



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



## Soup to Nuts Sale



May 11/12 (Fri/Sat)

By Russ and Donna Freeman

Last call reminding you 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 (8:00am to 6:00pm) and Saturday, May 12 (9:00am to 4:00pm). We will need help the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to pick up items, setting up on Thursday, selling on Friday and Saturday, and cleaning up on Saturday.

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 or Pat and Bob Gaylord at (815)-338-3015.

## Memorial Day ceremony and events Monday, May 28, 2007

Woodstock will be holding a Memorial Day Ceremony in Woodstock Square on Memorial Day, May 28.

The event schedule for this day will be as follows:

**10:00 a.m.**

Ceremony on Woodstock Square.

**11:00 a.m.**

Memorial Day Parade starting from the west side of Woodstock Square. Veterans and VFW Post members welcome to march in the parade!

**12:00 p.m.**

Annual VFW Lunch served at VFW Post 5040.

## 2007-2008 VFW officers elected

By Don Peasley

Woodstock VFW members elected officers for the 2007-2008 year. The new officers will assume their positions of responsibility in June.

The following men were elected to office:

- Mike David**, Commander
- Fred Noble**, Senior Vice Commander
- Mike Lackey**, Junior Vice Commander
- Ralph Ritter**, Quartermaster
- Dick Glawe**, Judge Advocate
- Harold Irwin**, Post Surgeon
- Howard Engstrom**, Chaplain
- Brian Ritter**, three-year trustee.

Commander-elect David will appoint Service Officer, Adjutant and Officer-of-

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## Buddy Poppy Days May 18/19 (Fri/Sat)

It's that time of year again when you begin to see the bright red and black poppy on lapels and hats which only means one thing - veterans groups selling poppies. As in the past, VFW Post 5040 will be selling Buddy Poppies around Woodstock on Thursday, May 18 and 19.

Last year we accidentally scheduled the Soup to Nuts Sale and Poppy Days the same weekend. So, with different weekends it means more opportunities to help the Post out. We need volunteers for this event too. There will be a signup sheet at the bar with timeslots and locations. Poppies will be sold from 8:00am to 4:00pm each day, Friday and Saturday. If you can help out, come in or call the Post to put your name on the list.

The funds generated all go our Veteran's Relief Fund which is strictly used to help veterans. These funds cannot be used for other purposes.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans.

For every poppy that is bought through the National VFW to be used by Posts during Poppy Days, a special tax is levied. (1½¢) goes to the Veterans Service Fund of the Department having jurisdiction; (1¢) to the Veterans Service Fund of the National Headquarter; (1¢) to the VFW National Home Fund for Children.

Many people associate Poppy Days with the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields" which is about World War I. It was written by Canadian physician John McCrae on May 3, 1915. The poppies referred to in the poem grew in abundance in Flanders fields where war casualties had been buried. Today, Poppies are distributed by veterans groups as a memorial flower.

## In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



## 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
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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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Junior Vice	Viola Brown	(815)-338-1446
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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	(815)-206-3910

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## Ladies Auxiliary from the president

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2006-2007

At our last meeting, the charter was draped in memory of Charlotte Davis, Marion Thuro and Past National President. Harriet Timmons.

It was announced that Ruth Wagner will be awarded a 50 year pin. Ruth transferred to our Auxiliary from Marengo several years ago.

Poppy Days for the Post and Auxiliary will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet is at the bar. Please try to donate an hour or two of your time for this important event.

The last meeting for the District will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Villa Post. Ladies will meet in the train station next door to the Post. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon.

The State Department Convention will be from June 21<sup>st</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois.

NEWS FROM THE PAST: Glenna Cross joined the Auxiliary on November 3, 1960. She served as President of the Auxiliary three times. During the period of time she was a member, she was Safety Chair and put on safety classes for children for riding bicycles many times. Glenna worked for the Woodstock Police Dept and was also a meter maid for them for many years. Glenna passed away in 1995.

## VFW to sponsor Boys State candidate

By Dwayne Raney  
Woodstock American Legion Post 412  
Boys State Chairman

This year's McHenry County American Legion Premier Boys State orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting hall of the Woodstock VFW, 240 North Throop Street, in Woodstock.

McHenry County Boys State Chairman Robert Howe stated that all candidates and their parents are urged to be present to learn of where and when the bus will pick them up to transport the candidates to Charleston, IL, where this year's session will again be held at Eastern Illinois University. Sponsors are welcome to attend this meeting as well, Howe further announced.

Woodstock VFW Post 5040 members at their April post meeting voted to once again sponsor a candidate to this year's 72nd session of the American Legion's Premier Boys State

For any additional information needed, please contact Howe at 815-653-6391, or Dwayne Raney at 815-338-1652.

