



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



## Buddy Poppy Days May 12 & 13

It's that time of year again when you begin to see the bright red and black poppy on lapels and hats which only means one thing - veterans groups selling poppies. As in the past, VFW Post 5040 will be selling Buddy Poppies around Woodstock on May 12 and 13, the same weekend as the Soup to Nuts sale.

Junior Vice Commander, Jim Clegg, who is chairman of this event, has put a sign-up sheet at the VFW bar for people to sign their names to, indicating times and pre-selected location selling points.

The funds generated all go our Veteran's Relief Fund which is strictly used to help veterans. These funds cannot be used for other purposes.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans.

For every poppy that is bought through the National VFW to be used by Posts during Poppy Days, a special tax is levied. (1½¢) goes to the Veterans Service Fund of the Department having jurisdiction; (1¢) to the Veterans Service Fund of the National Headquarter; (1¢) to the VFW National Home Fund for Children.

Many people associate Poppy Days with the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields" which is about World War I. It was written by Canadian physician John McCrae on May 3, 1915. The poppies referred to in the poem grew in abundance in Flanders fields where war casualties had been buried. Today, Poppies are distributed by veterans groups as a memorial flower.

## In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



## Soup to Nuts Sale



## May 12 & 13

By Russ and Donna Freeman

Last call reminding you about our Soup to Nuts Sale, our annual sell-anything-indoor-garage-sale. Put aside all the old treasures you have no use for anymore. The sale will be May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will need help the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> to pick up items and also on Friday and Saturday to sell.

Don't forget, this year our sale is the same weekend as Poppy Days, so we need extra helpers for both events.

As a reminder, items should be clean and in good working order. Suggested items are: books, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, working appliances, tools, furniture, etc.

The Post does not have the storage space to hold large items, so hold on to them until they can be picked up (or dropped off) closer to the date of the sale. If you need a pick-up, call us at (815)-338-3414 the first week of May.

## Memorial Day ceremony and events May 29, 2006

Woodstock will be holding a Memorial Day Ceremony in Woodstock Square on Memorial Day, May 29.

The event schedule for this day will be as follows:

**10:00 a.m.:** Ceremony on Woodstock Square.

**11:00 a.m.:** Memorial Day Parade starting from the west side of Woodstock Square. Veterans and VFW Post members welcome to march in the parade!

**12:00 p.m.:** Annual VFW Lunch served at VFW Post 5040. Ham and Fried Chicken will be served along with coleslaw, beans, and vegetables. Cost for this will be \$8.00 per person.

**1:00 p.m.:** Memorial Day Raffle.

## ~ Memorial Day ~ ~ Raffle ~

Only 500 tickets to be sold. \$5.00 each.

**First Prize:** Sears Craftsman Riding Mover (valued at \$2,200)

**Second Prize:** Sears Craftsman Push Mower (valued at \$139)

**Third Prize:** Two Cubs Tickets behind Home Plate (valued at \$200)

Raffle to take place at the VFW after the VFW Lunch. Tickets on sale at Post.

## VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2005 - 2006

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## Ladies Auxiliary - from the president

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2005-2006

The meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> will be a pot luck supper starting at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. We expect to initiate two new members at the meeting afterward.

We would like everyone to bring two pies to the Memorial Day dinner which will be held immediately after the Parade on May 29. It will be a ham dinner.

There will be a "Soup to Nuts" sale at the Post on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Please donate any thing you have for the sale.

A sign up sheet is at the bar for Poppy Days on May 12 and 13 for anyone who can work.

Membership pins were awarded at the April meeting to RoseMary Hellstern, 10 years, and Nyda Fogarty 30 years. The charter was draped in memory for our beloved members Ruth Gehrke.

## Loyalty Day Monday, May 1

VFW Post to commemorate day with a dinner on May 7 at 1:00 pm

Although Loyalty Day is observed on May 1 in the United States, the Post will be remembering this day with a spaghetti lunch/dinner on May 7. Veterans, teachers and children will be \$5.00, everyone else will be \$6.00. Spaghetti, sauce, bread and a salad will be served.

