



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Poppy day results

By Fred Noble, VFW Commander

A special thank you to the VFW members Auxiliary members, and volunteers who helped with our May 15, 16, and 17 Poppy Days for an early count of \$4,601.76. We didn't make our goal but we certainly tried. We had the sites but not the feet!

Thanks to Rae Noble and Erin Joosten for the counting and record keeping. Members, please remember this is your Post and we sure could use your help for next year. Our volunteers this year, 2009:

- Alan Belcher
- Dennis Burris
- Mike David
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- Jack Fish
- Donna Freeman
- Bob Gibson
- Dick Glawe
- Erin Joosten
- Jeanne Kulinski
- Bill Kulinski
- Mike Lackey
- Bill Lyford
- Ed Lump
- Chuck Mathey
- Leonard Naumann
- Fred Noble
- Rae Noble
- Don Sullivan
- Anita Sword
- Don Sword



Soup to Nuts helpers. At the end of the sale on Saturday, the last of the workers cleaning up still had enough energy for one group photo. From left to right. First row, sitting at table: Donna Freeman, Pat Ritter. Middle row: Art Stolske, Jim Shoemaker, Sally Shoemaker, Arline McNett, Anita Sword, Don Sword. Back row: Russ Freeman, Charlie Mathey, Jim Gehrke. (Matt Klos photo).



VFW 5040 "Remember our Heroes" car show raffle takes flight

At the VFW 5040 car show on June 27, raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a helicopter tour of downtown Chicago for two people. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and the winning ticket to be drawn on the day of the car show.

Service provided by AM Air Service. Tour will be valid for 12 months from the sale of the raffle. Flight leaves out of Schaumburg Airport and lasts about 45 minutes. See page 3 for the car show flyer.

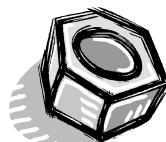
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Soup to Nuts Results

By

Russ and Donna Freeman



Just a short note to let everyone know how we did with our annual Soup to Nuts indoor garage sale. We raised \$1,116.96 this year.

We would like to thank everyone that helped us. Viola Brown, Betty Huebch, Ed Lump, Scott Lange, Charlie Mathey, Arlene Mcnett, Joan Mansfield, Harriet Pope, Pat Ritter, Gary Sherwin, Jim And Sally Shoemaker, Art Stolske, Don and Anita Sowrd, Mary Stompanoto, Fred Nobel, Jim Gehrke, and Jack Fish. Thanks also to Gary Sherwin for providing us with a bar-b-que lunch to keep us energized.

We hope we haven't left anyone out. We are planning on using the funds raised by this event for fixing and repairing many things around the Post home.

Items that were left over from the sale were picked up by Purple Heart. For next year, we are thinking of changing the time of the sale to either late September or early October. There are so many garage sales in the spring that we are competing against. We are hoping that we may have a better turnout in the fall instead.

Many, many thanks to all for making this a success and supporting your VFW Post 5040.

***This year in history:
June 6, 2009 marks the
65th Anniversary of the
D-Day Allied Invasion
of Europe.***

✠ Chaplains report ✠

By Pete Lockinger

Wayne Sherwin, Sid Sherwin's father, has been very ill since January due to cancer. He is a WWII veteran and member of our Post. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of any members of our Post that have been sick, have been hospitalized, etc., please let our Chaplain know so VFW Post 5040 can be made aware of our ailing Comrades.

VFW service awards given to students

VFW Service Awards were given to a senior boy and girl at two local Woodstock High Schools. Gift certificates to jewelry store Studio 2015 were provided in recognition for community involvement this past school year. Don Sword attended the Senior Awards banquet at Marian Central High School, awarding Andrew Clouda and Meagan Leahey. Charlie Mathey attended the Senior Awards banquet at Woodstock High School, awarding Jonathan Deschke and Lis Kucharski. Congratulations to the students!

Post home gets a badly needed update

You may have noticed the peeling paint and missing brick mortar on the back half of our VFW building. For a while it has been discussed of painting it, getting volunteers to do it, etc.

