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VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Report on our table at McHenry County Fair

Contributions by Fred Noble, Don Sword and Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

The McHenry County Fair opened on Wednesday, August 2nd with a flag raising ceremony performed by VFW Post 5040 members Bill Lyford, Henry Nulle, Fred Noble, Bob Gibson and Allen Belcher.

According to Fred Noble, there were five or six people in attendance from the fair board and several entrants for the Miss McHenry County pageant. Last year's pageant winner, Katie Quid, sang the national anthem as the flag raising ceremony took place.

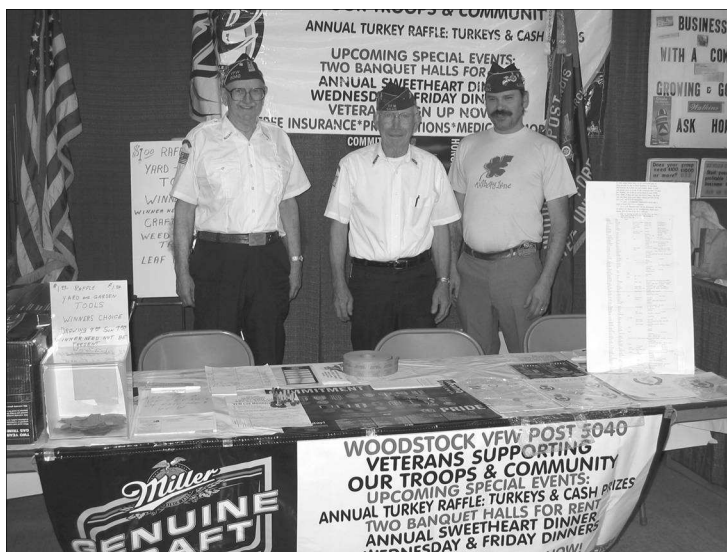
Our Post purchased a booth at the fair as we have done in past years to let fair participants know about the VFW, what we do, and hopefully sign up new members. To entice people to our table, we held a drawing at the end of every day, giving away some lawn care equipment. Tickets were \$1 each. Prizes included several gas weed trimmers and leaf blowers. This equipment was donated by the same Sear's executive that donated the lawn mowers that were given away on Memorial Day.

Winners of the daily drawings for prizes are as follows:

- 8/2: Jack Franks
- 8/3: Ruth Rodney
- 8/4: P. Galli
- 8/5: LaVerne Emricson
- 8/6: G. Dallas

Don Sword, chairman of this event, made sure that each slotted time frame for every day was filled by Post volunteers. Overall, the even was a success. Don reported that a total of \$463.94 was collected at the fair from ticket sales and donations.

Three new members signed up for membership into our Post and there were two transfers from other Posts that filled out transfer applications.



VFW members (from left) Fred Noble and Charlie Mathey get ready to turn things over to Quartermaster Thom Gillespie and Matt Klos (taking picture) during a shift change at the VFW table at the McHenry County Fair. (Matt Klos Photo)

Thank you to the following who volunteered time manning the table at the fair:

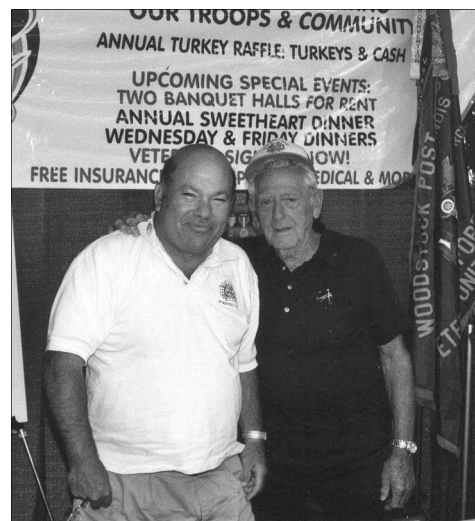
- Allen Belcher
- Arnie Doerfert
- Bill Lyford
- Bob Gaylord
- Bob Gibson
- Bob Schroeder
- Bruce Shisler
- Charlie Mathey
- Dean Mishler
- Dick Glawe
- Don Sullivan
- Don Sword
- Donna Freeman
- Fred Noble
- Hank Nulle
- Harold Irwin
- Howard Engstrom
- Marv Monson
- Matt Klos
- Ralph Diederich
- Russ Freeman
- Thom Gillespie

Post picnic planned Sept. 17



The VFW Post 5040 annual picnic will take place on September 17, 2006 from noon until ?? pm. This will be at VFW member John Hanson's house, 2718 Deepcut Rd, Woodstock IL 60098.

