



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Survey Results

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

In July I published a short survey in the *VFW News* in response to some financial difficulties our Post is experiencing in the recent economy. What I wanted to do was spark some interest in the VFW and get some input from our membership on their

satisfaction with our Post and what they thought of it. There were five 'Yes/No' questions and one fill in the blank question for comments to our new officers.

Surveys are always hard to get responses to, especially in the format that I provided. You had to cut out the survey,

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Post picnic September 13

The VFW Post 5040 annual picnic will take place on September 13 from noon until ?? pm. This will be at VFW member John Hanson's house, 2718 Deepcut Rd, Woodstock IL 60098.

VFW members, employees, and family members are welcome to attend the picnic. Games to include horseshoes, participation in the longest/straightest drive contest, softball (bring bat and ball), volleyball (bring ball to play with) or other yard games (if you have them, bring the equipment - bocce ball, lawn jarts, etc). Even if you don't play, just come to socialize.

Bring a dish to pass, blanket or folding chairs to sit on, and some nice weather for the day. Any questions, please call John at 815-338-7890.



Fred Noble, Woodstock VFW Post 5040 Quartermaster, staffs the VFW information booth at the McHenry County Fair. The booth features handouts describing branches of service, a collection jar for the annual Buddy Poppy fundraiser and raffle tickets for a \$500 Grand Geneva Getaway certificate. Noble said the Miller Brewing Company donates the signs for the exhibit. Woodstock VFW participated in the flag raising ceremony in the grandstand on opening day of the fair. Fair officials expected almost 70,000 visitors to the 60th McHenry County Fair. (Don Peasley Photo)

Saturday September 19 Steak Fry at the VFW



Open to the Public

Dinner (steak, Texas toast, salad) will be served from 5pm - 7

Music from 7pm-12

Music by:

DJ Nitrous Audio's
Keith Parr

Steaks from:

Jones Country Meat,
Woodstock

Tickets:

Advance tickets are \$11.00, tickets at the door will be \$12.00 Tickets can be purchased at the VFW during business hours Call 815-338-5040 for more information.

Reservations preferred so we can anticipate food quantities.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Nyda Fogarty,
President 2009-2010

The 5th District Barbara Gray from Fox Lake was present at our last meeting to do her annual inspection. She brought the Senior Vice President Judy Patterson from Winthrop Harbor with her.

Our new Treasurer, Michelle Patnaude, is being trained by Chris Gehrke and myself to try to get notices out about dues that are now due for this next year. So, be patient and you'll receive your card. Signatures also had to be changed at the bank.

A dinner honoring Past Presidents and Past Commanders will be held on September 19th at Winthrop Harbor.

Our sympathy to Sid Sherwin and his mother with the death of his father Wayne. Sid is a past Post 5040 Commander.

I attended the National VFW Convention when it was in Phoenix several years ago. I would certainly have enjoyed being there this year. It is held in the large Civic Center downtown. Within the last several years, they just added onto the building, easily accommodating all the participants.

The VFW picnic is September 13. We can only hope it is not cold and raining as September is not a good month as a rule.

Remembering Ralph Pedersen

Ralph R. Pedersen, 88 died Wednesday July 15, 2009. He was born November 27, 1920 in Chicago, the third child of Ingolf and Ida (Hillman) Pedersen. In 1942 he married Lorraine Hatfield and enlisted in the "The Harvester Battalion" 134th Ord. Co. A. 12th Armored Division. He served overseas, being deployed to England, France, Belgium and Germany in Europe in 1944 and returned home in December 1945 to International Harvester where he worked after graduating from Lane Tech-



Ralph R Pedersen
1920-2009

Picture on right is of
Ralph in 1944.

Remembering Wayne Sherwin

By Don Peasley

Wayne Sherwin, father of Past VFW Commander Sidney Sherwin, died Sunday, August 16 at Centegra in Woodstock. Wayne was a Woodstock High School graduate who joined the Army to become part of the 165th Infantry. His company fought in the Battle of Okinawa and in battles throughout the Pacific theater as troops moved step by step toward Japan.

