



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

## Reminder: Past Commanders dinner March 31, 2007

By Thom Gillespie, Quartermaster

Saturday, March 31, 2007, the Post will be hosting a roast beef dinner to commemorate all Past Commanders of Post 5040. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 pm and the buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. This Past Commanders dinner is open to any member of Post 5040 that was a Commander of 5040 and also those members that transferred to our Post that may have been a Past Commander of other Posts. The dinner will be free for each Past Commander and one guest. A cash bar will be available.

We will need a response no later than March 16, 2007 as to whether you will be attending, so that we will be able to make all the final arrangements.

I am the chairman of this event. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me. My phone number is (815)-338-6826.

## From the Commander

By Bill Lyford,  
VFW Commander 2006-2007

We had two visitors at the last meeting on February 19. Bill Oerly, 5th District Commander, and Walter Michalski state National Home Chairman.

The most important issue we passed was from now on to spend \$50.00 either on flowers or donation if one of our members passes on. Sometimes the family doesn't always want a rifle squad or Honor Guard.

Dwayne Raney has resigned from the Adjutant position. Alan Belcher will replace Dwayne as Adjutant for the rest of the 2006-2007. Thanks for your service Dwayne.

In February a 3'x5' American flag was donated to the Special Education District of McHenry County (SEDOM) school located in Union, Illinois to replace their worn flag. Public schools and nursing homes are some of organizations that our VFW will donate flags to out of the Fly Flag fund.

## VFW National Home Awareness week March 25-31, 2007

For almost 80 years, the VFW National Home for Children (VFWNHC) has reached out and touched the lives of thousands of children and families of veterans across the nation.

The VFWNHC in Eaton Rapids, Michigan provides services for children when the child's parent, grandparent, or great grandparent is, or if deceased, at the time of death was a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign wars or Ladies Auxiliary, and the child's custodian cannot provide an adequate home for the child. Services are also available for children of active duty military service personnel, regardless of current VFW membership or eligibility, who are not able to provide adequate care for their children through the approved family plan arrangement.

Children living at the VFWNHC receive the following on-campus services: educational support, recreational opportunities, and individual and "family" counseling. All food, housing, and utilities are provided. The National Home maintains contacts with local community agencies and professionals to provide individual psychological services, and both specialized and routine medical, dental, and eye care services. Clothing is purchased locally and children attend Eaton Rapids Public Schools.

Since the programs receive no government funding, contributions from Posts, Auxiliaries, Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tents and individual donors are critical for the VFWNHC to maintain its programs and the campus. Contributions of any amount are always appreciated and may be designated for a specific program. Moreover, you can be assured that your gift will serve the children at the National Home.

Donations are accepted at the following:

VFW National Home for Children  
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[www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org)

## Upcoming events!

Wonder what else is going on at the Post in the coming months? Here's a sneak peak at what's going on:

### March

- 3 - Spaghetti dinner - Auction
- 5 - Girls Softball 7:00, Little League 7:00
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - Dance Lesson Group - upstairs - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- 12 - American Legion - downstairs Little League - upstairs 5:00; Post Staff meeting - office
- 13 - Post Directors - office; Jaycees - downstairs
- 15 - Marines
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day - Corn Beef & Cabbage 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- 19 - Post Floor Meeting
- 21 - VAC - 7:00 - upstairs; Cub Scouts - downstairs - 7:00
- 24 - Private rental - downstairs - 7:00 pm
- 27 - Jaycees - downstairs
- 31 - Past Commander's Dinner - downstairs - 5:30 cocktail - 6:30 dinner

### April

- 2 - Girls Softball & Little League 7:00
- 5 - Ladies Auxiliary - downstairs; VAC - upstairs
- 9 - Post Staff meeting
- 10 - Post Directors; Jaycees
- 16 - Post Floor Meeting
- 17 - Consolidated Election - downstairs - 6 am to 7 pm
- 18 - VAC 7:00; Cub Scouts 7:00
- 19 - Marines
- 24 - Jaycees
- 28 - Private rental - upstairs; Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm for Loyalty Day and for VFW Volunteer Appreciation. More info later.

### May

- 11 & 12 - Soup to Nuts
- 18 & 19 - Poppy Days
- 28 - Memorial Day luncheon

### June

- 17 - Father's Day Pig Roast

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## Ladies Auxiliary from the president

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2006-2007

5th District President Lorene Anderson from Elgin Post 1307 came to our February meeting to do the annual inspection of our Auxiliary.

If you have paid your dues for the current year and received a dues notice in the mail, please disregard. You dues are supposed to be paid by December 31, 2006.

My thanks to the *VFW News* Editor for the wonderful write up about the Auxiliary 60th Anniversary. Of the 33 charter members only 8 are still alive. The Auxiliary would certainly like to celebrate the big Anniversary but contrary to what you might have read in the *VFW News* or *Northwest Herald* about a party, we have decided not to have a dinner. It was brought up at our last meeting but nothing was decided. Lack of active membership and funds are the problem.

As I am writing this I just found out about the death of one of our long time members Charlotte Davis. Our sympathy to her family.

NOTES FROM THE PAST: Loraine Loss who served as President of the Auxiliary. along with my husband as Commander in 1981-82 was Chairman of the National Home Committee. Loraine did a wonderful job and always supported the National Home for Children.