## † Chaplains report †

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

### Phone / Cards:

- Ray Benoy
- Vic Hermanson Family (death of Victor)
- Alvie Jones
- Bernie DeWayne
- Gerald Donahue

### Personal Visits:

- Ed Hall - hospital
- Bob Loomis - Home (visit by Harold Irwin and Howard)
- Howard Simpson - Alden Terrace
- Don Seaton - Home
- Ervin Schultze - Crystal Pines
- Otis Setser - Valley High

### Drape Charter:

Charter will be draped for Vic Hermanson (World War II veteran) at the May meeting.

Comrades:

Some Holy week & Easter Reflections:

### **- For Us -**

- ...Christ suffered agony
- ...Death on the cross
- ...Example of forgiveness
- ...Salvation plan revealed
- ...Resurrection & lives again
- ...His return & hope of eternal life

I hope you enjoyed the blessed Easter Season. Take care.

*Howard E.*

## New officers

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-the-Day.

Following the regular Post meeting, members met as Woodstock Post 5040 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.A., Incorporated. This is the organization that manages the building affairs of the Post.

Charles Mathey was re-elected to the board. Bud Porter, Leonard Naumann and Henry Enstrom were each elected to a three-year term. Russ Freeman, Bob Gibson and Don Sullivan are members of the board, elected in previous years.

Under the 1969 charter and subsequent amendments, Commander Mike David and Quartermaster Ralph Ritter are members of this board of directors. The board will meet Monday morning, May 14 to elect officers.

The charter no longer calls for the Post Commander to be Board President.

## Get to know your elected officers for 2007-2008

By Don Peasley, VFW News Editor 1955-2002

### Commander-elect, Mike David

Mike David, 63, has been elected Commander of Woodstock VFW Post 5040 for 2007-2008.

Mike has been a dedicated worker at the VFW since becoming active in Post 5040 in 2002. He served Senior vice commander in 2005 and he was an important key member of the 60th Anniversary Committee which conducted a marvelous celebration April 28, 2006.

"I want the VFW to continue helping veterans of all wars and also to continue VFW's service to the Woodstock community," said Mike.

On active duty with the Marines from 1961-1965, he served with the Marine Expeditionary Force during the Laotian crisis of 1962. Members of that Expeditionary Force received the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and the American Defense Medal for their service during this international situation.

Mike returned from overseas in 1963 and served as an instructor in communications at Marine Corps Schools in San Diego, 1963-1965.

Mike was born in Chicago and grew up in Oak Park. He attended Wright Junior Chicago City College before entering the military service.

Mike and his wife Judy have lived in Woodstock since 1978. They have two grown sons, John, Santa Monica, California and Richard, Chicago. Judy works as a floral designer at Apple Creek Flowers on Throop Street, just across the street from the VFW.

Mike is a salesman with First Data Corporation, which is headquartered in Denver. He is a sales representative selling information technology services in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

### Sr. Vice Commander-elect, Fred Noble

Fred Noble, 82, will be the new Senior Vice Commander. He has served the VFW as Junior Vice Commander the past year and is a member of the Rifle Squad.

A World War II veteran, he entered military service November 1943 and was stationed in Texas, California, Alabama and Mississippi in addition to overseas service in the European Theater as a truck driver.

His ribbons include European Theater, Good Conduct, American Theater and the Victory Medal. He was discharged in November 1945 from the 95th Infantry Division.

Fred and his wife Rae (Carlson) Noble have lived in Woodstock since their marriage in 1949. Fred worked at a couple places before working at Arnold Engineering in Marengo where he retired in 1993.

Fred and Rae have three children: Laura, Rhode Island; Mark, Belvidere; and Erin, Harvard.

Before he became active in the VFW, Fred held various positions with the Machinist Union including vice president.

### Quartermaster-elect, Ralph Ritter

Ralph Ritter, 56, a Vietnam War veteran, spent his working career with the phone company. Ralph will serve as Quartermaster when the new officers take charge in mid-June.

He started working for the phone company in 1960. July 9, 1970, Ralph was drafted into military service. He was called to active duty in 1971 and served for over a year in Vietnam. Ralph received the Bronze Star for his Army service in Vietnam.

He returned to the phone company after an early release from the Army, having served 18 months, nine days. Ralph worked for 30 years at Illinois Bell, Ameritech, SBC and AT&T, retiring in 2000.

Ralph has been quite active with the VFW with a variety of responsibilities—everything from physically helping keep the building and the club in working order to holding office.

