a participant in such Post 5040 activities as the annual Soup to Nuts, Poppy Day, Patriot Pen program and Voice of Democracy. His community service activity included participant as a Boy Scout leaders for seven years.

Ed Lumpp, elected Senior Vice Commander, is a 68-year-old Army veteran who served in 1968 and 1969 in Vietnam with the 11th Armored Cavalry. He was discharged in July 1970 with the rank of Specialist Fourth Class. Lumpp has two children, Gary and Kerry. Ed works in bonded warehousing as a housing specialist.

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Memorial Day lunch

By Matt Klos and Becky Gillespie

Every year on Memorial Day, our Post provides a post-parade lunch. We invite the public to come to our Post and enjoy a lunch.

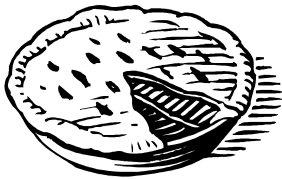
The price will remain the same as last year. \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for veterans and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under.

The menu: turkey, ham, garlic mashed potatoes, au gratin potato, mixed vegetables, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls & butter.

Lunch will be immediately following the parade and should be ready to go at 11:30 am.

Pies needed for Memorial Day lunch

By Matt Klos



I didn't see any mention of this but I will put this out as a request for all you ladies and men that like to bake.

We are calling on all membership to help out with the Memorial Day lunch by providing a pie to be served as dessert.

We did this back in 2006 which was a nice touch to the lunch. (I don't recall if we had dessert last year at the Memorial Day lunch). If you are willing to provide a pie, please contact the Post at (815)-338-5040 to let us know.

Attention newly elected Officers for 2009-2010

The installation ceremony for VFW Post 5040 Officers will be conducted on **June 20, Saturday, at 3:00 pm.** This is the day before Father's Day.

We are also trying to see if the Ladies Auxiliary will want to join in on the installation as well.

Even if you are not an officer, you are more than welcome to attend the proceedings and short ceremony that occurs at installation.

Poppy Days fundraising 2009, May 15 and 16

By Fred Noble, VFW Commander 2008-2009

It's Buddy Poppy Days again for 2009. May 15th & 16th!! Poppies will be sold both Friday and Saturday. We need VFW members and friends to please volunteer a couple of hours of their time to help us with this sale.

We want to fill the hours between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm each day. If we can fill the spots, it sure would help us financially with the Relief Fund. As designated by VFW National bylaws, all proceeds go to the Post Relief Fund which are strictly earmarked for "the benefit and welfare of the dependents, widows, and orphans of disabled, needy or deceased veterans or members of the Armed Forces."

There will be a sign-up board at the VFW for people to sign up indicating time and location. You can also call the Post at 815-338-5040 or 815-338-5655 to sign up for an available time slot.

Armed Forces Night at MCYSA baseball tourney invites veterans on field

By Matt Klos

The McHenry County Youth Sports Association (MCYSA) is extending an invitation to all veterans to come to the opening night of the baseball tournament in Crystal Lake on July 25, 2009.

In a letter from Bill Bajorat, one of the organizers of this special event during the tournament, said "My hope is that your Post would like to participate in an event that is designed to honor all McHenry County veterans. We had a number of participants last year and we hope to expand the numbers for this year. Essentially the involvement we are looking for is to have any attending veterans come out on the field before the game and be recognized for their patriotism. After which the veterans and their families are invited to stay and watch the evening's games."

"I hope I can count on your involvement to make this a special night for both the ballplayers and the veterans. Our goal is to get at least 100 McHenry County veterans out onto the field. The dates for the tournament are July 24 - August 2, 2009 and **the specific date for the Armed Forces Night is Saturday - July 25, 2009 at approximately 8:00 pm.**"

I found out about this event late last year but was able to represent our Post since I live in Crystal Lake. Ted Biever, our Service Officer, was also there as a representative from the McHenry County Marine Corps League.

If you would like to attend, please contact Bill Bajorat at bill@billanddale.com. I don't have a phone number for him (yet). Otherwise contact me directly and I will let him know your intentions.

Officers

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Dan Regna, 44, elected Junior Vice Commander, served on active duty from 1986 to 1990 after graduating from West Point. He joined the Reserves after active service. A captain while in military service, he served overseas in 1989 and 1990 in the Panama Canal zone as a member of the 9th Cavalry.

Regna is a Crystal Lake attorney specializing in criminal law. He joined the VFW in 2007. Dan and his wife Tiffany have three children: Daniel, Anna and Bryce.

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



2nd Annual Remember Our Heroes Car Show



Saturday, June 27 11 am - 6 pm

Woodstock VFW
Post 5040
240 Throop St.