Loyalty Day is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

The holiday was first celebrated in the 1930s as Americanization Day, and was intended to serve as a counterweight to May Day, which was celebrated as a Communist holiday.

Loyalty Day is celebrated with parades and ceremonies in communities across the United States, although many people in the United States remain unaware of it. Although a legal holiday, it is not a federal holiday.

The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day; and inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

## † Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom

### Phone / Cards:

- Fred Wallis - home and hospital
- Pat Gaylord - hospital
- Mrs. Don Peasley - hospital
- Genevea Beltz-Dwayne Raney's sister
- Robert Salyer Family

### Wake and Funeral:

- Charles Griswold

### Draped Charter:

- Bob Kieselburg
- Max Cain
- Charles Griswold

VFW News obtains first place for 2005-2006



Congratulations to the *VFW News*! Our Post newsletter was the winner in the Illinois Department Publications Contest for the 2005-2006 year.

The July 2005 issue was submitted for entry in the Publication contest this year and was judged First Place in the Medium Post Category (250 - 749 member posts). The issue has been forwarded to National Headquarters for entry in the National Publications Contest.

An engraved plaque will be presented to editor, Matthew Klos, in recognition for this achievement at the Annual Department Convention in Peoria, IL on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

This is the second year in a row that the *VFW News* has placed First Place in the Department Contest under editor Matt Klos.

I want to thank Don Peasley for all his help over the last year submitting stories for the *VFW News* and also my wife, Kim, for putting up with the long weekend hours I sometimes spend on the *VFW News*.

Thanks also to the entire Post for providing me with information and stories to write about over the last year. Without them, we wouldn't have a newsletter to print.

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## Pies Needed For Memorial Day Lunch

By Request of VFW Commander Thom Gillespie and Auxiliary President Nyda Fogarty

We are calling on all membership to help out and provide a pie to be served at the ham/fried chicken lunch. If you are willing to provide a pie, please contact the Post at (815)-338-5040, Thom or Nyda. Contact phone numbers on page 2.

## Commander's Column

By Thom Gillespie  
VFW Commander 2005-2006

Just two more months until the new group of officers take control. I hope they have an easier time of it than I had. A re-occurring theme that I experienced was the lack of general membership support. I could not do a good job of generating enthusiasm from the post. There were several people who kept trying to tell me I was doing a good job but I know that what I was doing was mostly treading water.

I have been hearing that we shouldn't be putting our financial records in the *VFW News* newsletter, but I disagree. I think this is the best way to get the information to our members. You are the ones to make the final decisions in all things that the post is involved in. For most of the day to day operations you delegate by electing the people you think will do the best job.

Look back in the old newsletters and the post is down \$15,000 from the end of December to the end of March.

Nobody was willing to run a raffle for a riding lawnmower and a walk behind mower that were donated. Brand-new items worth \$3,000 that we didn't pay for, any money we take in is all profit. If we can't get new people involved, we will need to think very seriously about selling this building.

I think it is a very good thing that with this election there are several contested positions.

Good luck to those whose name will be on the ballot. May the best member for the positions win.

## VFW Post 5040 elections for the 2006 -2007 year (please read if you want your vote counted!)

Election of new Officers will be held on Monday, May 15, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The process will be somewhat different this year in that instead of voting for members by the counting of raised hands in the meeting, members will vote by a ballot system. This system is acceptable according to our VFW bylaws.

All members in possession of a 2006 or Life membership card must show your card to vote.

Members in possession of a 2005 membership can vote by paying their delinquent dues of \$25 for the 2005-2006 year.

Voting will take place at the VFW Post on Throop St. Currently running for office are in the next column. This is a sample ballot, similar to what you will see on May 15. Beside each position will be the name of the nominated individuals. If you do not wish to vote for the given name on a position, a blank line will be provided on the ballot to write in a any name.

