



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

By Don Peasley

A Grand Occasion! That is what's shaping up for Woodstock VFW members and their families as Woodstock Post 5040 looks forward to observing and celebrating the Post's 60th anniversary.

The anniversary date is March 4, 2006 but in recognition that a large number of members flee the cold wintry weather to bask in Florida sunshine, the dinner and program to mark this milestone event will be Saturday, April 29.

Mike David and Sidney Sherwin are co-chairmen for this celebration. Ray Benoy, Jack Fish, Delbert Lee, Don Peasley, Don Sword and Joe Thiede and are honorary chairmen, men who have been intimately involved in the affairs of the VFW through its 60 years.

1946 - 2006 Celebrating 60 Years

Thiede is a charter member, Past Commander, and for more than 35 years served as the Post club manager. He was the elected Post Quartermaster for 20 years.

A major effort is underway now to locate living charter members and to issue them a special invitation to participate in this activity. A similar effort is underway to locate living Past Commanders of the VFW and Past Presidents of the Auxiliary.

David says the plans for that evening call for a short program with presentation

of a major award or two, acknowledgment of distinguished guests, a brief talk acknowledging the community involvement in the VFW, and dancing to music provided by a musical group that has been popular at recent Post activities.

A dinner in keeping with the historical meaning of this celebration is part of the plan, David added.

One reason for this announcement now is to help members reserve the date and to encourage those not in the snowbelt to plan their return in time to be a part of the celebration. In addition, help in providing names and addresses of charter members outside McHenry County is desired.

Those with information should contact Don Peasley at 388 Lincoln Avenue, Woodstock, (815) 338-1533.



Your community blood service since 1943.

Second annual pancake breakfast and blood drive at VFW Post 5040

By Matt Klos

Sid Sherwin, VFW Post 5040 past Commander, is chairing a blood drive for the VFW at the end of January. The blood drive is scheduled for **January 29** (that's a Sunday) from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The blood collection agency that will be on site is Heartland Blood Center which will have a mobile coach in the VFW Parking lot to perform the collections.

To help replenish you after you give blood, Sid and the officers will be cooking a **Pancake Breakfast**. Even if you are unable to donate, come on down for the breakfast. This will be open to anyone.

Pre-signup for donating blood is preferred. For an appointment, please contact the Woodstock VFW at 815-338-5040, or Sid Sherwin at 815-338-5573. Please bring a photo ID to the Blood Drive.

What's in store for 2006 at VFW Post 5040?

By Matt Klos, Editor

As we begin a new year at the Post, my thoughts are occupied with all the good things I hear going on at the post.

We have a new cook who is starting in the kitchen at the Post, Kim Radloff. With the new cook we bringing back dinner specials that will be served on Friday nights. Check out the calendar on page 5 for the Friday night dinner specials. The plan is that we will have a different special each Friday night.

Becky Gillespie has taken over the club manager position. She has been doing a great job so far in helping to get the post back on its feet. Becky has previous experience in the catering business. She has been helping to coordinate dinners for several funerals that have taken place. She has a tough job that requires the Post to fully support her in her decisions. She is trying to help us as much as she can. The club manager position is a vital part to our Post home and demands a lot of time. If you have some suggestions about dinners or about how things are going, please let Becky know. Positive suggestions are

always welcome.

Mark Adolphus has been diligently working to schedule hall rentals for the coming year. We have several bookings on the calendar in the coming months which is great.

One thing we need from you, our members, is to come and visit our post. Has it been a while since you have been down to the post for a meal? Why not give it another try again. We'd love to see some of the members and public that haven't been around for a while. Don't forget, our post is open to the general public. We had some patrons comment that they didn't even know we had the hall for rent.

See OUR POST 2006, page 5.

Deep fried turkey anyone?

By Hank Enstrom

Join us on Tuesday, January 31 for our second annual Turkey Fry. It will consist of deep fried turkey, potatoes and beans. Cost is \$5.00. Last year we had a good turnout. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can make this a fun night as well.



VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2005 - 2006

Commander	Thom Gillespie	(815)-338-6826
Senior Vice Commander	Mike David	(815)-338-5341
Junior Vice Commander	Jim Clegg	(815)-334-0210
Quartermaster	Jim Smith	(815)-653-9238
Assistant Quartermaster	Anne Brophy	Unavailable
Chaplain	Howard Engstrom	(815)-338-4453
Assistant Chaplain	Charles (Chuck) Mathey	(815)-338-5374
Service Officer	Ron Nehls	(815)-568-0708
Judge Advocate	Dick Glawe	(815)-385-3156
Post Surgeon	Harold Irwin	(815)-338-1264
Officer-of-the-Day	Bruce Shisler	(815)-338-4735
Adjutant	Matthew Klos	(815)-479-8842
1 Year Trustee	Larry Dhom	(815)-338-4134
2 Year Trustee	Allen Belcher	(815)-338-7689
3 Year Trustee	Arnie Doerfert	(815)-385-2923

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 Post Officers 2005 - 2006

President	Nyda Fogarty	(815)-338-1759
Senior Vice President	Bonnie Kagel	(815)-648-4958
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Chaplain	Karen Wells	(815)-338-4821
Guard	Margie Humphrey	Unavailable
Conductress	Irene Brown	(815)-459-3483
1 Year Trustee	Geraldine Salyers	Unavailable
2 Year Trustee	Lois Freund	(815)-338-5261
3 Year Trustee	Margaret Webb	(815)-338-4213

Ladies Auxiliary, from the president

By Nyda Fogarty
Auxiliary President 2005-2006

Our Christmas party and dinner was very nice and lots of good food. My thanks to Chris Gehrke for taking charge of the party. Three free dues were chosen for the following year and the names drawn were: Chris Gehrke, Margie Humphreys and Karen Wells.

This years dues for 2005-06 should be paid by December 31. We have a number of members who still owe their dues for this year. They are: Pat Gaylord; Betty Huebsch; Darlene Wojcieszek, Ruby Stanger, Cathy Schmeiding, Jo Romo, Olga Grasser, Antonia Gignac, Marguerite Lange, Audrey Meyer, Judith Bennett, Bernice Kolberg, Elwanda Ebel, Fran Amico, and Beulah Polnow.

The dues is only \$15.00 for the year and don't forget that you are covered with a hospital benefit (per day) and a cancer grant if you should have cancer treatment. It would benefit you greatly if you had any of these things happen to you. This insurance is paid for by the Auxiliary for each member and has nothing to do with any other coverage. Cash payment is paid to you.

A former 5th District president who resides in Arkansas tells me that the VFW just built a new million dollar building on 10 acres in Little Rock for their new Post and it is beautiful.

Carpenter needed to extend life membership board

By Ralph Ritter

We need a volunteer carpenter to make extensions for the Life Membership board at the Post. We have run out of room to add new Life Members' names. You can contact Harold Irwin at 815-338-1264 for the specifications of work required. This should not take more than 4-6 hours of your time and the Post will pay for the materials. We need this work completed over the next 4-6 months.

The internet's largest military job board

By Dwayne Raney, Employment Officer,
5th VFW District, Dept. of Illinois

If you or someone else who is a veteran is looking for a job, you may either phone 877.Vet.Jobs (877.838.5627) or visit the website: www.vetjobs.com, the internet's largest Military Job Board to search for a potential job. This site is exclusively endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Veterans make the best employees!

† Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom

Wake / Funerals:

- Gordon Townsend - Marengo

Phone / Cards:

- Wally Ramberg
- Gordon Townsend Family
- Salyer Family - delivered groceries and visit.

Drape Charter:

- Gordon Townsend

To all Comrades: My wish to you, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thanks for your support and cooperation. Here is a New Year thought to consider: "Every passing day is one that is gone forever. Make sure it is one in which you have done something for others, especially those who cannot do for themselves" - God bless and keep you all well.

Is your address correct?

By Ralph Ritter

This past month I received back from the Post Office six news letters with temporary away stickers. We had to pay to mail these news letters out and then pay again to have them returned to us because the member is temporary away.