Have you noticed it recently? The VFW Club 5040 provided the funds to hire someone to tuck point the brick work and then paint the walls. It looks really nice and provides a fresh face to the outside walls that were in dire need of repair. Thanks VFW Club 5040!

Attention newly elected Officers for 2009-2010

The installation ceremony for VFW Post 5040 Officers and 5040 Ladies Auxiliary will be conducted on **June 20, Saturday, at 3:00 pm**. This is the day before Father's Day.

Even if you are not an officer, you are more than welcome to attend the proceedings and short ceremony that occurs at installation.

Homeless Veterans Program

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June 12-13th, 2009
National Guard Armory
1551 N. Kedzie
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Pre-register at shelters, Vet Centers, V.A. Hospitals and IDHS offices. Veteran status verified at registration. Overnight housing available. Registration starts at 0800 Hours on Friday, June 12th and ends Saturday, June 13th at Noon

Services Available:

V.A. Benefits	Photo I.D.s
Public Aid, Legal assistance	Housing Jobs
Medial	Eye Exams
Haircuts	Clothing
Food	Fellowship
Social Security	

We estimate serving 800 Veterans and 200 Volunteers, six meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast, lunch and sub sandwiches with snacks to go on Saturday. I really need some money for the meals and all the paper plates, silverware, cups, napkins, coffee, etc. for 6000 servings. We are also looking for clothes and people to volunteer.

Set up date is Thursday, June 11th, at 900 Hours. We will serve lunch. If you can help out monetarily, make checks payable to Paul Bezazian or VFW Post 8322. Every person, Post or Auxiliary, District or District Auxiliary or organization that donates will get a complete report with copies or receipts no matter what you donate.

To register, call 1-708-202-2715 or 1-708-383-3225. Thank you.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Nyda Fogarty
President 2008-2009

I am sorry to report that another District Officer has passed away. The Junior Vice President and the Secretary, Jennifer Fluck, died of cancer on May 10. She was 47 years old. She lived in Crystal Lake. There was a memorial service at Miller Funeral Home in Dundee on Tuesday, May 12.

We have also lost another long time member, Joyce Davis, who lived in Eugene, Oregon for the past several years near her son Mark Schoepke. Mrs. Davis was a WWII war bride and was from London. She served during the bombing of England as an enemy plane spotter for the government. She was also a past 5th District President.

Elected VFW Post 5040 Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2009-2010

President: **Nyda Fogarty**
Senior Vice President: **Lois Freund**
Junior Vice President: **Viola Brown**
Treasurer: **Michelle Patnaude**
Secretary: **Christine Gehrke**
Chaplain: **Karen Wells**
Patriotic Instructor: **Lois Freund**
Guard: **Rose Mary Hellstern**
Conductress: **Christine Gehrke**
1 year Trustee: **Geraldine Salyers**
2 year Trustee: **Irene Brown**
3 year Trustee: **Barbara Gehrke**

The installation will be held on June 20th with a joint ceremony with the Post. Congratulations, ladies!

Dues for next year will be due after July 1st. We have a number of members who have not yet paid this years dues of \$15.00. They are: Ruth Collier, Ewanda Ebel, Eileen Lyford, Lorraine Joorfetz, Eleanor Mungle, Peggy Porter, Ruby Stanger, Darlene Wojcieszak, Karen Raney, Catherine Gillispie, Amber Raney, Ruth Wagner, Barb Wilson, Yvonne Wolfe, Holly Lewis, Delores Sporleder, Cathy Schmeiding, Mary Olcott, Margie Humphries, and Marian Cone. You will be dropped as a member if your dues have not been paid.

For our last meeting of this current year on June 4, we will have a potluck dinner starting at 6 pm. Please bring a dish (or two) to pass., as our meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

2nd Annual Remember our Heroes Car Show



Saturday, June 27 11 am - 6 pm

Woodstock VFW
Post 5040
240 Throop St.



Food

Beer Tent

Raffles

Music

11 Trophies to be awarded!

Best in show – Fan Favorite – Best Hot Rod, and many more!
Judging to be based on overall cleanliness of interior, exterior and the engine compartment, restoration quality, and dress-up.

