

Did you hear
about that great
Turkey Dinner
at the Post?



Turkey Dinner on November 23 ...and Raffle Too!

Woodstock VFW Post 5040 will have its annual Turkey dinner on **November 23, 2002**. The dinner will start being served at **6:00 pm**. This year the cost is **\$6.00** to purchase a turkey dinner. If you sell a book of raffle tickets you get 1 free turkey dinner, or sell 2 books and get 2 free turkey dinners. We have had a very good response from tickets that were mailed out. Thank you for your support to all the people who purchased tickets by mail this year.

In addition to the raffle drawing, we will be having 12 to 15 paddle wheel raffles for turkeys, booze and, other meats on the night of the Turkey Dinner. Paddle wheel tickets will cost \$1.00 each. Each ticket has 2 numbers and there will be a minimum of 3 prizes given away per series. Hank Nulle will be handing out the turkeys to the winners again this year. He will be located right outside the front door, so as you leave you can pick up your frozen turkey.

If you need additional tickets, call the post at 815-338-5040 and leave a message saying you that you want more tickets mailed to you. **We also need volunteers to help with the dinner preparation and serving. Stop at the post to put your name down on the sign-up sheet if you can help.** Sid Sherwin is this year's chair person. If you would like to help Sid, call him at home after 6:30 PM at 815-338-5573.

Ralph's Remarks about What's Been Happening Around the Post...

- New Years Eve we will be having a party so put it on your calendar – more information to follow.
- We rent out the hall for bachelor parties, weddings, reunions, meetings and other functions. You do not need to be a member to rent the hall, so spread the word.
- Bingo is played every Friday night on the second floor. It starts at 6:30 p.m. A lot of people show up around 5 p.m., get their tables, and order a fish fry to be delivered to them upstairs. Some sit and visit or play cards while they are waiting for bingo to start. You do not need to be a member to play bingo. What better is there to do on these dark and cold nights?
- Smoke - We have installed 2 "Purafans" to remove smoke and smoke odors in the bar and the dining area. Three of our patrons, who have previously stayed away from the post because the smoke bothered them, gave high remarks as to how good they work. So if you are not coming down because of the smoke issue, please give us a second chance.
- Sunday football just did not work out. We were open 3 weeks in a row and had an average of 2-3 people show up, so we will not be open Sundays any more. We tried!
- If you have a suggestion to improve the post, send it to Ralph (addressed to the Post).
- The American Legion holds their meetings at the post on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Dick Schroeder is the Legion Post Commander at 815-338-5428.
- The Woodstock Jaycees' monthly General Meeting is on the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Woodstock VFW. Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday. For more information please contact Kelly Gorham (338-4235) or Maureen Butler (337-9063).

Ladies Auxiliary FROM THE PRESIDENT

By NYDA FOGARTY, President 2002-2003

A good time was had by all who attended the outgoing president's dinner for Barb Gehrke on September 25th at the Post.

The Teacher's tea, given annually by the Ladies Auxiliary, will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the Post. We ask members and friends of the Auxiliary and VFW Post to please donate cookies for this event. The Woodstock High School Madrigal singers will perform for the Teachers.

On Veteran's Day, we would like the members and wives of Post members to donate pies for the annual dinner. Please have them there by 10:30 a.m. on November 11th.

I want to thank Barbara Gehrke for her help and assistance this past month at the time of my tragic car accident. Hopefully I will be in better shape by first of November.

[Editors Note: The Post wishes you a speedy recovery Nyda!]

Thank You Corner- Kudo's to You All!

- Thanks to Fred Burkey, Alan Belcher, Jack Fish, and Ralph Ritter, a new wall has been built for the commercial refrigerator that was donated to our kitchen.
- If you enjoy reading the post news letter, thank Harold Irwin. Once the content has been created and the actual newsletter printed, Harold takes over. Harold updates the mailing lists and lines up help to get the monthly news letter out each month. He is in charge of getting that paper to you! Great job Harold!!
- Thanks to Ralph Ritter for his continued effort in making the post a better place and the hard work he has put in at the post, contributions to the newsletter, and keeping things running. Ralph continues to feed information to the *VFW News* Editor, and I am grateful for the contributions.
- Thanks goes out to Bob Gibson who is at the Post every Monday at 6:30 a.m. to clean the deep fat cookers, sweep, and mop the kitchen floor if no one shows up to help and is available for any other jobs around the Post that need doing. He also serves on the Honor Guard.
- Dwayne Raney, Assistant Editor to the *VFW News*, for his continued contributions to the newspaper.

