



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

What do you do when you're 65?

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

God willing, I have 25 years before I have to really ponder this question. However, relating to VFW Post 5040, it's something that we all should be considering in the next 12 months. The day has come and gone, but some of you may have noticed that March 4, 2010 our Post turned 64 years old. We received our Post Charter in 1946. So, this means that next year the Post will reach a milestone in turning 65.

Many of you recall that in April of 2006, we had a celebratory dinner at the Post (if you want to see pictures of it, we still have some on the website under "Information & History / Event History"). It will only be five years later, but maybe we want to do something special next year. Since 2006, we've lost some of our older members and that cycle continues. If we wait another five years to celebrate the

Post's 70 anniversary, realistically speaking our membership will be a lot less than it is today.

In light of these facts, I'm asking our membership to consider if some type of milestone recognition is due our Post next year. We've got some time to think about it, but if something is going to happen, planning should commence soon. Do you have an idea? If some type of celebration is warranted, should it be formal like a dinner or more of an open house? Would you attend the event or would it be like some of the others where we don't get much support from the Post membership?

Those are just a few questions and thoughts I'd like you to consider. Few, if any, of our membership realize the significance of March 4 next year. For some of you, its memories of many years of hard work put into the Post in days gone by. Some of us barely know any history of the Post and the people that made it possible.

So, before this slips your mind, take a moment to respond some way to this.



Send an email, write a letter, talk with another VFW Post 5040 member. What would you like to see happen? Do you want to help organize something for this? If we start thinking about this now, maybe we can prepare for it when Post 5040 does turn 65 next year. (Contact information is on the back of the newsletter.)

May 1, Loyalty Day

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Likely by the time I get the newsletter out for May, Loyalty Day will have come and gone and I won't be able to get the President's 2010 proclamation before that. However, this was from last year which still serves the purpose behind this day:

THE WHITE HOUSE - May 1, 2009
Office of the Press Secretary

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

More than two centuries ago, our Nation's Founders declared the birth of a new Nation and began an experiment in self-governance. The young Republic committed itself to protecting the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens. These ideals inspired loyalty to the young Nation and moved volunteers to fight for their independence.

Generations later, these founding principles continue to unify and command the loyalty of the American people. The United States has expanded in size, increased in population, and grown in diversity, yet the promise of liberty and the pursuit of happiness arouse the patriotism and loyalty of Americans anew. Just as early settlers pledged to do their part to build the new Nation, now recent immigrants -- loyal to the very same values -- are helping America fulfill its promise.

We enjoy these blessings of liberty only because brave patriots have answered the call of duty. The men and women of the United States Armed Forces exemplify loyalty to our highest ideals, as do those who have fought valiantly for civil rights within our borders. These Americans and many others have made enormous sacrifices, and our Nation is grateful for their selflessness and unshakeable loyalty.

The Congress, by Public Law 85-

529, as amended, has designated May 1 of each year as "Loyalty Day." On Loyalty Day, we honor our Nation and remember with pride the courageous individuals who help keep it safe and strong and who honor its legacy of freedom and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2009, as Loyalty Day. I call upon all the people of the United States to join in support of this national observance and to display the flag of the United States on Loyalty Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

BARACK OBAMA

✠ Chaplains Report ✠

By Pete Lockinger

Sick List:

- Fred Noble
- Art Stolzke

Charter Draped (March Meeting):

- Warren Stanek
- Arnold Witt
- James Stone



Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2009-2010

If you haven't yet paid your due for this past year you are behind. All dues were to be paid by December 31 to be current.

Our Auxiliary secretary, Chris Gehrke, recently had hip replacement surgery. She is now at home and we wish her a very speedy recovery.

We had a very nice dinner prior to our last meeting even though several members were absent.

The last District meeting of the year will be next month on May 16, 2010. The 5th District Convention will be at the Sequoia Post 4551 located at 75 North Ave., Antioch, IL 60002 with the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., Lunch at 12:00 p.m. and the meetings starting at 1:00 p.m.

What's more exciting than visiting Indianapolis?