Reminding you all once again, if you mail on hold you must contact me so I can change your address. I have removed the six people from the mailing list until I hear from them as to what their correct mailing address is.

We also had to pay extra for one incorrect mailing address because I had 2773 Glenn St. instead of 2733 Glenn St. for the street address. It is obvious that the same mail carrier delivered this news letter, however the post office can make an additional 37 cents per news letter they return for an incorrect address.

Please look at your address label on this *VFW News* and verify that all information is correct. It will cost a member about 10 cents to call me with their address correction or they can mail me their address correction for 39 cents (don't forget, rates change January 8, 2006).

If you have corrections, you can mail them to:

Ralph Ritter
412 Davis Court
Woodstock Illinois
60098-4006

Phone: 815-338-5018

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Commander's column

By Thom Gillespie
VFW Commander 2005-2006

I have been the commander of this post for 6 months. The district commander has visited our post twice and both times now I have embarrassed myself by walking out of the meeting. I don't like behaving this way and I do not wish to return to the angry person I was when I got out of the Marine Corps.

The last 2 staff meetings there were only myself and two others present. The Directors do come to the meetings but none of us present really know what we are supposed to be doing.

I took over as Junior Vice when the Siddons left. I didn't know what I was doing then so I didn't wish to go up the chain, instead I took a position as a Trustee. One month into my second year as Trustee, Hank Nulle and I traded jobs and I became the Quartermaster. I received no help learning that job as Ralph Ritter had just been "asked" to resign as club manager by State Commander Terry Vance.

There is only one officer doing a very good job and that is because Marv Bohnhoff was an excellent Chaplain and took the time to teach Howard Engstrom.

There are a lot of people who have told me they would help but I don't have the knowledge to even ask the right questions much less give anyone a clear direction. I need some past officers to take the current ones, including myself, and teach us. Not just come to a meeting and make suggestions but take charge and help bring this post back to life.

I know I seem frustrated with the officers and members but I am lashing out more in frustration with myself.

We have more changes, Kim Radloff is the new cook and Becky Gillespie is the new club manager.

We gave out first and second place prizes to the Patriot Pen winners. The Voice of Democracy winners are both in Madrigals and singing in Chicago so they will receive their awards at a later Date.

Carpenter needed to rebuild stage steps

By Ralph Ritter

We would like to have a volunteer member rebuild our stage steps. The three steps are set at different heights and people keep tripping on them. Contact the post if you are able to do this.

Final roll call for our deceased members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, post 5040

The following 23 VFW Post 5040 members were remembered at the last Post meeting of the 2005 year with a bell tolling. Each of the deceased Veterans will be remembered for their duty to country and the contributions they made in life. May God bless each of our departed comrades and their families:

- Anthony, Wylie
- Bruno, Gregory R.
- Farrell, James E.
- Gibson, Glenn R.
- Heidenreich, Delmar D.
- Holm, Earl E.
- Kehe, Jerald
- Kennebeck, Daniel J.
- Kerns, Kenneth
- Klemke, August
- Kline, Donald R.
- Larkin, Walter M.
- Muehler, Gerald A.
- Rahn, Leon
- Rasmussen, Henry W.
- Rasmussen, Richard
- Salyers, Robert L.
- Schuld Jr., Arthur J.
- Shepanek, Robert F.
- Townsend, Gordon F.
- VanLanduyt, John
- Wesson, Harris
- Young, Howard G.

The following four VFW Post 5040 Ladies Auxiliary members are remembered for their involvement in the Auxiliary and the contributions they made in life. May God bless each of our departed members and their families:

- Emricson, Anna Marie
- Engebretson, Mildred
- Fringer, Joyce
- Pribla, Lorraine



Spaghetti dinner and auction planned for post fund raiser

By Matt Klos and Don Sword

Mark your calendars for February 18. Don Sword is chairing a fund raiser for the post, consisting of a spaghetti dinner, dinner salad, and garlic bread.