Wayne was awarded a Bronze Star, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Occupational Medal of Japan. Wayne was a member of VFW Post 5040, Harvard Moose and First United Methodist Church of Harvard.

Wayne, 84, is survived by his wife Barbara, a son Sidney, a daughter Vanita Seaber, three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and a brother Gordon Sherwin.

**Turkey Raffle Third Saturday
before Thanksgiving. Nov 21.
Tickets will be sent out at end of
September. Watch for 'em!**

nical High School in 1940. Ralph moved to Woodstock in 1977 after retiring from work and was a member of the VFW Post 5040 and the 12th Armored Division Association (The Hellcats). His wife, Lorraine, preceded him in death March 1, 2001 shortly before their 60th anniversary. He is survived by three children, Karen (Gordon) Knapp of Woodstock, with whom he lived the past two years, William (Ruth) of Carbondale, Colorado, and Jeffrey (Sue) of San Diego and three grandchildren, Peter (Mercedes) Knapp of Woodstock, Katie Pederson of Colorado, and Jennifer and Matt Pedersen of San Diego.



† Chaplains report †

By Pete Lockinger

August Charter Draped for:

- Roger D Behm
- Emil Meskan
- Ralph R. Pedersen
- Loren J. Pulver
- Wayne Sherwin, Sid Sherwin's father
- William A. Showers (Reported by daughter Jill McCaw. William lived in Martinsburg, MO)

Road Trip 2010!

Next years VFW National Convention is Indianapolis, IN August 21-26. From Woodstock that's 245 miles one way. Plan for it and let's take a drive!

Please welcome our new Club Manager Pat Auvenshine

VFW Post 5040 is pleased to announce that it has hired on a new Club Manager. Her name is Pat Auvenshine. She will be doing some bartending, cooking, ordering, scheduling and party bookings.

Pat's name sound familiar to some of you? She worked at Post 5040 about 10 years ago. She is now back with a head full of ideas and wanting to make the "VFW a place where Veterans of all wars, can come in an relax with other people with a common background," said Pat.

Some things the Pat is asking the Post to try out:

- Monday - Thursdays, sandwich's will be served at the Post from 4-7 pm. (already in place).
- Starting in September, the Post will be holding a "Family night" where families with kids can come down and get a bite to eat. The first one will be held on September 9. Plan is to serve pizza and burgers.

Pat's son-in-law, Randy McLaughlin, will be doing the cooking on Friday's.

Remember, the Post is open to the public. Do you have friends that might be interested in finding out what the VFW is about or just want to see what's inside, please invite them.

Thanks Pat for helping out our Post and we wish you the best. Ok members, if you see Pat, introduce yourself and give her a warm welcome as our new Club Manager.

VA Mortgage Corner

By Rob Piccolo

VA Loan Specialist/Inlanta Mortgage

As a VA Loan Specialist, I believe in the phrase “serving those who served”. In these extraordinary times, I realize the debt we owe to our soldiers and all veterans who fought on our behalf to maintain our freedom, both past and present. I believe that the sacrifices you have made while putting yourself in harms way and preserving our freedom deserves more then just a “thank you”. For the brave, dedicated men and women who have served our country, I believe there is perhaps no more valuable benefit than the VA loan.

One of the few full financing loan programs offered to particular members of our military group to purchase their own home properties is the VA home loan. Because qualified veterans are able to purchase a home with zero down payment, there is simply no equivalent mortgage loan in the non-government arena that can match a VA loan. In addition, once you decide for a veteran’s loan, you are not obligated to pay for mortgage insurance. What you do instead is pay for a VA funding fee that is most of the time integrated to the principal of your loan. Not paying for mortgage insurance, could help you save hundreds of dollars every month compared to FHA financing.

