



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



The Woodstock VFW installed officers for 2006-2007 at a ceremony at the Post Home Monday, June 19. From left, front: Thom Gillespie, Quartermaster; Bill Lyford, Commander; Henry Nulle, Senior Vice Commander; Harold Irwin, Post Surgeon; Arnie Doerfert, Trustee. Back: Bruce Shisler, Sergeant at Arms; Chuck Mathey, board member; Ron Nehls, Service officer; Don Klapperich, Johnsbury, installation officer; Bob Gibson, board member; and Don Sullivan, Adjutant. (Don Peasley Photo)

## Post officers in place

By Don Peasley,  
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

Two World War II veterans have stepped forward to assume leadership of the Woodstock VFW Post 5040. As the VFW enters its 61st year, an Army infantryman and a Navy amphibious force veteran have agreed to assume the leading offices of the 500-member organization.

All officers were installed at the Post on June 19. They assumed office at the close of the annual Illinois VFW Convention June 25.

Bill Lyford, who served as an infantryman in the European Theater from 1943 to 1945, took part in seven major campaigns starting on the Anzio Beach. He was elected Commander. Earlier he served as Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander, and then served two years as Commander, 1998 and 1999.

Henry Nulle served in the Navy from 1944 to 1948. He was aboard an LST converted to an engine repair ship where Nulle service in the Pacific Theater.

Lyford noted the organization has been strengthened with several longtime members coming forward to fill key offices. Thom Gillespie, who served as Commander for the past two years, agreed to fill the difficult office of Quartermaster. Harold Irwin will continue as Post Surgeon, an office he's held for several years. Fred Noble is a relatively new member and has agreed to serve as Junior Vice Commander.

At the monthly meeting June 19 Don Sword discussed plans for the VFW to staff a booth in Building D during the McHenry County Fair August 2-6. The purpose of the booth is to make veterans aware of the membership benefits and to solicit contributions to support service to veterans, Sword said.

## It's not easy volunteering

By Barb Gehrke,  
Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer

How is it, like the military, while we all line up to serve, others step back to leave the one that maybe doesn't know what he or she just volunteered for? Sorry guys; out here in the real world that is called shafting!

If you have ever been shafted you don't feel great about the job at hand. If no one comes forth to help, you are left to handle it or not, but its up to you. Those in lead delegate.

Those who have been around the club for a while, some think this is funny until it is their turn. Others think, "Wait and see what this new person does with it." If it works, everyone praises you. If it doesn't go so well, everyone is your critic and they think nothing of telling you how well you did.

This kind of volunteering is "slipshod" management and does not help add to your next volunteer list.

My ethic is we are joining this club to help our veteran comrades whatever way we can. Some of us are not searching for the "lime light" with what we do, but at the same time we don't wish to go ignored for time, talent, or participation when we help on projects.

We "behind the sceners" are some of us working harder than you guys out front getting all the pictures in the *VFW News* about it. Keep up your good work!

You want volunteers? Tell them the jobs we do, tell them again and again. Don't give up, keep coming. Help others get in the *VFW News*. Help others where you can. We are all individuals. Some of us like to be asked to "just come along" on a project.

Use weekends to show new guys how to help. Ask our Auxiliary for whatever they can do. Then mentor someone. Take them under your wing. Let them see the work you do. Spend a day in someone else's "shoes" or chairmanship.

See VOLUNTEERING, page 2.

## VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2006 - 2007

Commander	William Lyford	(815)-337-0025
Senior Vice Commander	Henry Nulle	(815)-337-7529
Junior Vice Commander	Fred Noble	(815)-338-5655
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Assistant Chaplain	Charles (Chuck) Mathey	(815)-338-5374
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3 Year Trustee	Larry Dhom	(815)-338-4134

## Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 Post Officers 2006 - 2007

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Chaplain	Karen Wells	(815)-338-4821
Guard	Margie Humphrey	Unavailable
Conductress	Irene Brown	(815)-459-3483
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2 Year Trustee	Margaret Webb	(815)-338-4213
3 Year Trustee	Marie Salyers	Unavailable

## Ladies Auxiliary - from the president

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2006-2007

There are a few officers that need to be installed yet due to their absence at our installation. Committee Chairmen will be appointed at our next meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our new District President will be coming for inspection later on this fall.

