



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Spaghetti dinner and auction planned for February 18

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 items valued at over \$1,800.00.

The plan is to start with cocktails at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, and an 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 off? Well, here is the list of the all new items, never opened and in their original boxes:

- Three Rawlings #1 Drivers (est. value \$199 each)
- A Pro Series 1,000 watt Halogen Tripod light (est. value: \$250)
- A Rival Gourmet 6 quart programmable crock-pot (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 Quiet-Tech 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 see in the coming weeks.

Don't forget, Valentine's Day is February 14, so why not take your sweetheart out on the 18th for the spaghetti dinner and to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Voice of Democracy winner recognized

By Matt Klos

Harvard High School Junior Tiffany Keiber was honored at the January 16, 2006 VFW meeting. Her winning essay in the 2005 Voice of Democracy contest earned her top spots at the Post and District level.

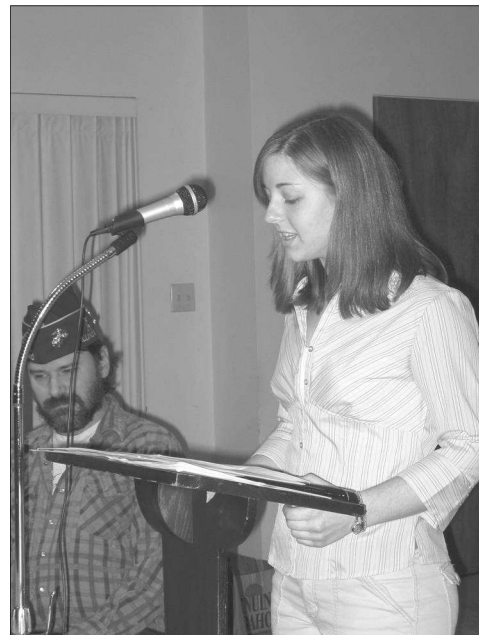
"We had around 10 entries this year," commented Chris Gehrke, VFW Auxiliary VOD Chairman. This year's theme was "How I Demonstrate My Freedom." Entries were due November 1, 2005.

Tiffany placed first out of the VFW 5040 Post entries and took second place at the District level. Mary Wirth, also of Harvard High School placed second at our Post level.

Tiffany was awarded a \$150.00 savings bond from our Post and \$375.00 from District in cash. She was also awarded a plaque.

Prior to the beginning of the Post meeting, Commander Thom Gillespie invited Tiffany to recite her essay to the members present. At the end of her reading, the members gave her a standing ovation.

Great job Tiffany and congratulations from VFW Post 5040! To all those that entered the contest, thank you, and if you are still in High School next year, please enter again! Good Luck in 2006.



Tiffany Keiber, first place winner in the 2005 Voice of Democracy Contest for VFW Post 5040, reads her essay at the VFW meeting on January 16, 2006. This year's theme was entitled "How I Demonstrate My Freedom". (Matt Klos Photo)

Voice Of Democracy



Proud parents Lloyd and Sue Keiber, with their daughter Tiffany (holding certificate), are congratulated by VFW Auxiliary Secretary Chris Gehrke and VFW Commander Thom Gillespie for Tiffany's winning entry in the 2005 VFW Voice of Democracy Contest. (Matt Klos Photo)



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Ladies Auxiliary, from the president

By Nyda Fogarty
Auxiliary President 2005-2006

Inspection of our Auxiliary will take place on February 2nd by our District President, Carolyn Gratz.

I hope the members who haven't paid their dues for this year will do so as we need our long time members.

Past presidents are encouraged to attend the 60th Anniversary Celebration in April 2006. It is planned to be a major event for this year and one to really celebrate.

New year's eve party at Post rings in 2006

By Matt Klos and Becky Gillespie

The Post hosted a New Year's Eve Party on December 31 as a fundraiser for the Adult and Child Rehab Center of Woodstock.

Becky had personal knowledge of the services provided by this nonprofit therapy center and staff. "My 11-year-old daughter benefited from their services for several years," commented Gillespie to Don Peasley.

The event was planned on short notice, with the hopes that people who had not made plans would attend. Although the turnout was not quite what was hoped, a total of \$366.00 was raised for the Adult and Child Rehab Center.