At this fund raiser, we are also planning to auction off over several small appliances valued at over \$1,200.00.

Plan is to start with cocktails at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, and auction to start towards the tail end of dinner. Cost of the dinner will be \$6.00 per plate.

So, what kind of things will we be auctioning? Well, here is the list of the all new items, never opened and in their original boxes:

- A Pro Series 1,000 watt Halogen Tripod light (est. value: \$250)

- A Rival Gourmet 6 quart programmable crockpot (est. value: \$75)
- A Watts Premier Reverse Water Filtration System for under the sink (est. value: \$300)
- A Kenmore Deluxe Water Purifier with electronic monitor (est. value: \$179)
- A Rival 20 quart programmable roaster oven (est. value: \$150)
- A Bonaire Quitetech Dehumidifier, electronically controlled to set desired humidity (est. value: \$250)

We will also be auctioning off two tickets to a Cubs game. The seats are right behind home plate. Mike David, who has season tickets to the Cubs, donated these (estimated street value: \$250).

These items will be on display at the post for people to look at in the coming weeks. We are thinking that they will be set upon the pool table in front of the bar in the lower level.

This dinner auction is one of the many events the post is trying to plan for 2006. Each month we are trying to hold some type of fund raiser to raise funds for the post and breath some life into the post and get people back into the VFW.

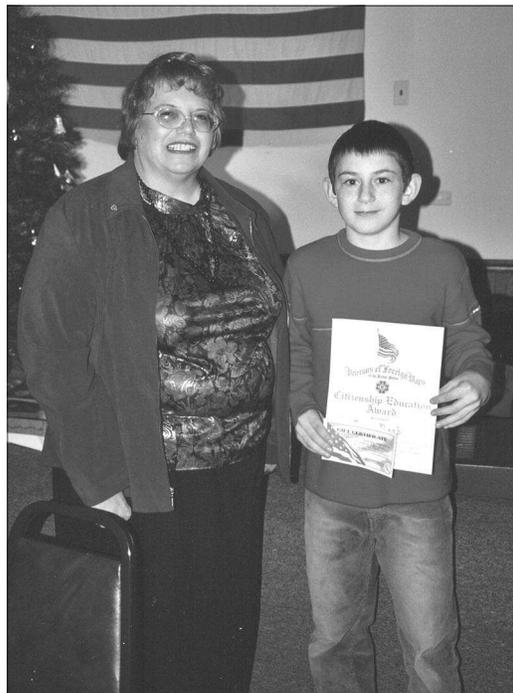
Do you know of an auctioneer that could help us for this night? If you know someone (or possibly it may be you) that could help us, please contact Don Sword at 815-338-0068. Perhaps you have a new item you'd be willing to donate for the auction? Let us know too!

Alesa Mueller Heineman, 8th grade student at Huntley Middle School, is awarded first place in the Woodstock VFW Auxiliary Patriot Pen essay contest. Theme this year was "Who are Today's Patriots?" Chris Gehrke served as Auxiliary chairman for the project. (Don Peasley Photo)

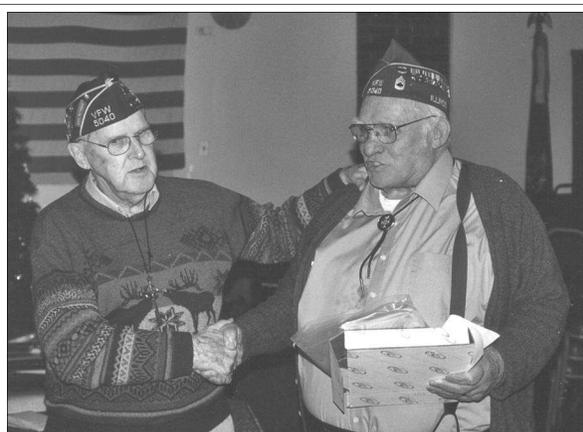


Winners in the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the Woodstock VFW Auxiliary are recognized at the Woodstock VFW's December 19 meeting. Participants in the contest presented an essay on the theme, "Who are Today's Patriots?" Both Woodstock VFW Post winners received a savings bond. From left, front: Egon Naab, 7th grade student at Northwood Middle School; Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager, and Alesa Mueller Heineman, 8th grade student at Huntley Middle School. Back: Ned and Kathy Naab; Chris Gehrke, VFW Auxiliary chairman; and Rhonda and Tom Mueller. (Don Peasley Photo)