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Visiting Indianapolis when the VFW 111th National Convention is in town **August 21-26** of course! Did you remember this year that the VFW National Convention will be relatively close to Woodstock?

Indianapolis, Indiana is really not too far away. It's a road trip. Stay a night or two. If you want to go, I would advise to start planning for it now. Already the National VFW website has a link to convention information and there are registration forms available for those planning to go.

The convention is **August 21-26, 2010**. Visit the VFW website at www.vfw.org for more details, online/mail in registration forms, convention agenda, housing information, attractions, and more.

If you don't want to drive as far but would still like to attend a VFW convention, there is also the Department of Illinois convention that takes place at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, Illinois, **June 24 -27, 2010**. Visit the Department of Illinois website for more information: www.vfwil.org

Welcome New VFW Member

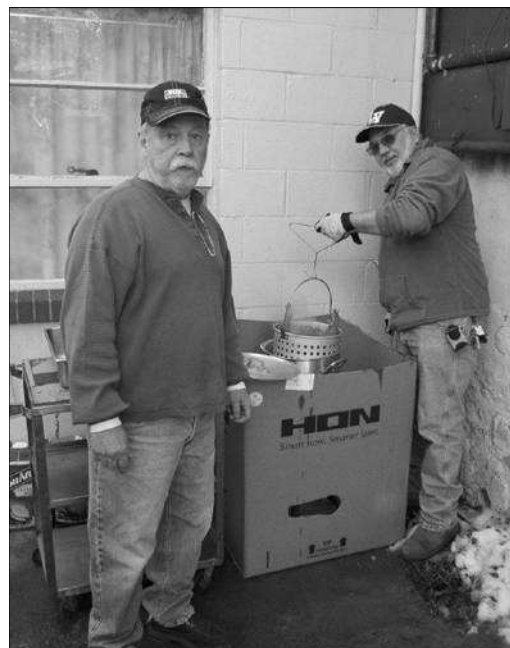
We welcome new VFW member Robert James. Robert is an Army veteran of the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. He served in the military from March 2004 through September 2009, having completed two deployments to Iraq. Currently he is attending McHenry County College to study political science.



Pat Auvenshine (left) supervises VFW members Bill Lyford (front), Charlie Mathey (on Pat's left), Larry Dhom, and Bob Gibson (right) as they separate the deep fried turkey for the dinner held on February 23. (Bud Porter Picture.)



From left, VFW Commander Mike Lackey, Bob Gibson, Ralph Ritter, Charlie Mathey, Larry Dhom, Mike David, Denny Burrs, Bud Porter (not pictured), and Pat Auvenshine (not pictured) all helped out to make the deep fried turkey dinner a success on February 23. (Bud Porter picture.)



Mike David watches Ralph Ritter check one of the turkeys being deep fried for the dinner held on February 23. (Bud Porter picture.)



Guns & Hoses Charity Hockey Game

JUNE 5TH, 2010 - 4:00 P.M.



320 East Prairie Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 356-8500

Proceeds from the Hockey Game and Dinner Buffet
will benefit the Woodstock VFW Relief Fund for the
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Dinner will start at 6:30 pm
\$10.00 Adults - Children 12 and under \$7.00



Post 5040



Last chance for 2010-2011 VFW Post 5040 nominations; elections takes place this month

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

This is it. The meeting this month on April 19 will be the last chance to nominate yourself or another individual for an officer position.

At the March meeting, VFW Judge Advocate, Dick Glawe, accepted the following nominations for positions:

- Commander: **Brian Ritter**
- Sr. Vice: **Lawrence Gordon**
- Jr. Vice: **Robert James**
- QM: **Mark Freund**
- Chaplain: **Pete Lockinger**
- Judge Advocate: **Dick Glawe**
- Surgeon: **Harold Irwin**
- 3 Yr Trustee: **Open**
- 1 Yr Trustee: **Open**

At the April meeting, final nominations will be taken. Elections will then be conducted at the April meeting at the close of nominations.

