



VFW News

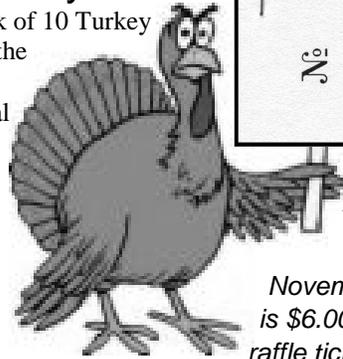
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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Annual turkey raffle tickets on sale now! Return your tickets today.

You should have received a book of 10 Turkey Raffle tickets in the mail recently (the turkey is holding one up as an example). Each ticket for the annual turkey raffle is \$1.00 each. Prizes are the same as last year:

- 1st Prize: \$150.00**
- 2nd Prize: \$100.00**
- 3rd Prize: \$50.00**
- 40 turkeys next 40 Prizes!**
- 15 other meats Prizes!**



Turkey dinner served 6pm-8pm Saturday, November 18, 2006. Cost is \$6.00 or sell 1 book of raffle tickets and get 1 dinner FREE!

Sell them to your neighbors, friends, co-workers, your family, even a stranger. Please send back your ticket money by November 11 so we can get a count of how many people to plan at the turkey dinner.

Please keep in mind, this is our primary source of income to run our Post. All costs are up: utility, taxes, maintenance and supplies. We cannot use Poppy money, as that can only be used for veterans in distress and other specific purposes. Please support your VFW by attending and/or buying tickets. Cost for the dinner is \$6.00 or you can get a **free dinner** with each \$10.00 book of tickets sold.

This has been a big hit in the past years and one of the big fund raisers the Post puts on each year. If you need additional books, contact the Post.

VFW picnic at John Hansen's House

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

The annual VFW Picnic went on as scheduled this year, despite weather warnings of rain. John Hansen prepared his pool for swimming, his yard for playing, and the interior of his back garage as the food storage area. A canopy was set up covering the tables and chairs. It was a little cooler than last year, but this was ok by all those attending as last year was very warm on the day of the picnic. Brian Ritter brought his truck out again and guests enjoyed the football games on two televisions so as not to miss the important games of the day. There were about 40 people that attended. SEE PICNIC, page 7.

(Clip out the below reminder and put on the fridge)

VFW 5040 dinner specials (effective 10/1/2006)

Wednesday Night Specials

WEEK 1:	BBQ Ribs	\$10.00
	Fried Chicken	\$8.00
WEEK 2:	Prime Rib (10 oz cut)	\$10.00
WEEK 3:	BBQ Ribs	\$10.00
	Fried Chicken	\$8.00
WEEK 4:	Pork Chop	\$8.00
	Swiss Steak	\$8.00
WEEK 5:	Beef Stroganoff	\$8.00

Friday Night Specials

WEEK 1:	Salmon Loaf	\$8.00
WEEK 2:	Seasoned Baked Chicken	\$8.00
WEEK 3:	Meat Loaf	\$8.00
WEEK 4:	Lasagna w/garlic bread	\$8.00
WEEK 5:	Teriyaki Chicken	\$8.00

In addition to the specials, soup and salad bar are available. Main menu items are also available.

Turkey Dinner Served 6 pm to 8 pm Cost is \$6.00

FIRST PRIZE \$150.00
 Second Prize: \$100.00
 Third Prize: \$50.00
 40 Turkeys Next 40 Prizes

VFW POST 5040 - Woodstock, Illinois
Saturday, November 18, 2006

Donation: \$1.00 each Winner Need Not Be Present

It's back to school VFW members

By Missy Dreffin, Assembly Co-Chair Northwood Middle School

We would like to ask the VFW membership a favor. Can some of you please visit our school and talk to our students? We'd like you to be guests in the classroom to tell the kids what it's like to be a veteran, answer kid's questions and promote the fact that we have freedoms because of those in uniform and those that have worn the uniform.

Date:	Tuesday; 7 November 2006
Time:	Classroom guests from 0900 to 1400
Place:	Northwood Middle School 2121 N. Seminary Ave Woodstock, IL 60098

School/Community Assembly to follow from 1400 to 1530 [please attend].

The students have worked hard learning about our history and freedoms. They have made a replica of the Vietnam Wall, an American flag of hands, as well as other activities in their classrooms. It would be an honor for us if you would attend.