VFW members, employees, and family members are welcome to attend the picnic. Games to include swimming in John's in-ground pool (water slide too!), horse shoes, participation in the Longest/Straightest Drive Contest, softball (bring bat and ball),



Two long-time Woodstock VFW members staff the VFW booth in Building D at the McHenry County Fair during the Wednesday afternoon shift. From left: Ralph Diederich, and Don Sullivan. (Don Peasley Photo)

volleyball (bring ball to play with) or other yard games (if you have them, bring the equipment - bocce ball, jarts, etc).

The Post will be providing meat to grill. John Hanson will buy first keg of beer. Bring a dish to pass, blanket or folding chairs to sit on, and some nice weather for the day.

Any questions, please call John at 815-338-7890.

VFW Post 5040 - Post Officers 2006 - 2007

Commander	William Lyford	(815)-337-0025
Senior Vice Commander	Henry Nulle	(815)-337-7529
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2 Year Trustee	Arnie Doerfert	(815)-385-2923
3 Year Trustee	Larry Dhom	(815)-338-4134

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 Post Officers 2006 - 2007

President	Nyda Fogarty	(815)-338-1759
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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

This past month we have lost two members of the Auxiliary. At the last meeting we draped the charter for Erma McCarthy of Harvard. Blanche Stebbins passed away in a Madison, Wisconsin hospital on Tuesday August 15. She became a member in Michigan in 1954 and transferred her membership to Woodstock Post 5040 Auxiliary on December 24, 1981.

The Auxiliary gave their Memorial service at the wake. Chris Gehrke was the soloist. I want to thank Viola Brown, Barbara Gehrke, Karen Wells and Chris for participating in the service for our departed sister.

Officers were installed at our last meeting that were not present at the installation. Committee chairmen were appointed. The first District meeting for the Auxiliary will be on Sunday, September 17 at 1:30 pm at the Elgin Post on Weld Road. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Our sympathy also to Arlene McNett in the recent loss of her husband Ed McNett, a long time active Post member.

Peasley's "Collection of Memories" still available

A limited number of Don Peasley's book of 200 photos reflecting 58 years of journalistic and photographic endeavors in McHenry County are still available. Reporting on VFW activities through more than 50 years as editor of the *VFW News* provided him the opportunity to keep on top of people and activities related to veteran's affairs.

A Collection of Memories features 10 pages highlighting VFW and veteran's activities. The 60-page book includes a four-color cover front and back and is available for \$10 by contacting Don at (815) 338-1533. The book can also be purchased at Knuth's, Read Between the Lynes, Woodstock Library and the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce office where the books are on sale. Receive your copy in the mail for \$13 by calling Don (338-1533).

The section related to veterans features photos of many of the Past Commanders and Presidents of the VFW and Auxiliary.

One of Don's favorite pages recalls the V-J Day Parade and Pageant of Drums which was organized and conducted annually by the Woodstock VFW, 1955 through 1974.

Among other favorite VFW photos are ones showing Lester "Doc" Edinger leading the Memorial Day parade in 1955; Senator

† Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Phone / Cards:

- Wally Ramberg
- Fred Wallis
- Glen Anderson Family
- Ed McNett Family
- Ray Parisek Family
- Ray Benoy
- Bill Kiefer
- Ken Korst
- Bob Obermayer Family
- Gaylord Stebbins
- Ray Murphy & Family

Personal Visits:

- Don Holst - Hearthstone Manor
- Ken Korst - Hospital (Memorial MC)
- Ray Benoy - Home & Hospital (NIMC and Memorial MC)

Wake:

- Bob Obermayer
- Ed McNett
- Glen Anderson
- Gaylord Stebbin's wife - Blanche

Drape Charter:

- Ed McNett
- Ray Parisek
- Stan Malinowski

In these days of rumors of war and real wars, the word "peace" seems to be a very foreign word. In my bible study and reading the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament, I reread a very familiar but sometimes forgotten verse:

"Thou will keep him perfect peace, whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in God..." 26:3

Take care comrades. *Howard*

No dinner November 10

The VFW will be the host facility for the Marine Corps Ball on November 10. No Friday PM dinner will be served as normally done. Upstairs bar may be opened depending on staffing situation. - Becky Gillespie

Everett Dirksen speaking at a program honoring Gold Star Mothers in 1956; charter members at the VFW's 35th anniversary in 1981; Past Commanders and their wives in 1968; and dedication of the VFW's plaque in the Square on the occasion of the VFW's 50th anniversary in 1996.