The Adult and Child Rehab Center has also invited Commander Thom and Becky Gillespie to present the check at the 2006 Telethon.

The countdown to New Year's Eve was not the only thing happening this night. There were a lot of raffles that took place and a variety of prizes were given out. Entertainment music was provided by Laurie Starkey.

A special thank you goes out to local area business's that donated items and/or money for the raffle items. These business's / individuals were:

Mary Kay, Chris Gehrke - Woodstock

Frank's Barbershop and Resale Emporium - McHenry

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Napoli Pizza, Jim Baker - Woodstock

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Bohn's Ace Hardware - Woodstock

Deal Mold Polishing (DMP) - Cary

Pioneer Center, Deb McCloughery

For the raffles, a lot of prizes were given out which made it a lot of fun. Those that were lucky enough to win a prize are listed as follows:

- Darrell Skodachek won a 6 disk DVD player.
- Calena Magnuson won a remote control car.
- Scott Lange won \$52 in the 50/50 drawing.
- Antigone Wojtas won 5 super tans from the Swanky Spa.
- Lisa Wilson won a \$25 gift certificate from Mary Kay.
- Judy David and Becky Gillespie each won a free pizza from Napoli's.
- JD Neibergall and Pat Ritter each won two free Friday night dinners from the VFW.
- Thom Gillespie won two porcelain dolls.
- Kim Radloff won a porcelain tea set and "Grandma Apron".

Thanks to everyone who attended this event and helped out a good cause. Maybe next year if we do this again, those of you unable to make it or had other plans might consider this event to make it even better.

Life membership board will be expanded

By Harold Irwin

Last month in the *VFW News*, a call for help went out to the membership for someone to expand the Life Membership Board. Well, Jim Shoemaker responded and will be expanding the current Life Membership Board. With a total of 335 Life members in our Post and surely more to be added, our current board is, well, just out of space. Thanks Jim!

✠ Chaplains report ✠

By Howard Engstrom

Phone / Cards:

- Wally Ramberg - Woodstock
- Joe Thiede - Woodstock
- Fred Wallis - Woodstock
- Jack Meyers - Woodstock
- Charles Griswold - Texas

Personal Visits:

- Howard Simpson - Alden Terrace - Fruit & Gifts
- Otis Setser - Valley Hi - Fruit & Gifts
- Herb Henley - Valley Hi - Fruit & Gifts
- Salyer Family Woodstock, Fruit & Gifts
- Fred Wallis - Memorial Hospital
- Joe Thiede - Memorial Hospital
- Glen Anderson - Hearthstone Manor
- Roman Krysiak - Hearthstone Manor

