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VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Election results: 2008-2009 VFW Post 5040 elected Officers and Board of Directors

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

At the April 2008 meeting, the annual Post election took place. Presiding over the election process was Post 5040 Judge Advocate Dick Glawe with assistance from Arnie Doerfert. New nominations were taken and voting proceed at the close of nominations.

Following the meeting, the Board of Directors also had a nomination and election process.

The results of both elections are as follows:

VFW Post 5040 Officers 2008-2009

Commander: **Fred Noble**

Senior Vice Commander: **Mike Lackey**

Junior Vice Commander: **Ed Lumpp**

Quartermaster: **Thom Gillespie**

Chaplain: **Pete Lockinger**

Judge Advocate: **Dick Glawe**

Surgeon: **Harold Irwin**

1 year Trustee: **Larry Dhom**

2 year Trustee: **Brian Ritter**

3 year Trustee: **Arnie Doerfert**

VFW Post 5040

Board of Directors 2008-2009

President: **Bud Porter**

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Director: **Charley Mathey**

Director: **Bob Gibson**

Director: **Russ Freeman**

Director: **Don Sullivan**

Director: **Don Sword**

Director: **Fred Noble**

Congratulations to all the elected Officers and Board of Directors. The new Officers and Board of Directors will assume their duties after the installation of the Department Commander which will occur at the end of June. The July 2008 meeting will be their initial meeting.

Loyalty Day dinner given in appreciation for volunteer efforts

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On April 18, more than 30 people came down for a free spaghetti dinner at the Post. The dinner was given by VFW Post 5040 in appreciation for the volunteer efforts that so many people have done throughout the year.

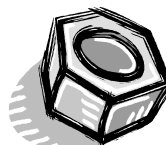
Commander Mike David thanked everyone for their hard work through the year, helping out and volunteering whenever it was needed. "Each of your efforts is much appreciated and the Post is a better place for it," said David.

After addressing the guests, Fred Noble from the VFW Post 5040 Rifle Squad wanted to thank each of the members of the Squad for their hard work and dedication. Rifle Squad members present that night were given a special VFW appreciation pin made by Studio 2015 in Woodstock.

A big "Thank you" to everyone that has volunteered over the last year.



Soup
to
Nuts
Sale



May 9/10 (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 9 (8:00am to 6:00pm) and Saturday, May 10 (9:00am to 4:00pm). We will need help the 7th and 8th 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.



Just some of the volunteers that have helped throughout the year. Front Row: Shirley Dhom, Pat Gaylord, Anita Sword, Bob Gaylord, Eugene Fuller, Carol Fuller, Marilyn Benoy, Kim Klos, Second Row: Alice Nulle, Norma Anderson, Norine Mathey, Sally Shoemaker, Judy David, Sue Fleming, Dorothy Thomas, Brian Ritter, Dawn Ritter, Donna Freeman, Jan Sherwin, Ray Benoy, Last Row: Fred Noble, Chuck Mathey, Larry Dhom, Jim Shoemaker, Mike Lackey, Don Sword, Wally Thomas, Harold Irwin, Russ Freeman, Gary Sherwin, and Mike David. Not pictured: Becky and Thom Gillespie, Calena Magnuson, Ralph and Pat Ritter, Bud Porter, Anne Wojtas, Don Peasley, and so many more. Thanks to all of you. (Matt Klos photo).

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.



✠ Chaplains report ✠

By Howard Engstrom, Chaplain

Phone/Cards/Letters:

Ed Haldeman
Robert Ludwigsen Family
John Fish
Albert Wojnicki
John Sorenson

Personal Visits:

Howard Simpson (Alden Terrace)
Ed Hall (Home)
Ervin Schultz (Crystal Pines)
Dean Mishler (Home)
Dittberner Family

Drape Charter:

Eugene Kuhn
Robert Ludwigsen
Al Wojnicki
Francis Dittberner

It was mentioned at the last monthly Post meeting that Denny Burrs' father passed away. He belonged to a VFW in his home town. Our condolences to the Burrs' Family.