Food

Beer Tent

Raffles

Music

11 Trophies to be awarded!

Best in show – Fan Favorite – Best Hot Rod, and many more!
Judging to be based on overall cleanliness of interior, exterior and the engine compartment, restoration quality, and dress-up.

- \$15.00 Entrance fee - Spectators Free •

Proceeds from the car show will benefit McHenry County Veterans

So come out and enjoy the show and support our Veterans!

Judging 11:30 am-2:00 pm
Trophies awarded at 3:00 pm
1965 Ford Falcon Raffle 4:30 pm

Free Raffles every 1/2 hr
Prize raffle 3:30 pm
50/50 Raffle 4:00 pm

For registration information and trophy classes, please call:
Bill or Jeanne at 815-338-5040
Please leave a message.
Limited space - last year sold out, so register early!



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First Division Museum at Cantigny Commemorates D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe June 6, 1944

From the museum website
www.dday65.org

This information came to via email, forwarded from Dwayne Raney. I thought this was interesting. I've been to the Cantigny museum and it's a really neat place. Maybe some of you might find this to be of interest. If you do attend, share your thoughts and pictures with you Post.

Saturday, June 6, 2009

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Special events scheduled throughout the day. Call (630) 260-8130 for more information.

First Division Museum at Cantigny
1S151 Winfield Rd.
Wheaton, Illinois, 60189

Come see one of America's last surviving WWII LCVPs!

Please join us in commemorating the importance of this day by honoring the many Veterans who took part in the largest amphibious assault ever conducted. In honor of this occasion our newly restored Landing Craft Vehicle and Personnel (LCVP) will be unveiled to the public.

Active duty members of the Armed Forces will participate. All Veterans and especially WWII Veterans will be recognized. Enjoy educational activities including build and sail a mini LCVP, coloring WWII era posters, trying on WWII uniforms as well as living history displays with re-enactors of WWII Allied troops.

Ceremony Schedule

10:00–10:30am: Memorial Ceremony

11:00am–12:00pm: Unveiling Ceremony

3:00–4:00pm: American Legion Band performs outside of FDM

Family Activities Scheduled from 10:00am–3:00pm

- Historic Military Vehicle Displays
- WWII Living History Displays
- WWII Re-enactors
- WWII Boat Team
- Garden Walks and Tours
- McCormick Museum special display of Chicago Tribune articles on D-Day
- Dress like a soldier WWII
- Build your own LCVP
- Make a WWII era poster

Roll Call D-Day and WWII Veterans!

The Museum would like to recognize all D-Day Veterans attending. If you are a D-Day Veteran and plan on attending please register in advance with Steven Hawkins at (630) 260-8130. Registered D-Day Veterans will be recognized during the ceremony and receive free parking at Cantigny Park that day.

All WWII Veterans are also invited to attend. Registered WWII Veterans and their guests will also receive free parking at Cantigny Park on June 6th. To register, call Steven Hawkins at (630) 260-8130.

Veterans can also register by mail. If you are able to attend this important occasion, please fill out a registration form and mail it to us no later than May 25.

(Registration form can be found on the website: www.dday65.org)

WWII Veteran Lunch

12:30–3:00 pm

Registered WWII Veterans eat free!

For guests: \$13.00 per person
(price includes tax)

In honor of this day all WWII Veterans are invited to the Veteran Lunch after the Commemoration Ceremony. This lunch is free to registered WWII Veterans and \$13.00 per guest. If you have any questions please call (630) 260-8130.

Please RSVP for the WWII Veteran Lunch. Include the number of guests you will be bringing. To RSVP call (630) 260-8130

WWII Veteran Lunch will include:

- Hamburgers
- Bratwurst
- A variety of toppings
- Boston Baked Beans
- American Potato Salad
- Soda or Water
- Fresh Watermelon

Don't want to participate in the WWII Veteran lunch? Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy Cantigny's beautiful grounds, or take your family to lunch at our restaurant, Le Jardin.



