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Woodstock VFW officers were installed during ceremonies June 5. They assume their duties with the close of the state convention on July 1. From left: Sid Sherwin, Commander; Bill Lyford, Senior Vice Commander; and Hank Enstrom, Junior Vice Commander. (Don Peasley Photo)

## A Little Background on Our Leadership

By Don Peasley

Two Vietnam War veterans and a World War II Army veteran will lead the Woodstock VFW Post 5040 during 2004-2005. Officers were elected in April and will assume duties officially July 1.

Sid Sherwin was re-elected Commander. Bill Lyford, who has served three previous times as Commander, will serve as Senior Vice Commander. Hank Enstrom will be the Junior Vice Commander.

Sherwin, 56, was drafted in the Navy in 1967. He served aboard the USS Coral Sea as a navigator and helmsmen. He started his painting and decorating business after being discharged in 1970 and joined the VFW in 1971. He became an active member at the urging of Gene Fuller in 1998.

Sherwin served a year as Junior Vice Commander. A year ago he was elected Senior Vice Commander, then assumed the Commander's position in late 2003 following Commander Jon Showers' resignation. Sid and his wife, Ann, live in Woodstock.

Lyford, 80, grew up in Chicago and was drafted in 1943. After basic training he was shipped to Casablanca late that year and fought his way through Iran, Tunis and then sailed to Naples where his infantry unit went to Anzio and established a beachhead in January 1944.

Lyford's infantry unit continued fighting their way into France, then into Germany and were in the Battle of the Bulge in southern Germany. Bill was discharged December 3, 1945 and completed a tool and dye apprenticeship. He left that trade after three years because of an injury.

He then worked as a carpenter in the Chicago area. He is a charter member of the VFW in River Grove. Bill and his wife Eileen have lived in Hidden Lake Estates following his retirement since 1989.

Lyford became active in VFW affairs, worked his way through the offices and was elected Commander in 2000 and re-elected in 2001.

Enstrom, 58, native of Wonder Lake, was in military service from 1966 to 1969. He was in Vietnam from October 1966 to October 1967. He was assigned to a helicopter battalion.

He works with Illinois Tools Works in sales. The company manufactures electrical and electronic connectors.

He joined the VFW while in Chicago and is a life member. He served Post 5040 as Judge Advocate last year.

Hank and Irene have three grown children, one grandchild and another on the way.



## VFW Sweetheart Raffle

Over \$11,000 in Prizes

Only 1,000 tickets to be sold.

Get your tickets today!

See page 3 for details.

## Did You Know...

By Dwayne Raney

In the 5th VFW District Auxiliary, only two members of our own VFW 5040 Auxiliary have served as its President. They are: Nyda Fogarty (1981-1982) and Chris Gehrke (1993-1994).

Only the late Walter Kuck of VFW Post 5040 served as the District Commander in 1987 -1988.

Years ago, our then VFW Post 5040 Chaplain, Ted Bates, also served as the 5th VFW District Chaplain.

**VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2004 - 2005**

Commander	Sid Sherwin	(815)-338-5573
Senior Vice Commander	Bill Lyford	(815)-337-0025
Junior Vice Commander	Henry "Hank" Enstrom	(815)-337-5856
Quartermaster	Thom Gillespie	(815)-597-1319
Chaplain	Howard Engstrom	(815)-338-4453
Assistant Chaplain	Charles (Chuck) Mathey	(815)-338-5374
Service Officer	Ron Nehls	(815)-338-3671
Judge Advocate	Elmer "Bud" Pflug	Not Available
Post Surgeon	Harold Irwin	(815)-338-1264
Officer-of-the-Day	Bruce Shisler	(815)-338-4735
1 Year Trustee	Henry Nulle	(815)-337-7529
2 Year Trustee	Larry Dohm	Not Available
3 Year Trustee	Michael David	Not Available

**VFW Post 5040 Ladies Auxiliary Post Officers 2004 - 2005**

President	Nyda Fogarty	(815)-338-1759
Senior Vice President	Bonnie Kagel	(815)-648-4958
Junior Vice	Viola Brown	(815)-338-1446
Secretary	Christine Gehrke	(815)-338-3533
Treasurer	Barbara Gehrke	(815)-338-1546
Chaplain	Karen Wells	(815)-338-4821
Guard	Rosemary Hellstern	(815)-338-0653
Conductress	Irene Brown	(815)-459-3483
1 Year Trustee	Margaret Webb	Not Available
2 Year Trustee	Geraldine Salyers	Not Available
3 Year Trustee	Lois Freund	Not Available

†††††††† **Chaplains Report** ††††††††

By Howard Engstrom

Card & Phone visits:

- Arthur Slack
- Ruth Wenk
- Marvin Bohnhoff
- Leon Rahn
- Kenneth Korst

Sympathy Cards

- Kurt Holz family
- William (Bill) O'Neill family
- Ray Benoy

Draped Charter (June Meeting)

- Kurt Holz
- William O'Neill

Thanks comrades for your cooperation in informing me of illness's among our Post members. God Bless you all & may His peace be yours.

