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# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

## VFW Post 5040 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated on April 29

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

All I can say is "what a party it was!". Honestly, I have only attended a limited number of VFW specific functions held by our Post and this one was the best I have ever seen as far as turnout goes. There were between 275 to 300 people that attended the dinner on April 29 to celebrate Post 5040's 60 year anniversary. Our Post was officially chartered on March 4, 1946.

Guests were treated to a decorated Post especially for the occasion. In the lower level, our newly renovated bar area displayed better lighting above the bar and at the side tables on either side of it, a refinished bar surface, newly painted walls and ceiling, a new compact juke box, and well placed memorabilia on the walls of the bar. These new changes to the downstairs were part of several thousand dollars of member authorized renovations that were very much needed. In addition to the bar area, in the lower meeting hall new hanging lights were added to brighten up the area.

Near the bar, situated between both sets of stairs that lead down to the meeting area, a long table from one stair to the other, a backboard displayed pictures of VFW Post members from when they entered the service. On the tables themselves were photo albums, letters, booklets, maps, etc. that members had given to Bud Pflug to display this night. Towards the kitchen, another display set on a table that was made of pine frames and backed in chicken wire. Attached to the chicken wire were pistols, knives, canteens, a helmet, and other war memorabilia items covering many of the wars our members were in. I was a very well done display. Thanks a lot to Bud and those that helped in preparing this display.

The downstairs was primarily set up for as a dance floor, entertainment provided for the evening by Freddy and Lorrie Lamberti of the duo Talisman. Most of the

guests, when not downstairs getting a refreshment at the bar or looking at the displays, were in the upstairs meeting room.

Most everyone quickly ended upstairs to grab a seat before the program began. Master of Ceremonies, Sid Sherwin, Past Commander Post 5040, began the night with the *Pledge of Allegiance* followed by the *Invocation* given by Chaplain Howard Engstrom.

Dinner at 6:30 was buffet style, prepared by Coleman's in Woodstock. Dinner was roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bun, and a salad. Keeping plates cleared and water glasses and coffee cups full were volunteers from the Woodstock Little League who were a big help this night to keep things moving. A big thank-you to them for donating their time and man-power in this celebration.

After dinner, current Commander Thom Gillespie gave a *Welcome* speech followed by Sid Sherwin introducing the *Past Commanders* and *Past Auxiliary Presidents* present at the dinner. Founding editor of the *VFW News* Don Peasley then gave a *Reflection on Post 5040 History*. Past Commander Alan Belcher proceeded to *Honor the Charter Members* present followed again by Thom Gillespie *Honoring the family of Art Schulz Jr.*

Two special awards were given out this night as well. For the *Superior VFW Member Award*, Bob Gibson was honored. For the *Ray Benoy Outstanding Service Award*, Chuck Ruth was honored.

Closing prayer was again given by Howard Engstrom.

See 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, page 2.



Soup to Nuts volunteers take a break on the final day of the sale for a quick picture.

Back Row: Harriet Pope, Bob Gaylord, Charlie Mathey, Ralph Ritter, Pat Gaylord, Larry Dohm, and Irene Brown. Middle Row: Margaret Webb.

Front Row: Russ Freeman, Betty Huebsch, Donna Freeman, Pat Ritter. (Matt Klos Photo)

## Soup to Nuts results

By Russ and Donna Freeman

We would like to thank some great help we had in having another successful Soup to Nuts sale. We made a grand total of \$2,124.30, which is the best we have done in sometime. We hope to use the money the Post made to help dress up the upstairs hall, in keeping with the down stairs renovations and redecorating being done.

We want to give a special thanks to Pat and Bob Gaylord as they really pitched in and helped after Russ had his accident. Thanks also to all of the following that helped in setting up, picking up and tear-

ing down. Jack Fish, Chuck Mathy, Jim and Sally Shoemaker, Ralph and Pat Ritter, Don and Anita Sword, Dorothy and Wally Thomas, Irene Gaylord, Fred Noble, Marg Weber, Howard and Marion Engstrom, Frank Holy, Betty Huebsch, Larry Dohm, Gene Fuller, Jane Dahm, Mike David, Hank Nulle, Betty Smith, Mary Stompamntp, Sandy and Vern Woellert, Joan Mansfield, Irene Brown, Viola Brown, Harriet Pope, Bill Lyford, Bob Gibson, Scott Lang, and Mark Adolphus. Hope to see all of you next year. Please be saving your treasures for us to sell.

