



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Mathey honored for service to VFW Post 5040

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On Monday, March 17, at the end of the pre-meeting meal that takes place every third Monday of the month, VFW Post 5040 member Charles "Chuck" Mathey was honored with a plaque presented by VFW Post Commander Mike David. The service award read "Woodstock Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5040, Service Award, Charley Mathey, For Dedicated Service To His Post, Comrades, and the Community, Presented by Mike David, Post Commander, March 17, 2008".

This was really a formal "thank you" to Chuck for all the work he has done, not only at the Post but in the community in general.

At funerals and Memorial Day, you will find Chuck with rifle in hand as part of the Woodstock Honor Guard. He has been a member of the VFW squad for more than 50 years. He has marched in the local parades, participated in school flag raisings, and helped out with other Woodstock non-profit organizations. When the VFW collects money for VFW Poppy Days, you'll find Chuck out at Route 120 and Greenwood, this being a favorite spot of his to collect donations.

On Memorial Day, he helps place the small US Flags beside grave markers in the local cemeteries. Around the post, he helps clean the kitchen and fryers, performs general maintenance, and lends a hand when needed for any major task.

Chuck, who is 78 years old, does have a life outside the VFW. He retired from Union Special in Huntley where he worked for more than 40 years.

As far as his military career, Chuck served in the Army from 1951-1953 due in part to the draft instituted at that time. In 1952 he served in Korea. While in the Army, he worked in an evacuation hospital motor pool, maintaining equipment and trucks.

Chuck and his wife Norine have four children (three boys and one girl). An interesting note is that their daughter and her husband are both teachers. They teach at bases around the world, schooling military dependents while the parents are stationed on base. Two of his sons are local and the third is out in Washington state.

The Post sincerely thanks you, Chuck, for all your hard work that you have done over these many years and your service to your community.

Family gather around Chuck after being presented with a VFW Service Award. Left to right: Jim Mathey (Charles's son), Mark Mathey (grandson), Charles Mathey, Nick Mathey (grandson and Jim Mathey's son), Norine (Charles's wife), Tom Mathey (Charles's son), Shaina Mathey (granddaughter). (Matt Klos photo.)



VFW Post 5040 Commander Mike David, right, congratulates Charles Mathey, left, after presenting Chuck with a service plaque on March 17, 2008. (Matt Klos photo.)

Lightning strikes VFW Post 5040

It's official! If you have not seen the signs or heard from a friend, the raffle game of Lightning is now being played on Friday nights at VFW Post 5040.

It will be played every Friday at 7:00 pm sharp. It will last until about 8:30 pm. The kitchen closes at 7:30 in case you want to eat and play Lightning.

Come down and give it a try. If you want more information about it, see the March 2008 issue of the VFW News, available on the website.



Soup to nuts sale



just over a month away!

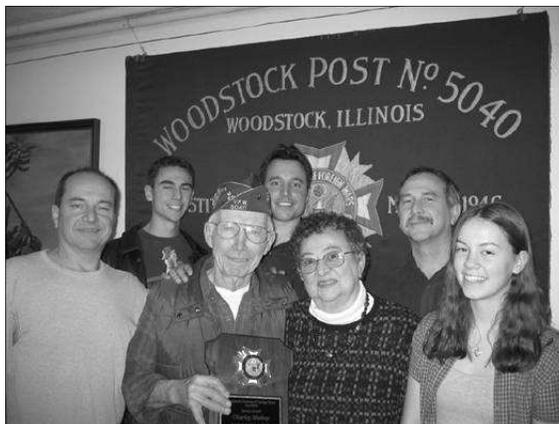
By Russ and Donna Freeman

Ok, hopefully the last snow has come and gone. That means spring cleaning and also time to think about our Soup to Nuts Sale, our annual sell-anything-indoor-garage-sale which will be coming up at the beginning of May. While you are doing your spring cleaning, set aside all the old treasures you have no use for anymore. The sale will be **Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10.**

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.

We will also need help for setting up and selling, so check your calendars to see if you can help out on these days.



Ladies Auxiliary: from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2007-2008

Chris Gehrke gave a report about the last District meeting. A Memorial Service was held for all the departed sisters of the Auxiliaries in the District during this past year. At our March 6 meeting, the Charter was draped in remembrance of our deceased members from our Auxiliary.