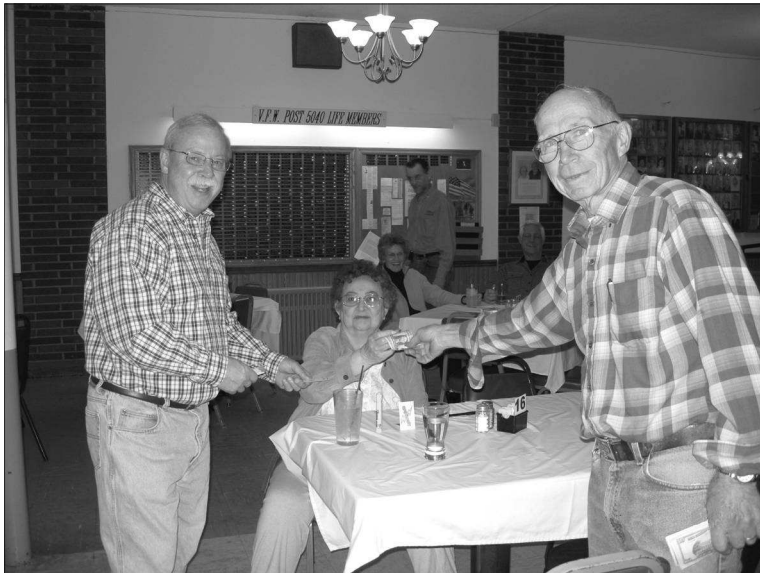
Remember too that May 1, 2008 is the National Day of Prayer. It is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.



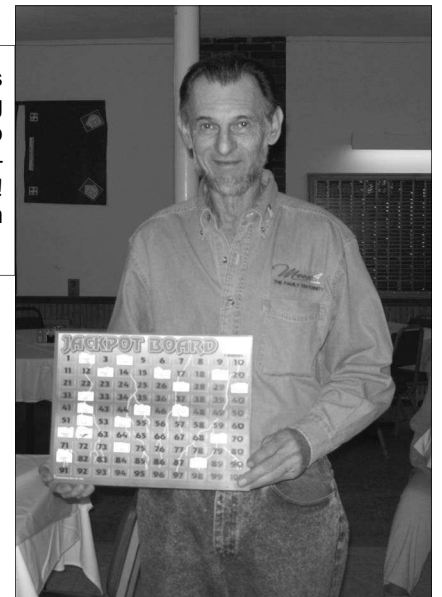
Ralph and Pat Ritter set up in front of the stage on the lower level to call and pass out the winnings for the Lightning game played on Friday nights. (Kelly Gorham photo).



Commander Mike David and Charlie Mathey selling tickets during a game of Lightning. (Kelly Gorham photo).



Chip Cynowa was our first Lightning jackpot winner who won \$356. Congratulations, Chip! (Kelly Gorham photo).



Update: Lightning at the Post on Friday nights

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Lightning has been played each Friday night for the month of April and has steadily grown in attendance each week. Ralph and Pat Ritter have put in a lot of time to get this endeavor off the ground and have done a great job in doing so. However, Commander Mike David pointed out that on each Friday night, there have only been three to four members consistently helping with the Lightning game each week. These folks could use some help in selling/collecting the raffle tickets for the game. It doesn't require a lot of time and the game takes place from 7:00 pm - 8:00/8:15 pm.

Woodstock crossing guards honored at VFW Post 5040 with dinner

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

A special recognition dinner was given by Woodstock VFW Post 5040 on Monday, April 28, 2008 in honor of the Woodstock Crossing Guards. This was the first time that VFW Post 5040 has held a recognition dinner for this select group of individuals in the Woodstock community.

In attendance were distinguished guests Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager, Woodstock Police Chief Bob Lowen, and Woodstock Police Officer Sgt. John Lieb. Guests of honor were eight crossing guards which included William Pfeiffer, Julie Randecker, Ed Payton, Ernie Palos, Harry Lucky, Jan Anderson, Kim Monack, and Larry Pierce. Daniel Zenaty, another crossing guard who was not able to attend the dinner, was also honored.