### **VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2005 - 2006**

Commander	Thom Gillespie	(815)-338-6826
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### **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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Secretary	Christine Gehrke	(815)-338-3533
Treasurer	Barbara Gehrke	(815)-338-1546
Chaplain	Karen Wells	(815)-338-4821
Guard	Margie Humphrey	Unavailable
Conductress	Irene Brown	(815)-459-3483
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2 Year Trustee	Lois Freund	(815)-338-5261
3 Year Trustee	Margaret Webb	(815)-338-4213

## **Ladies Auxiliary - from the president**

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2005-2006

We had a nice potluck dinner before our last meeting. Delegates and alternates were elected for the last District meeting and convention on May 21 in Antioch. Membership pins were awarded to Viola Brown, 45 years; Bonnie Kagel, 40 years; and Chris Gehrke, 35 years.

We were happy to hear from our District President, Carolyn Gratz, that our Auxiliary is 100% in membership.

Our initiation will be at our next meeting for officers (June 1) for the coming year as the VFW preferred to have theirs on their meeting night so it will not be a joint meeting.

I want to thank all who worked on selling poppies on Poppy Day as the weather was certainly very bad the whole weekend. Also my thanks to Barbara Gehrke and Bonnie Kagel for their work on counting as it is a big job. We initiated Genevieve Steagall at our meeting and we all welcomed her and hope she'll join us as much as she can.

The Department Convention will be June 22 thru 25th in Peoria.

## **2006-2007 VFW officers elected**

By Dwayne Raney

The following named were elected to serve during the 2006-2007 VFW year:

Commander - William Lyford  
 Senior Vice Commander - Henry Nulle  
 Junior Vice Commander - Fred Noble  
 Quartermaster - Thom Gillespie  
 Chaplain - Howard Engstrom  
 Judge Advocate - Richard Glawe  
 Surgeon - Harold Irwin  
 Three Year Trustee - Larry Dhom  
 Three Year Director - Charles Mathey.

The new officers, elected and appointed, will begin their duties after July 1st.

For the first time in the history of VFW Post 5040, members cast their votes by secret ballot held between the hours of 4 pm to 7:30 pm, preceding the regular May meeting.

Serving as the Post's first election judges were John Mencotti, Sid Sherwin, Donald Sword and Dwayne Raney.

About 48 ballots were cast during this election.

Congratulations to those elected. We wish you best of luck in the coming year and for the outgoing officers for this past year, thank you for your time and efforts in leading our post through another year.

## **† Chaplains report †**

By Howard Engstrom

### **Phone / Cards:**

- Fred Wallis
- Don Stolz Family
- Roger Behm

### **Personal Visits:**

- Wally Ramberg (home)
- Howard Simpson (Alden Terrace)
- Don Seaton (home)
- Russ Freeman (home)
- Mrs. Joe Thiede & Family (home)

### **Draped Charter:**

- Don Stolz

Correction in the Chaplain's Report from last month: Jeannette Bentz is Dwayne Raney's sister, not Genevea Beltz as published.

## **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

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Several special guests attended the dinner as well to help us celebrate: *Woostock Mayor*, Brian Sager; Richard Coombes Jr., *Illinois VFW Junior Vice Commander*; Bob McMahon, *Illinois VFW Commander in 1974 and Editor of the Illinois VFW News for decades*; Patrick Green, *5th District Commander*; Carolyn Gratz, *5th District Auxiliary President*; Ted Biever, *Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs*; Jerry Crady, *Commandant, Marine Corps League*; Richard Schroeder, *Woostock American Legion*; Donald Stage, *AmVets Commander*; Joe Lewis, *VietNow Commander*; Mike Iwanicki, *Superintendent of Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County*; Joy Aavang, *Historian with three publications Fly the Flag for Me, Volumes I, II & III*.

Overall, the night was very interesting. A lot of people rekindled old friendships with those they had not seen in a long time, members from out town had stopped in, and everyone I think had a good time.

A lot of planning and preparation went into pulling this off and all those involved deserve a big "Thank You". Thanks especially to the *Co-Chairmen* Sid Sherwin and Mike David, and the *Committee Members* Alan Belcher, Ray Benoy, Hank Engstrom, Don Peasley, and Bud Pflug.

