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# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



## Heartland Blood Centers

Your community blood service since 1943

### Fourth annual pancake breakfast and blood drive at VFW Post 5040; January 20, 2008

By Matt Klos

John Mencotti, VFW 5040 Post member, is chairing this year's blood drive for the VFW at the end of January. The blood drive is scheduled for **January 20** (that's a Sunday) from **8:30 am to 12:00 pm**. The blood collection agency that will be on site is Heartland Blood Center which will have a mobile coach in the VFW Parking lot to perform the collections.

As a token of appreciation for all donors, a certificate for a free pie from Baker's Square will be given to each person who donates.

To help replenish you after you give blood, John and some of the Post Officers will be cooking a **Pancake Breakfast**. Even if you are unable to donate, come on out for the breakfast. This will be open to the public. Those not donating will have to pay for a meal (\$5), but if you donate, your meal is free! If you plan to donate, remember to:

- Bring a photo ID with you.
- Be in good health and feeling well.
- Eat something before you donate.
- It must be greater than 8 weeks since your last whole blood donation.

Pre-signup for donating blood is preferred. For an appointment, please contact the Woodstock VFW at 815-338-5040, or

John Mencotti at (815)-206-0807. More information can be found on Heartland's website:

[www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org)

Did you know:

- More than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada.
- 43,000 pints: amount of donated blood used each day in the U.S. and Canada.
- Someone needs blood every two seconds.
- Only 37 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood – less than 10 percent do annually.
- About 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
- 94 percent of blood donors are registered voters.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate.
- Red blood cells carry oxygen to the body's organs and tissues.
- Red blood cells live about 120 days in the circulatory system.
- Platelets promote blood clotting and give those with leukemia and other cancers a chance to live.
- Plasma, which is 90 percent water, makes up 55 percent of blood volume.
- Healthy bone marrow makes a constant supply of red cells, plasma and platelets.
- Blood or plasma that comes from people who have been paid for it cannot be used in human transfusion.
- 42 days: how long most donated red blood cells can be stored.
- Five days: how long most donated platelets can be stored.

See MORE BLOOD FACTS, page 5.



Come out for some fun on February 9, 2008 for Sweetheart Fun Night. It's close to Valentine's Day, so we're planning a fun night for you and your sweetheart.

#### Planned Events and Food:

- Live music by the duo **Talisman**
- Lightning Bingo will be played
- 50/50 raffle in addition to the main raffle
- Chicago Style
- Italian Beef and Sausage, \$6.00**
- and more!

Fun starts at 5:00 pm and goes to 10:30 pm or later.

The VFW will be mailing out books of raffle tickets. Each ticket will be \$2.00, a book for \$20. Buy a few or the whole book of 10.

#### Main raffle prizes:

- \$500.00 First prize**
- \$250.00 Second prize**
- \$50.00 Third prize**

Funds raised will support various Post maintenance projects.



## January is National Blood Donor Month

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**Ladies Auxiliary from the President**

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2007-2008

The Ladies Christmas Party was held December 6. Chris Gehrke was the Chairwoman and Barb Gehrke assisted with the games that were played this night. The Auxiliary furnished baked ham for the meal. For the members that were present and whose dues were paid up, we had a drawing for three free dues for the coming year. The winners were: Geraldine Salyers; Nyda Fogarty and Irene Brown.

Margaret Webb is now living in McHenry and recently had knee replacement. We hope to see her around soon and wish her well with her rehab.

We are sad to end this year with the death of four of our members who passed away recently. They are:

- Beulah Polnow**, who lived downstate
- Norma Dacy**
- Mona Wilson**
- Freida Hinner**, who lived at Hearthstone Village.

Our Auxiliary wishes to extend our sympathy to all these families.

The Auxiliary Past Presidents dinner was at a restaurant in Woodstock on Thursday, December 13.

**✠ Chaplains report ✠**

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Cards / Phone Calls

Ron Benoy  
Robert Clark  
Family - Sympathy  
Howard Dermont  
Family - Sympathy

Visits

Jack Meyers  
Jack Fish  
Art Nelson

Wake

Henry Nulle  
Anita Derbyshire -  
wife of Korean vet  
and funeral

Drape Charter

Robert Clark  
Howard Dermont  
Henry Nulle

As we observe another Christmas Season, let us remember that as we exchange gifts with family and friends, they are expressions of our love and devotion to the recipients. These gifts are symbols of the gift of love that God expressed when he gave His son. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I wish you, comrades and families, a Merry Christmas, good health, and God's blessings for the New Year.