Again, here is the listing and summary of what is required of each of the elected positions and appointed positions in VFW Post 5040. Officers are elected for a term of one year. Any of these positions are open for those that would like to get involved this year.

A correction from last month, some outdated information was used to indicate the elected positions. The updated elected officer positions are listed according to the General Orders, Section 217 of the National Manual of Procedure, as posted on the Department of Illinois website:

Commander (elected):

(a) Preside at all meetings, (b) enforce laws of VFW, (c) conduct business and activities according to VFW standards (d) decide all questions of law (f) approve expenditures (g) assure QM is bonded (h) assure all dues are forwarded to Department (i) assure all reports are correct (j) assure all eligible veterans encouraged to join and maintain membership (k) assure that he or representative attend District Conventions (l) comply with and perform duties of VFW.

Sr. Vice Commander (elected):

Assist Commander in preserving order and preside in absence of Commander.

Jr. Vice Commander (elected):

Assist Commander in preserving order and preside in absence of Commander and Sr. Vice Commander.

Quartermaster (elected):

(a) receive and properly account for all monies and property in Post (b) pay our authorized payments (c) be bonded (d) collect monies giving receipts (e) keep dues accounts on members (f) collect annual membership dues (g) transmit dues to Department (h) refrain from issuing memberships until dues paid (i) maintain dues reserve (j) expend dues paid by Post on members from general fund (k) maintain relief fund (l) maintain books (m) deliver to successor all records (n) serve as treasurer in all committees (o) comply with all VFW laws.

Chaplain (elected):

Shall be chairman of visiting committee of Post. Visits sick and disabled members and make report to membership.

Judge Advocate (elected):

Gives commander legal assistance.

Surgeon (elected):

Chairman of Health committee. Shall promote and put into effect health programs for the benefit of the Post and community.

Trustees (elected):

(a) audit books and records of the Post (b) submit a Post trustees report of audit to Department QM (c) verify all expenditures (d) audit the records and accounts of all committees (e) perform duties that are incident to position. (Trustees are elected for a term to three years.)

Adjutant:

(a) prepare all reports required of him (b) attest by signature all actions of the Post (c) keep in books: by laws, member applications, meeting minutes, orders from higher offices, correspondence file, proof of eligibility, roll of departed comrades (d) transfer all records to successor (e) comply with all VFW laws

Officer of the Day:

(a) Custodian of the Post colors, alter flag, Bible, ballot box, gavel and other such property (b) at the beginning of meeting, inspect membership card (c) have Post colors in position prior to meetings (d) at the close of meetings assures that all property is under his control (e) prepares ballots (f) carry out order of commander.

Guard:

(a) allow no one to enter meeting room

who does not possess a dues receipt card or membership (b) notify Officer of the Day of all distinguished guests present (c) perform duties that are incident to position.

Service Officer:

Assist members of the Post, widows, and orphans in obtaining rightful benefits from federal and state governments, preparing proper forms for applying for benefits, and assembling required evidence.

Assistant Adjutant:

Assists Adjutant as requested.

Assistant Quartermaster:

Assists Quartermaster as requested.

Legislative Chairman:

Inform Post membership of all legislative information sent to him by Department or National.

Employment Chairman:

Work for the accomplishment of the employment programs adopted by the National and Departmental conventions and Post to promote employment of veterans.

Public Relations Chairman:

Publicize the activities of the Post which enhance the prestige of the Post and membership. He shall seek cooperation of local publications and broadcast media to obtain favorable publicity for the VFW of the US.

Americanism Chairman:

Maintains record of all Patriotic Days and shall initiate programs for their proper observance by the Post and community.

Post Newsletter Editor:

Responsible for creating newsletter format, editing written and pictorial content, organizing submitted content, producing electronic copy for print services, maintaining Post address list, printing address labels, tabbing and labeling newsletters, working with advertisers in ad development, renewal and changes, work with Post Office to qualify for bulk mail rates at pre-sort level.