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

ATTENTION 5040 AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Submitted by Barb Gehrke
VFW Auxiliary Treasurer

If you have already paid your dues for 2003, you may receive or already have received a dues notice from National/Department VFW Headquarters. Disregard the notice and treat it only as a reminder!

AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The annual VFW 5040 Auxiliary's Christmas Potluck will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Home.

Chaplains Report

By Marvin Bohnhoff

Get well cards were sent for the following:

- **Fred Wallis**
- **Howard Simpson**
- **Alan Sackson**
- **Bob Gaylord**

A sympathy card was sent to the family of **Thomas Smith**.

Thinking of you cards were mailed to the following:

- **Ruth Wenk** – She is member of Post 5040 and was a Nurse in England during WWII. Card was sent to Bloomingdale Pavilion, Bloomingdale, IL.
- **Robert Reese** – Robert resides in Woodstock, IL. His wife has Alzheimer's.

Victory Dance Scheduled

Submitted Courtesy of Hank Nulle

There is still time left to purchase your tickets to the Victory Dance that will take place at the Hall. An article appeared in the Northwest Herald and I am including it here in case you missed it:

The McHenry County Historical Society closes its exhibit, "Marching Off – Left Behind: The World War II Experience," with a recreated Victory Dance.

The dance is scheduled 7 to 11 p.m. November 9 at the Woodstock VFW Post 5040, 240 N. Throop St. Tickets are \$10.00.

Participants are asked to bring canned goods that entitle them to chances for drawings. For ticket information, call (815)-923-2267.

The Big Band Orchestra of Vito Buffalo, along with the Trnka Trio, will provide an evening's worth of music.

There will be light refreshments at 1940's prices, a grand march for all branches of the military service and drawings for items of long ago.

The society is working with members of Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and American Legion Peter Umathum Post 412 to help raise funds for the society.

The historical society plans a new exhibit on the Korean War and World War I.

V F W Post 5 0 4 0 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
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Don't Feel Like Cooking Dinner, But Want a Reasonably Priced Dinner Out?

Come on down Wednesday nights for our "all you can eat" dinner. Candy always has a 3rd special in addition to the standard chicken and ribs. Some of the specials she has served in the past are prime rib, hamburger gravy, meat loaf, beef and noodles, spaghetti, sauerkraut and sausage, cabbage rolls, lasagna, stuffed green peppers, and Salisbury steak. Along with the main course, you also get two soups, a salad bar, potatoes, and dessert. Where else can you get all of this for only \$7.95 per person?

Friday nights we have a fish fry that includes a full menu of choices as well as specials. Some of the specials are salmon loaf, smelt, and catfish strips. Don't like fish? Get a hamburger, hot dog, or five kinds of chicken. Did you know we do carryout on Friday nights? We also have carryout menu that you can take home with you. Phone your order in and Candy will have it ready to go in about 20 minutes.

You don't need to be a member to eat on Wednesday or Friday's, so tell your friends to come down. Mmm, Mmm. Can't beat that now, can you?

Post to Sponsor Junior Division Team In 2003!

VFW Members at our October Post meeting again voted to sponsor the VFW Team in the Junior Division for 13 & 14 year olds of the Woodstock Little League.

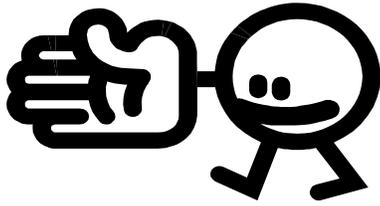
Post 5040 is and has been one of the main sponsors of this age group since the 1979 season .

The Woodstock Little League Board of Directors meets regularly on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Post Home.

Christmas is Right Around the Corner...

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, pizzas, 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.

Helping Hand Corner



- We still need some people to volunteer to help strip and re-wax the dining area floor. Please contact Ralph or leave a message at the post.
- Pat Ritter is still looking for a volunteer to occasionally hostess the Friday night fish fry. Besides taking the money for the dinners from 4:30 to 8:00, the only other responsibility is to take the carryout orders. For your effort, you receive 2 free drinks and a meal. If you can do this 1 or 2 times a month call Pat at 815-338-5018 or leave a message at the bar.
- Do we have a brick layer that would like to help us out? If so contact Ralph Ritter.
- We need a hand to replace the upstairs electrical panel. Contact Ralph or leave your name at the bar.
- We are looking for people to take post positions for next year's election. Please don't wait until the last minute to step forward. **Remember this is your post!**
- Snow will be coming soon. Can you volunteer to shovel the sidewalk or do you have a snow plow to do the driveway by the garbage dumpsters? If so, contact Ralph.