*Chaplain Howard Engstrom*

**New 5040 members sworn in**

Bryan Henning (left), qualifies for membership with the Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, and Daniel Regna (right) qualifies with the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Commander Mike David (center), swore in both men at the December 17, 2007 meeting.

Daniel is the Republican candidate for State's Attorney of McHenry County, Illinois in the February 5, 2008 primary. (Matt Klos photo)



## Thanks for all your years of service, Jack

By Matt Klos

The December VFW pre-meeting dinner started out a little differently than in previous months; a special guest was honored this night. Jack Fish, a long time member of the Post, was present with his family and friends. Over the last several months, Jack has suffered several strokes and a heart attack, so he has basically "retired" from performing services down at the Post.

Ralph Ritter began the commendations with some facts about Jack and what he has done for the Post for so many years.

Jack has been married for 49 years to his wife, Barb, who was present at the dinner. They have two sons, Steve who lives in Florida and Andrew, who lives in Minnesota, was at the dinner that night.

Jack joined the Woodstock VFW about six months after the Charter was signed in March of 1946. Serving in the United States Army, Jack was a tank driver in the 701 Armored Division during WWII which qualified him for membership for the VFW.

Jack joined many committees in the VFW, even once running for Commander against Joe Thiede, a race in which he lost. However, he served on the Board of Officers and Honor Guard for many years.

By trade, Jack is a professional painter. Going back to the August 1955 issue of the VFW News, Jack had an ad in the newsletter for "Painting, decorating, and paperhanging". This was not his only skill though. Jack could work on anything at the post. Many years ago, when the Post had slot machines, Jack maintained the machines to keep them in working order.

Jack was a continuous fixture at the post, performing janitorial duties, cleaning, and helping out. For many years, he worked in the kitchen, cutting fish and potatoes to prep for the fish fry's that the Post had on a regular basis. He would do his normal duties on the clock, then punch out and return later in the day to volunteer his time to something that needed to be done. That was just how he was.

He was also a man that wanted to make sure that the deceased soldiers were remembered on Memorial Day. He headed up the committee for placing the small US flags in the cemeteries by veterans markers, setting up and taking them away each year so the flags could be reused every year.

After Ralph Ritter had given a little overview, VFW members were asked if

they wanted to say a few words about Jack. Several volunteers stepped up.

"I remember when the piano fell on him that he was trying to move himself upstairs," recounted Bob Gibson, "I spent a lot of time cleaning at the Post while Jack recovered. We spent lots of time together at the Post. Jack liked to be 'first' at the Post before I got there to open the place up. Didn't like anyone to have to wait on him. He knew the building inside and out. He did things here because they had to be done. Simple as that."

Bob Gaylord has known Jack for many years started out with, "I don't know who you're talking about...(just kidding). We've enjoyed having you here."

Bartender Anne Wojtas thanked Jack for his "work at the bar, cleaning of the towels, setup, etc. Thank you so much for

all that you've done."

Sid Sherwin gave a little ribbing at Jack. One of the comments Sid remembered Jack would say when Jack got a little flustered over how something was handled by someone else, "I'm not one for getting into your business, but this is how I would do it..."

As the dinner closed, Jack's wife Barb thanked the attendees for the dinner and said that "it was very much appreciated."

Jack had the closing comments. He too thanked everyone and said he was, "just doing my part to make it better."

The Post thanks you for your many years of work, Jack. We'll miss what you did every week, but you know you are welcome to come down anytime to visit with your Post family and friends. Rest up, take it easy, and enjoy 2008.