Please call Northwood Middle School (815-338-4900) and leave a message for either Katie Spaldon or Missy Dreffin (assembly co-chairs) if you would honor us by talking to our students.

[Editor's Note: If any of the membership are interested, please bring this up in the October meeting so we can get a count of those that may be going. Veteran's Day is November 11 (Saturday), so remember your duty to the community.]

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
Quartermaster	Thom Gillespie	(815)-338-6826
Chaplain	Howard Engstrom	(815)-338-4453
Assistant Chaplain	Charles (Chuck) Mathey	(815)-338-5374
Service Officer	Ron Nehls	(815)-568-0708
Judge Advocate	Dick Glawe	(815)-385-3156
Post Surgeon	Harold Irwin	(815)-338-1264
Officer-of-the-Day	Bruce Shisler	(815)-338-4735
Adjutant	-- unfilled --	-- n/a --
1 Year Trustee	Allen Belcher	(815)-338-7689
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

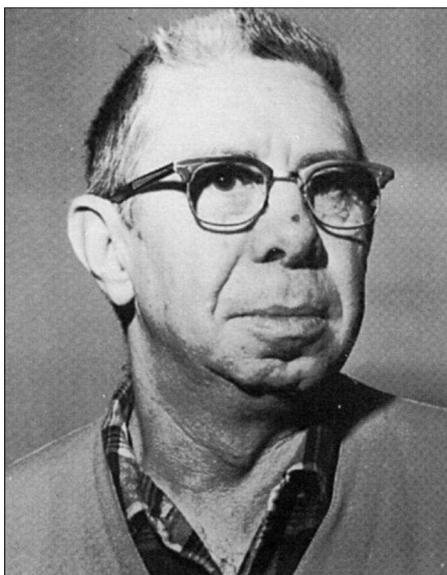
President	Nyda Fogarty	(815)-338-1759
Senior Vice President	Bonnie Kagel	(815)-648-4958
Junior Vice	Viola Brown	(815)-338-1446
Secretary	Christine Gehrke	(815)-338-3533
Treasurer	Barbara Gehrke	(815)-338-1546
Chaplain	Karen Wells	(815)-338-4821
Guard	Margie Humphrey	Unavailable
Conductress	Irene Brown	(815)-459-3483
1 Year Trustee	Lois Freund	(815)-338-5261
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

Please send your dues of \$15.00 to the Treasurer, Barbara Gehrke, at 864 Wicker St. in Woodstock. Committee appointments have been made for the year. Our 5th District President, Lorine Anderson of Elgin, will be at our meeting on November 2 to do our annual inspection.

Our annual VFW picnic, which was held again this year at John Hansen's lovely home in the country, was very nice. There was plenty of food, pop, and beer and a nice tent and tables. Our thanks to John for his hospitality.



Gordon Wallis, Quartermaster, 1966 to June 1975 (Courtesy Photo from VFW News 50th Anniversary Issue 1996).

Charter member Gordon Wallis dies

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Gordon R. Wallis, World War II veteran and life member of VFW Post 5040, passed away mid September. Gordon was the cousin of VFW member Dwayne Raney. Gordon, who would have been 92 years old in October, had been living in Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, for many years. He lived alone, as his wife died several years ago.

"He usually made a few stops in the Woodstock area to visit with friends and relatives from time to time en route on his many trips out of the country," writes Raney, "He loved to travel!"

Gordy served as VFW 5040's Post Quartermaster when Raney was Post Commander in 1967-1968. He also bowled in the VFW Bowling League for many years. Gordon was one of the original 224 Charter members for VFW 5040.

† Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Phone / Cards:

- Ken Korst
- Stan Danielson
- Jerry Donahue
- Mrs. Harold Irwin
- Dwayne Raney - death of cousin Gordon Wallis

Personal Visits:

- Fred Wallis - home & hospital
- Ken Korst - hospital
- Donahue Family - at the store (Donahue's Furniture)
- Ray Benoy - at his office (Benoy Motors)
- Don Sword - hospital

Drape Charter:

- Gordon Wallis

Get well Ken Korst

By Dwayne Raney

Past Woodstock VFW Post 5040 Commander Kenneth J. "KJ" Korst recently had both of his legs amputated below the knee. He has been transferred from the Woodstock Hospital on Doty Road for rehabilitation at the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton .

Ken served as Post 5040 Commander during the 1965-1966 term of office. It was my privilege to serve along with him as the Post Junior Vice Commander .

Anyone wanting to send a get well card to him may do so and should send it to:

**Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital
26W171 Roosevelt Road
Wheaton, IL 60187**

VFW Benefits

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Have you recently checked into all the benefits that the VFW has to offer? While looking at the National VFW website, I noticed that there were a lot more benefits that I was aware of. Here are some examples:

- The MBNA Platinum Plus® for Business Credit Card offers lower-rates with Platinum benefits and is a great expense management tool for your business.
- Rental Cars: Hertz: Call 1-800-654-2200 VFW identification number: CDP164126; Avis: Call 1-800-331-1212 VFW identification Number: AWD-A993500; Alamo: Call 1-800-732-3232 VFW Identification Number: 42592; National: Call 1-800-CAR-RENT (800-227-7368) and request

See BENEFITS, page 5.

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Commander's column

By Bill Lyford, Commander 2006-2007

At the post meeting on September 18, the following items were discussed:

Old business voted to purchase a maximum of four gift certificates at clothing stores to give to veterans at the place in Hebron. The decision was made and approved to try selling our bingo machine on E-BAY.

New business voted in two of the three new Directors. One year: Mike David; two year: Don Sword (declined as he is solving some medical problems at the moment); three year: Don Sullivan (Sully).

The paint for the upstairs is going to be delivered Friday, September 22. Chuck Mathey, Russ Freeman and I picked the rolling scaffolding that is being lent to us by VFW member Bud Porter. We are hoping to complete painting in the coming week.

After the meeting, about twelve members helped with the stuffing and sealing of the turkey raffle tickets in envelopes. They would be mailed the next day. Most all members should be receiving them by the weekend. Thanks to Matt Klos for getting the labels to us.

We still do not have a Post Adjutant to keep track of meeting minutes. I have to try and remember what was accomplished at the meeting, so hopefully I got most of the important stuff. Anyone like to volunteer to take notes at the meeting?

Come help the Marines celebrate.

All are welcome to the 231st Annual Marine Corp Birthday Party on Friday, November 10, 2006 at the Woodstock VFW Post 5040, sponsored by McHenry County Marine Corp League.

Cocktail hour: 6:00 pm (cash bar)

Dinner: 7:30 pm (choice of Prime Rib or Baked Cod)

FOOD. CEREMONY, DANCING, CHAMPAIGNE TOAST.

Advanced ticket price is \$30 per person. Ticket price at the door \$35 per person.

For further information contact Dick Aston at (815) 459-9353.



Stand Down event planned

CRYSTAL LAKE, IL – A Stand Down for homeless veterans will take place on October 2 and 3, 2006, at YMCA Camp Algonquin, which is located at 1889 Cary Road, Algonquin. The sponsoring organization is the National Association of System Administrators Education Corporation (NASA Education), a Crystal Lake-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides vocational training for displaced, disabled and other U.S. veterans in transition.

“This is an opportunity for all of us to come through for those of our nation’s heroes who need our help,” said John Blanchard, executive director of NASA Education. “We have been gratified by the number of individuals, agencies, professionals, community groups and businesses that are coming together to show their appreciation and support for the sacrifices these homeless veterans made for all of us.”

Hours for the Stand Down will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3. Homeless veterans who are registered may spend the night on Monday, October 2.

The Stand Down comes from a venerable military tradition. In times of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety. Troops were able to take showers, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment.

Today, Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation’s estimated 200,000 homeless veterans “combat” life on the streets. Homeless veterans are brought together in a single location and are provided access to the community resources needed to begin addressing their individual problems and rebuilding their lives. In the military tradition, Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being. Today’s Stand Down affords the same opportunity to homeless veterans.

From 100 to 150 homeless veterans are expected to attend the two-day event in McHenry County and receive services, which will include free haircuts on Tuesday provided by volunteer stylists from Sport Clips Haircuts located in McHenry, health care screenings on Monday by the

North Chicago VA Medical Center, job counseling, referrals for legal aid, food stamps, housing assistance, toiletry kits, showers, and meals. The Stand Down will be partially funded through a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) grant.