Post Webmaster:

Responsible for yearly renewal of domain name and web hosting service, updating web pages with content as needed, developing new web pages as needed, posting digital copy of newsletter to website, keeping maintenance costs to a minimum, answering email that comes through the website mailboxes. Basic knowledge of HTML, CSS, FTP, and CGI scripts is helpful.

VFW Post 5040
 "REMEMBER OUR HEROES"
 Car Show
 Saturday, June 26th 10AM-4PM

SPACE IS LIMITED –
 EVERY YEAR HAS SOLD OUT!

\$15 non-refundable registration fee.
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2010 Registration Form

Participant Information

Owner/Participant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle Information

Year: _____ Make: _____

Model: _____

How did you hear about the show? _____

Liability Release: By signing below, you accept responsibility for your vehicle and yourself. You release from liability VFW Post 5040, sponsors, staff and volunteers from all damages, injuries, losses and/or other claims experienced by the entrant to his/her person or property.

Owner/Participant signature: _____

Show held rain or shine! (Questions? Call 815-338-5040 and ask for Bill or Jeanne.)

Surfing the net? Surf
 your way here the
 month of April to help
 out the VFW

Dear Comrades and Supporters:
 The Pepsi Refresh Project:

www.refresheverything.com

is an online grant program sponsored by PepsiCo. It is available to applicable non-profits and Grants are determined through an Internet voting process which is open to the public.

With our country at war, and with thousands of new veterans returning from the battlefield, our mission and our many assistance programs are more important than ever. The truth of the matter is, we are hard-pressed to meet the ever-growing demand for assistance for our veterans, service members and their families. That

is why I have directed the VFW Foundation to gain entry to the Pepsi Refresh Project at the highest grant amount (\$250,000) in the next open period (April 1, 2010). The VFW has begun the process needed to create our on-line profile at Pepsi's website, so that we will then be eligible for award consideration beginning 4/1/10.

Grant awards are not determined by merit but simply by the number of on-line votes received. In order to have any chance at receiving a grant, we must successfully mobilize an effective and massive Internet campaign to enlist supporters to vote for our cause.

I am now asking for your help in getting the word out so that we can garner as many on-line votes from our membership and supporters as possible.

Soon, you will be receiving detailed information about VFW's upcoming "Return the Favor" on-line national cam-

paign. Please take a moment and learn how you can help be a part of this important endeavor. Your efforts will go a long way in assisting those who deserve it most.

Sincerely,
 Thomas J. Tradewell Sr.
 VFW National Commander

An advertisement for Heartland Blood Centers. On the left is the Heartland Blood Centers logo, which includes a stylized heart and the text 'Heartland Blood Centers'. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a woman sitting in a blood donation chair, with a blood bag and tubing connected to her arm. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Woodstock Moose Family Center to hold blood drive', '406 Clay Street', 'APRIL 18, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM', and 'Free Breakfast to all donors!'.

What do those numbers above my name mean?

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Question of the month: "On my address label there are some additional characters and I was wondering what they mean."

#BYBBKWZ
#6007# 1
Your Name
123 Main St
Woodstock, IL 60098-0000

So, have you wondered what the extra letters and numbers mean? It's a cost savings measure that I have put in place. Above your label, you will notice that there is the endorsement "Change Service Requested" as well. We have a special account under ACS (Address Change Service, which a division of the US Postal Service - USPS) that allows us to receive change of address and other reasons for non-delivery electronically. In the past, when we specified "Return Service Requested", if something was wrong with the address, the newsletter physically came back to the Post with a new address or reason for non-delivery. The Post was then charged a first-class postage fee for each returned piece, whatever the going rate is for a first-class stamp (\$0.44 now) on top of the postage we already paid to mail it out.

With "Change Service Requested", the Post gets an electronic notification. What happens is that if there is a change of address or undeliverable message, instead of returning it to the Post, the USPS will **DISCARD** the mail piece and update a file as to why the mail piece was undeliverable. Once a month I download this file with address changes from the USPS. Usually it's 10 or fewer changes that I have to deal with. We are only charged \$0.26 per letter notification, about half of what a normal return would be. Since the newsletter is discarded, it's important to keep your address up to date. This way I can keep the Post mailing list current.