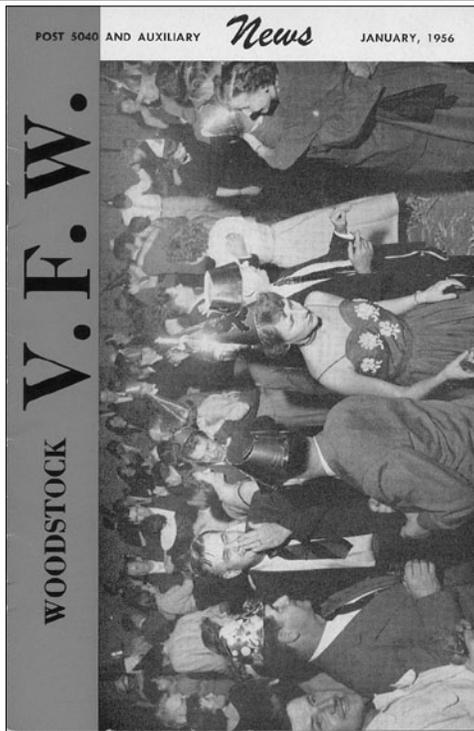
Egon Naab, 7th grade student at Northwood Middle School, is awarded second place in the Woodstock VFW Auxiliary Patriot Pen essay contest. Theme this year was "Who are Today's Patriots?" Chris Gehrke served as Auxiliary chairman for the project. (Don Peasley Photo)



(below left pic) Woodstock VFW members honor Fred Wallis (right) to recognize his many years of work with the mailing and preparation of membership lists for Post 5040. He kept the 630 names up to date on his computer to assure correct mailing labels. Presenting the plaque is Harold Irwin, who also has helped with the Woodstock VFW News mailing for many years. (Don Peasley Photo)



Howard Engstrom, VFW chaplain, visits with Fred Wallis following the recognition accorded Wallis for his work in handling mailing for the Woodstock VFW News. At the December 19 meeting Engstrom conducted the ceremony honoring the 22 Woodstock VFW members who died during 2005. (Don Peasley Photo)



The front cover of the January 1956 *VFW News* issue. "One of the year's elite events was the annual New Year's Eve celebration. Our cover shows a few of the members and their guests, complete with appropriate hats and noisemakers (Photo by Don Peasley)."

Our post 2006

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They also did not know that the general public is admitted to the post for dinners and patronage at the bar. Spread the word, members. We need to let people know that we are open to the general public, our halls are for rent, and we have great Friday night dinners.

We also have something else to look forward to this year. As mentioned on page 1, we are going to be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the post this year. We need your participation in this. Many of you who read the *VFW News* faithfully are the one's who have helped make the Post what it is today. You helped to build the Post, you gave time and energy back to the community through Post events, you helped many veterans over the years, and you are needed once again to celebrate the 60 years our Post has been in existence.

If you have any suggestions for what you might like to see take place at the dinner (awards, dinner suggestions, people to invite, etc.), please let Don Peasley or Sis Sherwin know. Send them or the Post a letter. Call us. We want this to be a special event for all members of the Post.

Let's all help work together to make 2006 a "Grand Occasion" for our Post. You can make it happen.