Memorial Day Ceremony on Woodstock Square

10:00 am: Ceremony

11:00 am: Parade

Lunch served at Post
After Parade

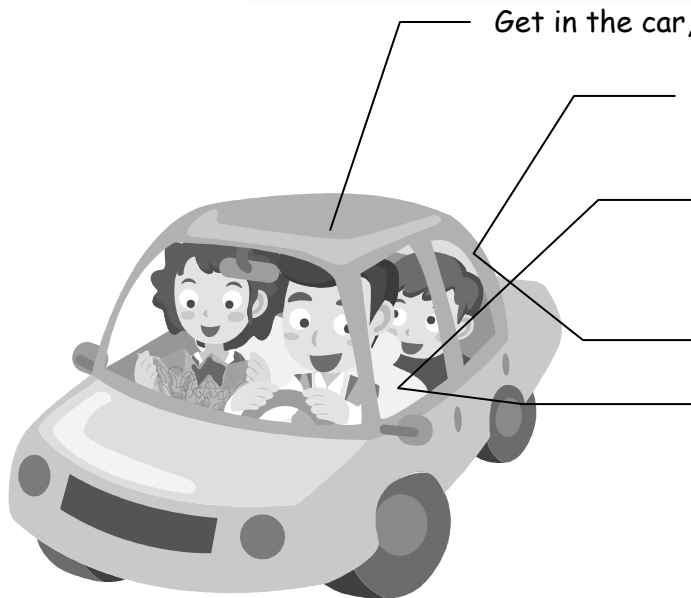
After the ceremony, veterans will be invited to walk or ride (pending what floats we have this year) in the parade. If you would like to ride or walk, see one of the organizers on the day of the ceremony.

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The meaning of Memorial Day

From the National VFW Website

Has this special day of remembrance been lost on the American people?

It's a sacred day to all war veterans: None need to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more important, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war?

Judging from what Memorial Day has become—simply another day off from work—the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due then. And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often, the nation as a whole

takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common—love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.

We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible—giving one's own life on behalf of others.

Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance: Placing flags at gravesites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in youth.

As America's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer and fewer standard-bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed.

Now, more than in recent years, the enduring relevance of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars under way, the public has no excuse not to remember.

This much is owed to the more than 3,600 Americans who have died thus far in Afghanistan and Iraq.

From the Editor's Desk

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor



It's May. One of the busiest months of the year in terms of events going on at the Post. Every year when I look at the calendar, there are so many things going on. But its also busy on the home front as well. Spring sports are in full swing on the weekdays and weekends. I tried my best to get this issue out early to notify members about the Soup to Nuts Sale. It's

Tuesday morning at 3:40 am and I am still trying to finish this up so maybe it will get to some people before Thursday. Work has kept me really busy and I've just been exhausted. Unfortunately, putting together the newsletter was one of the last things on my to do list. In last months issue, I listed the officer and volunteer positions that were available in our Post. I'm happy to see that all the officers positions were filled, even the role of Quartermaster (thanks Fred!) which usually goes unfilled for several weeks because that is a very demanding position. Fred, good luck with that. I didn't have any inquiries into the Editor or Webmaster positions. No one wanted to try to tackle this? If anyone wants a shot at it, please contact me. Lately I've been tossing around another idea in my head for next year about

what I want to see happen with this newsletter. My thought is that maybe we should start looking into a bimonthly publication. Not sure how the timings would go (beginning of two month intervals or at the end of two month intervals). We might save a few extra dollars throughout the year, but also get more content in. I don't know. Anyone have any thoughts to share about this? Let me know. I'd like to hear your thoughts on this if we went to bimonthly. I wouldn't make a change until January 2010, so we've got some time to ponder this thought. Then again, if someone else would like to be the editor, they might have their own ideas too. ☺

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Loyalty Day 1 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) and Stuffed Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	2 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
3	4 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	5 Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30pm	6 Cub Scouts - 7 pm	7 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm <i>Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces Signed (1945)</i> <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8   Soup 2 Nuts Indoor Garage Sale 7:30 am - 5 pm VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm V-E Day Declared (1945)	9   Soup 2 Nuts Indoor Garage Sale 8 am - 5 pm Saturday Raffle 4 pm
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	12	13	14	Poppy15 Day  8 am - 4 pm We need volunteers Sign up a Post VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	Poppy16 Day  8 am - 4 pm We need volunteers Sign up a Post Saturday Raffle 4 pm
17	18 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for June 2009 VFW News items Victoria Day (Canada)	19	20 Cemetery marker flag placement. Meet at Post at 8 am. Rain date is tomorrow. Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	21 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	22 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Meatloaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm National Maritime Day	23 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
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Memorial Day 2009 - Remembering All Our Fallen Heroes that Gave Their Lives in Military Service

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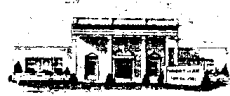
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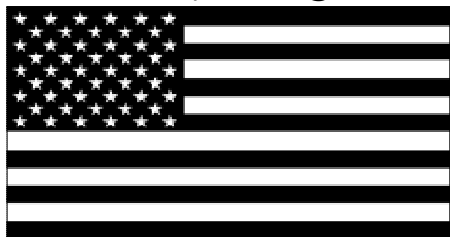
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- **News about events coming up this month.**
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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Fish Fry and dinner Specials.**
- **May 8/9: Soup to Nuts, indoor garage sale.**
- **May 15/16: Poppy Days.**
- **May 18: VFW Meeting.**
- **May 20: Posting Flags at local cemeteries.**
- **May 25: Memorial Day.**
- **June 27: VFW Car Show.**

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 VFW Post 5040
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