Following the spaghetti dinner given to the guests and their families, VFW Post 5040 Commander Mike David addressed the group about the responsibilities, importance, and impact these individuals have not only on the children each day, but to the community at large.

"We take these things for granted everyday on our way to work. The Police around town, the men in the firehouse, the crossing guards around our schools. None of these should be taken for granted," said

David. "The crossing guards keep our children safe and our community safe."

"In the spring they are out in casual clothes and in the winter they are bundled up. They do their job no matter what the weather," David said in his closing remarks.

After thanking all the crossing guards for their community service, the 50 plus people in attendance clapped in a standing ovation for the crossing guards.

Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager spoke next, stating that "The VFW does many things to support our community and tonight was another fine example of what the VFW does."

The Mayor when on to talk about the role the crossing guards play in the community. "You help make the children feel safe and secure, from home to school and from school to home. You get to know the kids, their families and you care about these people."

"We commend, congratulate, and thank

you for the work you do," said the Mayor.

Woodstock Chief of Police Bob Lowen thanked VFW Post 5040 for giving the dinner and honoring the crossing guards. He went on to say that, "At times these individuals are taken for granted in what they do. They are more than just crossing guards, they are the eyes and ears of the Police Department."

"If it wasn't for the crossing guards, that would mean that more patrol people would have to be diverted to this task instead of being out in the community performing other duties," said Lowen.

Following the short speeches, VFW Commander David called each crossing guard up and presented them with a certificate of recognition from VFW Post 5040. Kim Monack, first to be called up, has been a crossing guard for fifteen years. Each guard then shook hands with VFW Commander David, VFW Post 5040 Sr. Vice Commander Fred Noble, Mayor Sager, Police Chief Lowen, and Sgt. Lieb.



Woodstock crossing guards were honored with a dinner at Woodstock VFW Post 5040 on April 28, 2008. Back Row: VFW Sr. Vice Commander Fred Noble, Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager, William Pfeiffer, Woodstock Chief of Police Bob Lowen, Julie Randecker, Ed Payton, and VFW Commander Mike David. Front Row: Ernie Palos, Harry Lucky, Jan Anderson, Woodstock Police Officer Sergeant John Lieb, Kim Monack, and Larry Pierce. Absent from photo and unable to attend the dinner was crossing guard Daniel Zenaty. (Matt Klos photo).

Ladies Auxiliary: from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2007-2008

Several of our current year officers were not present at our April meeting and we could not have the election of officers for 2008-2009. Our Treasurer has reported that quite a number of members have paid their dues for this current year but we still have some who haven't. Please get them in as our year closes at the end of June.

The next meeting of the 5th District will be held on May 18 at Dundee, Illinois. This will be the final meeting of the year. We will be honoring our District President Sylvia Wilvert. A lunch will be served at noon prior to the meeting.

The Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who have responded to our bakeless bake sale so far. It is our only means of making money to pay our bills. Remember ladies you get cancer insurance with your \$15.00 dues and is paid in cash if you have an occurrence.

Classic car show coming to VFW parking lot

VFW Post 5040 parking lot will be host to a classic car show on Saturday, July 12, 11am - 6pm. The entry fee will be \$10.00. You must sign up at the VFW to participate.

The purpose is to raise funds for the VFW and just have a little fun. A beer tent is planned for outside, food inside the VFW, and possibly music too.

For additional information or questions, please call Jeanne Kulinski at the VFW (815)-338-5040.

VFW Post 5040 member commissioned as Navy Officer

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

On April 20, 2008, 1400 hours, I was witness to a Naval Officer Commissioning that took place on Woodstock Square. It was a clear day and many people were out on the Square, enjoying the afternoon sun. As the three men in Navy khakis assembled by the Civil War statue to begin the small ceremony, several on lookers began to gather around the friends and family in attendance. While this could have been any Anytown, USA, it was special in the fact that the city was Woodstock, the man being commissioned and the commissioning officer are childhood friends who grew up in Woodstock, and they are both members of VFW Post 5040 in Woodstock.