We thank all the members who have responded to our recent dues plea by sending in their dues. Thank you also for the donations for our bakeless bake sale. This is the only means we have to raise any money for our Treasury to help pay for our expenses every month.

There is only three months left in this Auxiliary year, so please try to pay your dues if you have not already done so.

The Spring Frolic dinner will be held on April 19 at Winthrop Harbor. The District Commander and District President will be honored on this night. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Our sympathy to the Chaplain of our Auxiliary, Karen Wells, on the death of her father, John Eggum. He was 94. He passed away at a home in Monroe, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Eggum would have been married 71 years in July. Over the years, he was a great contributor and fund raiser for the Woodstock Opera House and for the Catholic Education fund in McHenry County. His funeral was at Grace Lutheran Church and burial at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Results of the March 1 spaghetti dinner and auction

Chairman Mike Lackey considered the March 1 auction an overall success. About 67 spaghetti dinners were paid for.

Many local businesses donated gift certificates to the auction as well as some donating actual items. Mike indicated that were many good deals for those that came this night.

A big "thank you" to Woodstock Mayor, Brian Sager, for performing the auctioneering. He did a wonderful job of keeping the auction moving and getting the audience to participate.

Although a success, Mike Lackey hopes that we get more participation next year from our membership and community. More people would have made it a little more fun. Thanks to everyone that helped.

✠ Chaplains report ✠

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Drape Charter:

Ken Korst

Going into its sixth year, Operation Iraqi Freedom reaches the 4,000 U.S. casualty mark on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008.

We salute these departed soldiers and

pray for the families and friends that each has left behind. May God provide comfort and healing for each of them.

Please keep our military in your thoughts and daily prayers, that they are comforted and kept as safe as can be while they perform their duties, where ever they are in the world.

Woodstock and VFW members continue to finalize plans for Woodstock's 2008 Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 26. From left: Nyda Fogarty and Gay Belcher. Back: Dwayne Raney, Brad Limbaugh, Marvin Munson and Dick Schroeder. Gay Belcher and Dick Schroeder are co-chairpersons of the committee. Absent from photo: Bill Urch, Dick Glawe, Don Stage and Bev Limbaugh. (Don Peasley photo.)



Books and magazines being collected to send to troops

By Anne Brophy

One of the military units affiliated with my unit, the 416th Theater Engineer Command (TEC) is being deployed.

The 416th Theater Engineer Command is collecting paperbacks and old magazines to send to deploying units.

Please bring the gently used reading material to the Woodstock VFW and place in the collection box.

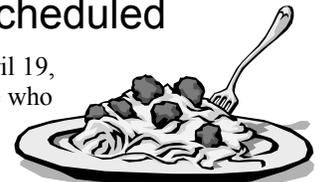
Thank you for your support.



Loyalty Day spaghetti dinner scheduled

Loyalty Day Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday April 19, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm following the meat raffle. Anyone who has volunteered their time this past year for the VFW is entitled to eat free. Everyone is invited, however, for those who haven't volunteered, the cost will be \$6.00 per person.

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. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar.



Kenneth Korst, VFW Commander in 1965 was among 15 Past Commanders of Post 5040 who participated in the Post's 35th anniversary in March 1981. We use this photo as a tribute to all Post 5040 Commanders, Past and Present: from left, front: Don Wilkerson, Maynard Wilkerson, Bill Mansfield, Joe Thiede, Roy Stackhouse and Arnie Romo. Back: Nick Stemper, Dean Mishler, **Ken Korst**, Dwayne Raney, Ed Wille, Bob Molthen, Fred Douglass, Charles Gehrke and Jim Gehrke. (Don Peasley photo.)



Past VFW 5040 Commander Ken Korst dies

By Don Peasley

The death of Kenneth Korst February 22, 2008, VFW Commander in 1965, calls attention that since 2001 a total of 12 former Commanders of Post 5040 have died. Many were World War II veterans but it's significant that some were leaders since then, including during the Vietnam War, or in Korst's case, the Korean War. He was communication specialist during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956.