The alphanumeric string "BYBBKWZ" is the Post 5040 account number with ACS. Under this (between the "#" signs) is a unique identifier for each address that receives a mailed newsletter. It is a special



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4-digit number that I track which ties back to the ACS electronic record. The digit after the second "#" is for pre-sorting purposes when I label the newsletters.

So you may be thinking, why bother to go through the extra work to save a few dollars a month? Two reasons. First, it's not cheap to mail our newsletter out and I look for ways to save mailing costs anywhere possible; second, the Post Office continually modifies how mail is handled and reclassifies discounts. I have to ensure

that we take advantage of the lowest possible rates the USPS will give us.

In the next year or two, likely you will start seeing your label generated with a bar

code. When the USPS start's requiring bar code use in order for our Post to qualify for existing or lower rates, that's when I will start to change the label over. Right now it's not cost effective to do this because it involves using a larger label for the barcode, paying a small fee to certify our address list every few months, redesigning the address label, and software modification.

So, now you know a little more about your VFW newsletter address label.

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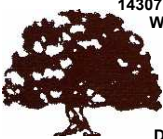
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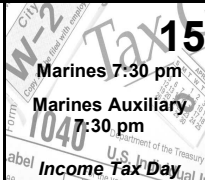
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April 2010

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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
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30 <i>Passover</i>	31	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm  <i>April Fools' Day</i>	2 <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm <i>Good Friday</i>	3 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
4  Happy Easter!	5 Memorial Day Committee 7:00 pm Little League 7:00 pm Girls Softball 7:00 pm	6 <i>Army Day</i>	7 Cub Scouts - 7:00 pm	8 VFW Board Meeting 6:30 pm	9 <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm <i>National Former POW Recognition Day</i>	10 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
11 <i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991)</i>	12 VFW Officers Meeting 7:00 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	13 Woodstock Jaycees Board Meeting 7:30pm	14	15 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm  Income Tax Day	16 <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	17 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
18 Blood Drive at the Moose 8-12 406 Clay St Free breakfast to all donors.	19 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for May 2010 VFW News items	20	21 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	24 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
25	26	27 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm	28	29	30 <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm <i>Arbor Day</i>	Loyalty Day ¹ Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm



From the Editor's Desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor If you got your newsletter a little later than usual last month, I'm sorry about that. I dropped off the newsletter on March 3 at the Woodstock Post office and I received my copy on March 13. I talked with the Bulk Mail clerk at the Woodstock Post Office and he didn't have a good answer. He only mentioned that the USPS is cutting costs and staff, and the class of mail that our newsletter falls under may take additional time to get to where it's going. It was also mentioned that our newsletter goes out to another facility and then comes back to Woodstock. That's just their process. If you get impatient for it, don't forget that usually by the first weekend of the month I put it up on our website at www.vfw5040.org. Have any news or want something printed in the newsletter? Contact me...see back page.

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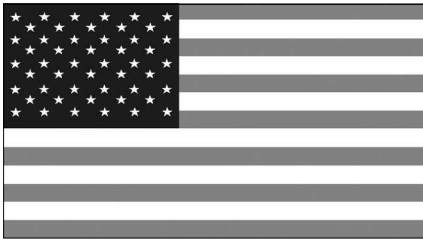
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Ladies Auxiliary to
VFW Post 5040
Post Officers 2009 - 2010

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2 Year Trustee	Jessica Rathbone	- NA -
3 Year Trustee	Barbara Gehrke	(815)-338-1546

VFW POST 5040, WOODSTOCK
We are open to the public!

This month's issue:

- **Loyalty Day Proclamation.**
- **Multiple regional events that need your support.**
- **Turkey Fry pictures.**
- **Car show registration form.**
- **And a couple of more things of interest inside...**

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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.**
- **April 1: Ladies Auxiliary 7 pm.**
- **April 18: Blood Drive at the Moose, 8am -12 pm.**
- **April 19: VFW Meeting 7 pm.**
- **May 1: Loyalty Day.**