This was an exciting day for 34 year old Jonathon Grell who is in the Navy Reserve. Today Jonathon was being commissioned as an O-1 Ensign from an E-6 Intelligence Specialist First Class. Administering the commission was 34 year old Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Kurt Kyle. They have known each other since childhood.

At 1400, the tolling of the bell on the square kicked off the ceremony with Jon giving a short summary of what the ceremony was and what would happen. He thanked everyone in attendance for coming and being part of this milestone in his Navy career. LCDR Kyle explained that, "The difference in oath [between enlisted and officer] is that in the enlisted oath you swear to obey the orders of the officers appointed over you. The Officers oath you swear your oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution. Jon's future promotions

will all come from the Senate instead of the service."

These childhood friends grew up less than a block away from one another in Woodstock, playing together as small children and attending the same school from kindergarten through high school.

Both enjoyed wrestling and created a bonding friendship as wrestling teammates in Junior High and High School. Being very close in weight classes in high school they trained together regularly.

Outside of school they shared a passion for the outdoors. "Kurt and I have made several canoe trips on the Wisconsin River with friends and family," noted Jon. Both graduated from Woodstock High School in 1991.

"Jon was actually bigger then me back then," joked Kyle. "We have stayed in touch since high school including Jon traveling to San Diego to visit me and also made it all the way out there for my wedding."

After high school, Jon went on to get his B.A. from Arizona State University in 1995 and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Rockford College in 2003. He now teaches fifth grade at Leggee Elementary in District 158 in Huntley since 2001. He has also been the freshman wrestling coach at Woodstock High School since 2001.

As a Navy reservist for six years, Jon has been trained in All Source Intelligence Analysis in support of National Defense objectives. He has been stationed with a



The pinning of rank on newly commissioned officer Jonathon Grell is administered by commissioning Navy Officer LCDR Kurt Kyle (left), Jonathon's mother, Margaret Grell, and Jonathon's nephew Jarred Grell. (Matt Klos photo).

European Command Joint Analysis Center (EUCOM JAC) and now is moving to the Defense Intelligence Agency. He also served at the Joint Analysis Center in England for counter terrorism intelligence support for the Winter Olympic Games in January through March of 2006.

For gaining membership into the VFW, Jon qualifies under several criteria. He has been part of Operation Enduring Freedom, mobilized and deployed NATO HQ, Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina in 2005, Operation Iraqi Freedom, deployed to Habbaniyah, Iraq in 2006 as lead intelligence analyst for various Naval and Joint Special Operations units.

For the Commissioning Officer, active duty Navy Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Kurt Kyle, this was a meaningful day as well. "Any senior officer can administer the [commissioning] oath and 99% percent of the time that I have seen it is the commanding officer or a unit leader. The other 1% are cases like this where a close personal friend is a senior commissioned officer or a relative. It is a great honor to be asked to commission or promote someone. I have advanced 10-20 sailors, but this was my first commissioning," said Kurt of the commissioning process.

Kurt has been active in the Navy for 17 years, 13 of which he was a commissioned officer. He is currently stationed at a Joint Operations Center section of the Joint Information Operations Warfare Center (JIOWC).

Trained as a Surface Warfare Officer, Kurt also has an extensive training background. Kurt attended the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, obtaining a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned upon graduation in 1995. He then went to Newport, Rhode Island for six



Navy LCDR Kurt Kyle (left) recites the Navy Officer Oath in the commissioning ceremony of Ensign Jonathon Grell on April 20, 2008 in front of the Civil War statue on Woodstock Square. (Matt Klos photo).

months to attend Surface Warfare Officers School. After serving on a ship for 12 months and getting qualified in various combat, operations, and engineering systems, he was qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. He has recently completed his Masters degree at the Naval War College where he obtained a Master of Arts in National Security Decision Making.

Kurt qualified for VFW membership with the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal from two different tours in the Gulf in between the two Iraq wars doing oil embargo. He also has the Global War on Terrorism Ribbon for his current service.

Kurt flew in for the special weekend from San Antonio Texas. He was planning on seeing some friends and ending it with the commissioning capped the weekend off before going back home to Texas.