He has helped with the Quartermaster's work and now will fill that position as an elected officer. He has served on the board of directors of the association and he has filled in at the bar and assisting with food service.

Ralph and his very supportive wife, Pat, have two grown children, Brian and Da-Neal. Brian served in Kuwait and Iraq. Ralph muses that he was in the same geographical region as his son during the war, explaining, "I was in Southeast Asia and 20 years later he was in Southwest Asia."

Both DaNeal and Brian are no strangers to helping out at the Post. DaNeal worked at the Post as a secretary for about 1½ years. Brian was voted in this last election to serve as Board Member. Brian has also helped out on many repairs over the years at our Post.

This will be Ralph's second term as Quartermaster, having served in this position 2002-2003.

### Jr. Vice Commander-elect, Mike Lackey

Mike Lackey, 59, Vietnam War veteran in the Army from 1968 to 1971, is the Junior Vice Commander for Post 5040 for the next year.

Mike was stationed in Vietnam for 12 months—throughout 1969. He served with the 44th Medical Division of the 43rd Medical Brigade.

Mike was born in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh and received his graduate degree from Northern Illinois University.

Mike is a 31-year veteran at Harper College where he is an English Professor. He and his wife, Susan, were married and moved to Woodstock in 1991. He has five children. Mike joined Post 5040 three years ago.

Among his community service activities was to serve as a Boy Scout leader for seven years.

### District officer in Thom Gillespie's future?

Thom Gillespie, former Post Commander and Quartermaster of VFW Post 5040, was nominated for District 5 Sr. Vice Commander. Thom accepted the nomination and voting will be later this month.

### We need help selling Poppies!

Woodstock VFW Post 5040 needs taggers for their annual Poppy Days May 18 & 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you can help, please call Fred Noble at (815)-338-5655 or stop at the Post after 4:00 p.m. and sign up.

# Loyalty Day Spaghetti Dinner

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On Saturday, April 28, the Post hosted a Loyalty Day Dinner. Loyalty Day is the first day of May, set aside for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Celebrated in its own way, some VFW posts have marked this day with parades and special functions. The President is requested to issue a proclamation on or before this day, urging Americans to observe this day with ceremonies and proudly displaying the American Flag.

Post 5040 marked this day with a spaghetti dinner. Dinner was free to those members and non-members as a way of saying "thank-you" to those that have volunteered at the Post over the last year, helping out when needed whatever it might have been.

Not a lot of people turned out for this event, but between 50 and 65 dinners were served. Thom Gillespie, Quartermaster, took the stage after most people had dinner and gave a short history about Loyalty Day and presented some award certificates to those members that were present.

It was a very low-key event and those that were there enjoyed socializing over dinner and just relaxing after a beautiful spring day. Brian Ritter held an informal 50/50 raffle event for the "Boiler Fund" in which John Hanson is chairman of. This fund's goal is to raise money to replace the existing two boiler systems at a price tag of about \$5,000. We have a long way to go, but every bit helps.

Certificates were given to several people that were not able to attend this event. Among them were Mike Lackey, for chairing the appliance auction, Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager for providing the March auction with an auctioneer, Jack Fish for providing his time as janitor, kitchen assistant, alarm contact person, courtesy card, and other functions. Alan Gehrke and Jim Gehrke for their work on the Buddy Poppy drive. The below pictures are from this event along with additional awards presented.

Bob and Pat Gaylord were on hand, volunteering of course. They were serving all-you-could-eat spaghetti to those that attended the Loyalty Day spaghetti dinner. No, Bob did not run out of spaghetti. A new batch of noodles was waiting to be dumped right after this photo. (Matt Klos photo).



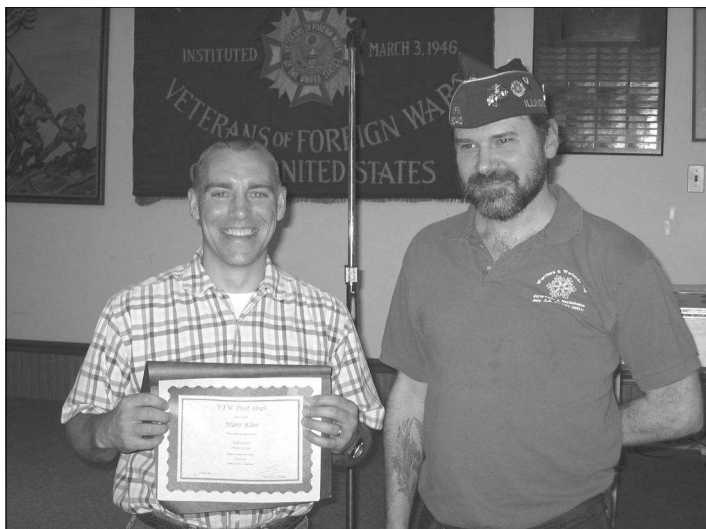
Pat and Bob Gaylord, behind the table, serve Jim Clegg with spaghetti. John Hanson pours salad dressing on his salad and Kim and Jessica Klos begin assembling their salad. (Matt Klos photo).