If you were not able to attend, pictures from this event will be posted on the VFW website very soon for you to view. Thanks again to all that attended this event and we hope you had a great time.

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**Father's Day Pig Roast - June 18 at 12 pm at the VFW, \$8.00.**

## Commander's Column

By Thom Gillespie  
VFW Commander 2005-2006

The installation of new officers will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Dinner will follow the meeting. The floor meeting should start at the regular time of 7:30 pm.

Bill Lyford, incoming Commander, stated some of his initial objectives would be:

- painting the outside of the VFW building.
- replacing our dead tree in Emrickson Park.
- replacing the boiler in the VFW.

I will be reducing the amount of time I give to the VFW after the new Commander takes over. The VFW will get from me four nights each month, 5<sup>th</sup> District will get six or eight days and Department of Illinois will get two weekends. In addition, if the commander wishes, I will handle Loyalty Day, VOD/Patriot's Pen, and Awards coordinator.

I am also the Paymaster for the McHenry County Marine Corps League, of which has not been getting a fair amount of my time. This year I have spent a lot more time with the VFW so as the new officers take over, I hope to give more time to the MCMCL.

Dwayne Rainey raised a point at the floor meeting last month that the Post cannot take money from the Dues Reserve Fund until July 1 which I knew but forgot about. This month I transferred back the \$2,000 that was transferred out of this fund in May. According to the VFW By-Laws, after July 1, the Dues Reserve Fund can be transferred to the Post's general fund and be available for expenditures. This is one of the reasons I have asked that the Post monthly financial statements be printed in the newsletter so if mistakes are found, we can get them corrected.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for 2006-2007!

## Do we have something of yours?

To all members, if you sent in a photo but have not received it back from the Post, please contact us. Some of the photos that were sent to Bud Pflug for use at the 60th Anniversary celebration did not include names on them and we don't know who they belong to. We really want to return these to you.

Also, if you gave the VFW some items for display purposes (i.e. photo albums, memorabilia, documents, etc.), you should have been contacted to pick it up or you have already picked your display items up. If you have not, please contact the Post as some items that were brought down did not have names on them and we are trying to find out who they belong to.

Please call the Post, leave your name, a contact number, information to identify what photo or photo's you did not get back, a description of the items that you did not get back, etc. We want to make sure all this stuff is returned to our members.

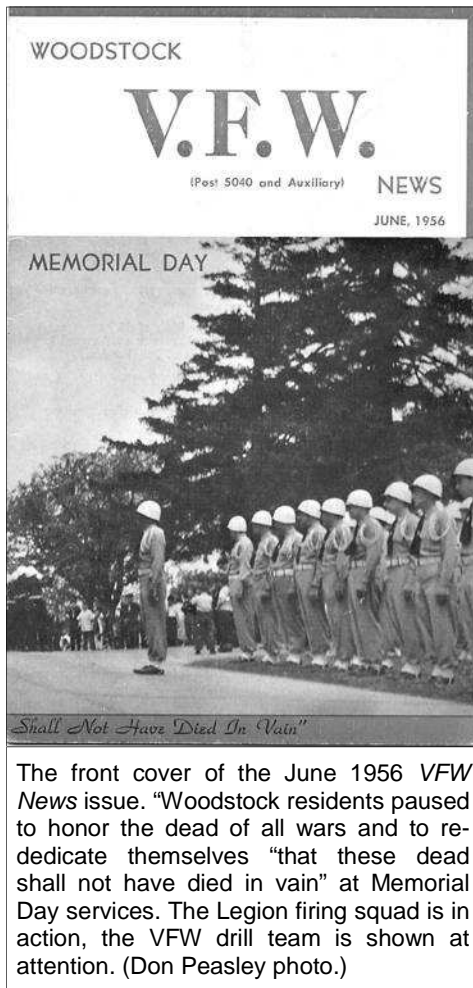
To all of you that did lend us something, thank you very much for making your photo or items available for all to see.



