



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Friday the 13th unlucky you say? Not at the VFW for these winners

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Although Friday the 13th is viewed as an unlucky day for some people, Friday, March 13 was not an unlucky day for a few people that came out to the VFW and played Lightning. In fact, just the opposite. Quite lucky.

On March 13, the hall was packed with people trying to win the ever increasing Lightning Jackpot that was ready to be won by one or several people. The jackpot had grown to \$2,919 and was just waiting to be won. During one of the rounds, the lucky cards were sold and the right combination of numbers were called. Three people ended up winning the jackpot and split it three ways.

Congratulations to the Lightning Jackpot Winners:

**Kelly Gorham,
Chip Cynowa,
and
Maura Gaughan**

Each ended up with \$973.00 as part of the Jackpot prize. Overall on this night, over \$4,000 was given away in prizes. If you missed it, obviously it was not your lucky day. Thanks for playing and congratulations to the winners!



Bob and Pat Gaylord at the Soup to Nuts Sale, taken in the late 1970's/early 80's. (Don Peasley Photo).

Dedicated Post member Bob Gaylord, has died

By Don Peasley
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

Robert Gaylord, 86, was honored at the Woodstock VFW with a memorial service in celebration of his life Sunday, March 29. Gaylord, World War II Army veteran in both the European and Pacific Theaters, died Sunday, March 15 at Lasata Nursing Home in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

Bob and his wife Patricia Kennedy Gaylord were married 61 years. Both Bob and Pat were among leaders in serving veterans through a great many hours of volunteer activity and service. They were

among the first and most consistent to supervise and organize Soup to Nuts, a successful fundraising activity helping residents dispose of good merchandise of many categories.

To observe Bob and Pat in action was to know the tremendous amount of work involved in a successful fundraising activity. Bob and Pat also worked as waiters in serving VFW dinners and banquets. This labor of love extended for a great many years, up to recently when declining health put a stop to his ability to serve others.

A memorial service was held at Oakland Cemetery on Sunday, March 29. This was followed with a reception at the VFW and a tribute and luncheon at the Post Home.

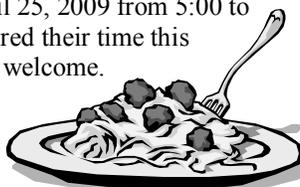
Three children survive including Kim (Mark) Meisinger, Leigh (Carmelo) Raffaele and Jill Gaylord. Erica and Dominic Raffaele are surviving grandchildren.

His military record shows he enlisted February 12, 1943 and discharged March 10, 1946. He received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with a Bronze Battle Star and an Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and a Good Conduct Medal during World War II.

Loyalty Day spaghetti dinner scheduled

Loyalty Day Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday April 25, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Anyone (member or non-member) who has volunteered their time this past year to the many events and general upkeep of our Post is welcome. This is a "free" dinner to thank all of you for a job well done.

Loyalty Day (May 1) 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.



Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Nyda Fogarty,
President 2008-2009

We thank anyone who has sent in a donation for our relief fund. This money goes to ones who need our aid in the Auxiliary. If you haven't sent any donations in, we would certainly appreciate it.

If you look at the bottom of your membership card it will tell you the year you joined the Auxiliary. If you have five, 10, 15, 20 or more years as a member, please let me know and I will get you a membership pin for that year.

I am sorry to report that our 5th District President Sylvia Wilvert has passed away. She died at her home in Fox Lake on Monday March 23rd. She has been District president more than once and was president last year. She took the job once again this year even though she was ill. She fought the cancer bravely to the end. She had four children and lived most of her life in Libertyville. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in Libertyville. A memorial was held at the McCurrough funeral home in Libertyville and the District participated in a portion of the service.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Pat Gaylord in the death of her husband Robert who passed away on March 15 in Wisconsin. Bob and Pat were long time workers at the Post at parties and dinners. They were also largely involved in the Soup to Nuts Sale that is held every May at the Post.

VFW Post 5040 doing our part to be "green"

By Matt Klos

Each week, you read something in the newspaper or hear on the news about buildings going "green", technology advancements that are "green", and other things that are environment friendly to help cut down on energy consumption and emissions.

One of the easiest things to do in your own home or office is to look at your lighting and see if you can replace existing incandescent bulbs with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. Recently it was reported that the VFW changed out all of the ceiling lights in the lower hall with the new CFL bulbs. This amounts to a savings of over \$250 per year in electricity. Total wattage use went from 2085 to 690 (46 bulbs) watts.

Honoring our fallen comrades, we salute you!