VFW Quartermaster Ralph Ritter (left), Jack Fish, Jack's wife Barb, their son Andrew, and Commander Mike David (right), gather for photos after the spaghetti appreciation dinner held for Jack Fish before the regular VFW meeting on December 17, 2007. (Matt Klos photo)



Bob Gibson gives longtime friend Jack Fish a hug after the appreciation dinner for Jack. According to Gibson, "Jack...did things here because they had to be done. Simple as that." (Matt Klos photo)

**Happy 2008 VFW  
Post 5040 and  
Auxiliary!**  
From your Post  
and Auxiliary Officers



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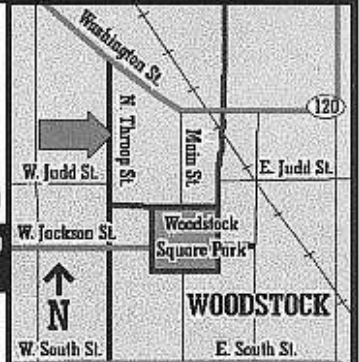
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## A tribute to Chuck Gehrke

By Don Peasley

Earlier this year (August) Chuck Gehrke, one of our dedicated VFW members and Past Commanders, died. More recently, Henry Nulle (November), also a Past Commander, died.

Gehrke served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam 1966-1970. He joined the VFW while still in the Marine Corps. He married Chris Victory who became quite active in the Auxiliary, joining it in 1969.

Chuck and Chris were an active couple in so many VFW events. At one time they hosted a children's Christmas party and Chris remembers shopping for gifts for each child who signed up and wrapping the gifts individually. They also helped with the Little Commander's Contest and the VFW Picnic.

For many years Chuck was involved in Bingo. With the help of Jim and Barb Gehrke as well as Chris, they literally kept that fundraising project going for many years. Chuck was quite active in the Woodstock Moose Lodge, joining in 1970 and serving as Governor in 1997. He took part in many of their fundraising programs, too.

Chuck worked his way to VFW leadership, becoming Commander in 1975. His brother Jim served as Commander in 1977 and 1978 and Chuck assumed the VFW leadership again in 1979.

Chris remembers how they both helped serve many VFW dinners, including the memorable Saddle Club dinners. Chuck had a stroke in 1997 but recovered sufficiently to attend VFW meetings. He died August 26, 2007, 64 years of age.

I remember Chuck umpired in Woodstock Little League for 20 years and also umpired in Girls Softball League. Chuck and Chris had three children: Mike, Elburn; Michelle, Capron; and John, Woodstock.

The deaths of Chuck and Henry calls my attention to the fact that since 2005 seven of our Past Commanders have died. A look at the VFW News provides this information: Kenneth Kerns, 80, April 14, 2005; Del Heidenreich, 83, August 22, 2005; Arthur Schuld Jr., 72, August 26, 2005; Earl Holm, 84, October 15, 2005; Joe Thiede, 88, March 11, 2006; Charles Gehrke, 64, August 26, 2007; and Henry Nulle, 80, November 22, 2007.

## More blood facts

Continued from page 1.

- One year: how long frozen plasma can be stored.
- Much of today's medical care depends on a steady supply of blood from healthy donors.
- 2.7 pints: the average whole blood and red blood cell transfusion.
- Children being treated for cancer, premature infants and children having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types, especially type O.
- A patient could be forced to pass up a lifesaving organ, if compatible blood is not available to support the transplant.
- Thirteen tests (11 for infectious diseases) are performed on each unit of donated blood.
- Two most common reasons cited by people who don't give blood are: "Never thought about it" and "I don't like needles".
- Donating blood is a safe process. A sterile needle is used only once for each donor and then discarded.
- 17 percent of non-donors cite "never thought about it" as the main reason for not giving, while 15 percent say they're too busy.
- The #1 reason blood donors say they give is because they "want to help others."
- Shortages of all blood types happen during the summer and winter holidays.
- Blood centers often run short of types O and B red blood cells.
- If only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.
- 46.5 gallons: amount of blood you could donate if you begin at age 17 and donate every 56 days until you reach 79 years old.
- You cannot get AIDS or any other infectious disease by donating blood.
- 10 to 12 pints: amount of blood in the body of an average adult.
- Blood makes up about 7 percent of your body's weight.
- Giving blood will not decrease your strength.
- There is no substitute for human blood.

**Please donate blood January 20, 2008**

## 45 unpaid members

Wondering if you have already paid your 2007-2008 membership fee? As of December 18, 2007, the list below shows those members that have NOT paid their dues as of yet according to the VFW National Membership list.

