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Notes From the Editor

Welcome to another edition of the Woodstock VFW Post News. I would like to say that I am getting better at this, which I am, but I continue to find myself putting this newsletter together at the last moment, putting it off to the very end of the month. I was again not at the last meeting, so I am grateful for all the submissions that a select few members of the post and Ladies Auxiliary have sent me. I was almost positive that I would get more submissions for this month, based on some of the content that was in last month's newsletter. Alas, nothing.

I take it then that all you are at least satisfied with the paper then? I am still trying to get time to play with photographs in for the newsletter. I have not really had the time due to my work schedule. Even though I live in Crystal Lake, work takes me to Washington DC Monday's – Thursday's of every week. Talk about a rough schedule. So when I am actually creating this newsletter, I am doing so on 1) lack of sleep 2) last minute or 3) trying to meet a deadline for work that pushes the creation of the paper to the last minute.

Have any of you been up to the post lately to see the changes going on? If you haven't, you should. There has been a lot of work going on trying to improve the facilities and make it more enticing for some of you to get out there to visit during a meeting or to bingo or some other sort of business. My only excuse is that I am out of town on Monday nights. If I was in town, I would be attending the monthly meetings.

I know that over this past summer was the VFW's 103rd National Convention In Nashville, Tennessee. Did any of you get a chance to go? I think that would have been fun to go there had I had the time. If you did attend the convention, could you drop me a letter and let me know how you liked it and what you saw when you were there? I have never been to a national convention and even the one in Milwaukee a couple of years ago I missed. One of these years, maybe the convention will come to Chicago and we can all attend. Wouldn't that be fun. Until next month, take care. By the way, don't forget to get treats for the kids for Halloween this month. Happy trick-or-treating!

What's Been Happening Around the Post...

- We have installed 2 "Purafans" at the Post. One is in the bar area and the second is in the dining room area. They have a triple filter, of which one of the filters is charcoal. They filter the air in the room 42 times an hour. Smoke and smells of all kinds are removed. If you have been staying away from the club because of smoke, your excuse is gone now. We have had great comments so far. We have had a lot of good comments about these two new fans. The majority of the comments have been made on how good of a job they are doing keeping the cigarette smoke at a minimum.
- Parking has been a problem since the 2 new movie theaters opened up on Main Street a few months ago. Ralph Ritter, Quartermaster, contacted the city about painting a cross walk from the Metro parking lot to the VFW side of the street. They have agreed to do this. This should help crossing the street. It has been noticed that parking starts to fill up about 5:00 to 5:30 at the Post parking lot. Get there before 5:00 and you will most likely get a close parking spot.
- We have a new juke box, speakers, and dart board in the bar room. The music sounds 100% better than it was before. If you like throwing darts, come on down and join in.
- We have 2 new book shelves installed next to the handicap ramp. They will have all of the forms about joining the VFW. Benefits pamphlets will also be located in the book case.

Ladies Auxiliary
FROM THE PRESIDENT
By NYDA FOGARTY, President 2002-2003

The Auxiliary had a wonderful dinner preceding the meeting on September 5th. We had a great variety of food and a decorated cake for the officers.

Remember, ladies, that your dues are due now and they are \$15.00. The notices have not gone out yet due to our lack of officers at the beginning of the year. In October you will receive a dues notice from National if you have not paid your dues for the coming year.

The Auxiliary has once again decided to hold our annual Teacher's Tea. It will be on Thursday November 21st at 4 p.m. I am working on entertainment for that date and District 200 has cleared the date with me on any conflict with other activities.

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of June Thayer, a long time member, who has lived in McHenry for a number of years. She was a resident of Hearthstone Manor. Her husband is a patient at Alden Terrace in McHenry.

Thank You Corner

- Thank you to Jack Fish who is painting all of the doors downstairs. They really look good. Come on down for a Wednesday or Friday dinner and see our improvements.
- Thanks to Fred Burkey (new member) from Crystal Lake for planing three doors that always seemed to stick. We still have four more to fix.
- Thanks to Don Sword and Larry Dohm for cleaning the beer cooler lines every other week and keeping the ice machines clean. This saves the Post \$40.00 a month.
- Thanks to Charlie Mathey, Harold Irwin, Jack Fish and Hank Nulle for your kitchen help every week.
- Thanks to Don Sword and Bill Lyford for burning the flags that are put the red mail box (this mailbox allows anyone in the community to drop off worn out flags to be properly disposed of by Post 5040).
- Big thanks to our volunteers on the kitchen cleanup crew. They show up every Monday morning, work 2-3 hours, and get 2 free drink tickets for helping out.

Ladies Auxiliary Elected Officers
2002-2003

President	Nyda Fogarty
Senior Vice President	Bonnie Kagel
Junior Vice	Viola Brown
Secretary	Christine Gehrke
Treasurer	Barbara Gehrke
Chaplain	Karen Wells
Guard	Rosemary Hellstern
Conductress	Irene Brown
1 Yr. Trustee	Joyce Monson
2 Yr. Trustee	Ruth Gehrke
3 Yr. Trustee	Geraldine Salyers

**OPERATION UPLINK & MILITARY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**

Reported by **Dwayne E. Raney**, VFW NEWS Assistant editor for the October issue of the Woodstock VFW News.