Ken was born in Flaxton, North Dakota November 13, 1933. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. A Post World War II veteran, he served in Germany 1954-56 with the Naval Occupational forces. He also served aboard three destroyers: USS Gyatt, USS McCord and USS Johnson.

On March 2, 1957 Ken married Gertrude Hinner. They lived in Woodstock and had three children: Cheryl Dye, Rockford; Michael, Morris; and Beverly Schoepke, Big Bend, Wisconsin. Many people will remember Gertrude as a cheerful checkout employee at the Eagle Food Store in Woodstock before her death in 1998.

At the time of his election as VFW Commander in 1965, Ken was employed at the Pure Oil Research Center in Crystal Lake. He retired in 1999 after 33 years of service with the Ringwood Morton Chemical Company.

Family members tell us Ken enjoyed singing, playing golf and suffering along with thousands of Cubs and Bear fans. Fishing and boating were among his recreational enjoyments.

During the era when he was VFW Commander, V-J Day and Pageant of Drums was an outstanding community activity. The national VFW praised Post 5040 saying, "This patriotic event is the finest project sponsored by any VFW Post in the country."

During the time Ken served as Com-

mander, skepticism was growing in the United States concerning the success of the war in Vietnam. Protests were becoming more prominent.

Korst and Dwayne Raney were in charge of Post 5040's 20th anniversary celebration in March 1966. It's interesting to note the Past Commanders living at that time who attended the milestone event. They included: Frank Cacci, Bill Mansfield, Roy Stackhouse, Bob Behler, Dean Mishler, Don Wilkerson, Bill Thomson, Nick Stemper, LaVern Emricson, Arnold Romo, Earl Holm, Joe Thiede, Art Schuld and Ken Korst.

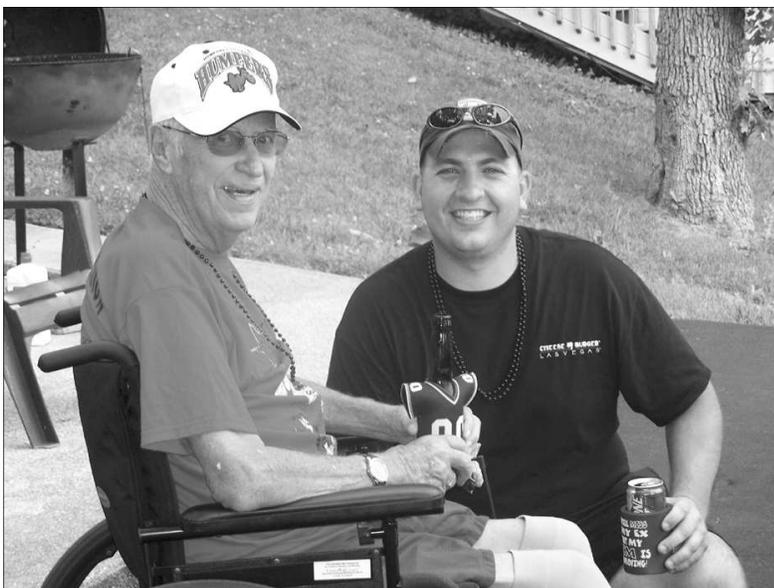
One activity Korst talked about at the 20th anniversary dinner was the way the VFW works behind the scenes to help veterans and their families in need of help. He explained this is administered through

the Bogardus Fund, money set aside by the county board to help veterans.

The Woodstock *VFW News* for April 1966 reported Judge Jim Cooney, a charter member, was the keynote speaker and that Cooney recalled, "Post 5040 began on the steps of the Odd Fellows Hall when a group of World War II veterans decided they needed a VFW Post in Woodstock."

Reflecting once more on the loss of our VFW members and specifically Past Commanders, here's a tribute to all those Past Commanders who have died since 2001: Bob Molthen, Ervin Berg, LeRoy Corey, Roy Stackhouse, Kenneth Kerns, Del Heidenreich, Athur Schuld Jr., Earl Holm, Joe Thiede, Charles Gehrke, Henry Nulle and Kenneth Korst.

Memorial service and funeral service were held Saturday, March 1, 2008.



Ken Korst, left, and his grandson Eric Zingre, attend an annual family outing in June of 2007 at Lake of the Ozarks.