Why not start the year off right and pay your dues? Contact VFW Post 5040 Quartermaster Ralph Ritter if you have questions. For those of you that pay annually, dues are \$30 a year. For Life Memberships, the rates are as follows:

Attained Age	2007-08 Fee
Through 30	<b>\$425</b>
31-40	<b>\$410</b>
41-50	<b>\$375</b>
51-60	<b>\$335</b>
61-70	<b>\$290</b>
71-80	<b>\$225</b>
80 and up	<b>\$170</b>

Aiello, Andrew C	Wonder Lake, IL
Barone, Phillip	Lake In The Hills, IL
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Borchardt, Orville A	Woodstock, IL
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## General Primary Elections, February 5, 2008

For Illinois: Last day to register to vote January 8, 2008

Grace Period Registration and Voting First Day January 9, 2008 | Last Day January 22, 2008

Early Voting for Primary | First Day January 14, 2008 | Last Day January 31, 2008

VOTE!

VOTE!



## A tribute to Henry Nulle

By Don Peasley

Perhaps a much repeated remark in his talk before a gathering at the McHenry County Historical Society in 2005 helps reflect Henry Nulle's approach to his career as a professional law enforcement official. In his talk he described examples of unforeseen events happening causing injury or death to police and members of the sheriff's department.

His warning was to the point when he described what happened in an October 1965 situation, "Both officers lost a leg because of this altercation. I repeat 'Don't Get Careless.'" Nulle, 80, died November 22.

Those of us at the VFW remember Hank for his willingness to become a part of the leadership at Post 5040. He not only served as Post Commander. During the Post's 50th anniversary in 1996 he also answered Bill Lyford's call to join him as an officer in 2006-2007.

Hank served as Senior Vice Commander with Commander Lyford. Hank was also a leader in the American Legion Post as well as in the Masonic Lodge and the Woodstock Elks Lodge.

I remember him as a member of the Little League Board 1968-1970 and as a player agent for two years and umpire for several years.

He was proud of his family's service in McHenry County. His grandfather was in the livery business and brought the post office from Coral to Union. He was also village marshal at Union for 18 years.

His father, Henry "Hick" Nulle was chief of police in Marengo before entering county politics, elected sheriff in 1934. At that time the Nulle family lived in Marengo or Woodstock so Henry attended high schools at both communities.

Henry remembered that the sheriff's wife had to cook for prisoners which was required in the old courthouse with the jail attached to the building on the square.

Henry left Woodstock High School in 1944 to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to an aircraft repair vessel and served as signalman aboard the ship. While in the Pacific War Theater the ship was caught in a typhoon, two men being swept overboard. After the war he was assigned to shore patrol duty in Seattle until his discharge in 1948.

He joined the McHenry County Sheriff's Department in March 1954 and worked his way through every rank.

Alice was a switchboard operator for the sheriff's office. They were married in

September 1956.

Before being elected sheriff in 1980 for a two-year term, he had served in the department under the following sheriffs: Harry Herendeen, Melvin Griebel, Ed Dowd, John Carroll, Art Tyrrell and Theron Ehorn.

In talking to Historical Society members he recalled such situations as a missing wife, suicide, bomb threat at Harvard High School and a hot pursuit of a car that reached 100 miles per hour before crashing into a roadblock at Routes 14 and 23.

He also recalled the death of Deputy Kirk Schroeder when their patrol car skidded on a wet road and crashed into a culvert. Again, he remarked "Don't Get Careless."

He told of another roadblock situation at Routes 14 and 47 where he exchanged gunfire while in pursuit of a robber. Nulle recalled, "As a fleeing vehicle passed me I get a bullet through the windshield. I pursued the fleeing car and fired a couple of shots. I know one shot hit the back of his car because the driver flinched. He lost control and smashed into a tree on McHenry Avenue. The driver's face was smashed through the window. He appeared to be unconscious."

"There's a gun on the car seat. I removed the gun. I called for an ambulance and he was taken to the hospital under heavy guard."

"While he is laying on the operating table the doctor unzips his jacket. Surprise! He had another gun in a shoulder holster. Again, Don't Get Careless."