The homeless veterans’ active duty periods will be verified on-site by the VA to confirm eligibility for services.

So far, the following individuals and businesses have volunteered to provide services, information and referrals:

Melissa Bean, Congresswoman, 8th District; Pamela Althoff, Senator, 32nd District; Michael W. Tryon, State Representative, 64th District; James Capparelli, Bureau Chief for Veterans Rights, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s Office, Michael Iwanicki and Keri Christensen, McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission; Pete Castillo Jr., Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist through the Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) at the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Woodstock; Ray Infante, DVOP, Grayslake; Ted and Lisa Biever, Veteran Service Officers, Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs; Tuti Bekiri, Jenelle Sabielny, and Amanda Rogers of Sport Clips Haircuts, 2451 N. Richmond Road, McHenry; Jeffrey J. Antonelli of the Law Offices of Gene H. Hanson Ltd. in Chicago; Law Offices of Peter Francis Geraci; McHenry County Marine Corps. League; Wayne Macejak, Director of Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation for the Illinois American Legion in Chicago; Sheryl Roberts, Massage Therapist, Changing Lifestyles National Association of System Administrators (NASA); North Chicago VA Medical Center; VA Regional Office, Chicago; Scott Ottesen, GWOT Outreach Worker for the Vet Center branch in McHenry; Richard Miller, National Service Manager, AMVETS, Chicago; Janet Douglass, Prairie State Legal Services, HIV Outreach Coordinator.

Still needed are volunteers for cleanup, transportation for the veterans to and from the event, men’s clothes (especially outerwear and underwear in an assortment of sizes) or cash donations to pay for them, and non-perishable food.

For more information about the Stand Down or to volunteer services or items for the veterans, please contact Kathy Chweddyk, Development Director, NASA Education, by phoning 866-338-4968 (866-EDU-4YOU) or sending an email to:

kathy_chweddyk@nasaeducation.org.

American Legion's annual high school Oratorical Contest

By Dwayne Raney
Americanism Chairman
Woodstock American Legion Post 412
Phone: 815-338-1652

Copies of this year's brochures for the 70th American Legion's Annual High School Oratorical Contest have already been given to Laurie Kaminski in the school office at the Woodstock High School, as well as to Julie Diamond in the guidance department at Marian Central Catholic High School, for any interested student seeking the basic rules in desiring to participate .

The contest is open to any student in the secondary schools which includes public, parochial, military, private and home schools.

The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

In addition to the many and various kinds of awards and scholarships, the national contest first place winner receives a \$18,000 scholarship; the second place finalist receives a \$16,000 scholarship; and the third place winner receives a \$14,000 scholarship .

For more information, see the American Legion website: www.legion.org

WWII enactment comes to Harvard

By Don Peasley

Harvard's Sesquicentennial celebration included an impressive reenactment of a World War II battle between German and American forces in central France soon after the landing at Normandy. The Sesquicentennial celebration extended over the weekend of August 25-27, and among many attractions was a Russian made T-34 tank, used by the German during World War II.

Ed O'Brien, Vietnam War veteran, served as master of ceremonies to describe the reenactment, encampment and battle

Patriot's Pen



2006-2007 Theme "Citizenship in America"	Entry Deadline November 1, 2006
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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.

For more information, see the National FFW website at: www.vfw.org

Voice of Democracy



2006-2007 Theme "Freedom's Challenge"	Entry Deadline November 1, 2006
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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.

For more information, see the National FFW website at: www.vfw.org

between men dressed as German occupiers of France and American infantrymen helping defeat the Nazis. The reenactment battles took place on a hillside with woods and ravine in Harvard's Lions Park.

Howard Engstrom, VFW Post 5040 chaplain, was among the dignitaries on the reviewing stand for one of the three battles staged by the two infantry groups. He was accompanied by Aaron Somerville, his 16-year-old grandson.

The reenactment included impressive military equipment from the past, including a World War II jeep, ambulance, Dodge weapons carrier, 30-caliber machine guns, and troops with Springfield and M-1 rifles (all firing blanks).

O'Brien described the situation as the battle proceeded up the hill and encountered a German patrol with the World War II tank. O'Brien said the tank was made by the Russians with armor attached to make it look like the U.S. Tiger tank. An Indiana museum owns the tank and Mike Dragisich transported it on a flatbed truck to Harvard's Sesquicentennial attraction.