After the memorial service on March 1, friends and family gathered at the VFW.

One of Ken's favorite outings was to the VFW for the Saturday raffle drawing held at 4 pm sharp.

Blue Star Banner Group holds first meeting

By Don Peasley

Families and friends of men and women deployed as members of the Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan met with organizers of the Blue Star Banner Group on February 28. The meeting, explained Anne Brophy, was to let family members know there is help available for those with a family member overseas.

"Blue Star Banner Group is a group for participants to provide support for each other," said Brophy, veteran with service in Kuwait, Iraq and Peru. "We want people to know support is available and that people are physically available to help one another. We want people to know they are not alone."

Alan Belcher is assisting with this new-found

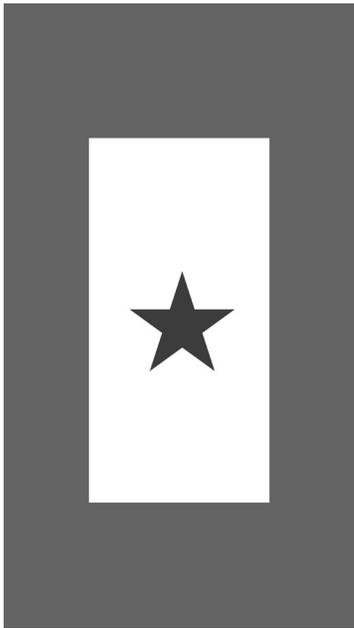
support group. Special guest at the meeting was Dr. James Brophy, Waukegan, a dentist, retired from 20 years of service in the Coast Guard.

Dr. Brophy, father of Anne Brophy, discussed ways the Elks are providing help and comfort to veterans with a series of programs and listed some ways the Blue Star Banner Group can be helpful.

He suggested such activities as adopting a veteran at a hospital, preparing care kits and conducting veteran remembrance programs with family members.

Mike Iwanicki, superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County, discussed services for soldiers and their families through the county. Mike David, Commander for Woodstock VFW, explained services available through the VFW.

The Woodstock VFW donated the use of their building and provided refreshments for the meeting.



Three veterans discuss starting a Blue Star Banner group to provide support to families and friends of servicemen deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This trio met with those who wanted to learn more about availability of help when family members are deployed overseas.

The meeting was held at the VFW which is helping coordinate Blue Star Banner Group services.

From left: Alan Belcher, Anne Brophy and Dr. James Brophy, Waukegan. He talked to the group of service to veterans provided through the Elks Lodge. Dr. Brophy is a 20-year veteran of the Coast Guard. (Don Peasley photo.)

News from your Service Officer

Ted Biever, Semper Fi
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By this time I hope everyone knows about the homestead tax exempt for Veterans rated 50 percent or more, if not please contact me.

Effective February 1, 2008 the VA raised Travel Pay for the first time in 30 years. The increase is from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile for travel to and from a VA facility. They also raised the deductible which was \$3.00 one way & \$6.00 round trip to \$7.77 one-way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip with a maximum deductible of \$46.62 per calendar month.

Those eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel to or from a VA facility or other place for the purpose of examination, treatment or care include:

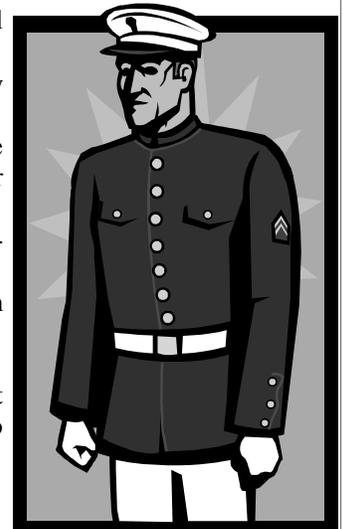
- Veterans rated 30% or more service-connected

for travel relating to any condition;

- Veterans rated less than 30% disabled for travel relating to their service-connected condition;
- Veterans receiving VA pension benefits for any condition;
- Veterans with an annual income below the maximum applicable annual rate of pension for all condition;
- Veterans traveling in relation to a compensation and pension exam;
- Veterans in an authorized Volk-Rehab program for all conditions.