- \$15.00 Entrance fee - Spectators Free •

Proceeds from the car show will benefit McHenry County Veterans

So come out and enjoy the show and support our Veterans!

For registration information and trophy classes, please call:
Bill or Jeanne at 815-338-5040
Please leave a message.
Limited space - last year sold out, so register early!



Judging 11:30 am-2:00 pm
Trophies awarded at 3:00 pm
1965 Ford Falcon Raffle 4:30 pm

Free Raffles every 1/2 hr
Prize raffle 3:30 pm
50/50 Raffle 4:00 pm

1965 Ford Falcon Raffle

Partially restored
Donated by Chuck's son
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Must sell 250 tickets or cash prize will be substituted
Winner need not be present
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Patriotic bench displayed at VFW on Memorial Day

By Matt Klos

For those of you that stopped by VFW Post 5040 before or after Memorial Day, did you happen to notice something colorful out front? It was a painted bench with patriotic scenes, fitting for Memorial Day. After the parade, I just happened to meet the man responsible for bringing out the bench for public viewing.

Woodstock High School Art teacher, Herb Kruse, told me that the bench was part of a project that was funded by a District 200 Education Grant. Six benches were artistically decorated with a theme by various clubs at the school. This bench, the Art Club bench, was donated as a prize for District 200 supporters at a fund raising event.

The bench that was out in front of the VFW, along with the other five, was built by former Woodstock High School building trades student, Chris Lilja. About 30 hours of drawing and painting of the bench was completed by student artists Maggie Eigenfeld, Kassie Kamin, Arielle Penza, Brianna Pirro, Austin Emery, Skylar Stout, Samuel Sotelo, Samantha A. Murphy, Brittany Simpson, Janette Gonzalez, Stephany Rico, and Savannah Steiner.

Herb is a Woodstock resident and has been teaching for 22 years, the last five of which have been at Woodstock High School. When asked what the inspiration was for the patriotic themed bench, he said proudly, "My Father, Herb Kruse."

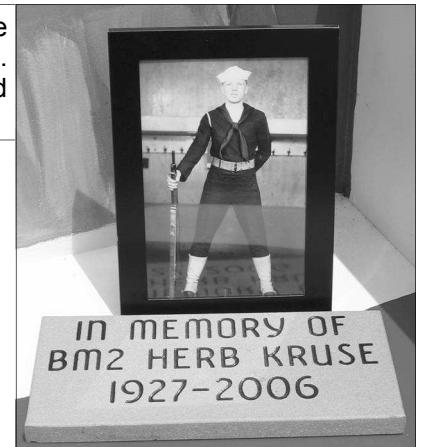
Kruse's father was a WWII veteran who died three years ago. A BM2 (Boatswain's Mate Petty Officer Second Class) in the United States Navy, Herb said that "many of his [Dad's] favorite memories were Navy memories."

"I believe our nation's children are disconnected from war and wars of the past.



One of the Memorial Day parade marshals, VFW Post 5040 member and past Commander Bill Lyford, stands next to the touring patriotic themed bench decorated by Woodstock High School students. The bench, after touring around to different public venues this summer will be put inside the VFW Post 5040 after Veterans Day, 2009. (Matt Klos photo).

An inspiration for the theme of the bench came from Kruse's father, also named Herb Kruse. BM2 Kruse was a WWII veteran in the United States Navy. (Matt Klos photo).



They can't possibly grasp what it is like unless they serve or know someone who has," Kruse added.

"The Motion Picture Industry and school Social Studies classes are our primary means of documentation. As History gets more complicated and events keep happening, quality public art is the proven way to reconnect the generations of the future to the events that formed our country in our past."

The prize winners of the bench have chosen to let the bench travel around to different public places and events this summer, such as the Public Library and other venues. Herb indicated that the bench would find a final resting place at Woodstock VFW Post 5040 after Veterans Day in November 2009.

VFW Post 5040 Sponsors Boys State Delegate

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor and Boys State Alumni, 1987.