With current interest rates at historic lows, refinancing your current VA loan is just as easy, and can offer you substantial savings on your current mortgage. Through the VA’s IRRL (Interest Rate Reduction Loan), a veteran automatically qualifies to refinance their current loan, regardless of what has happened credit-wise, as long as it can be shown the loan will lower your total monthly payments. Obtaining a VA funded refinance is much easier than the qualification process for an initial home purchase because the process can be streamlined, which means there is no appraisal, no credit check, and debt ratios are not calculated.

You may qualify for a VA loan or VA IRRL if you fall into one of the following categories:

- Active-duty Veteran discharged during WWII or later, without the status of “dishonorable”
- Active duty Veteran with at least 90 consecutive days of service during major conflict
- Peacetime Veterans and active-duty personnel with at least 180 days of consecutive service
- Enlisted Veterans who service began after 1980, or officers whose service began after 1981, and who have served at least 2 years.

If you have any questions regarding VA loans or VA IRRL, or would like to get pre-approved to purchase you dream home and take advantage of the \$8000 First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit, please contact:

Rob Piccolo – Serving Those Who Served
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Patriot's Pen



2009-2010 Theme
“When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?”

Entry Deadline
 November 1, 2009

Patriot’s Pen, a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the annual contest.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

For entry forms, teacher packets, and previous year winning essay, please visit www.vfw.org and look under the menu item “Programs”.

Voice of Democracy



2009-2010 Theme
“Does America Still Have Heroes?”

Entry Deadline
 November 1, 2009

The Voice of Democracy, endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' contest criteria, is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The annual contest, which is designed to foster patriotism, allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme.

Created in 1947, the scholarship program annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships. Each Department's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., plus the opportunity to compete for national scholarships. The first-place national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

For entry forms, teacher packets, and previous year winning essay, please visit www.vfw.org and look under the menu item “Programs”.

VFW

9-Ball Tournament

Saturday September 12th, 2009 12 PM - ?

9 Ball - Double Elimination

\$7 Entry Fee

(includes 1 beer, some food and winners prize)

Sign up now at the bar: only 16 slots available (men or women)

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 Ed Chambers or ask at the bar
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Survey Results

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find an envelope, get a stamp, fill out the survey and send it back. It takes time to do and some people just don't want to respond.

However, some of you actually took the time to fill out the survey and send it back to me. Thanks to all those that did.

I am including the results of the survey as well as many of the comments I received, identifying information removed. You might find some interesting responses from your fellow VFW and Auxiliary members and with even a few trips down memory lane. I respect each of the comments and our membership should too. This is just a small sampling from our membership and does not reflect the opinions of everyone.

So, here are the responses that I received. There were a total of 19 responses returned. Out of our readership list, this was 3.5%. In the questions below, n/a is for "not answered".

Question 1: *Overall, are you satisfied with what our VFW Post has been doing in the last year or two with regard to fundraising, community involvement, etc.?*

Yes: 73.7% No: 10.5% n/a: 15.8%

Comments:

- We have to do MORE!
- Charging too much for tickets.
- For the few members involved, the community involvement has been great. However (an understatement), with more members being active, so much more could be done, especially in the area of sending packages to the military people in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Question 2: *If you are not an active member that regularly attends VFW meetings, are you concerned with what may happen with the Post home building?*

Yes: 89.5% No: 0.0% n/a: 10.5%

Comments:

- I am not an active member and the miles keep me from being so. Even though I will most likely not be moving back to Woodstock any time in the near future, I care a great deal about the VFW home. I made a short visit back to Woodstock in June and it was wonderful to take my family and point out Mom and Dad's photo's, mine also. It is very nice to remember taken tap dance lessons as a child upstairs.
- I'm an active member (but not as much as I'd like), but I'm VERY much concerned about what may happen to the

Post building.