Woodstock VFW honors the three men killed in Afghanistan in a roadside vehicle bombing March 15. The flag at half-staff and the banner are in front of the Woodstock Post Home. Names of the men on the banner are Sgt. Christopher Abeyta, 23, Midlothian; Spc. Robert Weinger, 24, Round Lake Beach; and Spc. Norman Cain III, 22, Mount Morris. (Don Peasley Photo)

† Chaplains report †

By Pete Lockinger

Current Members on the Sick List

- Larry Dhom
- Marion Messman
- Jack Meyers
- Leonard Naumann
- Sid Sherwin

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.



Our
annual
Soup
To Nuts
Sale held on



May 8/9 (Fri/Sat), is
coming up in a month

By Russ and Donna Freeman

It's getting closer. The weather is getting nicer and it's time to do some spring cleaning. When you do that spring cleaning and are thinking of tossing out that unwanted "stuff", think Soup To Nuts.

This is our "sell anything sale" fundraiser for the Post. As a reminder, items should be clean and in good working order. Suggested items are: books, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, working appliances, tools, furniture, etc.

Sorry, but we can no longer take old televisions or computers.

Start thinking now what about what you might want to donate. If you need a pick-up of some items, contact Russ and Donna at (815)-338-3414 after April 18.

Why the name Soup to Nuts? In the 16th and 17th centuries, enjoying a seven course meal was not uncommon. It usually began with soup and ended with wine and nuts. The phrase conveys the meaning "from beginning to end".

For those of you that mail a lot of letters, remember that Postal rates change May 11

From the USPS Web Site

On May 11 the price for a 1-ounce First-Class Mail stamp will increase from 42¢ to 44¢. Prices for other mailing services — Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including Parcel Post), and Extra Services — will also change.

The average increase by class of mail is at or below the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

Perfect time now to get a supply of the Forever (Liberty Bell) stamps and save a couple of pennies before prices rise.

"A penny saved is a penny earned." - Ben Franklin. So, two pennies saved. ☺

Supplies destined for orphanages in Afghanistan



Little by little, supplies are on their way

By Matt Klos

In the February issue of the *VFW News*, a story ran about Major Ed Collins, stationed near Mazari Sharif in Afghanistan.

He indicated that it would be great if we could send some school supplies and clothing that could be given away to the orphanages in the areas that they are in.

VFW Post 5040 put out a donation box where people could drop supplies in and donate what they wanted. As donations have come in, several members have begun to box up the supplies and send them over to Maj. Collins.

Included in several of the shipments are the following items:

[Sent on February 9, 2009]

- 1 - \$20.00 donation
- 1 - package candy bars
- 1 - package pens,
- 1 - pad writing paper
- 2 - letters
- 2 - packages ball inflating needles
- 2 - packages Bic pens
- 3 - Chapsticks
- 25 - calculators
- 32 - can Koozies

[Sent March 10, 2009]

- 1 - jean jacket
- 1 - package notebooks
- 1 - sticker book
- 2 - packages note book paper
- 3 - packages colored pencils

- 3 - solar system learning kits
- 4 - packages of Colored paper
- 5 - t-shirt
- 6 - note books
- 6 - rulers
- 14 - packages pencils
- 24 - pencils
- 32 - markers
- 84 - pencil sharpeners
- 100 - coloring books
- 102 - pens

We hope everything got to Maj. Collins and he was able to distribute the items. More items are being collected, so keep the donations coming. Thanks to those individuals that donated items and those that boxed everything up for shipping.

VFW Post 5040 nominations and elections for 2009-2010 Officer positions held in April

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

We are coming into that time of year when it's time to start thinking about our next year's officers and who will be leading our Post.

At the March meeting, VFW Judge Advocate, Dick Glawe, and 3 Year Trustee, Arnie Doerfert, were appointed as the VFW election officials for the upcoming VFW Elections. Election will take place at the April meeting.

Of the nominations that were made at the March meeting, only two positions were open that no one was nominated for, Service Officer and Quartermaster.

As traditionally happens, at the March meeting nominations for the 2009-2010 VFW year took place. At the April meeting, final nominations will be taken. Elections will then be conducted at the April meeting at the close of nominations.

Here is a summary of what is required of each of the elected positions and appointed positions in the VFW Post 5040. Any of these are open for those that would like to get involved this year. Of course, some people will volunteer again or be asked to retain their positions, but we always like to have people step up and volunteer for things like this as well. Is this your year to get involved and try something different and new?

Commander: (a) Preside at all meetings, (b) enforce laws of VFW, (c) conduct business and activities according to VFW standards (d) decide all questions of law (f) approve expenditures (g) assure QM is bonded (h) assure all dues are forwarded to Department (i) assure all reports are correct (j) assure all eligible veterans encouraged to join and maintain membership (k) assure that he or representative attend District Conventions (l) comply with and perform duties of VFW.

Sr. Vice: Assist Commander in preserving order and preside in absence of Commander.