Don says one special photo for him was taken in 1996 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration. The photo shows two long rows of VFW members who formed the Honor Guard.

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Remembering VFW member Ed McNett

By Don Peasley
VFW News editor 1955-2002

Those VFW members who were fighting on the ground or involved in serious food shortage during combat will appreciate what men of the 41st Infantry went through against the Japanese in the South Pacific.

Edward McNett, lifetime member of Post 5040 who died July 21, was a member of the 41st Infantry (1941-1945). (For an account of Ed's participation as a VFW member look for it after you read about his war experiences.)

He began combat experience aboard amphibious land barges on "search and destroy" missions. The missions were various landings on the coastal area of New Guinea where Japanese forces were hiding.

McNett and the infantry took part in many amphibious landings; his recollections reveal many days with little or no food.

One jungle patrol, for example, in New Guinea started with 1,000 men and 300 made the destination, Salamaua. The unit received the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star.

Ed's unit was assigned to the Australian 17th Brigade at one time, and he had two tours of duty in Australia. He recalled the friendship of the Australian civilians. His Australian duty was followed with a return to New Guinea where he participated in a combat landing at Hollandia on the eastern end of New Guinea.

McNett participated in another combat landing on Biak Island in the Dutch East Indies. In October 1944 a lottery was held to determine those who would be sent home. He arrived at Fort Sheridan in January 1945 and after a furlough was assigned to Camp Blanding, Florida.

After a furlough in January 1945 and another in August 1945, he was discharged October 4, 1945. His active duty service in the U.S. Army began October 21, 1941 and he became an honored member of the World War II Jungle Patrol.

A Woodstock native born in 1919, Ed married Arline Klabunde November 12, 1946. Ed often talked about one of his favorite memories: He was co-captain of St. Mary's High School's undefeated 1936 football team. He graduated from high school in 1937.

Both Ed and Arline McNett were faithful volunteers at the VFW and Auxil-

iary. Arline remembers she was Junior Vice President of the Auxiliary the same year Ed was elected Junior Vice Commander of the VFW Post in the early 1970's.

Ed was the type of person who preferred being in the background, a valued VFW member who made himself available when some event for the membership came up shorthanded. Ed served as president of the 5040 Association board. He headed the Poppy Day committee as chairman, and he was a member of the Rifle Squad and Honor Guard.

"I remember we would help set up tables for Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Ed was the one you'd find slicing turkey for the big dinner," said Arline.

After the war he worked at a couple of local businesses before working at the city-owned power plant. When the plant was sold to Commonwealth Edison in 1962, Ed worked 25 years until retirement at Commonwealth Edison's plant in Waukegan.

Ed had been fighting off poor health for the past decade and a series of health problems caught up with this quiet, soft-spoken, lifetime Woodstock resident.

He was representative of the many men (and women) who toil quietly and faithfully to serve veterans through their participation in activities conducted by the VFW and Auxiliary.

Congratulations to VFW post 7327

By Matt Klos, VFW News editor

Congratulations to Springfield, Virginia Post 7327 on a communication achievement! This post of more than 610 members won two awards from the National VFW.

The first recognition was for the VFW's National first place award for Post Publications in the Medium Category (same category our newsletter was in).

The second recognition was for their Post website. They won first place in the VFW competition for best Post web site in the Nation (57 posts entered this competition including our Post).

Congratulations to the newsletter editor Chris Braun, his wife, and contributors. Chris and I have exchanged a few emails comparing notes on what we go through each month in creating a newsletter.

Want to see the web site or their newsletter? Visit their website to see their handy work and read their newsletter:

www.vfwpost7327.org

Commander's column

By Bill Lyford, Commander 2006-2007

At the monthly meeting in September, we will elect three additional Directors for the Association. This will be open to anyone. We have three prospective candidates, but we are looking for anyone to step up.

I have named four committee Chairmen to help oversee operations of our physical Post. Don Sword on Kitchen, Mike David for bar, Charley Mathey for maintenance, and Tom Gillespie as finance. Due to our current operational state, these chairmen will help ensure that decisions are made and provide guidance.