50 years ago this month

By Matt Klos, *VFW News* Editor

With the 50th Anniversary of the *VFW News* honored in the July 2005 issue, each month until July 2006, a column will be featured looking back 50 years to the current month. In the January 1956 issue of the *VFW News*:

- Commander Earl Holm mentions that Post now has a doorman for Saturday nights, admitting only members and guests.
- Post will turn 10 years old in March of 1956. Suggestions sought for awards, speakers, and dinner.
- Bill Thomson, World War I veteran and employee at Woodstock Typewriter and R. C. Allen is interviewed. Thomson was born in Dundee, Scotland in 1888 and came to the U.S. in 1890. In 1906 he enlisted in the National Guard. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant in 1912. He went

overseas on May 2, 1918 with the 33rd Division. He saw action July 4, 1919 in Belgium and fought into then occupied Luxemburg. He returned in 1919 after taking part in four major battles. According to the interview, Thomson planted the idea for forming a VFW post in Woodstock in the minds of several WW II veterans.

- VFW league bowling is the hot topic once again at Edgetown Alleys.
- The fifth district is holding a bowling tourney, open only to VFW members and will be held at Champaign-Urbana.
- New Year's Eve is rung in by VFW members packing the post to dance and celebrate the wonderful new year of 1956.
- Auxiliary Leonie Kennedy mentions about sponsoring a Brownie Troop at Clay street school. Youth program will be extended.

Trustee's Report of Audit of				
The books & records of the Quartermaster & Adjutant of 5th Dist. POST 5040				
Department of ILLINOIS for the Quarter ending Dec 31,2005				
FISCAL Quarter >>>	Nov-05			
POST 5040	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
1. Nat & Dept Dues	889.50	470.00	380.00	979.50
2. Admin or App Fees	302.34		150.00	152.34
3. POST Gen Fund	11,497.82		3,262.19	8,235.63
4. POST Relief Fund	1,885.10		267.70	1,617.40
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	2,447.26			2,447.26
6. Post HOME Fund	2,028.76	4,303.41	5,580.73	751.44
7. New Building Fund	13,025.49	173.00		13,198.49
8. Fly Flag Book Fund	2,041.46			2,041.46
9. Memorial Day Fund	2,256.25			2,256.25
10. Raffel Account	7,849.80	6,577.00	452.99	13,973.81
11. Other in Post Account	4,164.12	1,359.65	999.73	4,524.04
12. Rifle Squad	2,335.90	380.00		2,715.90
13. Post Bar / CAN-TEEN Acct.	2,985.04	7,988.51	9,081.10	1,892.45
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	4,802.52		1,000.00	3,802.52
15. Savings Account Interest	241.56			241.56
Totals:	58,752.92			58,830.05
Post AND Savings Total	42,874.00	6,686.06	10,640.35	38,919.71
Operations	Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances			
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	29,453.65	29,453.65
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	3,274.93	2,064.26
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	10,911.82	9,535.81
Club employees bonded?	Some	Pull Tab Acct	3,902.00	3,802.52
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$ -	Raffel Acct	14,089.90	13,973.81
Value of Real Estate?	\$ 540,000.00	Uncleared checks	2,802.25	
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$ 2,000,000.00	Quicken Total		58,830.05
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$ -	Bank Total		58,830.05
Trustee's & Commander's Certificate of Audit				

Down Memory Lane, Vignettes from 60 Years



(Right) Buddy Poppy Day has been a major activity for VFW and Auxiliary members each and every year. Here's a 1958 photo with Woodstock Mayor Jim Cooney purchasing the first Buddy Poppy. From left: Nick Stemper, 1959 Commander; Jim Cooney, Jane Kennedy Dahm, and LeRoy Corey, 1958 Commander. (Don Peasley Photo)



(Above) Joe Thiede stands by the Life Members' board. Harold Irwin and Ralph Ritter have worked diligently to update this board and keep it timely. Joe Thiede was instrumental in getting the board established and posted on the south wall in Thiede Hall. (Don Peasley Photo) [Editors Note: This picture was taken in 2000. Since then, the life member board has become completely filled in the empty space below the pictured name tags. The sign in the picture "VFW Post 5040 Life Members" has been moved to sit on top of the board to free up the space behind the sign for more name tags, which has been slowly filling up. As mentioned on page 2 of this VFW News, we are looking for someone to build or extend the current board.]