Founded in 1935 in Illinois, Boys State is an American Legion Youth Program. During the Boys State experience, students learn first-hand what city, county, and state government is all about. As opposed to the traditional classroom, 'citizens' of Boys State experience it first hand in a live-event learning experience. Delegates this year are the following:

Marian Central Catholic High School: James Barger sponsored by American Community Bank and Woodstock American Legion Post 412; Nolan Downes sponsored by Raymond and Marilyn Benoy; Richard Master sponsored by Woodstock Lions Club; and **Patrick O'Brien sponsored by Woodstock VFW Post 5040.**

Woodstock High School: Brian Christmas sponsored by Ronald Steadman; Casey Clemmons sponsored by Hahn's Dairy Queen; Logan Kunzie sponsored by Woodstock American Legion Post 412; Townsend Peters sponsored by Family Dentistry Of Woodstock; and Scott Rausch sponsored by Richard Schroeder .

Memorial Day, May 25, 2009: A few photos to remind of us what this day was about.



Two World War II veterans serve as parade marshals for Woodstock's 2009 Memorial Day observance and parade on May 25. From left: Dwayne Raney, American Legion Chaplain; Alan Belcher, master of ceremonies; and parade marshals Dean Mishler and Bill Lyford. (Don Peasley Photo).

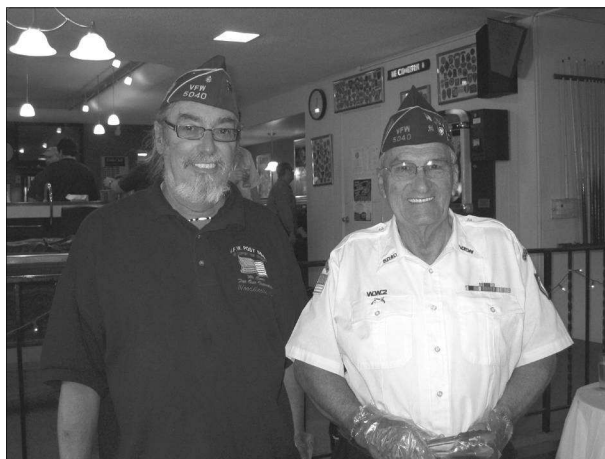


Memorial Day crowd on Woodstock Square. (Matt Klos Photo).



Jim Gehrke, left, and Amvets Commander Don Stage escort VFW Auxiliary President Nyda Fogarty to the Civil War monument for the laying of the wreath (Matt Klos Photo).

Kaitlyn Klein (left), who sang the National Anthem holds down music in the wind as Fred Strauss sings "American Soldier" (Matt Klos Photo).

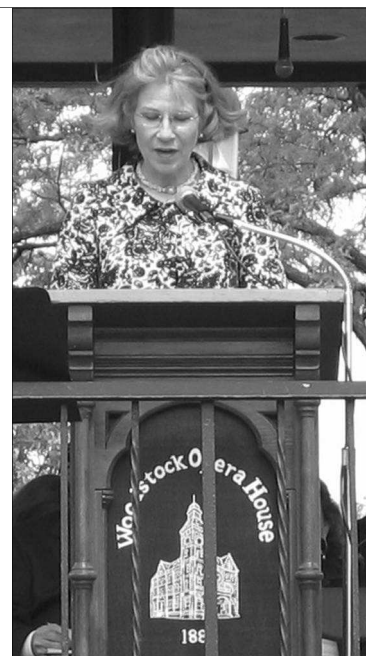


Mike Lackey (left) and Don Sword help serve food at the VFW during the annual Memorial Day lunch at the Post. (Matt Klos Photo).



Olson School fifth grader Fanny Garcia recites "The American's Creed" (Matt Klos Photo).

Woodstock resident and guest speaker, Nancy Phillips, shares her military family story in thanking those who have served. (Matt Klos Photo).



Patrons enjoy lunch at the VFW after the Memorial Day Ceremony and parade. (Matt Klos Photo).





From the Editor's Desk

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Another year has gone, our officers have performed their year long commitment to the VFW. I'd like to thank each one of them for their continued service to the Woodstock VFW. It's not an easy task to hold a VFW officer position. It requires time, dedication, and a willingness to give up some of yourself for the benefit of quality veterans organization. Great job guys, you made it. June will be your last presiding meeting.