If you have any questions please call me. (Don't ask what the deductible is for, nobody seems to know.) Thank you for your Service to our Country.

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Lynn Brown, 1959 VFW 5040 football award recipient, dies

By Don Peasley, VFW News
Editor 1955-2002

The untimely death of Lynn Brown February 20 calls attention to the time he was honored by the VFW as winner of the "Most Valuable Football Player" award in November 1959. The VFW a few years earlier had started this award to recognize outstanding achievement on the gridiron and to honor high school athletes at both Woodstock High School (WHS) and St. Mary's High School.

When Marian opened in 1959 the VFW honored the first Marian MVP, Tom Harding, a junior on Tom Parsley's team. After his career as one of Woodstock's most outstanding athletes Brown was quite active in the Woodstock community, in his church, civic organizations and Chamber of Commerce golf outing.

Brown, 66, died as a result of cancer diagnosed in April 2007. In his eulogy, Bruce Farris described Brown as "a role model whether on the track, basketball court, football field or baseball diamond. His leadership inspired the play of his teammates."

Farris commented on another aspect of Lynn's life, asserting, "Lynn's focus was on his family. He had learned a disciplined work ethic in his teenage years and continued this his entire life. He never wished to be a rich man, only the best provider possible for his family."

Speaking to Lynn's wife Sandra at the close of the eulogy, Farris said, "I know that the nearly 50 years you had together with Lynn brought you untold joys. If only every couple could experience the true love you had for one another which seemed to grow as the years passed. What a wonderful example you have set for your children and grandchildren."

Brown's contribution to the Woodstock community extended far beyond the athletic field. He served on the board of the First Presbyterian Church over 30 years. He was a 30-year member of the Woodstock Kiwanis Club. He was an active member of the Woodstock Backers Club and helped with their fundraising projects.

As a Backer Club member he was a leader in urging the school board to continue funding athletic activities at a time when a financial crisis prompted the board to consider eliminating or reducing funds for sports activities.

One esteem Brown's teammates

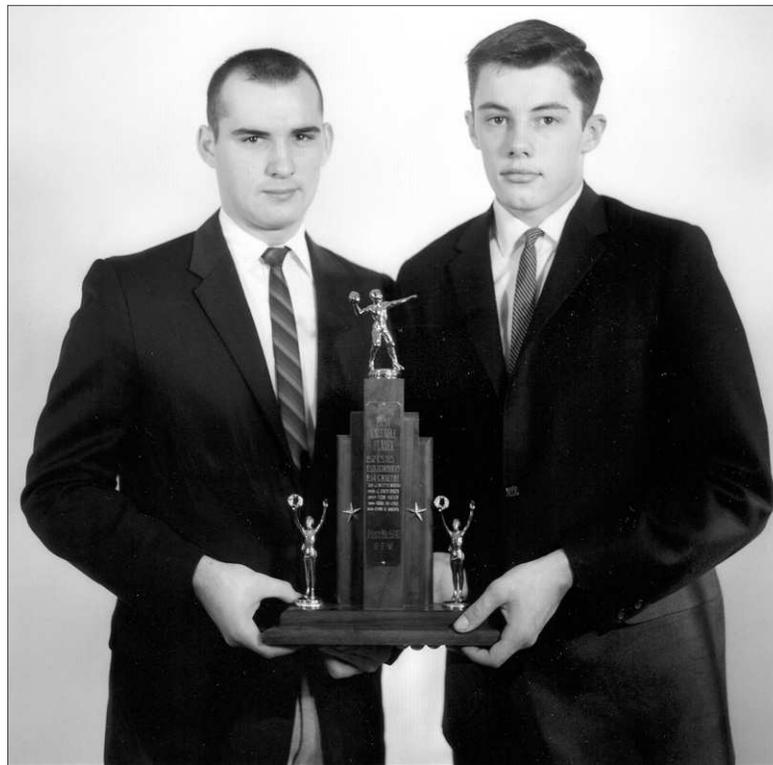
showed for this tall, athletic teammate was the appearance of 10 members of that 1959 championship team for Brown's funeral at the First Presbyterian Church. Coach Bud Swartout, an expert in designing defensive strategy, headed that list of team members at the farewell for Brown: Rick Houda, John Bates, Frank Houda, Bob Schultz, Duane Andes, Jerry Steig, Rex Ritter, Jim Hicks, Bill Hanson and Tom Parker.