The bar is losing more money on a monthly basis due to lack of patronage. I hope to work in some volunteer bar people for the dead nights of Tuesday and Thursday. Perhaps we might only serve beer on those nights? We need to come up with some resolve to this issue because it really does not benefit our Post to keep losing money each month.

The Rifle Squad traveled to Aurora to do the honors for Larry Dhom's Marine Buddy. At the August meeting, we were visited by the new District Commander, Bill Oerly of Antioch Post 455.

We are also looking for an Adjutant. Duties include:

(a) prepare all reports required of him (b) attest by signature all actions of the Post (c) keep in books: by laws, member applications, meeting minutes, orders from higher offices, correspondence file, proof of eligibility, roll of departed comrades (d) transfer all records to successor (e) comply with all VFW laws.

Our Adjutant we had last year, Matt Klos, cannot fill this position this year due to his employment commitments.

I think we should have two big special dinners per month with outside cooks, such as the people that served at the Post anniversary dinner. Think there would be any interest in the Post to do something like this?

Congratulations on 60 years Commander!

Bill and Eileen Lyford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They celebrated in Minocqua, WI. This was the same place they honeymooned in 1946.



VFW member Fuller recalls Guadalcanal

By Don Peasley
VFW News editor 1955-2002

Gene Fuller and his wife Carol went to Arlington, Virginia for five days in early August to attend a reunion of Guadalcanal veterans.

Gene and Carol Fuller returned from the reunion August 10. "None of the people I knew in the Marines are living now," he said. "We visited the Air and Space Museum and the Navy base in the area. We watched an outstanding show at the Marine Corps barracks with music, marching and an amazing rifle performance."

Gene and Carol visited their daughter Michelle, their two grandchildren and Michelle's husband John Link who live in the Arlington, Virginia area.

Fuller was 18 when he enlisted in the Marines in January 1942. After training at San Diego the men were shipped overseas July 1, 1942 (they received an increase in pay from \$21 a month to \$50 a month). They practiced amphibious landings and began action by taking over small islands surrounding Guadalcanal, including Florida and Tulagi islands.

During action around Tulagi enemy fire caused 48 men and his platoon to be scattered and the officer in charge could only account for 24 of the men. Gene was among those considered missing in action and his mother received a "missing in action" notice.

The Woodstock Sentinel on September 5, 1942 wrote, "Private Fuller is believed to be missing in the gallant strengthening stands the Marines are making on the Solomon Islands."

"The letter I wrote home reached my mother before the military notified her that I was no longer unaccounted for," said Fuller. "She thought I was missing for at least six weeks."

In Joy Aavang's book Fly the Flag for Me (Volume 1), Fuller talked about the fighting on Guadalcanal. Joy wrote, "There are many battles as well as bombing attacks. During one of these battles Gene saw the man fighting along side him mortally wounded."

Gene recalled the man was killed. "His whole back was blown apart, and I didn't get a scratch. It was unbelievable." Fuller said another man fighting just six feet away from him had a bayonet shot completely off his rifle.

On January 26, 1942 Gene's outfit was shipped to New Zealand for R and R. They spent five and a half weeks north of

Gene Fuller (front, center), Marine veteran of South Pacific fighting in World War II, participated in Woodstock Little League as manager, coach and father. For the 2006 Play Ball! Little League souvenir book, Fuller was on the cover with family members. From left, front: Joey Fuller (son of John Fuller); Gene, and J.D. Fuller (son of Jay Fuller, Gene's grandson's. Back: John and Jay Fuller, Gene's sons. (Don Peasley Photo).



Wellington, New Zealand. Gene became ill with malaria and was subsequently transferred to the Navy Hospital in San Diego.

After recovering he was returned overseas and fought on Guam, Tinian and Saipan. On April 1, 1945 he landed in Okinawa and participated in fierce fighting on that island. Okinawa was scheduled to be the taking-off point to invade Japan. The Marines were preparing to invade Japan when the war ended on August 15, 1945.

After the war he was involved in U.S. troops going to Pekin, China for five months.

Fuller was discharged February 14, 1946. Gene and Carol were married January 26, 1947. He worked for a short time at Auto-Lite but soon became a carpenter apprentice and spent the rest of his career as a carpenter and builder.