With some down time between patrons, Bob Gibson(L), Thom Gillespie and Becky Gillespie pause for a quick photo. (Matt Klos photo).



Thom Gillespie presented the Ray Benoy Volunteer of the Year Award to Ralph Ritter and his son Brian Ritter. Pictured is Pat Ritter (L), Ralph's wife accepting the award on his behalf, Thom Gillespie, and Brian Ritter, Ralph's son. Ralph was recognized for work on the dishwasher in the VFW kitchen and emergency plumbing. Brian was recognized for his work on the dishwasher and grease trap plumbing. (Matt Klos photo).



Matt Klos received a certificate from last year for his duties as Post Adjutant in 2005-2006 that did not get presented to him previously. Better late than never Thom mentioned. (Kim Klos photo).



Post Chaplain, Howard Engstrom, receives a certificate from Thom Gillespie for his duties as Post Chaplain, also for 2005-2006. (Matt Klos photo).



Brian Ritter collected money for a 50/50 raffle with half the funds going to the winner, half going to the Boiler Fund. After the awards were presented, current Commander Bill Lyford drew the winning ticket number. Brian's wife, Dawn (R) had the winning ticket. A total of \$90.00 was raised. In the spirit of volunteering as they do, Brian and Dawn announced that their half of the winnings would go to the Boiler Fund. (Matt Klos photo).



## Upcoming events to watch for at the Post

By Becky Gillespie

### May

- **5** - Steak fry. Salad, potato, veggie, and a roll. 5:30 - 8:00 \$10.00 Grilled steak. Reservations required and dinner must be paid in advance. Call the Post at (815)-338-5040.
- **11 & 12** - Soup to Nuts Sale at Post.
- **18 & 19** - Poppy Days.
- **19** - Private hall rental.
- **20** - Fair Diddley - food & beverages available in the parking lot being sponsored by Marine Corps League, Jaycees and the VFW.
- **28** - Memorial Day parade and luncheon.

### June

- **2** - Private Rental - upstairs
- **9** - Private Rental - upstairs
- **16** - Private Rental - upstairs
- **17** - Father's Day Pig Roast

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 March 31,2007				
FISCAL Quarter >>>	JAN FEB MAR			
	Start of Qtr	QTR In	QTR Out	End of Qtr
<b>POST 5040</b>				
1. Admin or App Fees	\$0.00		\$764.00	-\$764.00
2. Nat & Dept Dues	\$1,241.50	\$262.75	\$455.50	\$1,048.75
3. POST Gen Fund	-\$1,961.92	\$15,359.00	\$5,475.31	\$7,921.77
4. POST Relief Fund	\$3,807.95		\$750.00	\$3,057.95
5. Post Dues Reserve Fund	\$622.00	\$265.25		\$887.25
6. New Building Fund	\$17,045.80	\$199.00	\$17,244.80	\$0.00
7. Fly Flag Book Fund	\$1,687.81			\$1,687.81
8. Memorial Day Fund	\$2,306.11			\$2,306.11
9. Other in Post Account	\$59.50	\$51.50	\$95.44	\$15.56
Color Guard	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
10. Honor Guard	\$2,455.49	\$445.00		\$2,900.49
11. TV Fund	\$0.00	\$330.00		\$330.00
12. Post Bar / CANTEEN Acct.	\$1,088.12	\$23,069.90	\$23,099.66	\$1,058.36
13. Post HOME Fund	-\$5,665.90	\$17,471.19	\$12,002.09	-\$196.80
14. Pull Tab Account IL. LISC. P-0839	\$1,233.61	\$900.00	\$399.50	\$1,734.11
15. Savings Account Interest	\$0.00	\$55.94		\$55.94
16. Raffle Account	\$3,302.55			\$3,302.55
Totals:	\$27,722.62	\$58,409.53	\$60,786.30	\$25,345.85
Post AND Savings Total	\$22,098.34	\$34,053.69	\$37,287.14	\$18,864.89
Operations				
Reconciliation of Fund & Account Balances				
Have required payroll deductions been made?	Yes	Savings Acct	\$18,350.43	\$18,350.43
Tax Payments been made to ST. & Fed?	Yes	Canteen Bar	\$2,661.89	\$1,058.36
Sales Taxes collected & PAID?	Yes	Post Acct	\$3,163.97	\$1,540.40
Club employees bonded?	some	Pull Tab Acct	\$1,834.11	\$1,734.11
Amount of outstanding bills?	\$0.00	Raffle Acct	\$2,662.55	\$2,662.55
Value of Real Estate?	\$657,000.00	Uncleared checks	\$3,327.10	\$0.00
Amount of Liability Insurance?	\$2,000,000.00		\$0.00	Quicken Total
Owed on Mortgages & Loans?	\$0.00		\$0.00	Bank Total
				\$25,345.85