Jr. Vice: Assist Commander in preserving order and preside in absence of Commander and Sr. Vice Commander.

Quartermaster: (a) receive and properly account for all monies and property in Post (b) pay our authorized payments (c) be bonded (d) collect monies giving re-

ceipts (e) keep dues accounts on members (f) collect annual membership dues (g) transmit dues to Department (h) refrain from issuing memberships until dues paid (i) maintain dues reserve (j) expend dues paid by Post on members form general fund (k) maintain relief fund (l) maintain books (m) deliver to successor all records (n) serve as treasurer in all committees (o) comply with all VFW laws.

Adjutant: (a) prepare all reports required of him (b) attest by signature all actions of the Post (c) keep in books: by laws, member applications, meeting minutes, orders from higher offices, correspondence file, proof of eligibility, roll of departed comrades (d) transfer all records to successor (e) comply with all VFW laws

Chaplain: Shall be chairman of visiting committee of Post. Visits sick and disabled members and make report to membership.

Judge Advocate: Gives commander legal assistance.

Surgeon: Chairman of Health committee. Shall promote and put into effect health programs for the benefit of the Post and community.

Officer of the Day: (a) Custodian of the Post colors, alter flag, Bible, ballot box, gavel and other such property (b) at the beginning of meeting, inspect membership card (c) have Post colors in position prior to meetings (d) at the close of meetings assures that all property is under his control (e) prepares ballots (f) carry out order of commander.

Trustees: (a) audit books and records of the Post (b) submit a Post trustees report of audit to Department QM (c) verify all expenditures (d) audit the records and accounts of all committees (e) perform duties that are incident to position.

Guard: (a) allow no one to enter meeting room who does not possess a dues receipt card or membership (b) notify Officer of the Day of all distinguished guests present (c) perform duties that are incident to position.

Service Officer: Assist members of the Post, widows, and orphans in obtaining rightful benefits from federal and state governments, preparing proper forms for applying for benefits, and assembling required evidence.

Assistant Adjutant: Assists Adjutant as requested.

Assistant Quartermaster: Assists Quartermaster as requested.

Legislative Chairman: Inform Post membership of all legislative information sent to him by Department or National.

Employment Chairman: Work for the accomplishment of the employment programs adopted by the National and Departmental conventions and Post to promote employment of veterans.

Public Relations Chairman: Publicize the activities of the Post which enhance the prestige of the Post and membership. He shall seek cooperation of local publications and broadcast media to obtain favorable publicity for the VFW of the US.

Americanism Chairman: Maintains record of all Patriotic Days and shall initiate programs for their proper observance by the Post and community.

Post Newsletter Editor: Responsible for creating newsletter format, editing written and pictorial content, organizing submitted content, producing electronic copy for print services, maintaining Post address list, printing address labels, tabbing and labeling newsletters, working with advertisers in ad development, renewal and changes, work with Post Office to qualify for bulk mail rates at pre-sort level.

Post Webmaster: Responsible for yearly renewal of domain name and web hosting service, updating web pages with content as needed, developing new web pages as needed, posting digital copy of newsletter to website, keeping maintenance costs to a minimum, answering email that comes through the website mailboxes. Basic knowledge of HTML, CSS, FTP is helpful.

Little League season opens in Woodstock

By Don Peasley

Woodstock Little League opens its 56th season with the opening of Merryman Fields Saturday, April 18. This beautiful park on Raffel Road features seven diamonds.

The Little League has four divisions this year: Rookie, Major, Minor and Junior leagues.

The Woodstock VFW was one of the original sponsors of Woodstock Little League and continues to have a prominent role in this program for youths seven to 14 years of age.

Through the years VFW has provided its facilities for Little League to conduct its annual player registration, an area to take team photos and an equally large area for the player draft by managers under the direction of the board of directors.

Games will also be played at George Sullivan Field and at Bates Park.



Please Help In Support of the Families of Three Fallen Soldiers:



Sgt. Robert Weinger, 24, of Round Lake Beach, Sgt. Christopher Abeyta, 23, of Midlothian, and Spc. Norman Cain III, 22, of Mount Morris were killed Sunday March, 15 2009 when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Kot, Afghanistan.

The Woodstock Infantry Club, A not for profit organization, is raising money to construct a memorial in honor of these three fallen soldiers. Donations of any size may be made at various local businesses displaying this sign or via Pay-Pal on our web site: <http://www.ginnbitters.com/> donations as small as \$1.00 and as large as your heart allows are greatly appreciated by the families, soldiers and the club.