Circle one name for each officer position or write in someone's name.



## From the editors desk

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Hello comrades. This issue of the *VFW News* was a quick one for me. It seems like only a few weeks ago that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue was being written. I got several good comments on the issue and it sounds like it was received fairly well. I do apologize, however, for some of the pictures in the issue. They did not scan in very well and some of them resulted in what's called a Moiré pattern. Others turned out better than I expected. Overall though, I hope the issue recalled some good memories of the Post for our older members.

This month we have elections which are very important for our Post. These leaders will take us into the 2006-2007 year and hopefully for the better. The leaders of our Post always have a tough job each year and this year will be no exception. We have issue as a Post that will need to be dealt with. With membership involvement, maybe we can tackle some of the more sticky issues and make our Post better.

May is always a busy time of year for the Post. We have several events (Soup to Nuts, Poppy Day, and Memorial Day) that need the participation of our members to make these successful events. I invite you to help out if you can, even if for only a short time selling Poppies. We can always use your help.

In about a week, the main event for VFW Post 5040 will be the 60th Anniversary Dinner on April 29. By the time you get to reading this, the event will be over but I am looking forward to getting a lot of pictures, meeting a lot of new people I never met before, and having a great time. I hope this event goes well. For the future issues, I will try to get several pictures in from the anniversary dinner. What I can't get in will be put on the website for viewing.

This was mentioned at a meeting a while back, but I was told I should put this in the *VFW News*. For those of you that don't know, I was appointed National Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief James R. Mueller, on recommendation from the Illinois Department Commander. With this thought, I leave you until next month. Take care.

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James Clegg  
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**Quartermaster:** Ralph Ritter  
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**3 Year Trustee:** Larry Dohm  
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**3 Year Director:** Charlie Mathey  
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The front cover of the May 1956 VFW News issue. "Neil Cooney, left, first Commander of Post 5040, and Roy Lechner, State Commander, cut the tenth anniversary cake. Mrs. Helen Corey made the beautiful cake, designed to represent an open book. (Don Peasley photo.)

## 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 May 1956 issue of the VFW News:

- 10 year continuous membership pins given out to charter members who paid dues every year.
- Events listed in newsletter that VFW has to prepare for in coming month:
  - Pageant of Drums, July 29.
  - Fourth of July Festival, June 29-July 4.
  - Little League baseball.
  - Pancake Supper, May 23.
  - Teener Baseball League.
  - VFW Auxiliaries to perform a second show after their first appearance in April.

- Poppy Days May 18-19.
- Memorial Day Observance.
- VFW Float in Harvard Milk Days.
- Fishing contest to start for longest muskie, longest black bass, longest white stripped bass, heaviest pan fish and longest pan fish. Entry fee is \$1.00.
- 10th anniversary recapped. 110 Charter members present. State Commander, Roy Lechner was the first state commander to visit Post 5040. Frank Moore, 5th District Commander, also attended celebration.
- One of the quotes by State Commander, Roy Lechner, "Post 5040 is a real credit to the VFW of Illinois. We have 448 posts in Illinois. Some I'm ashamed of; some I'm proud of. Post 5040 is one I'm truly proud of."

## Upcoming events

### Star 105.5 Karaoke Idol contest May 4

McHenry County radio station Star 105.5 will be hosting a Karaoke contest at VFW Post 5040 on May 4.

Although details of the contest were not available at the time of this writing, details should be available by the time this issue gets to mailboxes which can be viewed on Star 105.5's website: [www.star105.com](http://www.star105.com)

This contest is one of several that have are happening in the area, hosted by Star 105.5. The finals will be at D'Andrea Banquets on May 21 in Crystal Lake.

If you have a good voice and love to sing Karaoke, give this contest a try. Come early though. Other locations have limited the entrants to only 30 participants.