Also present at the commissioning was Lt. Larry Franko who is Jon's Direct Commissioning Officer. Before and after the ceremony, Lt. Franko made sure that the stack of paperwork that went with the commissioning was signed by Jon and Kurt.

"As the commissioning officer, I am sort of like a Notary in that I sign on his commission that he gave his oath. A senior officer does need to be present to acknowledge that Jon swore his oath," said LCDR Kyle as he signed additional paperwork after the ceremony.

Although it was short notice, VFW Post 5040 Commander Mike David and Jr. Vice Commander Mike Lackey attended the commissioning and provided use of the VFW ceremonial American Flag beside which Ensign Grell took his oath. LCDR Kyle later commented that he "...would like to make sure Commander David knows how much we appreciate his attendance and support of the VFW."

On the flipside, its our Post who should be thanking men like these who are currently serving in the armed forces. Thank you, gentlemen, for serving. Thanks to you especially, Ensign Jonathon Grell, for letting your VFW and the community be part of your commissioning ceremony today. Congratulations!

After the oath is taken, Jonathon (middle) signs final paperwork for his Direct Commission recruiting officer LT Larry Franco (right). (Matt Klos photo).



Family and military family get in a group photo. From left, Direct Commission recruiting officer LT Larry Franco, Ensign Jonathon Grell, Jonathon's mother and father, Margaret and Ed Grell, VFW Post 5040 Commander Mike David, LCDR Kurt Kyle, Kurt's mother and father, Gail and Boyd Kyle. (Matt Klos photo).

Childhood friends Ensign Jonathon Grell (left) and LCDR Kurt Kyle shake hands under the Commissioning letter from the President of the United States that was presented to Jon. (Matt Klos photo).



Celebrity bartenders serving at VFW bar

Starting with the month of May, every second Wednesday from 7-9pm VFW Post 5040 will have a "Celebrity Bartender" behind the bar.

On May 14, Sgt. Ralph Feely, a 30 year retired Chicago Policeman will be on hand. Ralph spent 22 years undercover, five years as robbery decoy, and also sings show tunes.

Come down to listen to some stories, ask some questions, and have a good time.

Letter from Iraq

(via the internet)

VFW Post 5040 member Jim Reece sends a note from Iraq. Jim, we wish you well and hope that you are keeping safe. Thanks for your continued military service, Jim.

April 04, 2008

I have been in Ramadi for almost a month now. My guys are out doing patrols and the QRF force. Since 3ID left there is nothing but us and Marines. We are just waiting for something to happen.

Tell the guys down at the V[FW] that all is well. I should be home by Thanksgiving. I also should get leave around the beginning of July. I will try to make it down [there].

I can't think of anything specific that we need here except a little higher morale and beer. Both of which are difficult to come by. General personal hygiene items, food, the usual would be great. Also short letters of encouragement would be fabulous. Gotta go now so I can get back in the truck and finish out my 12 hours of patrol.

Thanks,

SFC Reece, James
327 MP BN
Ramadi, Iraq
APO, AE 09367



From the Editor's Desk

By Matt Klos,
VFW News Editor

Well, this was a jam packed issue. There were some last minute events at the Post that happened and needed to get into this issue. As you can see by the calendar, this month is one of the busiest months of the year at the VFW. Just a lot of things to do.

You will also notice two new advertisers this month. AWOL Army Surplus and Studio 2015 Jewelry. AWOL is a neat store that has floor to ceiling full of military items from all branches. If they don't have it, they can order it.

Studio 2015 now has its own building in Woodstock and specializes in "one of kind" pieces. They created some lapel pins for the Rifle Squad.

Ok. Out of space and this means this issue is off to the printer. See ya!