Nulle also talked about the sad situation of two women being killed in the McHenry area in 1970 and how a department investigation found evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

His memories of thousands of situations reflected keen dedication and serious resolve to be the best law enforcement officer possible. He applied this same dedication in his community service through so many community organizations.

In a message to Alice Nulle after the funeral, a comment from Eloy "Borgie" Borgeson of Hebron typifies public appreciation of Nulle's life.

Wrote Borgeson, "Hank was one of my teachers during my career with the sheriff's department. He taught me important lessons I carried with me through my career and my life: Patience, persistence, kindness and some good jokes. He is remembered as a very good police officer but more importantly, Hank was a very good man."

Those sentiments reflect my relationship with Henry and in the mirrored ways I observed him or associated with him in his endeavors in our community.

## Tax breaks for disabled and returning veterans

The 2007 homestead legislation created two new exemptions for veterans that take effect for the 2007 tax year:

- The Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption provides qualifying Veterans a one-time \$5,000 reduction to their home's equalized assessed value (EAV). Qualifying Veterans who return from active duty in an armed conflict involving the U.S. armed forces can file an application upon their return home to receive this exemption.
- The new Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption provides a reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owned by a Veteran with a service-connected disability certified by the U. S. Department of Veterans' Affairs. A \$2,500 homestead exemption is available to a Veteran with a service-connected disability of at least 50% but less than 75% or a \$5,000 homestead exemption is available to a veteran with a service connected disability of at least 75%. Percentage of disability will be determined by certification from US Department of Veterans Affairs. Form will describe documents that will be required for proof of eligibility. Exemption continues with unmarried surviving spouse. Assessed value of property must be less than \$250,000.

Several counties like Champaign, Lake, McHenry, and Peoria will not officially establish a due date to file for the new homestead exemptions.

"Because property taxes are filed at the county level, deadlines for the homestead exemptions vary throughout the state. Veterans who qualify for these exemptions should contact their local assessor's office to inquire about the deadline and forms...." said Brian Hamer, Director of Illinois Department of Revenue.

For more information and to obtain the proper forms, contact Ted Biever, our VFW Post 5040 Service Officer. He is a Veterans Service Officer for the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. Phone number at his office is 815-338-9292 and hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

# January 2008

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise - closing times vary depending on patronage) ☆☆☆☆☆

Closed	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1  Happy New Year - 2008	2	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	4 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	5 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
6	7 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	8	9	10	11 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm	12 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
13	14 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	15	16 Cub Scouts - 7 pm	17 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm  Persian Gulf War Began (1991)	18 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm	19 POWW Entertainment presents <b>Pro Wrestling Winter Warfare Tour 2008</b> \$15 at door 6pm Doors Open 7pm Start Saturday Raffle 4 pm
20 <b>Annual Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast</b> Complimentary breakfast for blood donors. Donation times from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  Your community blood service since 1943	21 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. <b>Deadline for February 2008 VFW News items</b>  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 Jaycees 7:30 pm	23 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	24	25 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm	26 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
27  Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)	28	29	30	31	1 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm  National Freedom Day	2 Saturday Raffle 4 pm  Groundhog Day

## Final roll call for our deceased members of VFW Post 5040 December 17, 2007

The following 21 VFW Post 5040 members were remembered at the last Post meeting of the 2007 year with a bell tolling. Each of the deceased Veterans will be remembered for their duty to country and the contributions they made in life. May God bless each of our departed comrades and their families:

- John Brown
- Albert Burke
- Robert W. Clark
- Fredrick E. DeLance
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So, we begin a new year with hope and promises of good fortune and health. I hope that 2007 was a good year and I look forward to what 2008 brings.

My wish for each of you this new year is to help out some way in your community by giving your time, as precious as it may be, to helping others, be it the VFW, our schools, or any other organization that benefits the well being of our community.

With 2008 comes new challenges and change. I wish you each the best and a healthy, happy new year!



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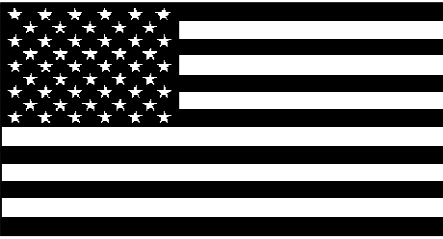
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