Brown's athletic prowess showed up as an eighth grader at Olson Junior High School in 1955-56. At WHS in 1956 to 1960 he earned 11 varsity letters and was a varsity athlete in several sports from his freshman year. He was an outstanding catcher on the baseball team, ran sprints

for the track team, played guard on the basketball team, then had a tryout with three major league baseball teams.

He tried out for the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field July 10, 1961. Tryouts for the Chicago White Sox and Cincinnati Reds followed. One highlight of that experience was to hit home runs at Wrigley Field and at Comiskey Park during those tryouts. Surgery on his throwing elbow, however, ended his athletic career.

Brown and his wife Sandra Church were married in 1962. He was co-owner of Brown & Company CPAs in Woodstock. Lynn and Sandra have two daughters, Lisa Rosati and Laura Brown, and a son, Jeffrey Brown.



Lynn Brown (left) and Tom Harding were recipients of the Woodstock VFW's "Most Valuable Football Player" awards at the close of the 1959 season. Brown was the Woodstock High School quarterback that led the team to the North Suburban League championship. Harding, a junior, was an outstanding defensive player at Marian Central. The VFW established this award soon after Post 5040 was established in 1946 and continued it for several years. (Don Peasley photo.)

Nominations for 2008-2009 VFW officers announced

At the March 17 meeting, nominations were taken for VFW Post 5040 officers that will serve for the 2008-2009 year beginning in July. For several of these positions, current officers will be moving up one level above their current position for the next year. Positions and nominations are as follows:

Commander: Fred Noble

Senior Vice Commander: Mike Lackey

Junior Vice Commander: Ed Lump

Quartermaster: -- open --

Chaplain: -- open --

Judge Advocate: Dick Glawe

Post Surgeon: Harold Irwin

Adjutant: Alan Belcher

1 Year Trustee: Larry Dhom

2 Year Trustee: Brian Ritter

3 Year Trustee: Arnie Doerfert

At the April 21 meeting, nominations will be open for a final round. After the close of nominations, voting will commence.

If you would like to nominate someone or even yourself, you will have to be present at this meeting.



From the editor's desk

By Matt Klos
VFW News Editor

At the last Post meeting on March 17, we had 22 members attending the meeting. This represents about 4.5% of our total membership. We usually do between 25-30 people, so we were a little light this night. Towards the end of the meeting, we held nominations for the officer positions for the upcoming year. Several of the officers this year are bumping up one level and filling the next senior positions above them. I give these guys a lot of credit because they are willing to give more of their own time to lead the Post in the next year. They've already done a full year, yet they keep on going. We also have some positions that are open that will need to be filled in the coming year.

The Chaplain is one of the positions that need to be filled. Howard Engstrom has been dedicated to this position for many years and has presided over many funerals and wakes. He has visited many members and kept in communication with those who are home bound, in the hospital, etc. It takes a lot of work and requires a lot of driving in some cases. Howard has some home matters that are now priority and require more attention. We thank him for all he has done and the lives he has touched.

The Quartermaster position is another. Ralph Ritter took over this position last year and from day one was instituting book keeping measures that he saw fit to improve our Post financial tracking, consolidation or elimination of certain accounts that we were tracking for many years but doing nothing with, etc. He stepped up, made some changes that he felt would help the Post and future Quartermaster's, and we are grateful for this. It's like running a small business. You have to dedicate some time to figure out the financials and sometimes you have to make some tough decisions. Due to some health issues, Ralph cannot go forward with this position for the next year. Thanks for all you've done Ralph. Your dedication and concern for what you were responsible for has really shown through in what you have done over the past year.

So bringing you back to the nominations again,

when these two positions came up, how many hands were raised that were willing to take on the Quartermaster or Chaplain position? I bet you know the answer. There weren't any. For the Chaplain position, Pete Lockinger, who was assistant Chaplain last year, might be able to fill in for next year. However, for Quartermaster, I think this, out of all the positions at the Post, requires the most time and dedication to. It's not easy. You have to spend some time at it knowing what goes where, authorizing payments, getting involved with anything financially that comes through the Post, etc. Last months issue of the VFW News listed just some of the duties of each officer. Besides the Commander, the Quartermaster had a laundry list of responsibilities.