Serving Those Who Served Us

Calling all veterans, this meal is for you because you served us well and served us proud.

On Sunday, November 10th, the Woodstock Jaycees will be hosting a **free dinner** for veterans at the Woodstock VFW. Dinner will be turkey. The Jaycees will take care of decorating, serving, bussing tables, and cleaning dishes. Spouses or friends of veterans who would like to attend are asked to pay \$7.50. Seatings are at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 pm.

If interested in attending, please RSVP at 337-9063. **Seating is limited so please call by November 3rd.**

Newsworthy News

Items discussed in a recent issue of the VFW National Veterans Service news Letter:

- Hepatitis C. ALL Vietnam Vets should be tested.
- Concurrent receipt of military Retired Pay and VA disability compensation.
- A 50 year injustice for a WWII/Korean Vet wounded 3 times corrected by two VFW Service Officers.

For more information on these issues access the VFW Home Page: www.vfw.org or the NVS at www.vfwdc.org or call 1-800-839-1899.

NEW YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED!

Commander James R. Smith has appointed three-time Past Post Commander Dwayne E. Raney to chair a newly formed committee and oversee the **PATRIOT'S PEN WRITING CONTEST** here in Woodstock. The contest is designed for 7th & 8th grade students only.

The theme for this 2002-2003 competition is, "**MY PLEDGE TO AMERICA**". The length of the essay is to be 300 to 400 words, typewritten or computer print out.

An official student entry form is to be completed by the student, with parent or guardian signature. Either the Post Commander, the Ladies Auxiliary President, or the Post Chairman, must complete the official entry form.

The **DEADLINE** for students to enter is **DECEMBER 1st, 2002**. Post judging must be completed by January 1st, 2003. The 5th VFW District judging will take place on January 11th, 2003, at the Round Lake Beach Village Hall, at 224 West Clarendon Drive, Round Lake Beach, Illinois, 60073. All VFW and Auxiliary members are welcome to attend the judging.

District prizes are the same as last year's:

- 1st place: \$200 savings bond.
- 2nd place: \$150 savings bond.
- 3rd place: \$100 savings bond.

National VFW prizes:

- 1st place: \$10,000 bond.
- 2nd place: \$7000 bond.
- 3rd place: \$5500 bond.
- 4th place: \$5000 bond.
- 5th thru 7th places: \$3000 bond.
- 8th place: \$2500 bond.
- 9th place: \$2000 bond.
- 10th place: \$1500 bond.
- 11th thru 19th places: \$1000 bond.

The number of winners at the post level will depend on how many students and schools participate. The Standardized Quota System is being used as found in the Chairman's Workbook. Each post has the option of the single winner or multi winner.

Hopefully, the parents and grandparents will encourage their 7 and 8 year olds to participate. It's a good experience and a great way to earn a U.S. Savings Bond as well.

November 2002

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

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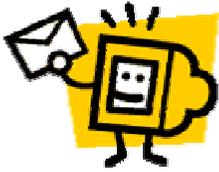
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VFW 5040 News Editor
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And for those of you with access to the internet, you can e-mail me at:

klos_m259@yahoo.com
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Notes From the Editor

By Matt Klos

I guess I made it to the back page this time. Seems that this issue was centered on food. Fitting, I guess since it is November and that means turkey. To go along with that, we should be thankful for what we have in our own personal lives and for this great country that we live in. Remember this month too, that on **November 11th**, it is a day to honor those who have served America in all wars – **Veterans Day**. If you know of a buddy who hasn't been seen around the post or you know of a neighbor, friend, relative that served in a war, give them a call or stop by their house and tell them "Thanks". They were the ones who answered the call of our country to defend what this country stands for. Then there are those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in those wars, thank them in your prayers. As we enter this holiday season this year, please be safe and enjoy the events of the season.

For a nice article on what **Veterans Day**, check out the web: <http://www.vfw.org/amesm/origins.shtml>