### Father's Day Pig Roast

The VFW Post will be having a pig roast on Father's Day, June 18 at 12:00 pm. Thom and Becky Gillespie will be chairing this event. Thom has done this for several years at another organization and wants to do it for ours this year. Cost will be \$8.00.


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 Mar 31, 2006				
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POST 5040				
	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
1. Nat & Dept Dues	1,286.50	19.00	15.50	1,290.00
2. Admin or App Fees	-465.00		150.00	-615.00
3. POST Gen Fund	12,503.52	1,310.00	4,197.87	9,615.65
4. POST Relief Fund	3,158.40		20.00	3,138.40
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	2,447.26		2,000.00	447.26
6. Post HOME Fund	-4,635.81	9,338.34	10,630.22	-5,927.69
7. New Building Fund	15,150.03	218.00		15,368.03
8. Fly Flag Book Fund	2,041.46			2,041.46
9. Memorial Day Fund	2,256.25			2,256.25
10. Other in Post Account	1,404.73	413.00	2,000.00	-182.27
11. Color Guard	0.00	500.00		500.00
12. Rifle Squad (Honor Guard)	2,942.52	125.00	780.00	2,287.52
13. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	1,969.05	8,414.96	8,562.38	1,821.63
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	2,102.52	400.00	871.80	1,630.72
15. Savings Account Interest	0.00	104.46	25.00	79.46
16. Raffle Account	3,000.00			3,000.00
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Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct		28,079.50
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar		1,993.44
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct		2,047.76
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Amount of outstanding bills?	\$ -	Raffle Acct		3,000.00
Value of Real Estate?	\$ 657,000.00	Uncleared checks		X X X X
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$ 2,000,000.00	Quicken Total	X X X X	36,751.42
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$ -	Bank Total	0.00	X X X X
<b>Trustee's &amp; Commander's Certificate of Audit</b>				

# May 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
31	1 <b>Loyalty Day</b> Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball ?? pm	2 Dirtt Group 7 pm	3 Wednesday Night Dinner - Mostacholi w/Garlic Bread or Italian Beef w/French Fries (\$6) 5 - 8 pm	4 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7 pm <b>Star 105.5 Karaoke Idol Contest at VFW Post</b> See: www.star105.com	5 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Salmon Loaf 5 - 8 pm	6
7 <b>Loyalty Day observed at Post</b> Spaghetti Dinner served at 1:00 pm \$6.00 per person	8 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	9 VFW Board Mtg. 7pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	10 Wednesday Night Dinner - Prime Rib (\$10) 5 - 8 pm Cub Scouts - ?? Pm	11	12   <b>Soup 2 Nuts</b> Indoor Garage Sale <b>Poppy Day</b> Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Chicken Bake 5 - 8 pm	13   <b>Soup 2 Nuts</b> Indoor Garage Sale <b>Poppy Day</b> 
14	15 VFW Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm <b>Deadline for June 2006 VFW News items</b>	16 Dirtt Group 7 pm	17 Wednesday Night Dinner - Swiss Steak or Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	18 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	19 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Meat Loaf 5 - 8 pm	20
21	22	23 VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Jaycees 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	24 Wednesday Night Dinner - Ham or Teriyaki Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	25	26 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Lasagna 5 - 8 pm	27
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b> Memorial Day Observed 10 am Ceremony on Woodstock Square 11 am Parade 12 pm Lunch at Post	30	31 Wednesday Night Dinner - Stuffed Green Peppers (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7 pm	2 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Salmon Loaf 5 - 8 pm	3

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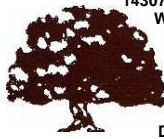
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And for those of you with access to the internet, you can e-mail me at:

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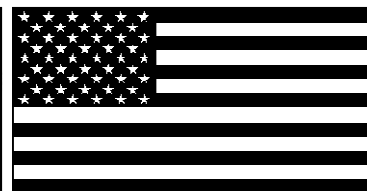
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