Past Commanders of the Woodstock VFW gather for an historic photo during the 60th Anniversary celebration. From left, front: Bill Lyford, Henry Nulle, Gerald Beckus, Alan Belcher, Nick Stemper and Sid Sherwin. Back: Thom Gillespie, current Commander; Charles Gehrke, Jim Gehrke, Dwayne Raney, Fred Douglass, John Hanson, LaVern Emrickson and Kenneth Korst. Present but absent from photo: Dean Mishler. (Don Peasley Photo)



Some of the past Presidents of the Auxiliary who were present at the 60th Anniversary celebration: From left, back: Marie Wille, Penny Nolan, Cathy Schmieding, Barbara Gehrke, Pat Gaylord, Marguerite Lange. Front: Viola Brown, Nyda Fogarty, Irene Brown, Genevieve Steagall, Christine Gehrke. (Matt Klos Photo)



The front cover of the June 1956 VFW News issue. "Woodstock residents paused to honor the dead of all wars and to rededicate themselves "that these dead shall not have died in vain" at Memorial Day services. The Legion firing squad is in action, the VFW drill team is shown at attention. (Don Peasley photo.)

## VFW 5040 sponsors boys state candidate

By Dwayne Raney

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government.

VFW Post 5040 is sponsoring Jack D. Sobol from Woodstock High School.

There will be an orientation for the candidates, their parents, and sponsors on Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lake in the Hills American Legion, which is located near the intersection of Algonquin and Pyott Roads. Sponsors are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Robert Howe, Jr., McHenry County Council American Legion Boys State Chairman, will conduct the orientation. The locations of where the candidates will be based from will also be announced. For any additional information, persons are asked to phone Howe at 815.653.6351.

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at 12 pm at the VFW, \$8.00.**

## 50 years ago this month

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

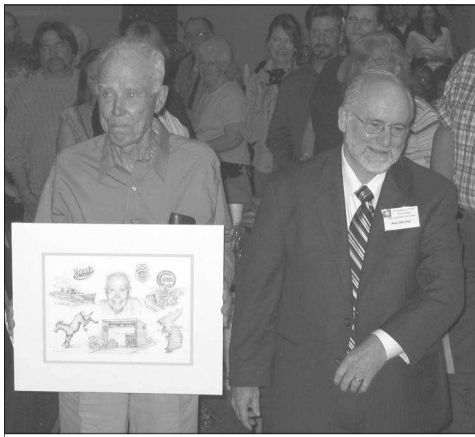
With the 50th Anniversary of the VFW News honored in the July 2005 issue, each month until July 2006, a column will be featured looking back 50 years to the current month. This month will be the last of the series. In the June 1956 issue of the VFW News:

- Membership is at 595 members. Commander Roy Stackhouse reminds members about being flag conscious.
- The eighth annual Fourth of July Festival comes up in July:
  - ◊ Two fireworks displays at \$500 and \$1,000 each.
  - ◊ Wrestling show each night.
  - ◊ Rides this year are merry-go-round, kiddy cars, ferris wheel, and tilt-a-whirl.
  - ◊ Games staffed by VFW members.
  - ◊ Opportunity to win a coral

Buick convertible.

- Four-team Teener baseball league for boys 13-15 years of age is started. Interest in the league is almost non-existent and Commander Roy Stackhouse urges members to get involved with the league and especially the parents of the boys.
- Roy Stackhouse, Earl Holm, Bill Thompson, and Don Peasley visit Woodstock Children's Home. VFW donates \$250 to furnish a room in the home. The home has 40-45 children.
- Reflector Tape Safety program urges owners of bicycles to bring them down to the VFW so members can affix reflector tape to the bicycles so they can be better seen at night.
- Pen and pencil sets (the VFW's award to graduates for achievement in citizenship, scholarship, and attendance) were given to Bill Reynolds and Janet Berna at WCHS and Helen Armstrong and John Wett at St. Mary's