Visitors to the Sesquicentennial were able to visit the campsite and see a display of weapons.



This is the Russian made T-34 tank used by the Russian Army during World War II. It was at Harvard during the community's Sesquicentennial celebration and was an important part of the battle reenactment between German and U.S. infantrymen. (Courtesy photo)

Quartermaster comments

By Thom Gillespie, Quarter Master
2006-2007

I have heard through the grapevine that there is a small contingent that wants Candy, our former kitchen cook that was let go last year, back in the kitchen. I am not going to waste my time fighting against this even though I believe this to be a bad idea. I brought to the attention of the floor proof of what Candy was doing and the floor voted not to prosecute her.

All the financial records are still available if anyone thinks the kitchen is not making a profit. Candy refused for 6 months to even attempt to make a profit. She was always more interested in making money for herself and her friends than making money for the VFW. Yes, we did have more people eating here when Candy was here but we also had more people on the clock that were not working and we

had more food leaving through the kitchen door.

Commander Lyford's letter in last months *VFW News* stated that the bar is losing money. Since he is the one counting the money and making the deposits, I think he would be the one to know how the bar business is doing. Apparently he doesn't because the bar and the kitchen are both doing OK.

I think what Bill meant so say was that the income from those two areas is insufficient to maintain the entire building. To say that the bar or the kitchen is losing money is not correct. The building maintenance is higher than our income because the area upstairs does not support itself.

The Marine Corps League was asked to donate \$30 for one of the picture frames, which was approved. Commander Lyford had stated that the League could not put Marine patches in that frame, as this is the VFW. These were patches brought in by VFW members that are also Marines. If

the VFW is asking for donations then those donations should be used for the purpose that they were asked for.

VFW National is increasing annual dues by \$3.00. Life membership will go up starting Jan 1 also.

Age Bracket:	Life Member Fee:
Up to 30	\$425.00
31 - 40	\$410.00
41 - 50	\$375.00
51 - 60	\$335.00
61 - 70	\$290.00
71 - 80	\$225.00
81 +	\$170.00

We currently have been paying for the first \$50 towards life membership. At the floor meeting it was decided that the post annual dues would be raised to \$30 per year effective on 1 January, 2007. Everyone who pays their 2007 dues prior to January will only pay the \$25 fee. After December 31, 2006 the raised price will go into effect in which they will need to pay \$30.

Benifits

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- VFW Contract ID 5180005.
- VFW's Lifelong MeMories® and VFW MeMber Honor Roll: The VFW and Making everlasting MeMories® (MeM) have teamed up to provide members and their families a tool to chronicle and celebrate a life story through writings, images and documents to share with friends and family on the VFW website. You also may pay tribute to a loved one who has passed away.
- VFW Travel Services: Planning a trip? Plan with Veterans Travel Service. Call for special rates and discounts. For more information: call 1-800-325-9377
- VFW Dignity Memorial® Funeral Program benefits. Call 1-800-300-0436 to request additional information. There is no cost or obligation. and no one will call or visit unless requested.
- VFW Online Internet Service. Please call 1-866-700-4VFW (4839) for more information.
- Members save 10-30 percent off their overnight hotel accommodations at more than 4,000 participating locations throughout North America. When calling the desired hotel, be sure to mention I.D. 62615. Advance reservations are required. Blackout dates may apply. Discounts cannot be used with other programs. Hotels include: AmeriHost, Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Knights Inn, Ramada, Travelodge, Wingate Inns,