VFW Sr. Vice Commander Fred Noble at the Loyalty Day Dinner honored Rifle Squad members in attendance with a custom made lapel pin in appreciation for their volunteer efforts on the Rifle Squad. From the left, Don Sword, Harold Irwin, Fred Noble, Larry Dhom, and Chuck Mathey. Those members not in attendance would also be given a pin. They include Arnie Doerfert, Bob Gibson, David Grote, Dick Glawe, Bill Lyford, Ron Nehls, Bud Pflug, Jerry Riley, Bruce Shisler, Eugene Fuller, Howard Engstrom (Chaplain), Don Rhodes (Bugler from CL American Legion), Bob Schroeder (Bugler, VFW Post 5040). Also receiving pins were Margaret Thiede (Joe Thiede, deceased) and Alice Nulle (Hank Nulle, deceased) whose husbands were on the rifle squad. (Matt Klos photo).

(cut this out and put on refrigerator)

Significant events and dates coming up that you can help with:

- **May 7 & 8:** Set up Soup to Nuts sale. Contact Russ Freeman (815)-338-3414
- **May 9 & 10:** Helping with Soup to Nuts sale. Contact Russ Freeman (815)-338-3414
- **May 10, 4 pm:** Help take down Soup to Nuts. Contact Russ Freeman (815)-338-3414
- **May 16 & 17:** Poppy Days. Sign up at Post. There is a sign up board with time slots to fill and locations to sell Poppy's at. We will be selling Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. Funds are earmarked to helping Veterans. We need a lot of people to help fill time slots.
- **May 18:** Fair Diddley. On Fair Diddley day, the plan is to have a beer tent out in the VFW parking lot in which to sell beer and possibly some other concessions (similar to last year). We will also be opening up the parking lot for free motorcycle parking. We need a chairman to coordinate this effort. Volunteers are willing, but we need a chairman. Contact the Post (815)-338-5040.
- **May 21, 8am (rain date May 22):** Memorial Day Cemetery marker flag planting. The Post will be placing American flags on grave markers at local cemeteries. Meet at the Post if you are able to help out.
- **May 26, 10 am:** Memorial Day Ceremony on the Square. 11 am parade, 12 pm lunch at the Post.
- **July 30- August 3, 2008:** County Fair. Application is at the Post for the VFW to fill out to get a table at the McHenry County Fair. Fair will be at the beginning of August. However we need a chairman to head this up as well. No chairman to coordinate, no table will be set up at the fair. Contact the Post (815)-338-5040.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Loyalty Day 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
4	5 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	6	7 Cub Scouts - 7 pm Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces Signed (1945)	8 V-E Day Declared (1945)	9  Soup 2 Nuts Indoor Garage Sale 8 am - 6 pm Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm Military Spouses Day	10  Soup 2 Nuts Indoor Garage Sale 8 am - 6 pm Saturday Raffle 4 pm
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	13	14 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm "Celebrity Bar Tender" Night, 7-9 pm Guest bar tender will be Ralph Feely	15 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm Peace Officers Memorial Day	16  Poppy Day 8 am - 6 pm We need volunteers! Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	17  Poppy Day 8 am - 4 pm We need volunteers! Saturday Raffle 4 pm <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
18 Fair Diddley (on the Square) Food and beverages available in the VFW parking lot for purchase.	19 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for June 2008 VFW News items	20	21 Memorial Day Flag Placement at Cemeteries Meet at Post 8 am	22 Blue Star Banner Group Meeting 7 pm National Maritime Day	23 Friday Dinner Special: Meat Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	24 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
25	26 Memorial Day <i>Memorial Day Observed</i> 10 am Ceremony on Woodstock Square 11 am Parade 12 pm Lunch at Post	27 Jaycees 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 Saturday Raffle 4 pm

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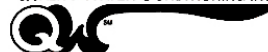
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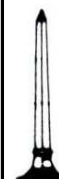
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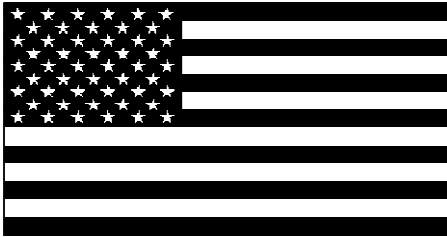
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- **May 16,17: Poppy Days**
- **May 26: Memorial Day**
- **Every Friday: Dinner at the Post and Lightning**

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