Thom and Becky Gillespie hosted a late March dinner to honor Past Commanders at Woodstock VFW 5040. Becky Gillespie is club manager and her husband is immediate Past Commander of Post 5040. From left, front: LaVern Emricson, Dwayne Raney, Fred Douglass, Charles Gehrke and John Hanson. Back: John Sorensen, Mike Vuyovich, Henry Nulle, Bill Lyford, Alan Belcher and Thom Gillespie. (Don Peasley Photo)

## Loyalty Day Tuesday, May 1

Loyalty Day is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

The holiday was first celebrated in the 1930s as Americanization Day, and was intended to serve as a counterweight to May Day, which was celebrated as a Communist holiday.

Loyalty Day is celebrated with parades and ceremonies in communities across the United States, although many people in the United States remain unaware of it. Although a legal holiday, it is not a federal holiday.

The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day; and inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

**86<sup>th</sup> State VFW Convention, Peoria Civic Center, Peoria IL, June 21-24, 2007**

**108<sup>th</sup> National VFW Convention, Kansas City, MO, August 18-23, 2007**

# May 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
29 Private hall rental	30	1 <b>Loyalty Day</b>	2 Wednesday Dinner Specials: BBQ Ribs (\$10) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	4 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	5 <b>Steak Fry</b> 5:00 to 8:00 pm \$10.00 per person <b>Reservations and pre-pay required</b>
6	7 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm	8 Jaycees 7 pm	9 Wednesday Dinner Specials: Prime Rib (\$10) 5 - 7 pm	10	11  <b>Soup 2 Nuts</b> Indoor Garage Sale 8 am - 6 pm Friday Dinner Special: Lasagna w/Garlic Bread (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	12  <b>Soup 2 Nuts</b> Indoor Garage Sale 9 am - 4 pm Saturday Raffle 4 pm
13	14 VFW Board Mtg. 8:30 am VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm Little League 7 pm American Legion 7:30 pm	15	16 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	17 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	18  <b>Poppy Day</b> 8 am - 4 pm We need volunteers! Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	19  <b>Poppy Day</b> 8 am - 4 pm We need volunteers! Saturday Raffle 4 pm
20 <b>Fair Diddley</b> Food and beverages available in the VFW parking lot for purchase.	21 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:30 pm - Floor mtg. <b>Deadline for June 2007 VFW News items</b>	22 VFW Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Jaycees 7 pm	23 Wednesday Dinner Specials: Roast Beef (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	24	25 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	26 <b>Saturday Raffle 4 pm</b>
27	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> Memorial Day Observed 10 am Ceremony on Woodstock Square 11 am Parade 12 pm Lunch at Post	29	30 Wednesday Dinner Specials: Butterfly Shrimp (\$8) or Fried Chicken (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	31	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7 pm	2 Private hall rental - up



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

May always seems to sneak up on us at this time of year and catch us off guard. Just when we start to recover from that winter thaw and start getting into our warm weather clothes, its off to the races with outdoor activities; same goes for the Post. One look at the calendar above and I said to myself, "We really have a lot of stuff that we do in May, don't we?" With Soup to Nuts, Poppy Days, Memorial Day, Fair Diddley, etc. there's a lot to choose from to attend and help out with. If you can and are able, think about giving some time to any of these activities if you can. I know its tough. Time is precious. If you can though, we'd appreciate it. By the way, if any of you have a camera and are at these events, please take a picture or two. If you have a digital camera, that's even better. I could really use the prints to scan in or if you take a digital shot, you could send it to me. Don't forget, Memorial Day weekend is a great time to be with friends and such, but let us not forget what Memorial Day is all about: remembering and honoring all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during wartime.

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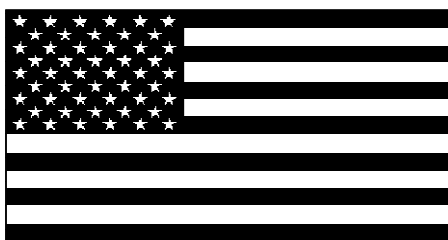

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