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74 Unpaid Members

| Name | Address |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Adelmann, Steve J | Undeliverable |
| • Aiello, Andrew C | Wonder Lake, IL |
| • Albin, Stanley C | Dixon, IL |
| • Alnardo, Carlos M | Undeliverable |
| • Anderson, Jeff | APO, AE |
| • Andrew, George R | Woodstock, IL |
| • Aranda, Gilbert R | APO, AE |
| • Arteaga, Carol E | APO, AE |
| • Barone, Phillip | Lake In The Hills, IL |
| • Bauman, Erwin | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Beaudine, Bruce A | Harvard, IL |
| • Blakeslee, Chris | APO, AE |
| • Borchardt, Orville A | Woodstock, IL |
| • Brizzi, Jeremy D | Oregon, IL |
| • Brown, Barbara J | APO, AE |
| • Burri, William J | Union, IL |
| • Cabezas, Jorge E | Cary, IL |
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| • Clawson, Mark A | Hundred, WV |
| • Covell, John M | Woodstock, IL |
| • Duffy, Earl E | Holiday Hills, IL |
| • Elsinger, Jeremiah J | Steuenville, OH |
| • Elsinger, Joseph A | Woodstock, IL |
| • Erbstoesser, James C | Marengo, IL |
| • Erwin, Edward D | Genoa City, WI |
| • Falk, Samuel O | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Gabel, John B | Brookings, SD |
| • Gardiner, Wayne J | Pickens, SC |
| • Gaylord, Bradley J | Flower Mound, TX |
| • Gettes, Gerald L | Marengo, IL |
| • Hardt, Adam | Woodstock, IL |
| • Hodory, Donald J | Woodstock, IL |
| • Hoholf, Brittany L | Woodstock, IL |
| • Howell, Edward L | Woodstock, IL |
| • Lemke, Arnold | Belvidere, IL |
| • Maloney, Thomas S | Lake Geneva, WI |
| • Molen, Dana B | Davenport, IA |
| • Molyneux, Scott R | Elgin, IL |
| • Murphy, Ryan P | APO, AE |
| • Nelson, Eugene L | Belvidere, IL |
| • Olach, Robert | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Olson, Douglas K | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Radloff, Stephen W | Trenton, IL |
| • Reichenbach, Jeffrey | Wonder Lake, IL |
| • Richer, Craig D | APO, AE |
| • Robinson, Cheryly | APO, AE |
| • Rousey, Andrew | Cary, IL |
| • Rutkowski, Michael W | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Ryer, Joshua N | Undeliverable |
| • Sanborn, Bob | Rochester, MN |
| • Sanborn, Everett T | Rochester, MN |
| • Schulemann, Calvin E | Lake In The Hills, IL |
| • Scott, Manuel A | Undeliverable |
| • Seegert, Brad W | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Shellenberger, Robert | Woodstock, IL |
| • Shugart, Nathan S | Rockford, IL |
| • Silvertsten, William E | North Plains, OR |
| • Simpson, Howard L | Mchenry, IL |
| • Sokolski, Joseph V | Buffalo Grove, IL |
| • Speechley, William E | Crystal Lake, IL |
| • Stewart, Candice M | APO, AE |
| • Strass, Arthur H | Woodstock, IL |
| • Tena, Alberta | APO, AE |
| • Thatcher, Roy R | Undeliverable |
| • Thayer, Eugene H | Undeliverable |
| • Van Marter, Alan E | Undeliverable |
| • Wells, Marquise L | APO, AE |
| • Willholt, Thomas | Woodstock, IL |
| • Witt, Ronald W | Wichita, KS |
| • Wright, Harold F | Dunedin, FL |
| • Zoes, James E | Woodstock, IL |

Membership update - as of 1/23/2006

By Matt Klos

VFW Post 5040 members who pay their dues yearly, please check to see if your name appears at the column to the left. If it does, your dues are owed for the 2005-06 VFW Year. As a reminder, dues for new members are \$28 for the first year, reinstated and continuous membership is \$25.

VFW National Memstats reports that our Post is at 85.01% in paid membership. We need all of you to be paid up. For those who have not yet paid, please send in your dues as soon as possible. Better yet, why not consider a Life Membership? If you are interested, the rates are shown below:

| Attained Age | Fee |
|--------------|----------|
| Through 30 | \$245.00 |
| 31 - 40 | \$235.00 |
| 41 - 50 | \$215.00 |
| 51 - 60 | \$195.00 |
| 61 - 70 | \$165.00 |
| 71 - 80 | \$125.00 |
| 81 and over | \$85.00 |

Don't forget, if you would really like to get a Life Membership, VFW Post 5040 still offers to pay the first \$50 of a Life Membership fee. Contact the VFW Post 5040 at (815)-338-5040 to let us know if you are interested so we can help you with the paperwork.

Currently, Memstats also reports that our Post has 335 Life Members. A total of 482 members have paid their membership so far which includes the Life Members. Last year we had 567 paid members. Each year, this number fluctuates with the addition of new members and some of our older members passing away. Each year our number grows smaller, so it is important to maintain your membership year after year to keep our numbers up and accurately reflect our total numbers so we have good representation within our Government to maintain benefits for current and future Veterans.