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 June 30, 2006				
FISCAL Quarter >>>		April		
POST 5040				
	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
1. Nat & Dept Dues	1,290.00	9.50	85.00	1,214.50
2. Admin or App Fees	-615.00		274.00	-889.00
3. POST Gen Fund	9,615.65	1,516.67	4,559.07	6,573.25
4. POST Relief Fund	3,138.40			3,138.40
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	447.26	2,000.00		2,447.26
6. Post HOME Fund	-5,927.69	1,126.00	2,281.27	-7,082.96
7. New Building Fund	15,368.03	231.00		15,599.03
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	-182.27	27.00	540.85	-696.12
11. Color Guard	500.00			500.00
12. Rifle Squad (Honor Guard)	2,287.52	475.00	598.88	2,163.64
13. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	1,821.63	6,800.40	8,144.78	477.25
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	1,630.72	200.00	1,315.13	515.59
15. Savings Account Interest / Fees	79.46	25.00		104.46
16. Raffle Account	3,000.00		1,473.10	1,526.90
Totals:	36,751.42	12,410.57	19,272.08	29,889.91
Post AND Savings Total	30,219.61	5,385.17	8,339.07	27,265.71
Operations		Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances		
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	23104.50	23,104.50
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	1788.44	649.06
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	6309.38	4,093.86
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acct	815.59	515.59
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$ -	Raffle Acct	1526.90	1,526.90
Value of Real Estate?	\$657,000.00	Uncleared checks	3,654.90	
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$2,000,000.00	Quicken Total		29,889.91
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$ -	Bank Total		33,544.81
Trustee's & Commander's Certificate of Audit				



Alan Belcher, Past Commander (right), congratulates Bob Gibson (left) after being awarded "Superior VFW Member Award" at the 60th Anniversary Dinner. (Matt Klos Photo).



Sid Sherwin, Past Commander (right), congratulates Charles Ruth (left) after being awarded the "Ray Benoy Outstanding Service Award" at the 60th Anniversary Dinner. (Matt Klos Photo).



VFW Charter members who were at the 60th Anniversary dinner take a historic photo together. From front, left: George Burke, Francis, Dittberner, Harold Irwin, Robert Korslin. Back, left: Delbert Lee, Jack Meyers, Dean Mishler, and Don Perkins. (Matt Klos Photo)



Auxiliary Charter members who attended the 60th Anniversary celebration.

From left: Pat Gaylord, Betty Mishler, Genevieve Steagall, and Karlen Cooney. (Matt Klos Photo)

## Special awards given at 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

By Don Peasley

Two men were honored with special recognition during the Woodstock VFW's 60th anniversary celebration on April 29.

Alan Belcher, anniversary committee member, presented the "Ray Benoy Outstanding Service Award" to Charles Ruth, prominent Woodstock businessman and community leader.

Sid Sherwin, committee co-chairman, presented the "Superior VFW Member Award" to 87-year-old Bob Gibson.

Following a recitation of accomplishments of the two men, each was presented a personalized art by Tom Trausch, nationally-acclaimed Woodstock artist.

Sherwin explained Gibson had worked regularly around the VFW Post Home and added, "No job is too tough, too dirty, too big or too small for Gibson. He has served on the Rifle Squad, he's been a trustee, he's worked at the Post Home for at least 20 hours a week as a volunteer for over 10 years."

Ruth owns Alliance Contractors. Belcher cited a recent example of Ruth's generosity. His company provided the material, expertise and workmanship to build a divider at the parking lot when the City of Woodstock and the VFW returned the parking area on Throop Street to its original format.

Belcher also cited other examples of Ruth "helping the little guy." His company helped Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) by donating a foundation for its new building. His company built a base and erected a flagpole at the veterans' shelter in Hebron.

When veterans wanted to move the Vietnam Memorial from the east side of the Government Center, Alliance Contractors moved it to its present location at the front of the County Administration Building on Ware Road.

Gibson, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1942. He served in the Pacific Theater. After being discharged in 1945 he went to work for Dean Foods Company but after the start of the Korean War he was recalled to active duty in 1951.

After experiencing serious auditory nerve damage he was discharged and returned to work at Dean Foods where he also continued his activity as a member of the Dairy Employees Union.

Commenting on Gibson's energy and work at the VFW Post, he joked, "Bob is the only 87-year-old man who wears out three pairs of tennis shoes a year."



## Woodstock VFW news founder, Don Peasley, publishes photo collection

Vignettes of Woodstock and McHenry County history come alive through 60 pages in a collection of photographs by Don Peasley.

Published with the title, *A Collection of Memories*, the 201 photos feature personalities and timely events from Don's career as an editor, photographer, columnist and historian since 1947.

The collection emphasizes photos taken for publications he produced. The publication, *Woodstock VFW NEWS*, featured photographs of men and women serving needy veterans and captured 15 national VFW "Best Post Publication" awards.

*A Collection of Memories* has 10 pages of VFW highlights, including programs and services of veterans during the past 60 years. The photos include charter members, Past Commanders, VFW community projects, and memories of the V-J Day Parade.