Members of the Woodstock VFW Post 5040 at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 16th, voted their approval to donate \$25.00 to both, Operation Uplink & Military Assistance Program, for the year 2002-2003. Dwayne Raney, a member of Post 5040 and 3 time Past Post Commander, asked the post members to make these two important contributions. Raney serves as the chairman of those two program committees on 5th VFW District Commander Walter Michalski's staff for the 2002-2003 VFW year. This will give the Post credit on the "X-Sheet" plus 15 points towards the judging for All State Post Commanders White Hat Team per each donation.

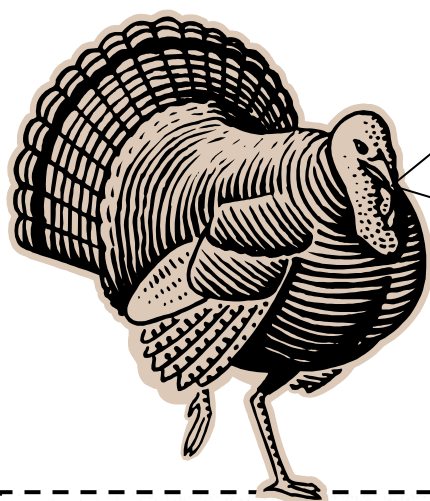
Chaplains Report

By Marvin Bohnhoff

Get well cards were sent for the following: Gerald Palmquist and Robert Gaylord.

Sympathy cards were sent to families of Deceased Members. TAPS was played, prayers said, and the Charter draped in their honor at the September 16th meeting. Those honored:

- **Stanley Krueger**
- **Albert Babcock**
- **Erhardt Kolber**
- **Richard Plimmer**
- **Valleau Ayers**
- **Werner Fedrowitz**



Hey Turkey, did you see these in your mailbox? Send them in for a chance to take one of my frozen kin home!

FIRST PRIZE \$150.00 Second Prize: \$100.00 Third Prize: \$50.00 40 Turkeys Next 40 Prizes VFW POST 5040 - Woodstock, Illinois Saturday, November 23, 2002 Donation: \$1.00 each Winner Need Not Be Present		No. _____ Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Phone _____ Saturday, November 23, 2002
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Donation's Made to the Post

The Post received a donation of 1,200 gel filled computer mouse pads. They retail for \$9.95 each and wholesale for \$4.00 each. The members can purchase them for Christmas presents. They will be for sale at the bar for \$2.00 each. They come in the following designs: hockey, golf, pizza's, fish tank, silly face, soccer, mouse and cheese. **They are unique** because they have a gel filling that various items are floating around in. **You need to take a look at them!!** Good stocking stuffers.

We also received as a donation a commercial grade double door refrigerator from Day's and Crawford Scrap Yard in Crystal Lake. It retails new for about \$3200.00. Used value is about \$600 to \$1000 dollars. It is in working order and we are using it now. We need to build it into the kitchen wall, so for the time being it is in the dining area.

Turkey Raffle Tickets are Available Now!

Turkey Raffle and Turkey Dinner

When: **November 23, 2002**
 Where: **Woodstock VFW Post 5040**
 Cost: **\$1.00 per ticket or 10 for \$10**

Sell 1 book of 10 tickets and receive a free Turkey Dinner. Meal will start at 6 PM. Cash prize and Turkey winners will be drawn at 9 PM. We will have 12-15 paddle wheel drawings from 6-9 PM. Prizes will be Turkeys, booze and other meats this year.

A sign up sheet will be available. Tickets were sent to VFW member's homes in September. If you win and you're from out of town, we will make arrangements to get your prize or cash to you.

Turkey raffle tickets are being returned to the post through the mail. **Thanks for your support.** If you need additional tickets, call the post at 815-338-5040 and leave a message saying that you want more tickets mailed to you. Leave your name, mailing address and how many books you want. Sid Sherwin is this year's chair person. Sid will need extra help for the Turkey raffle so please let him know if you can help. If you would like to help Sid, call him at home after 6:30 PM at 815-338-5573.

VFW Post 5040 Officers

Commander - Jim Smith
 Senior Vice Commander - Marvin Monson
 Junior Vice Commander - Sid Sherwin
 Quartermaster - Ralph Ritter
 Chaplain - Marvin Bohnhoff
 Assistant Chaplain - Chuck Mathey
 Service Officer - Ron Nehls
 Judge Advocate - Dwayne Raney
 Post Surgeon - Harold Irwin
 Officer-of-the-Day - Bruce Shisler
 Trustees - Thom Gillespie, Alan Belcher, Jon Showers

Some Important Info For All The Post Members

By Dwayne E. Raney, Past Post Commander

Duty of the Commander is spelled out in great detail on the white pages of the Ritual found on pages 80 & 81. However, in his/her absence the Senior Vice Commander WILL PRESIDE! The Junior Vice Commander will preside in the ABSENCE of both the COMMANDER & SENIOR VICE COMMANDER. However, in the event that neither the POST COMMANDER, the SENIOR VICE COMMANDER or the JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER is present, the **post shall elect a commander pro tempore** to preside at the meeting of the post. In the latter case, this does happen only rarely but it can and does at times. This is submitted as general information to the members in my capacities as both the Post Judge Advocate & VFW News Assistant Editor.