**Ladies Auxiliary - From the President**

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2004-2005

Our new year is about to begin and dues of \$15.00 will be due after the end of June. We have a number of members who have not paid last years dues. They are [please excuse any misspelling - Editor]:

- Marge Amico
- Evelyn Hammond
- Marguerite Johnson
- Eugenia Mansfield
- Doris Miller
- Mary Scharnweber
- June Behrens
- Marlene Held
- Dorothy Kohl
- Erma McCarthy
- Patricia Moore
- Delores Sporleder
- Joyce Daur
- Marge Hennington
- MaryLou Mishler
- Audry Meyer
- Peggy Ponter

If these are not paid right away, you will be dropped from membership. We installed our new officers on June 5th. It was wonderful to see so many people out for Memorial Day program and parade despite the bad weather.

*Nyda Fogarty*



VFW officers were installed June 5 by Fifth District Commander Ray Bachewicz. From left, front: Bill Lyford, Senior Vice Commander; Sid Sherwin, Commander; Hank Enstrom, Junior Vice Commander; and Bruce Shisler. Back: Harold Irwin, Post Surgeon; Mike David, Trustee; Thom Gillespie, Quartermaster; Elmer Pflug, Judge Advocate; Larry Dohm, Trustee; and Howard Engstrom, Chaplain. (Don Peasley Photo)

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## We Need Your Help to Sell Sweetheart Raffle Tickets

Post members, the selling of the Sweetheart Raffle tickets is well under way and we need your help. We have a lot of tickets to sell. This is one of the largest raffles that we are hosting in recent years and we have many tickets that need to be sold. Sell to your family, friends, neighbors, etc. We want this to be a successful raffle and the more we sell over the coming months, the better off we will be as the raffle draws near to the actual drawing date. Don't put off and delay. We need to sell now. If you can help or need tickets to sell, please contact the post (815)-338-5040.

### Dinner Special on July 28

On Wednesday, July 28, the Post will be serving a Dinner Special with the following menu:

- Turkey
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Corn

Chicken and Ribs also served. Come on down to the Post and join us! Dinner served from 5-8pm for \$7.95 a plate.

## Get Your Sweetheart Raffle Tickets Today! Use the below order form:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller #: \_\_\_\_\_

(line of perforation)



**Sweetheart Raffle**  
Sponsored by Woodstock VFW Post 5040  
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When: Saturday, February 12, 2005  
Where: VFW 5040  
240 Throop, Woodstock, IL 60098  
Phone: 815-338-5040

Dinner, Meat Raffles, Attendance Drawing \$100 and Prize Drawing at 9 P.M.  
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Please send me a VFW Sweetheart Raffle Ticket(s) of which said raffle is to take place on February 12, 2005. I am enclosing \$50.00 for each ticket requested. The check will be made payable to VFW Post 5040.

Here is my ticket buyer information:

Buyer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of tickets x \$50.00)

Send check and form to:  
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- Scott Pozen, Investment Officer  
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**When:** ..... July 29, 2004  
**Where:** ..... Woodstock VFW Hall  
240 N. Throop Street  
Woodstock, IL  
**Time:**..... The seminar will be presented at three different times.  
7:30 • 12:30 pm • 6:30 pm

Food and beverage will be served at each session.

**RSVP:** Scott Pozen with your preferred seminar time at 815-334-2542 or email Scott at [spozen@amcore.com](mailto:spozen@amcore.com) by **July 23**.

**👍 SESSIONS ARE FREE. 👍**

This seminar will also discuss how your Veterans Benefits fit into the scope of long term care. Make sure you RSVP and come with questions.