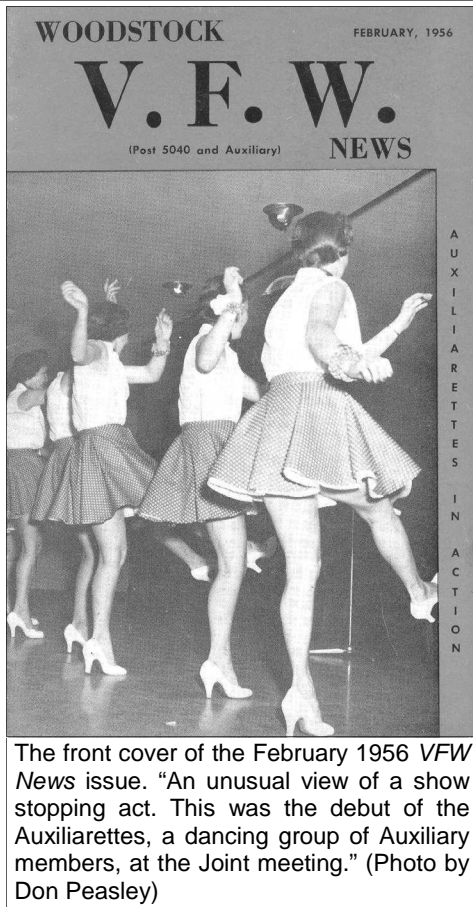
Update on the 60th anniversary celebration of VFW Post 5040

Plans are still in the works for the 60th anniversary dinner on Saturday, April 29th. Even though next month on March 4 marks the official 60th anniversary date, the dinner date is set in April to give some of our snow-birds a chance to get back home.

See 60th DINNER, page 4.



Memories of an outstanding VFW community project, sponsoring and organizing the V-J Day Parade and Pageant of Drums, 1955 through 1974. This July 3, 1960 photo will bring back memories of businesses on the north side of the Square (Don Peasley photo).



The front cover of the February 1956 *VFW News* issue. "An unusual view of a show stopping act. This was the debut of the Auxiliaries, a dancing group of Auxiliary members, at the Joint meeting." (Photo by Don Peasley)

60th Dinner

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The committee that is putting this together is meeting twice a month or more, depending on what needs to be accomplished. There are several sub-committees that are working independently to handle the finer details.

Next month in the *VFW News* you will see the **formal invitation inviting you** to the dinner published. There will also be a reservation form at the bottom of the invitation that must be **returned back by April 5, 2006**. This is so we can get an accurate count for food and to be able to anticipate how many people will be coming. This announcement now gives you two months to start thinking about it.

By the way, this event will be catered by Coleman's. We will be charging each participant for this event to cover costs associated with the celebration. We just can't afford to foot the bill for the entire thing. The Post is not trying to make money on this event because this is a celebration of our Members and the post being 60 years old. So, with this in mind, the charge per person will be \$12.50.

So think seriously about going to this event. This is a huge milestone for our Post and its current members. Even if you are out of state, give it some thought before saying "No".

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 February 1956 issue of the *VFW News*:

- Commander Earl Holm reminds membership that February is "New Member" month and to encourage eligible people to sign up to be a member of the VFW.
- Auxiliary president Leonie Kennedy mentions that 19 new members were added to the Auxiliary.
- Election of officers will take place mid-March 1956.
- Wow! 70 new members will be initiated at the March 10, 1956 meeting.
- Members vote to continue the *VFW News* at least through January, 1957.
- Leroy Corey, 31, is interviewed. He participated in fighting at Guam and

Bouganville and was discharged in 1945. At the time of the interview, Corey was 31 years old. He was a Charter Member of Post 5040. A native of Woodstock, he was an assistant superintendent of construction and maintenance for Standard Oil of Indiana in the Chicagoland area.

- 45 VFW bowlers took on the Moose Club and won in Mixed Bowling.
- Post 5040 10th Anniversary Observance celebration is set for April, 1956. 10 year service pins to be handed out to about 100 people.
- Membership is at 546, an all time high.
- VFW purchases the back page on the book, "County Cage Classics," which was a brochure promoting the history of the McHenry county basketball tourney. Brochure sold for 50 cents and was about 52 pages in length.
- An "Outgoing Officers Dance" is planned on St. Patrick's Day.