Remember ladies, dues are now due for this coming year as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. They are \$15.00 and should be sent to the treasurer, Barb Gehrke or to me.

## Volunteering

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I have been a member of VFW 5040 since February 1971. I have been a Poppy Chairman, Secretary, Chaplain, been an Officer at the District level many times, been President of our Auxiliary five times and now I am Treasurer for the fourth year.

Have I volunteered? Yes. I have also been our Club Manager for two years. Teacher Tea Chairman and Hospital Chairman. Years of being just a member. I keep coming and volunteering.

## Raney appointed as Homeless Veteran Chairman

William G. Oerly, commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> VFW District, Department of Illinois, has appointed Dwayne E. Raney, of Woodstock, as the new Homeless Veterans chairman, succeeding Patrick T. Green, who will serve in a similar capacity for the Illinois VFW.

Raney, who has served the district as the Employment Officer these past two years, had served the 5<sup>th</sup> District as Patriotic Pen chairman and the Uplink/MAP program previously.

Raney, a Life Member of the Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and a three-time past post commander, served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1951 to 1952.

## VFW 107th National Convention Reno, Nevada August 26-31, 2006

**Anyone from our Post going? If you are, after you get back, maybe you could give me report on how it went.**

## † Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

### Phone / Cards:

- Dick Glawe
- Marv Bohnhoff
- Fred Wallis
- Lewis Donovan
- Alvie Jones
- Ray Benoy
- Jim Fitzgerald

### Personal Visits:

- Bob Saylor Family
- Wilber Kiefer - home
- & Mrs. Kiefer - Valley Hi
- Otis Setser - Valley Hi
- Herb Hensel - Valley Hi
- Ed McNett - Hearthstone
- Glen Anderson - Hearthstone
- Ray Benoy - NIMC

### Wake:

- Jim Fitzgerald

## A few notes from the Commander

By Bill Lyford, VFW Commander

We begin a new VFW year with some faces you already are familiar with. Some of us are returning to positions we have filled in the past, others are new to the position but not the role of a VFW Officer.

I thank all the men that stepped forward and took a position this year to lead the Post. I'm sure all the members will appreciate you doing this.

With that, I just want to mention a couple of thanks to some individuals. I had five men help me install a new air conditioner in the office and do an emergency replacement of the post sump pump. Note, the air-conditioner was donated by Sears through the goodwill of Elmer Dalton. The helpers were Jack Fish, Bob Gibson, Chuck Mathey, Fred Noble, and Don "Sully" Sullivan.

Elmer, our Sears friend, also has donated eight garden tools (all Craftsman). They are gas and electric edger's, trimmers, two leaf blowers, and a 16" gas chain saw. They are all to be raffled off at the our booth at the County Fair.

Elmer has a serious medical problem that has forced him to retire as one of the top people at Sears. Although not a VFW member himself, he has adopted our Post to help out in philanthropic ways. We appreciate all his support given to us and especially his generosity.

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These veterans attended the final meeting of the Woodstock American Legion Auxiliary on June 28.

Most also belong to the Woodstock VFW Post 5040. The Legion Auxiliary women turned in its charter July 1. The Legion Post was founded in 1919 and the Auxiliary was established in 1922.

From left, front: Jim Hodges, Vernon Jensen, Henry Nulle, Bill Urch and Robert Schroeder.

Back: Dwayne Raney, John Mencotti, Dick Schroeder, Marvin Monson, Jack Reinert and Mike Iwanicki. (Don Peasley Photo)



### Veteran's appreciation weekend in Harvard

HARVARD, IL - A Veteran-themed weekend is expected to lure thousands of veterans and visitors to Harvard, IL for a variety of free events the weekend of August 18-20.

The Tiger I tank used in the filming of the 1998 Steven Spielberg movie 'Saving Private Ryan' will make its first-ever Illinois appearance in Harvard August 19-20, as part of a World War II re-enactment event. The tank will be on display at Lion's Park throughout the weekend.

World War II re-enactment groups from Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin will recreate military encampments and exercises at Lion's Park on Saturday and Sunday. Skirmishes are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on August 19 and at 11 a.m. on August 20. Visitors can tour the encampments, take photos and talk to re-enactors on both days when demonstrations are not in progress.