From Post 5040 Post Judge Advocate
Dwayne E. Raney & Assistant VFW News Editor

Note: These rules are located in the back of the Manual of Procedure & Ritual (the white pages) on Pages 2 & 3. There are 13 General Rules. This ritual may not be changed except by the National VFW Convention. Some of the rules:

Rule 1. Officers are personally responsible for their Rituals. They shall permit only properly authorized persons to read them.

Rule 2. "While the Post is in session, NO MEMBER will pass between the altar and the Commander's station, EXCEPT, as prescribed by the Ritual." This is one of the most common violated rules. This "often" occurs not only during Post meetings, but also at times at an level such as a District meeting for example. Officers, new and others, should try to see this does not occur as often as it is possible to do so.

Rule 5. When addressing The Commander all officers salute in a military manner. The Commander will return similar salutes. All Officers exchange salutes when addressing each other.

Rule 6. ONE rap of the gavel calls ATTENTION or SEATS the body when STANDING. TWO raps of the gavel calls everyone to standing at attention.

Rule 11. The military salute shall be given in all ceremonials, and, at meetings when a member wishes to address the Commander, or, Presiding Officer. The military salute shall also be used in the Ceremonial work, as set forth in this Ritual.

Rule 12. The Flag of the United States, of appropriate size and attached to a standard, SHALL be placed upright upon the VFW Altar to the LEFT of a Bible--(to the left of the Bible as viewed by the one standing before the Altar, and, facing the Commander's station). THE POW/MIA flag MAY BE placed to the right of the AMERICAN Flag. Both the flags and the Bible SHALL be upon a regulation VFW Altar Cloth.

Rule 13. (a) All members will stand during the rendition of prayers; (b) members will follow the action of the Chaplain, or, Presiding officer relative to the removal of caps during prayers; if uncovering, the hat SHALL BE placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; (c) OFFICIAL caps WILL NOT be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals; and (d) OFFICIAL caps will be the only head covering allowed to be worn at regular meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Please note: Another rule not found in perhaps the Ritual, is that NO alcoholic drinks are PERMITTED during these official meetings.

Be A Part of the Post – Volunteer to Do Your Part to Help Make VFW 5040 Post Successful!

- We are already looking for people who would like to become a post officer for the coming year. Ralph would like to get an assistant quartermaster for the rest of his term. The books are up to date and in order and being an assistant to the quartermaster is not that big of a job.
- We are still looking for a cook. If you know of someone that is reliable and will fit the position, have them talk to Candy or Ralph.
- We would like to strip and wax the lower dining room floor. We will need 4-6 people in relatively good health to run the stripper and mop. If you can help out, call Ralph or leave a message at the post.
- For those of you who prefer to sit while working, we have a job for you also. We need to finish washing all of the dining room chairs. We started this job when we painted the lower hall and never finished it.
- Pat Ritter is still looking for a relief person to hostess/host on Friday nights (female or male). If you're interested in getting a **free meal and a couple of drinks** while having a good time visiting with people, call Pat at 338-5018 or stop and see her Friday night.
- We would like to serve Tom 'n Jerrys on Thanksgiving Day and are looking for volunteers to do it. If you are interested in helping to make and serve them, contact Ralph before the October 23.

October 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 VFW 5040 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (7:30 pm) Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	4	5
6	7 Memorial Day Committee (7:00 pm)	8 Dirt Group (7:00 pm) Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	9	10 Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm) Harley Hogs - McHenry Independent Riders (7:00 pm)	11	12
13	14 American Legion Post 412 Meeting (7:30 pm)	15 Dirt Group (7:00 pm) Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	16 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County (7:30 pm)	17 Marines Meeting (7:00 pm) Marines Auxiliary (7:00 pm) Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	18	19
20	21 VFW 5040 Men's Post Meeting (dinner 6:30 pm meeting 7:30 pm)	22 Dirt Group (7:00 pm) Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	23 ***** Last Day to Submit articles to the VFW News *****	24 Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	25	26
27	28	29 Dirt Group (7:00 pm) Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)	30	31 Woodstock JC's (7:00 pm)		

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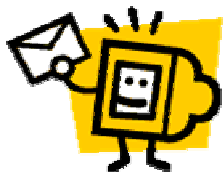
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VFW 5040 News Editor
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And for those of you with access to the internet, you can e-mail me at:

klos_m259@yahoo.com

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Every now an then it takes a true military mind to come up with a classic quote!

In a recent interview, General Norman Schwartzkof was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harbored and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America.

His answer:

"I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is simply to arrange the meeting."