1977. We honor Past Commanders and Auxiliary presidents. Back row, Past Commanders: Frank Cacci, Bill Mansfield, Joe Thiede, Bob Behler, Dean Mishler, Arthur Schuld Jr., LaVern Emericson, Kenneth Korst, Howard Wolff, Dwayne Raney, Edwin Wille, Robert Molthen, Fred Douglass, Al Gignac, Charles and Jim Gehrke. Front row: Auxiliary Presidents: Pat Gaylord, Joan Mansfield, Eleanor Torgeson, Beulah Cristy, Zelma Schulz, Marguerite Lange, Helen Kyle, Glenna Cross, Yvonne Wolff, Dee Dee Schuld, Marian Long, Chris Gehrke and Sue Kyle. (Don Peasley Photo)

Who needs a VFW 5040 email address? By Matt Klos, Editor

VFW Post members and Ladies Auxiliary members, this applies to you. On the VFW website we have each of the officers names listed. I have seen on other VFW websites that if a website visitor clicks on an officer's name, if the computer they are using has an e-mail program on it, the email program will open up and a new letter to the officer can be composed and then sent directly to that officer. I can set up any one of you with an email address in the format: first_name.last_name@vfw5040.org As long as you have some other email address you regularly check mail with, I can forward any email that is sent to the first_name.last_name@vfw5040.org address to your regularly checked email account. This is confidential and I never see the actual email. This is a feature of our web site hosting company in that I can create an unlimited aliases and forward to your regularly checked email. I can do this for any member if you wish to have your own VFW 5040 email address. Just send me an email with the email address you want mail forwarded to and I will set it up for you. I can stop this at any time if you don't want the VFW 5040 email address. Let me know. Contact me at: matt.klos@vfw5040.org Note: you won't be able to send anyone email using the first_name.last_name@vfw5040.org address. The web hosting package we have only allows me to set up 10 of these accounts and you have to configure your email program to use a POP3/SMTP account in order to do this. There are only 9 of these accounts left. If you would like one of these types of accounts and know how to set it up, let me know.

January 2006

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise - closing times vary depending on patronage) ☆☆☆☆☆

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
1 Happy New Year!	2 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm	3 Dirtt Group 7 pm	4	5 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	6 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Garlic Chicken 5 - 8 pm	7 VOD Dinner at District
8	9 VFW Officers Mtg. 6:30 pm American Legion 7:30 pm Girls Softball ?? pm Little League 7 pm	10 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	11 Cub Scouts - ?? Pm	12	13 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Beef Pot Roast 5 - 8 pm	14
15	16 VFW Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm Deadline for February 2006 VFW News items	17 Dirtt Group 7 pm	18 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	19 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	20 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Chicken Tetrizzini and Garlic Bread 5 - 8 pm	21
22	23 Girls Softball ?? Pm	24 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	25	26	27 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Meat Loaf 5 - 8 pm	28
29	30 Little League 7 pm	31 Dirtt Group 7 pm	1	2 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	3 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	4

From the editors desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor



Happy New Year, Post 5040! I am hoping that this year will be a good year for our Post. We will be celebrating 60 years this year, officially March 4, 2006. The celebratory dinner, as mentioned will be April 29. As a Post, we have a lot of preparation to do. The chairmen who are involved will be working hard to make this a great event. Thinking forward for the next few issues of the *VFW News*, I too have a lot of work ahead of me. I have copies of the 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th and 50th anniversary issues that I am looking at to give me some ideas of what I should do for the 60th anniversary issue. This will be a tough task. As a member of Woodstock VFW for only about 5 years, there is a lot of history that I will have to research and recap to bring about into a 60th Anniversary issue. If any of you have suggestions or stories you would like to see appear in the 60th Anniversary issue, I would like to hear them. I will try my best to make the anniversary issue meaningful for all of you. Have a great year in 2006 Comrades!

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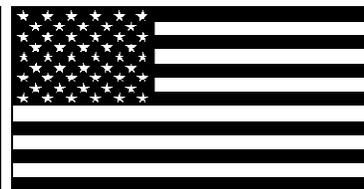


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