# July 2004

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise) ☆☆☆☆☆☆

Closed	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	1 Ladies Auxiliary 7:30 pm Jaycees 7 pm	2 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	3 Installation of Post and Auxiliary Officers for 2005 6 pm
4	5 Woodstock Memorial Day Committee 7 pm	6 VFW Board Mtg. 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	7 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	8 Jaycees 7 pm	9 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	10
11	12 American Legion 7:30 pm	13 Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	14 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	15 Jaycees 7 pm Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	16 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	17
18	19 VFW Meeting 7 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm	20 Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	21 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County (7:30 pm)  Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	22 Jaycees 7 pm	23 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	24
25	26	27 Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	28 Chicken and Ribs and Special (Turkey, Stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn) 5 - 8 pm	29 AMCORE Wealth Management Seminar 7:30 am 12:30 pm 6:30 pm (Please RVSP - See page 3) Jaycees 7 pm	30 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	31

## Veterans All Around When You Least Expect It - X Γ I

By Matt Klos

On the way to Woodstock fireworks on July 4, my family and I were walking down the block towards the cemetery. An gentleman (older than I) looked back at me, walked a little more, and then stared back at me. He asked, "Where did you get that hat?" On my hat I had the symbols, X Γ I, which are Greek letters for Chi Gamma Iota, which when you look at it is actually "X G I" (or when read properly, ex-Government-Issue). Not many people know what this is unless you have been to a college campus that has a Veterans club.

I went to Northern Illinois University and we had a Veterans club there, and those were our Greek letters, like the fraternities and sororities use.

The gentleman that looked at me knew these letters from where he went to school at Southern Illinois University, where they also had a veterans club. We sat by him and his family at the fire works and talked some about the Woodstock VFW. His name was Dana "Woody" Woodall, Life Member of the VFW at a post in Monmouth, IL.

He is back living in Woodstock and asked when the monthly meetings were. Hopefully I will see him at a meeting again.

Point of this story is that you never know when you will bump into another veteran, it can be anywhere at any time when you least expect it. It can be a opportunity to talk with a person about the VFW or get them to join. In this case we shared a few brief moments of our prior histories and about our background.

This year the Northern Illinois University Veterans Club will be celebrating 50 years that the club has been active on campus. A big accomplishment for university club.

If any of you veterans out there went to Northern Illinois University and were part of the Veterans Club at any time, we'd love to have you at the anniversary banquet which will take place on Friday, October 15 (day before homecoming). If you are interested, please contact Matt Klos (phone and address on the back of this newsletter) and I can give you the specifics.

As for Woody, we'd be glad to have you as a member of the Woodstock VFW Post if you would like to transfer.

One more comment from Woody, "Don Peasley said for me to look him up when I got back to Woodstock." Well, Don, take a walk around your block. He lives very close to you. Woody, hope to see you at the next meeting.

## Booth Workers Needed at County Fair and Galt Airport

Woodstock VFW will have a booth in building D at the McHenry County fair from Wednesday, August 4th through Sunday August 8th. We need help to man the booth and promote our membership as well as sell Sweetheart Raffle tickets.

We already have a few to spend some time out at the fair, but the fair hours are long (10 am - 9/10 pm). The more we have help out the easier the task will be. If you can help out on this project, call Don Sword 815-338-0068 for more information or leave message at the VFW 815-338-5040.

For those not interested in the fair but like airplanes instead, we will also have booth at Galt Airport on August 14th and 15th. We need booth workers for these days as well. Again, contact Don Sword.

Please help if you are able. We could use the company and just think, you are helping your post!



The Woodstock VFW team is one of six Woodstock teams participating in the Junior division of the Woodstock Little League. From left, front: Donald Gervais, Steven Rausch, Casey Sewall, Cory Cube, Salvador Carbajal. Middle: Nick Herf, Nathan Haager, Josh Reuben, Heather Anderson, Jacob Combs. Back: Bob Haager, manager; Jim Russ, coach. Absent: Chris Larsen and Rick Sova. (Don Peasley Photo)

**Congratulations to our 2004 Poppy Day workers! You raised \$3,880 for selling Poppies. Thanks to all who participated in this event.**




VFW and Woodstock American Legion members fire three volleys to honor veterans of all wars during Memorial Day. (Don Peasley Photo)



Woodstock VFW color guard member John Scharres (Uncle Sam) at Woodstock's Fourth of July band concert on June 30. Scharres, executive director of the Woodstock Opera House, is in charge of facilities for the band concert which again this year included fireworks with the concluding notes of "Stars and Stripes Forever." From left: Bob Fleck, Brian Ritter, Hank Enstrom, John Scharres, Bob Gibson and Chuck Mathey. (Don Peasley Photo).

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**Matt Klos**  
**VFW 5040 News Editor**  
**269 Forest Drive**  
**Crystal Lake, IL 60014**  
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And for those of you with access to the internet, you can e-mail me at:

**matt.klos@vfw5040.org**

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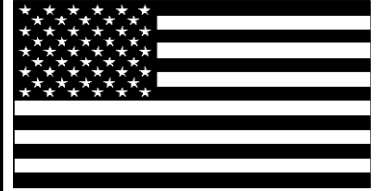
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