| 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 >>> | Oct 1 Thru Dec 31, 2005 | | | |
| POST 5040 | Start of Qtr | QTR In | QTR Out | End of Qtr |
| 1. Nat & Dept Dues | 1,222.00 | 887.00 | 982.50 | 1,126.50 |
| 2. Admin or App Fees | 542.34 | 72.66 | 615.00 | 0.00 |
| 3. POST Gen Fund | 12,113.63 | 8,200.00 | 7,360.02 | 12,953.61 |
| 4. POST Relief Fund | 2,007.10 | 3,000.00 | 1,139.70 | 3,867.40 |
| 5. Post Dues Reserve Fund | 2,447.26 | | | 2,447.26 |
| 6. Post HOME Fund | 258.89 | 16,692.66 | 16,590.60 | 360.95 |
| 7. New Building Fund | 12,785.49 | 1,768.54 | | 14,554.03 |
| 8. Fly Flag Book Fund | 2,041.46 | | | 2,041.46 |
| 9. Memorial Day Fund | 2,256.25 | | | 2,256.25 |
| 10. Raffel Account | 3,132.13 | 11,467.67 | 11,599.80 | 3,000.00 |
| 11. Other in Post Account | 4,509.13 | 2,232.90 | 4,187.30 | 2,554.73 |
| 12. Rifle Squad | 2,247.90 | 643.00 | 75.00 | 2,815.90 |
| 13. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct. | 3,560.38 | 21,061.39 | 24,029.56 | 592.21 |
| 14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839 | 4,008.52 | 994.00 | 1,700.00 | 3,302.52 |
| 15. Savings Account Interest | 241.56 | 93.88 | 335.44 | 0.00 |
| Totals: | 53,374.04 | | | 51,872.82 |
| Post AND Savings Total | 42,431.45 | 33,496.76 | 30,950.12 | 44,978.09 |
| Operations | | | Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances | |
| Have required payroll deductions been made? | Yes | Savings Acct | 35500.04 | 35,500.04 |
| Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed? | Yes | Canteen Bar | 2569.96 | 764.02 |
| Sales Taxes collected & PAID? | Yes | Post Acct | 13087.57 | 9,306.24 |
| Club employees bonded? | some | Pull Tab Acct | 3802.52 | 3,302.52 |
| Amount of outstanding bills? | \$ - | Raffel Acct | 3000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Value of Real Estate? | \$ 540,000.00 | Uncleared checks | 6,087.27 | |
| Amount of Liability Insurance? | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | Quicken Total | 51,872.82 |
| Owed on Mortgages & Loans? | \$ - | | Bank Total | 51,872.82 |
| Trustee's & Commander's Certificate of Audit | | | | |

February 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 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm | 3 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Swiss Steak 5 - 8 pm | 4 Girl's Softball Registration 9 am - 1 pm |
| 5 Little League Registration 1 - 4 pm | 6 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Girls Softball ?? pm | 7 Dirtt Group 7 pm | 8 Girl's Softball Registration 6 - 9 pm Cub Scouts - ?? Pm | 9 | 10 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Chicken Bake 5 - 8 pm | 11 Little League Registration 1 - 4 pm |
| 12 | 13 VFW Officers Mtg. 6:30 pm American Legion 7:30 pm | 14 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm | 15 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm | 16 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm | 17 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Lasagna 5 - 8 pm | 18 Spaghetti Dinner and Auction 5 pm - ?? \$5.00 per person. |
| 19 Little League Registration 1 - 4 pm | 20 VFW Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm Deadline for March 2006 VFW News items Little League 7 pm | 21 Dirtt Group 7 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Beef Tips 5 - 8 pm | 25 Upstairs Hall Rented. |
| 26 | 27 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Jaycees 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm | 28 | 1 | 2 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm | 3 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Salmon Patties 5 - 8 pm | 4 |



From the editors desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

I can't believe it's the end of January already and we are coming into February. I have not been thinking about the 60th anniversary issue as much as I should have because I have been occupied with work and family obligations. I would have had this issue out sooner, but the weekend of the 20th we had about a foot of snow and three children were begging to go sledding...hmm...sledding or VFW News? Needless to say, editing lost out.

On another note, the 60th anniversary planning committees are working hard to prepare for the 60th anniversary. Things are slowly falling into place. **REQUEST of YOU** from the planning committee: for the 60th anniversary, we are asking all members to send in a photo of yourself at the time (or about the time) you were in service for a special display. You will get the photo back. Please send these to: VFW Post 5040, c/o Bud Pflug, 240 Throop St, Woodstock, IL 60098.

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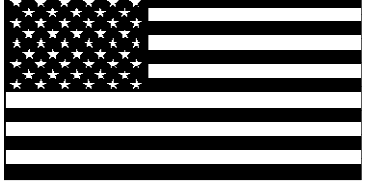
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