There will also be exhibits of memorabilia from World War II, Korea and Vietnam on display at Lion's Park throughout the re-enactment event, including uniforms, military gear, flags, films, vehicles and more. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras.

The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall will arrive in Harvard on Friday, August 18 and remain on display at the Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley Street, through Sunday, August 20. The memorial will be manned and open continuously from 3 p.m. on Friday, August 18 through 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 20.

A USO-theme dance will be held at 7 p.m. on August 19 at The Stratford Ban-

quet Hall, 21007 McGuire Road in Harvard. The event, which will be similar to the dances held by the USO for uniformed service personnel during World War II, is open to the public and will feature music from the 1940's and 1950's. Attendees are encouraged to dress the part and dance the night away.

All four events are open to the public and are free. Donations will be accepted at each event site to help cover costs. Food will also be available for sale at all events.

More information on these and other Sesquicentennial Celebration events can be found at [www.harvard150.com](http://www.harvard150.com), or by calling Harvard City Hall at (815) 943-6468.

### Win a free trip through VFW's "Return to Vietnam" drawing

If you received a Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam, you could be one of nine lucky vets to win VFW's "Return to Vietnam" trip. This in-country tour from May 11-20, 2007, will visit Saigon, the Mekong Delta, Cu Chi, Hue, the DMZ, Hoi An, Marble Mountain and China Beach. Airfare, accommodations and meals are included. Don't miss this chance to revisit battle sites and to share your experiences with fellow Vietnam vets.

Entries must be received prior to the drawing on Dec. 1, 2006. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail in early December. To claim their trip, winners must send a copy of their Purple Heart documentation to VFW National Headquarters by Dec. 28, 2006; and their passport by Feb. 1, 2007.

Winners will receive:

- Economy airfare from your hometown to Saigon.
- Single room accommodation with three meals daily.
- Tour of sites listed above.
- Travel visa fee.

**Fill out this form and send today!**

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Non-member check to receive VFW membership information.

Yes  No

## Tell me a story

By Matt Klos, *VFW News* Editor

How many times have you read through a *VFW News* newsletter and after you were done (or maybe didn't even make it past the first page) you said, "I wish there was something in this about insert subject here." Or maybe it was, "Gee, I wonder why he didn't mention the insert event here." I know why. It's because I didn't hear about it, no one told me, and I didn't ask the right people.

From month to month, the only one I generally see in person from the Post is Howard Engstrom, only because we see each other at church. Otherwise, I only communicate with people through e-mail or regular mail. Even this is not a lot. Yet, each month the expectation is to report on our VFW Post, what's happening, etc. Perhaps I don't ask the right people or ask the right questions. Perhaps I procrastinate until the last minute and then realize I don't have a lot of information for the *VFW News*.

I would really like to hear from our Post members on what they are doing with or for the Post. I'm sure other members would as well.

You might say, "Matt, I can't write very

## Quartermaster's report

By Thom Gillespie, Quartermaster

I prepared a budget for the upcoming year which the staff looked over on July 10; no changes were suggested and it was presented to the floor on July 17 and approved with minor changes. I had \$6,000 in the budget for Commander Bill Lyford's renovation ideas but after the budget was approved he said there would be too much work involved in painting the entire outside and wanted to postpone that project until next year.

Travel expenses were added to the budget not to exceed \$25 per month for the Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, and one Vice Commander.

The 990 tax forms have arrived and will be sent to Department of Illinois when finished.

The post needs to consider holding a fund raiser for Department Service Officer, as the funding request by the new Department Commander Matt Claussen was hoping for got voted down at the State convention. Our share of that assessment would have been approximately \$2,000.

Matt Klos received a First Place plaque for last year for our entry in the Department Publication Contest which I read at the Floor meeting.

well; I can't come up with a story; it takes too much time to sit down an pen something on paper; I can't do it." Well, I can appreciate all these excuses. I'm not a journalist but when someone suggested that I be the Editor of this newsletter, I thought they had a screw loose. At the same time I wish you'd replace those "can'ts" with "cans". Being the lonely editor of the *VFW News* is a challenge each month because I really scrape for stories. I basically have one reliable source of information for stories and you all know him as the original editor of this newsletter. Once in a while someone will send me something that was in some other organizations newsletter, from a newspaper, etc. Not that these are bad, but I just wish it was something original.