See BENEFITS, 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 Sept 30,2006				
FISCAL Quarter >>>	Aug-06			
POST 5040				
	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
2. Admin or App Fees	-755.00		150.00	-905.00
1. Nat & Dept Dues	-20.00	347.50	502.50	-175.00
3. POST Gen Fund	-1,028.79	300.00	976.49	-1,705.28
4. POST Relief Fund	4,341.68			4,341.68
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	11.00	237.50		248.50
7. New Building Fund	16,262.80	128.00		16,390.80
8. Fly Flag Book Fund	1,687.81			1,687.81
9. Memorial Day Fund	2,306.11			2,306.11
10. Other in Post Account	-643.72	7.00		-636.72
11. Color Guard	500.00			500.00
12. Honor Guard	2,100.49	50.00		2,150.49
13. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	638.82	4,515.45	4,761.15	393.12
6. Post HOME Fund	-2,350.91	1,262.74	3,361.39	-4,449.56
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	1,583.61	200.00		1,783.61
15. Savings Account Interest	0.00			0.00
16. Raffel Account	2,081.90	663.94		2,745.84
Totals:	26,715.80	7,712.13	9,751.53	24,676.40
Post AND Savings Total	22,411.47	2,332.74	4,990.38	19,753.83
Operations		Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances		
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	18178.81	18,178.81
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	2567.76	1,110.04
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	2727.64	1,498.10
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acct	1783.61	1,783.61
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$ -	Raffel Acct	2105.84	2,105.84
Value of Real Estate?	\$ 657,000.00	Uncleared checks	2,687.26	0.00
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$2,000,000.00	\$ -	Quicken Total	24,676.40
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$ -	-\$ 0.00	Bank Total	24,676.40
Trustee's & Commander's Certificate of Audit				

Picnic

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Although there seemed like fewer people this year attending, we still had a good time.

Thanks to John and Ann Hansen for opening their home to the VFW and allowing us to have the picnic there.

Thank you also to those that helped with the setup of canopy, chairs, tables, food preparation and cleanup.

For all of you that attended, we hope you had a good time despite being a little cooler, a little rainy and could stand the company of some pesky bees.

See you next year!

Benifits

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Super 8.

- Cell Phone Service: Through InPhonic, you can compare prices and availability from most major U.S. carriers. Select from phones by leading manufacturers with full U.S. warranties. For more information, call toll free 1-888-843-2597 and provide VFW Bonus Code #33808.
- The Home Depot Supply The Veterans of Foreign Wars is pleased to announce a new discount service for its membership. Effective immediately, The Home Depot Supply, formerly Maintenance Warehouse, is now offering members, Departments and Posts a discounted buying program for maintenance supplies and housekeeping needs. Members can select from more than 13,000 items in janitorial, electrical, safety, plumbing, lighting, HVAC, tools, hardware, paint and communications supplies. You also may call the number to receive a catalog, call 1-800-431-3000.
- Annuities: The annuity program offered to VFW members and their families and friends, through Pinnacle Financial Services, will help ensure you do not outlive your retirement savings, while maintaining your current lifestyle. Call toll-free 1-800-772-6882 to find out how the VFW-sponsored annuity program can give you the long-term financial security you deserve.
- As a VFW member, you are entitled to group rates on various insurance plans. For more information on VFW-sponsored insurance plans. Tollfree: 1-800-821-2606.

These and other membership perks are available to VFW members. Check out the VFW website for more information:

www.VFW.org

VFW Annual Picnic Pictures



Matt Klos (L), Mike David (M), and Charlie Mathey (R) are the cooks for the day.



Guests sit around some of the tables watching the games and talking.



Just some of the food that was prepared. Everyone brought a dish to pass.



Art Stolzke, showing his golf form in the "Closest to the Tee" contest. Art won a bottle of Apple Pucker Schnapps for his efforts.



Horseshoes was the game to play today.



John Hansen watches Thom Gillespie throw a shoe. Was it a good throw?



Another pic of our guests.



John Hansen house. Canopy and grilling area to the right. Thanks John!

October 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
1	2 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball ?? pm	3 Dirtt Group 7 pm	4 Wednesday Dinner Specials - BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	5 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	6 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	7
8	9 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	10 VFW Board Mtg. 7pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	11 Wednesday Dinner Specials - Prime Rib - 10 oz cut (\$10) 5 - 8 pm Cub Scouts - ?? pm	12	13 Friday Dinner Special: Seasoned Baked Chicken Breast (\$8) 5 - 8 pm	14
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From the editor's desk By Matt Klos, Woodstock VFW News Editor

Not much to say this month. Hope things are going well for you all. October is going to fly by and before you know it, November will be here. Please remember to sell your Turkey Raffle tickets. Also, coming in November, the Post will be planning a Veterans Day Ceremony. More info in the next issue of the *VFW News*.

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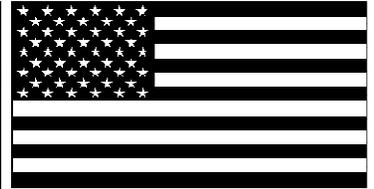
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