Leaving that meeting, sadly I think I foresaw what was ahead in the coming months. I don't know if we will have anyone step up for Quartermaster this year. Will we have a repeat of what has happened in previous years, all positions but the QM being filled? As our membership grows older each year, the list of potential candidates to fill these positions becomes smaller and smaller. Even with new members coming into our Post, we may see them once or twice at a meeting after they are sworn in, but they don't return. So our pool of younger members to draw from is very limited.

I feel bad about it each year, as I know positions come up. I think to myself, "...I might be able to fill a void within the Post by doing that position." But that thought quickly fades when I think about what I have already going on with my family, church, kids sports, coaching, work, etc. Many of you know what I mean. You've been there. Some of you had families with kids that are now grown, so you know the balance you tried to perform. However, not everyone may be doing this same juggling act at this point in their lives. Some may have some extra time on their hands and are eager to fill it up with something. Maybe its with another organization. Maybe its with church. Maybe taking up a position at the Post this year might fill this void, getting reacquainted with some old friends and some new. All that I am asking is that you might help give back to the Post in the form of volunteering some of your time. We could use your help. Thanks in advance for considering this.

Has it ever happened and suddenly peas are pink and not what you think? Sometimes you know what a duck is. Apples can be used as purple corn flowers during the rainy season on laundry day. I like to play Fa la la while skipping oranges across open flames, hoping I don't laugh as Mike's shirt turns blue. Seriously, Don isn't that close. Did you get this yet? The meaning behind this today? April 1. ☺



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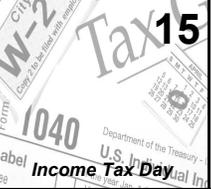
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1  April Fool's Day	2	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	4 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	5 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
6 Army Day	7 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	8	9 Cub Scouts - 7 pm National Former POW Recognition Day	10	11 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991)	12 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
13	14 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	15  Income Tax Day	16 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	17 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	18 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	Loyalty Day Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 to 7:00 pm Saturday Raffle 4 pm
20 Passover	21 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for May 2008 VFW News items	22 Jaycees 7:30 pm Earth Day	23 Administrative Professional's Day	24	25 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm Arbor Day	26 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
27 Orthodox Easter	28	29	30	Loyalty Day 1 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm National Day of Prayer	2 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	3 Saturday Raffle 4 pm

VFW Racing - Driving for Our Heroes



VFW is proud to be partnering with Kevin Harvick, Inc. (KHI) for the 2008 NASCAR® season.

VFW logos and a patriotic red, white and blue paint scheme will be used on two of KHI's vehicles in 2008, the No 77 car in the Nationwide Series and the No. 33 truck in the Craftsman Truck Series. The VFW vehicles will compete in a total of 8 races throughout the season.

KHI is a well-respected racing team led by NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick. The team is based in Kernersville, NC. KHI has five years of full-time competition experience in NASCAR's elite divisions.

Ron Hornaday, a NASCAR veteran and three-time Truck Series champion, will be the primary driver for VFW Racing. Cale Gale, an up-and-coming driver and Nationwide Series Rookie of the Year Contender, will share seat time in the VFW No. 33 car in the Nationwide Series.

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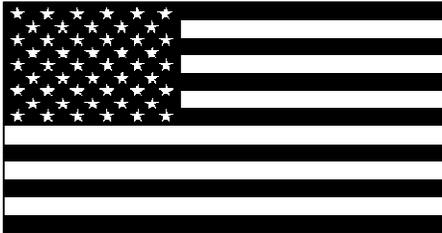
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- **Post officer nominations**
- **Remembering Ken Korst**
- **Blue Star Banner holds first meeting**
- **VFW Racing**
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Upcoming Events:

- **April 15: Tax day!**
- **April 19: Loyalty Day dinner**
- **Every Friday: Dinner at the Post and Lightning raffle**
- **May 9, 10: Soup 2 Nuts**

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