Memorial Day this year, the crowds seemed a bit thinner than in previous years. I don't know if it was due to the weather (it was overcast, but not cold), people had other commitments, or what. There was still a lot of people on Woodstock square to listen to the Memorial Day Ceremony speakers and watch the parade. To the Memorial Day Committee, thank you for your hard work of making the Memorial Day event a very special one. Each year your group does a terrific job in getting the speakers, coordination of the events, etc. Thank you, too, Alan Belcher, for emceeing this event. You have a gift for public speaking which helps give meaning to this important day, a day to remember all those that gave their lives during military service. It is very much appreciated.

I have some good news to report to our membership. For the 5th year in a row, our newsletter, *Woodstock VFW News* took first place in the Department of Illinois Publications Contest. I submitted the May 2008 issue for the contest this year. The entry then moved up to the National level. On May 4, 2009, a press release on the VFW website announced the winners of the 2009 National Publications Contest. Two full-time journalism professionals served as judges for the competition. For the Medium Size Post Publications: 1st Place *Woodstock VFW News* (Post 5040, Illinois) Matthew Klos, Editor; 2nd Place *The Goodell Gazette* (Post 552, Michigan) John F. McElmeel, Sr., Editor, 3rd Place *Warrior Shim-bun* (Post 9612, Pacific) Joseph F. Mortimer, Jr., Editor. Congratulations to all place winners and thank you members of Post 5040 for helping me to achieve this honor of attaining a first place standing at the National level.



Ron Nehls, Rifle Squad Commander, signals the rifle squad from behind the team of Harold Irwin, Chuck Mathey, Arnie Doerfert, Bob Gibson and Dick Glawe as they fire a rifle volley in saluting the dead. Bob Schroeder, Post bugler, and Howard Engstrom (far right) listen and watch. (Ryan Klos Photo).

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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
31	1 Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	2 Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30pm	3 Cub Scouts - 7 pm	4 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	5 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Salmon Loaf (\$8) and Stuffed Pork Chops (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	6 Saturday Raffle 4 pm <i>D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe (1944)</i>
7	8 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Prime Rib (\$12) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	13 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
14 <i>U.S. Army Founded (1775)</i> <i>Flag Day</i>	15 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for July 2009 VFW News items	16	17 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	18 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	19 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: BBQ Ribs (\$10) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	20 Saturday Raffle 4 pm Installation of New VFW 5040 Officers 3 pm
21 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Summer Begins</i>	22 <i>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942)</i> <i>GI Bill Signed Into Law (1944)</i>	23 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm	24	25 <i>Korean War Began (1950)</i>	26 VFW Fish Fry and Friday Dinner Special: Meatloaf (\$8) 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	27 Saturday Raffle 4 pm VFW 2nd Annual Car Show
88th Annual Department Convention, Prairie Capital Convention						
28 Center, Springfield, IL	29	30	1	2 <i>U.S. Army Air Corps Established (1926)</i>	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  Independence Day VFW Post 5040 is closed TODAY

110th VFW National Convention, Phoenix Convention Center, AZ August 15-20, 2009

Two McHenry County residents who served in the Merchant Marines during World War II were guests of honor at the recent McHenry County Prayer Breakfast. Edmund Stoffel, 82 (left), McHenry, and Leonard Buresh, 90, Fox River Grove, both served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and the Korean War. Those who serve in the Merchant Marines were given little recognition. It was sometimes identified as the "hidden service" during the war. (Courtesy photo)



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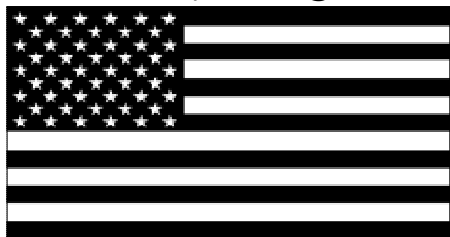
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Upcoming Events:

- Every Friday, Fish Fry and dinner Specials.
- **June 15:** VFW Meeting.
- **June 20:** Installation of Officers.
- **June 25-28:** VFW IL Department Convention.
- **June 27:** VFW Car Show.
- **July 18:** Talisman band at VFW; \$10 cover charge.

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