Question 3: *Do you think it would be advantageous to sell the VFW and begin to donate the proceeds to community organizations over several years?*

Yes: 15.8% No: 78.9% n/a: 5.3%

Comments:

- I really do not know. Are we able to pay the bills to keep it? Would 5040 go away if it was sold? Had you gotten an offer, what would happen to the photos and plaques? Would you need to buy another place to meet? If 5040 were to go away could I still transfer my life membership? I have not wanted to do that since I LOVE my newsletter. I do buy raffle tickets when I can. What other organizations and how would they be picked?
- Real Estate taxes are high. Rent a smaller place.
- I'm not involved enough in the "inner" workings of the Post to answer this question. I assume this question means selling the building. I cannot see any advantage to this idea, unless we would then be able to acquire a smaller, easier to maintain facility. Then the present state of the economy, would we have any money left to donate? I was also under the impression that the District acquires the property when we cease using it.

Question 4: *Our Post is the fourth largest Post in our district of 25 Posts, making up 9% of the District Membership. Do you think our VFW Post should merge with another VFW Post? (Woodstock is the largest in McHenry County. Districtly speaking, Waukegan has 475, Winthrop Harbor 538, and Lake Villa at 656 according to the VFW IL statistics.)*

Yes: 26.3% No: 63.2% n/a: 10.5%

Comments:

- If it stays at our Woodstock Post.
- If we keep Post 5040 the actual Post.
- Where would the meetings move to? Would it make it harder on members to make it to the meeting? Okay, so the benefits from doing that might be that the we become a better VFW, I want more information about that now if we have to sell I can see this.
- But we should welcome any Post who wishes to merge with us as Post 6004 did.

Question 5: *Is the VFW that you remember and were involved with at some point in your life the same VFW of today?*

Yes: 15.8% No: 78.9% n/a: 5.3%

Comments:

- It was supported better then.
- Too few members attend VFW functions, meetings, dinners, bar, Monday coffee, blood drives, etc.
- Nothing stays the same, but yes it would be wonderful to come home and have the bar I sat with my parents with and drank Shirley Temples with still be there. I think that you still sell Poppy's and that you still do visits to the VA but I am not sure. Fish Fry's and Bingo. The things I loved.
- Poor support from membership.
- Each member does his own thing - doesn't follow rules and regulations.
- The WWII vets who spearheaded those programs have passed on or become very old.
- The old guard is about gone. Too few vets join the VFW. New blood is needed to do what WWII vets can no longer do because of health, sickness or disabilities.
- I remember VJ parades, Christmas kid parties.
- Except fewer are able or willing to help as volunteers.
- Different type of people.
- Because so many of the members that founded the Post and were very active, have died or can hardly function any more.

Question 6: *Not so much as a question but asking for comments directed to your new Post 5040 Officers. There were quite a lot of them. What would you like to tell our new officers?*

Comments:

- I don't see why the VFW has to donate to the City or schools, etc. We should use our money to take care of the Post. I live [out of state] and try to get to the Post when I am in Woodstock. I think it's a great Post.
- The fish fry attendance has gone way down. I quit coming to the fish fry because the fish was over cooked. It would end up on the floor when I tried to cut it.
- Find a Friday cook and improve the service for people eating. Rent the front office. Keep the picnic as long as John will have us. Great event. Try to increase membership. Please publish how many respond to this.
- I don't really know since I have not been active so many years. The one year I was an officer I knew that we needed to get more money. I think that we served lots of dinners. Renting the hall for parties is a good way to get funds. We have

a wonderful space perfect for parties, dinners, and meetings. Maybe work on selling that. Then you need to have the workers for that. I remember when the Soup to Nuts sale was started. That works well from what I have read. I saw that you had a car show. That might be something else that you could work on expanding. I know the car shows I work here can be very good fundraisers. Get the word out about dinners and providing information booths any and everywhere you can. If you can sell beer outside the hall, having a beer booth at almost anything is a good way to raise money. Maybe the City Park on the 4th of July. If you can't sell beer, maybe soda's or water and include a flyer telling about hall rental with everything you do. Wish I were there to help. If you sell beer at the 4th of July, I might come up to help with that.