VFW scholarships - get the word out to the schools

School is in session and that means it's time to let our community schools know about the scholarships that are available at this time of the year. The deadline is only two months away. Remind your neighbors, grandkids, nephews and nieces about the scholarship funds available. For more information on these scholarships, contact the Post or the National VFW website: www.vfw.org

Patriot's Pen



**2006-2007
Theme**
"Citizenship in
America"

**Entry
Deadline**
November 1,
2006

Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the annual contest.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Voice of Democracy



**2006-2007
Theme**
"Freedom's
Challenge"

**Entry
Deadline**
November 1,
2006

The Voice of Democracy, endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The annual contest, which is designed to foster patriotism, allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme.

Created in 1947, the scholarship program annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships. Each Department's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., plus the opportunity to compete for national scholarships. The first-place national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

Army Reservist and VFW member Anne Brophy: her father's view on Anne

By Matt Klos, VFW News editor

Anne Brophy, a VFW Post 5040 member, hasn't been to some of the recent Post meetings as she usually has and for good reason. Brophy is a captain in the Army's Judge Advocate General corps. She is currently part of Task Force Puma in Lambeque, Peru approximately 350 miles north of Lima. She will be there until October 11 as part of the 416th Engineering Command.

Anne is on a mission called New Horizons Task Force. Task Force Puma, consisting of Army, Navy Seabees, and Marines go overseas and assist foreign nations with humanitarian projects. Drawing on her background as an attorney, she will be advising the unit's command on legal issues, drawing up contracts with local businesses and assisting troops with taxes and other law matters. The unit Anne is with will be building two schools, one medical clinic and putting in three wells. They are also running three MEDRETE which are exercises where medical, dental and vet personnel got out into the poor areas to provide aid to the people.

"The area where I am is very dry so the wells are a welcome gift to the communities," writes Anne in a letter. "Even though we are close to the equator, it is chilly here due to the winter season. We are very warm in the day at 85 but it drops down into the 60's at night which is okay except when sleeping in a tent. We have dust on our computers from the wind blowing but it is not nearly as fine as it was in Kuwait/Iraq."

"This mission is a true challenge for me and the Task Force as a whole yet all of us welcome the challenge due to the limited access the United States has had into Peru to provide humanitarian assistance," commented Anne.

Corresponding with her father, Dr. James Brophy, I was able to find out more information on why this trip of Anne's is unique for her:

"Anne has wanted to go to Peru for years, but needed to qualify to get there. Growing up, she has experienced my avocation as an archeologist serving part-time for the College of Lake County (with an Associate's degree in Anthropology from there, and starting a Master's degree at UWM). I have taken three of my five children on the many expeditions I have been a part of to Belize to excavate Maya ruins. All my life, my dream has been to go to

Maccu Pichu in Peru. I even wrote in my will that if I fail to get there, money was put aside to send one of my children down there to the Andes to scatter my ashes at Maccu Pichu.

Anne, my oldest daughter, in her venture in life, missed out on the Belize expeditions that her younger sisters, Juliet and Karin were able to complete when Anne was enlisting to go to Iraq.

Anne has been saturated in my desire to go to Maccu Pichu, the library of books and articles on the Incas, and Karin's report of her journey - all have made her interest very keen. I do not know if she will get there [Maccu Pichu], but she will be close and have her own tales to tell.

As Anne told me, in her enlisting to go to Iraq at the time, she is not married, no children, few ties, so she has the opening in her life right now to do these things she will not be able to do if she gets tied down. Going to Peru has been a long-time objective of hers, so when the opportunity presented itself, she signed on.

Anne left the McHenry County State's Attorney's office on a military leave of absence and in good favor with the office. She also has served military duty in Salvador, Panama, and Germany - that I remember - as well as Kuwait and Iraq.

Anne is one of those people that likes to do good for community in which she lives. As the first woman initiated as a member of the Waukegan Elks when I was President, Anne had presented the Waukegan Elks with a U.S. Flag that had flown over Iraq. They framed it and it is honored in their main hall even to this day. From Iraq and Kuwait, she had the Waukegan Elks organize sending packages of goods to her to distribute among the soldiers. One gift to her effort was 30 lbs. of coffee from supporters in Belize.