## We remember

By Don Peasley

This month marks the first anniversary of the March 11, 2006 death of Joe Thiede. Joe was one of the prime founders of Post 5040 in 1945-1946.

He was a charter member and served as Commander of the Post in 1954 and 1974. He served as Quartermaster from 1978 through 1997. Joe was also club manager as well as our popular chef for a total of at least 35 years.

Joe was one of five Past Commanders who have died in the past two years. Others we honor as we remember our departed Comrades include Kenneth Kerns, 1960 (April 14, 2005); Delmar Heidenreich, 1953 (August 22, 2005); Arthur Schuld Jr., 1963 and 1969 (August 26, 2005); and Earl Holm, 1955 (October 15, 2005).

Within the past few months, two other charter members besides Joe have died - Gordon Wallis and Wilbur Kiefer. Our thoughts and prayers are with these men and all our departed comrades.

Chaplain Howard Engstrom has kept busy as our World War II veterans approach age 80 or older with sick calls and participation in funerals. We are indebted to Howard for his dedication.

## ✠ Chaplains report ✠

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

### Phone / Cards:

- Nick Stemper's wife in Hearthstone
- Ken Korst
- Russ Dycus
- Stan Danielson
- Ray Benoy
- Marvin Bohnhoff
- Otis Setser
- Wally Ramberg

### Personal Visits:

- Otis Setser - Hospital; now back at Valley Hi
- Ray Murphy - Fountains
- Herb Hensel - Funeral

### Drape Charter:

- Herb Hensel
- Frank Flick

When I make personal visits to comrades, sometimes they really express an appreciation for my visit. Recently while visiting one of our ill comrades who was in good spirits and recovering he said, "God is in control and things will be well again." We prayed together.

In other words as the scriptures read, "All things work together for good to them that love God." It kind of reminds me of the history and fact that "The Halleluiahs Chorus" was composed by George Handel when he was in poverty and suffering from a paralyzed right side and arm. Affliction may sometimes be for our edification and blessings. Don't forget, count your blessings too.



## Soup to nuts sale



By Russ and Donna Freeman

Once again it's time to think about our Soup to Nuts Sale, our annual sell-anything-indoor-garage-sale. Put aside all the old treasures you have no use for anymore. The sale will be Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12. We will also need help for setting up and selling.

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

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

# March 2007

☆☆☆☆☆☆ 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
25	26	27	28	1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	2 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	3 Spaghetti Dinner and Auction 5 - 7 pm Dinner (\$6) 
4	5 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm	6 Dance Lesson Group 6:30 to 7:30 pm	7 Wednesday Dinner Specials: BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	8	9 Friday Dinner Special: Lasagna w/Garlic Bread (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	10 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
11	12 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm Little League 5 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	13 VFW Board Mtg. 8:30 am Dance Lesson Group 6:30 to 7:30 pm Jaycees 7 pm	14 Wednesday Dinner Specials: Prime Rib (\$10) 5 - 7 pm	15 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	16 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	17  St. Patrick's Day Dinner Corned Beef and Cabbage 5 - 7 pm
18	19 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:30 pm - Floor mtg. <b>Deadline for April 2007 VFW News items</b>	20 Dance Lesson Group 6:30 to 7:30 pm	21 Wednesday Dinner Specials: Stuffed Pork Chop (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm Cub Scouts - 7 pm	22	23 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	24 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
25	26	27 VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Dance Lesson Group 6:30 to 7:30 pm Jaycees 7 pm	28 Wednesday Dinner Specials: Roast Beef (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	29	30 Friday Dinner Special: Spaghetti w/Garlic Bread (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	31 Past Commanders Dinner Cocktails 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm



## From the Editor's desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

**[Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh! (St. Patrick's Day blessing upon you!)]** Everyone's a little Irish on St. Patty's day, aren't they? Hello to you all again. February did fly by didn't it? This issue will be late getting out. Sorry about this. Don't forget, this is the **last issue for those that have not paid their dues**

See January's issue of the newsletter for a listing of potential names for whom this applies ([http://www.vfw5040.org/Newsletter\\_Pic/News\\_Letters/2007-01.pdf](http://www.vfw5040.org/Newsletter_Pic/News_Letters/2007-01.pdf)) I have been given the 'OK' by Commander Lyford to remove those members names from the Post mailing list that have not paid up their dues. So, right before the April issue is created, I will get the list of individuals from National and remove them from our Post mailing list. Sorry to have to do this. Of course, if you are paid up you have nothing to worry about. Quick favor. If any of you take any digital photos of VFW events and would like to share them, please e-mail them to me. There are a lot of events I miss, so it would help me out if you got photos. **[Éire go Brách! (Ireland Forever!)]** There are lot of things going on at the post so make sure you check out each months calendar. I try to have this posted on the website by the first few days of the month. Is spring on its way yet? For those of you that have let me know of address corrections, thank you very much. Always want to get those straight. So, until next month Comrades take care. Happy St. Patty's Day! **[Pionta Guinness, le do thoil! (A pint of Guinness, please!)]**

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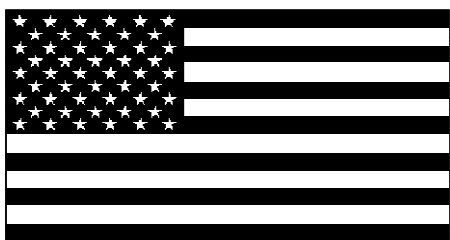
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