How do you go about capturing an event? Several ways. One of the easiest is to use a simple camera. Many of you have one, film or digital. If you take a picture and eventually get it developed, make a copy of the photo from your event and send it to me. I will return it. What about

the event itself? Well you can use the basic questions all journalists use: Who? What? Where? Why? When? How? Answer these and you have the makings for a potential story.

Seriously though, if any of you do want something published in the *VFW News*, let me know. Send me a letter. Call me. Send an email. Do something to let me know.

My job as Editor of the *VFW News* is not to create the stories for you to read. It is to use the information, photos, experiences, etc. from you, format them into the *VFW News*, and then get the newsletter printed so they can be shared with your fellow VFW members. It should come from you, not me. I'm not doing this for my benefit. I don't have anything to gain out of it except the satisfaction that I have helped spread the word of what our Post is doing to all our membership.

So, let me know if you have something. Even if it seems simple. Maybe it was something about how you felt at an event. Maybe you saw something that triggered a story. Try and share it with us. Thanks!

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 31, 2006				
FISCAL Quarter >>>		June		
POST 5040				
	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
2. Admin or App Fees	-1,039.00	1,189.00	150.00	0.00
1. Nat & Dept Dues	1,214.50	38.00	1,252.50	0.00
3. POST Gen Fund	-197.99	3,136.00	2,566.85	371.16
4. POST Relief Fund	5,053.68		712.00	4,341.68
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	2,457.26		2,457.26	0.00
7. New Building Fund	15,784.03	315.77		16,099.80
8. Fly Flag Book Fund	1,630.81	30.00		1,660.81
9. Memorial Day Fund	2,287.59	143.88	125.36	2,306.11
10. Other in Post Account	42.54	425.00	500.92	-33.38
11. Color Guard	500.00			500.00
12. Rifle Squad (Honor Guard)	2,241.64			2,241.64
13. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	601.50	6,395.54	5,877.52	1,119.52
6. Post HOME Fund	-5,887.21	3,943.26	2,159.84	-4,103.79
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	815.59	400.00		1,215.59
15. Savings Account Interest	104.46	74.31	178.77	0.00
16. Raffel Account	4,081.90		2,000.00	2,081.90
Totals:	29,691.30	16,090.76	17,981.02	27,801.04
Post AND Savings Total	24,087.85	9,220.91	9,924.73	23,384.03
Operations		Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances		
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	23178.81	23,178.81
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	3041.53	1,836.44
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	1212.53	128.30
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acct	1215.59	1,215.59
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$ -	Raffel Acct	1441.90	1,441.90
Value of Real Estate?	\$ 657,000.00	Uncleared checks	2,289.32	0.00
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	Quicken Total	<b>27,801.04</b>
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$ -	\$ -	Bank Total	27,801.04
<b>Trustee's &amp; Commander's Certificate of Audit</b>				

# August 2006

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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
30	31	1	2 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Mostacholi w/Garlic Bread (\$6) or Italian Beef w/French Fries (\$6) 5 - 8 pm	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	4 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	5
McHenry County Fair, August 2-6. Come say "Hi" to us at our booth! 8 am to 11 pm.						
6 →	7 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball ?? pm	8 VFW Board Mtg. 7pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	9 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Prime Rib - 10 oz cut (\$10) 5 - 8 pm Cub Scouts - ?? pm	10	11 Friday Dinner Special: Chicken Bake (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	12
13 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	14 Dirtt Group 7 pm	15 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Swiss Steak (\$8) or Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	16 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	17	18 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	19
20 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:30 pm - Floor meeting. Deadline for September 2006 VFW News items	21 VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Jaycees 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	22 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Ham (\$8) or Teriyaki Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	23	24	25 Friday Dinner Special: Lasagna (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	26
27 Little League 7 pm	28 Dirtt Group 7 pm	29 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Beef Stroganoff (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	30	31 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	2
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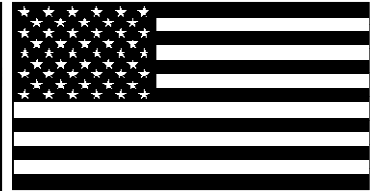
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