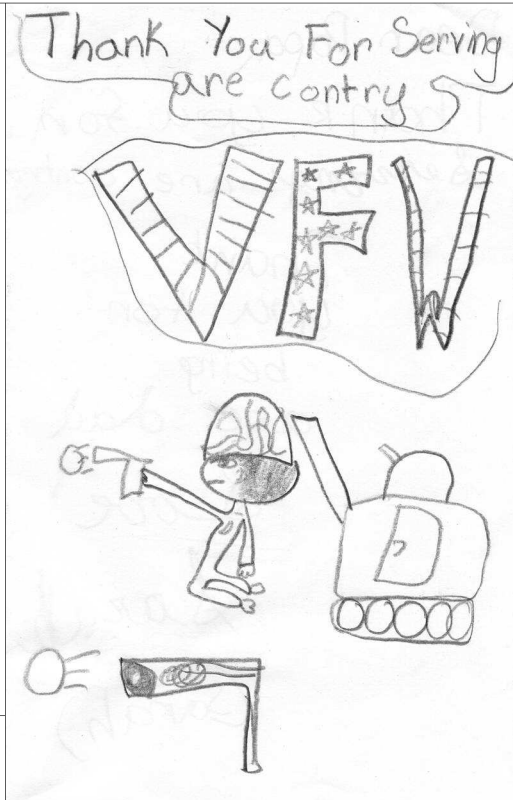
Anne is truly an all-American woman. She believes in the American dream entirely. While I was unable to follow my father (Capt. James, Jr. - WWII) and

See ANNE IN PERU, page 6.

Trustee's Report of Audit of				
The books & records of the Quartermaster & Adjutant of POST 5040 5TH DIST.				
Department of ILLINOIS for the Quarter ending June 31,2006				
FISCAL Quarter >>>		July		
POST 5040				
	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
2. Admin or App Fees	0.00		755.00	-755.00
1. Nat & Dept Dues	0.00	11.00	31.00	-20.00
3. POST Gen Fund	371.16	157.00	1,556.95	-1,028.79
4. POST Relief Fund	4,341.68			4,341.68
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	0.00	11.00		11.00
7. New Building Fund	16,099.80	163.00		16,262.80
8. Fly Flag Book Fund	1,660.81	27.00		1,687.81
9. Memorial Day Fund	2,306.11			2,306.11
10. Other in Post Account	-33.38	22.00	632.34	-643.72
11 Color Guard	500.00			500.00
12. Honor Guard	2,241.64	60.00	201.15	2,100.49
13. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	1,119.52	6,182.75	6,663.45	638.82
6. Post HOME Fund	-4,103.79	4,212.25	2,459.37	-2,350.91
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	1,215.59	400.00	31.98	1,583.61
15. Savings Account Interest	0.00			0.00
16. Raffel Account	2,081.90			2,081.90
Totals:	27,801.04	11,246.00	12,331.24	26,715.80
Post AND Savings Total	23,384.03	4,663.25	5,635.81	22,411.47
Operations		Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances		
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acctnt	18178.81	18,178.81
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	3446.59	1,355.74
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acctnt	6611.79	4,155.74
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acctnt	1583.61	1,583.61
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$ -	Raffel Acctnt	1441.90	1,441.90
Value of Real Estate?	\$ 657,000.00	Uncleared checks	4,546.90	0.00
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$2,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	Quicken Total	26,715.80
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$ -	-\$ 0.00	Bank Total	26,715.80
Trustee's & Commander's Certificate of Audit				

A special "thank you" to share with VFW Post 5040

My daughter Sarah, age 9, created this the morning of Memorial Day 2006. The kids were very excited to go to the Memorial Day ceremony in Woodstock. While we were getting ready for the day and just before we left, she gave this to me. I wanted to hang it up at the VFW for the visitors at the Post to see, but I forgot to bring it that day. So, here it is. I think this goes beyond just for me, but for the entire Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5040.



Dear Papa,
Thank you for
Serving are contry.

Thank
you for
being
are dad

Love
Sarah
(Sarah)

Anne in Peru

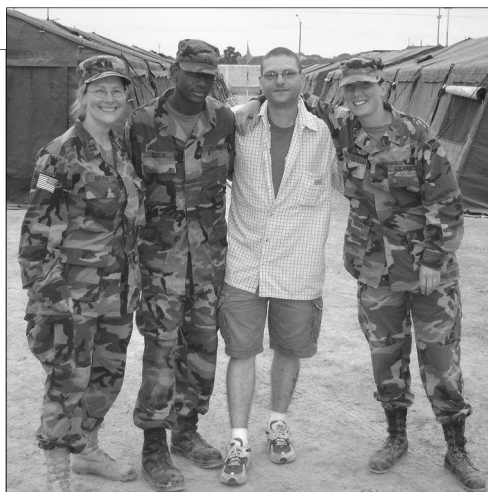
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grandfather (Lt. James, Sr. - WWI) into the US Army, I tried like hell to get in during Viet Nam (even to memorizing the eye chart). But my poor eyesight kept me out. I have never resolved in my soul not following the family tradition, and this has rubbed off on Anne who has resumed the tradition in her own outstanding way.