The point of contact should you not have a Pay-Pal account or should you have any questions concerning the Memorial, or the club is:

Chad B. Miller
(847) 651-8762 or cbm@ginnbitters.com

**You are at a parade,
out of uniform, the
American flag is coming
your way. Hand over
your heart or do you sa-
lute? What do you do
when the National An-
them is played?**

From the website of
U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe, Oklahoma

October 14, 2008

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) praised the President's signing of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, which includes a provision to allow veterans and military members out of uniform to salute the flag during the National

Anthem. Senator Inhofe sponsored the amendment to ensure veterans and all members of the Armed Forces be given the right to render a military salute to the United States flag. The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009 was approved by unanimous consent in the Senate on Saturday, September 27, and was signed by President Bush today.

"With the President's signature today, we have finally revised the law to give veterans the proper distinction of saluting during the National Anthem," Senator Inhofe said. "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service. Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. The U.S. Code is now consistent for veterans and all service members in regards to the symbolic gesture of the military salute.

"I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veter-

ans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

A provision championed by Senator Inhofe in the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 modified Title 4 of the U.S. Code to allow veterans and military service members not in uniform to render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag, but it did not allow them to salute the flag during the National Anthem. Section 595 of S. 3001, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, amends Title 36 of the U.S. Code to allow veterans and service members not in uniform to salute the flag during the National Anthem, making the two sections of U.S. Code consistent.



**From the
Editor's Desk**

By Matt Klos,
VFW News Editor

I remember last August when I went up to the Woodstock Opera House to get a glimpse of the deploying Delta Company 1/178 Infantry Platoon. To see all the soldiers up on stage, their families and loved ones in the audience cheering and waving flags; it was an emotionally charged event. You think about the happy times and how proud you are.

I didn't know any of these soldiers personally, but I knew what they felt. I was once in their boots too. You've been given a mission and soon you will be leaving your family and friends, comforts of home. Going to a far away place where danger lurks around every corner and you don't know who you can trust other than

your fellow soldier at your side.

Being part of the audience, I felt proud of these men for what they were about to do and silently I wished them luck and God's protection while they were deployed. You try not to think of what dangers that they may face but you know the reality is that some of these men might be hurt or worse.

Unfortunately, three soldiers of this platoon paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, doing their job, being the soldiers they are.

The three soldiers Sgt. Christopher Abeyta, Robert Weinger, and Spc. Norman Cain III, were killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Afghanistan on March 15.

It's an unfortunate event that we wish didn't happen, but it hits so close to home since D Company is based out of the reserve unit here on the west side of Woodstock.

Our hearts and our prayers go out to the families of these soldiers. We are proud of your sons, your soldiers, our heroes.

To all our members, don't forget about the upcoming elections for the VFW officer positions for the 2009-2010 year. April is the month that we will elect new offi-

cers and we have to fill all the positions.

Each year this election seems to be one of the toughest meetings to go to for me. The number of members at the meeting dwindles down and I wonder who will fulfill the positions. Each VFW member has their own reasons of whether to be involved or not be involved, and it is their choice. Some members feel an obligation to lead and take on more of an active roll in our organization.

It's up to us though. If you want change, then be a part of the organization and make something happen. Change it up, try it out, get involved.

All VFW Post 5040 is asking for is to help keep up the tradition. Our Post is 63 years old this year and there have been decades of time spent by men and women to make this a great organization in Woodstock's history. Let's try to uphold that legacy in 2009-2010.

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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
29	30	31	1  April Fools' Day	2 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	3 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) and Stuffed Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	4 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
5 Palm Sunday	6 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Army Day	7 Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30pm	8 Cub Scouts - 7 pm Celebrity Bar Tender Night, 7-9 pm	9 National Former POW Recognition Day	10 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm Good Friday	11 Saturday Raffle 4 pm Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991)
12  Easter Sunday	13 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	14	15 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm Income Tax Day	16 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	17 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	18 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
19 Orthodox Easter	20 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for May 2009 VFW News items	21	22 Administrative Professionals' Day Earth Day	23	24 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Meatloaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm Arbor Day	25 Loyalty Day Spaghetti Dinner (if you volunteered your time, dinner is on the VFW) 5:00 to 7:00 pm Saturday Raffle 4 pm
26	27	28 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm	29	30	Loyalty Day 1 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) and Stuffed Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	2 Saturday Raffle 4 pm

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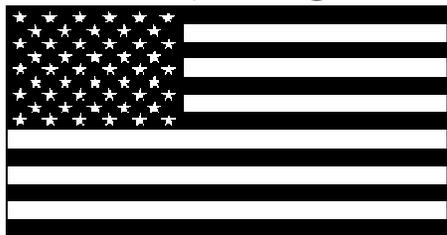
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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Fish Fry and dinner Specials.**
- **April 25: Loyalty Day Dinner for Volunteers.**
- **May 8/9: Soup to Nuts, indoor garage sale.**
- **June 27: VFW Car Show**

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