Nancy Fike, McHenry County Historical Society, said the photos document major social and economic changes in McHenry County.

"The photos provide visible documentation of people and events," said Fike.

Don's photo collection, basis for this book of memories, have been given to the Historical Society and kept there for the benefit of the public to conduct research or to simply enjoy happenings of yesteryear.

Fike observes the photo collection allows the Historical Society to do a better job of tracking history and displaying these photos to the public.

The book is available at the Woodstock VFW, Farm Bureau, Thoughtfulness Shop, Read Between the Lines, Knuth's Sport Outfitters and Woodstock Chamber of Commerce for \$7.00.

To receive your copy in the mail (add \$3 for shipping, a total of \$10) call Don Peasley (815) 338-1533, or write to 388 Lincoln Avenue, Woodstock, 60098.

Guests at the 60th Anniversary Dinner enjoy looking at the pictures (right) and memorabilia (far right) contributed by Post members. Bud Pflug put together the displays. These displays were located in the lower meeting hall. (Matt Klos Photos).



Past VFW Commander Alan Belcher and current Commander Thom Gillespie join some of the special guests for a photo. Back, left: Alan Belcher, Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager, Richard Coombes Jr., Illinois VFW Junior Vice Commander. Front, left: Patrick Green, 5th District Commander, Thom Gillespie, and Carolyn Gratz, 5th District Auxiliary President. (Matt Klos Photo).

Just some of the 275-300 attendees at the VFW 60th Anniversary dinner on April 29, 2006. (Matt Klos Photo).




The 60th Anniversary committee members gather for a memorable photo at the end of the night. From left, back: Mike David (co-chairman), Sid Sherwin (co-chairman), Don Peasley, Matt Klos. Front, left: Hank Enstrom, Ray Benoy, Alan Belcher. Not pictured was Bud Pflug. (Kim Klos Photo).



# June 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
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30 Dirtt Group 7 pm	31 Wednesday Night Dinner - Stuffed Green Peppers (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Installation of 2006-2007 Officers. Meeting 7 pm	2 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Salmon Loaf 5 - 8 pm	3
4	5 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball ?? pm	6 Dirtt Group 7 pm	7 Wednesday Night Dinner - Mostacholi w/Garlic Bread or Italian Beef w/French Fries (\$6) 5 - 8 pm	8	9 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Chicken Bake 5 - 8 pm	10
11	12 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	13 VFW Board Mtg. 7pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	14 Wednesday Night Dinner - Prime Rib (\$10) 5 - 8 pm Cub Scouts - ?? pm	15 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	16 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Meat Loaf 5 - 8 pm	17
18 <b>Father's Day Pig Roast</b> 12:00 pm Cost: \$8.00 per person	19 VFW Meeting 5:00 pm - Installation of 2006-2007 Officers, dinner to follow 7:30 pm - Floor meeting. <b>Deadline for July 2006 VFW News items</b>	20 Dirtt Group 7 pm	21 Wednesday Night Dinner - Swiss Steak or Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	22	23 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Lasagna 5 - 8 pm	24
				85 <sup>th</sup> VFW and Auxiliary Annual State Convention, Peoria Illinois 22-25		
25 	26 Little League 7 pm	27 VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Jaycees 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	28 Wednesday Night Dinner - Ham or Teriyaki Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	29	30 Fish Fry / Salad Bar Special: Beef Stroganoff 5 - 8 pm	1



## From the editors desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

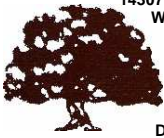
Hello comrades. Another issue finds me burning the midnight oil. As I look at the clock, it's 2:05 am on Sunday and I have to get up at 4:30 am to go to the airport to fly out to Rochester, NY. I shake my head sometimes when I do this. Memorial Day is coming up and soon Independence Day. With these holidays, our patriotic values and feelings about our country are more prominent. Perfect timing (and I got the biggest kick out of this) was a quote from President Bush that was in the *Northwest Herald* from April 29, 2006: "I think people who want to be a citizen of this country ought to learn English, and they ought to learn to sing the national Anthem in English," Bush said. Well said, well said. Enjoy summer!

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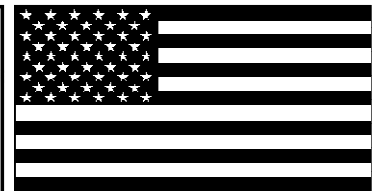
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