She is her own person who has taken up such family activities as her own. She is very patriotic and religious. We are all proud of her.

One last thing I can tell you, in her lay over in San Antonio on her way to her mission in South America, she lined up getting the Lions Foundation of Illinois to make arrangements with the US Army to send 2,500 used eyeglasses to Peru, and then ten other Army missions to follow. The woman never stands still. That is my daughter, Anne Brophy. I love her dearly."

(Left to right) CPT Anne Brophy, SPC Edison, SGT Mains, SGT Satterfield. Here is a photo of the three people that work in my ROWPU (Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit) that make our water here. The one in civilian clothing was returning home. The three soldiers have worked their behinds off for me. Truly it has been a learning experience for me having to deal with so many different personalities here in Lambeque, Peru.



Sprucing up the upstairs of the VFW

Hi post members! It's Russ and Donna Freeman. We are getting ready to spend the Soup to Nuts money on fixing the upstairs at the VFW Post. The walls have been washed and as soon as we get the paint we will need some help in painting. Then we are planning on redoing the floors and putting a blind up at the window.

We will need some help in doing these fix ups. Bud Porter is going to let us use a scaffolding for the painting. If you want to help, a little or a lot, any time/help you can give would be much appreciated. Hope to hear from you. Contact Russ at 815-338-3414.

Post ties run globally

I received an email the other day and thought I'd share it with you. Just goes to show how spread out some of our members are. The Post will be considering MAJ Delgers offer at a regular meeting:

I am a member of VFW Post 5040 currently in Afghanistan. One of the things some of the guys do here is fly a flag for various organizations, or in honor of a particular person. We send a simple certificate with the flag. Would the Post be interested in doing something like this? We could fly it in honor of anyone or any organization. Let me know and I'll make it happen. Thanks.

Cory J. Delger

MAJ, FA

BN Team Chief

2-2-203rd Corps ETT

Major Delger lives in Woodstock and is in the Wisconsin National Guard. Thanks to his wife, Cory gets the *VFW News* sent to him over there.

What's on your mind when reading this newsletter?
Thoughts, questions, missing information? Let the Editor know so we can improve our publication.
Address on last page.

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27	28	29	30	31	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	2
3	4  Happy Labor Day!	5 VFW Board Mtg. 7pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	6 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Mostacholi w/Garlic Bread (\$6) or Italian Beef w/French Fries (\$6) 5 - 8 pm	7 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	8 Friday Dinner Special: Chicken Bake (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	9
10	11 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	12 Dirtt Group 7 pm	13 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Prime Rib - 10 oz cut (\$10) 5 - 8 pm Cub Scouts - ?? pm	14	15 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	16
17  VFW Picnic at John Hansen's House 12 pm - ? pm	18 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:30 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for October 2006 VFW News items	19 VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Jaycees 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	20 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Swiss Steak (\$8) or Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 8 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	21 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	22 Friday Dinner Special: Lasagna w/Garlic Bread (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	23
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From the editor's desk By Matt Klos, Woodstock VFW News Editor

Hello Post members. I hope each of you had a wonderful summer. We are rolling into fall and that means our snow birds will soon be departing for warmer weather. If you are one of our members that has a different address during the winter months, be sure to let me know of your address change. If you don't, you won't be getting this newsletter because the Post Office will not forward this.

Subsequently, each month I will be producing an 8-page newsletter due to cost reasons. You see, if I make a newsletter with only 6 pages, there is manual intervention in putting the newsletter together at the printer. If I use 8 pages, the automated process is able to print, staple and fold with no manual intervention. We save about \$30.00 going from 6 pages to 8. Postage stays the same. I cannot fit everything in 4-pages, so 8 is our magic number. We have the space to print stuff about our membership. What do you have to share?

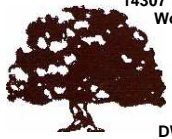
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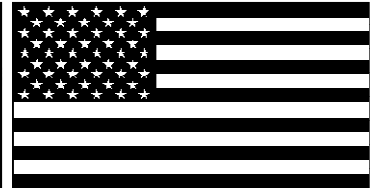
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