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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



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Fifth annual pancake breakfast and blood drive at VFW Post 5040 - January 18

By Matt Klos

VFW 5040 Post member Alan Belcher is chairing this year's blood drive for the VFW the third week of January. Helping drum up donors and assisting Alan is Ralph Ritter. The blood drive is scheduled for **January 18** (that's a Sunday) from **7:45 am to 12:00 pm**. Heartland Blood

Center will have a mobile coach in the VFW Parking lot to perform the collections.

January is considered National Blood Donor Month. January is traditionally a low donation month due to the holidays, travel, and illness. Donations are needed to replenish the low blood supply at this time of the year. The VFW donation goal is 27 pints this year.

During the month of January, Heartland Blood Center will be raffling off **five \$100 gas gift cards**. Every donor will be eligible for the drawing.

To help replenish you after you give blood, a complimentary **Pancake Breakfast** will be waiting for you. 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, 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.

As of this writing, there were 42 total time slots to fill. Of these 15 were filled, so there are plenty of spots open to come in and donate.

Pre-signup for donating blood is preferred. For an appointment, please contact the Woodstock VFW at 815-338-5040, Alan Belcher (815)-228-7689, or Ralph Ritter at (815)-338-5018. More information can be found on Heartland's website:

www.heartlandbc.org

Assessment reductions you might want to look into for 2009

A few months back, some of our VFW members mentioned at a VFW meeting some of the home exemptions that some of you may qualify for. With the economy as tight as it is, these might be worth looking into for this year (for more info, see: www.co.mchenry.il.us):

Senior Citizen Homestead

A \$4,000 reduction in the assessed value of property. To qualify for this exemption a person must be 65 years of age or older during the taxable year for which application is made and must be the owner of record or person with equitable interest in the property. More information and applications for this exemption are available from the Office of Assessments or from your local Township Assessor.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption

Allows qualified senior citizens to elect to maintain the equalized assessed value of their home at the base year value and prevent any increase due to inflation. The

base year is the year prior to the year you first qualify and apply for the exemption. The assessment freeze exemption does not freeze the amount of your property tax bill, which will still increase if the tax rate increases. To qualify you must be 65 years of age or older during the taxable year and have a total household income of no more than \$55,000. You must have owned the property or had legal or equitable interest in the property, or had a leasehold interest in the residence, and be liable for the payment of property as your principal place of residence. The application must be made by July 1. Information and applications are available from the Office of Assessments.

Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral

Allows qualified Seniors to defer all or part of property tax on their owner-occupied residence. It's a form of loan with a six percent interest rate which is repaid after the tax payers death or at the time the property is sold. You must be at least 65 years of age by June 1, with a household income not more than \$50,000 and occupied the property for at least three years.

Application must be filed by March 1.



Captain Anne Brophy (right) with one of her noncommissioned officers Staff Sergeant, Sharon Harris (left). They were at Fort Hunter Liggett getting qualifications done for mobilization and deployment to Kuwait and Iraq.

Good luck, Cpt. Brophy!

From the members of VFW Post 5040, we wish one of our own VFW members, Captain Anne Brophy, best of luck with her deployment to Kuwait and Iraq.

Anne will be deployed overseas for a year long tour, leaving early February 2009 and returning in March 2010.

Best of luck Anne and take care. We all want to see you back at the VFW and monthly meetings again next year!

Ladies Auxiliary, from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2008-2009

The Auxiliary had a very nice Christmas party and dinner on December 4th. The Auxiliary furnished the ham. Chris Gehrke was chairman of the party and we played bingo after dinner for prizes. We had a drawing for three free dues if you were present and you were paid up to date. The three winners were: Rose Mary Hellstern, Geraldine Salyers, and Lois Freund.

I want to thank Chris Gehrke for taking charge of the party in December and baking the ham.

One of our members, Jeannette Wal-

ters, has been moved to a home in Riley. We will not have a regular meeting in January. In November, we voted against having a January meeting because of low attendance, the weather (which is usually bad), and also because it is New Years Day, a holiday. Hopefully everything will be better in February which is scheduled for the 5th.

As 2008 comes to a close, let us remember our Auxiliary members that passed away over the course of the year:

- Jane Haldeman
- June Sarbaugh
- Gertrude Schmidt

Our thoughts go out to their families and loved ones.

† Chaplains report †

By Pete Lockinger

Current Members on the Sick List

- LaVerne Emricson
- Glenn Fringer
- Bob Gaylord
- Dean Mishler
- Jack Meyers
- Ashley Wilson

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as we come into the holiday season. They can use some cheering up and words of encouragement as they recover from their illnesses.

We pray for a good year in 2009, our economy, our new president, and all our men and women in military service.

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Final roll call for our deceased members of VFW Post 5040 - December 15, 2008

The following 24 VFW Post 5040 members were remembered at the last Post meeting of the 2008 year with a bell tolling. Included in this list is Charter Member Jack Wendt who died two days later on December 17.

Each of these 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:

- Thomas H. Bainbridge
- Erwin Bauman
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	Happy New Year 2009! 	2 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) and Stuffed Pork Chops (\$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 Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30pm	7	8	9 Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	10 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
11	12 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	13	14 Cub Scouts - 7 pm Celebrity Bar Tender Night, 7-9 pm	15 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	16 Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	17 Saturday Raffle 4 pm <i>Persian Gulf War Began (1991)</i>
 18 5th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive Blood Donations taken from 7:45am - 12pm Free breakfast to all donors. Contact Post to sign up for donation.	19 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for February 2009 VFW News items <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	20 <i>Inauguration Day</i>	21 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	22	23 Friday Dinner Special: Meatloaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	24 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
25	26	27 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm <i>Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)</i>	28	29	30 Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) and Stuffed Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	31 Saturday Raffle 4 pm



From the Editor's Desk

By Matt Klos,
VFW News Editor

Hello VFW Post 5040! Welcome to 2009! A brand new year is ahead of us. So, did any of you make any resolutions this year? Did you keep any that you made last year?

Well, this is a short issue starting off the

new year. We didn't really have much to report on in the past month. Even at our December meeting we were lacking on members, which totaled 17. I think it was the cold weather and maybe because people were already heading south for the winter already.

So, you might be wondering what events we have planned or fund raisers that are in store for 2009. Honestly, I don't think we have a whole lot as of yet. We need your help in trying to come up with

some and also with help chairing the events. Got an idea? Let us know. Take a gamble and chair the event. Do one and feel good all year long.


By the way Captain Anne Brophy, it was great seeing you at the Red Mill on January 3rd. You have a lot of people that will be thinking of you as you leave for your tour and we wish you luck and safety while you are there.

Until February's issue, take care and have a great month!

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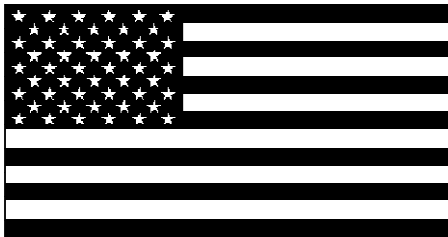
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- Annual Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast
- Assessment reductions from which you may benefit.
- Good Luck, Cpt. Brophy!
- (A little) More inside...

Upcoming Events:

- **January 18: 5th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive**
- Every Friday, dinner specials.
- **February 19: Turkey Fry 5-8 pm; \$6.00 per person.**

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