- We need more fund raisers. Assess each member \$5.00 or more per month or maybe a Spirit Fund.
- We are spending too much of our time and money on the building instead of helping veterans.
- Why would you sell the building in this economy? You would not get anything in regards to value. You couldn't even rent anything because of cost. If they would have their meetings on meeting night and not hold them at the bar in their little cliques, it would flow smoother. They had better get their cook deal settled or they won't have anything to worry about.
- Suggest you ask the originals, Bob Shroeder, Dwayne Raney, etc. how they spurred the early VFW programs and lead a vital Woodstock VFW.
- I wish I could name the things to be done. But there needs to be a greater interest in the VFW. We need a campaign to get all newer vets, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan. Right now, all officers must sit down and devise ways to raise more money to keep the VFW going. There are too few and too old members to do the needed work.
- Keep up the good work.
- I hope members, locally, come forward and help out. You have a good program. Selling the building, the house, will be the end of 5040. Like the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs, try and keep the building, I live [out of state] so don't get out much.
- It would be advantageous to form a partnership with the Elks, American Legion, VFW and any other organization to form a group adventure and meet

at one location to reduce expenses.

- The best is the VFW News because it provides a live, vital link between members and the service activities of the Post.
- Fish fries are a mess with Bingo being played while you eat and the service is bad. Takes too long for your food. Bingo should be played upstairs. The new Chaplain isn't putting in who is sick or who is in the hospital. That could improve.
- I don't think by selling the current building would correct all the problems but it would be nice if something was obtainable that was on all on one floor, maybe smaller and newer, though moving out of town would not be feasible. I know the city wants the property but they don't want to give a fair price for it.
- The big problem is that the men that had so much dedication and ability to run the various functions are dying off as you can see as to the age of the Firing Squad and Honor Guards. There are a few left around in their 50's or 60's that do care about maintaining the VFW. The younger men are all so busy working and are spread between other activities that the responsibility of being at the VFW is not THERE. The older ones grew up in the fact that the VFW was THEIR Post and they did everything they could do to work at it, maintain it, and support it, even if they were involved with Little Leagues and city activities, through differences of opinion and compatibility with the other members. They all worked together.

It's the same way if they combined with the Legion, Vietnam, Marine Corps, etc. Some wanted to combine all the monies and work as one but those of an organization that had a great deal of money did not want to be the ones to fork over the majority of cash. No one could come up with a feasible way to run a place with three or four organizations, though it has been done in other towns.

I hate to see the kitchen go down and

Hey, Thanks!

Thanks to Rich Pence (from Miller Light) who has provided our VFW with custom banners over the last several years, helping our VFW to advertise special events and communications for use both in and outside our VFW.

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it never, ever will be what it was when Joe Thiede was there but it is same in all organizations right now. You have to find someone that really enjoys fixing the meals and tries to bring it up to snuff and not steal you blind. And that is difficult to do but it can be done...So new officers, God Bless and Good Luck.

- Many things have been tried. Some have worked and a lot have not. But one thing that might work is to get whoever would be willing, to do the calling of our members in McHenry County. A list of those members with their phone numbers would have to be accumulated and divided among the callers. We could ask them about their ideas and find out current information about them.

Years ago, when the now aging membership was young, we had projects for our children, such as Halloween & Christmas parties. The members had parties and entertainment, ball teams, bowling teams, work projects at the Post and involvement in community activities. There's no reason you younger Veterans couldn't be doing the same. As a Post member, it's your Post, and the facilities are yours to use (within the limits of the Post by-laws and building rules). But you've got to get active in the Post by showing up often and attending monthly meetings.

What our new Nat'l Cmdr. asks that we do

Thomas Tradewell, a resident of Sussex, Wisconsin, was elected VFW National Commander on August 20, 2009, during the VFW's National Convention, held August 15-20 in Phoenix, Arizona.

During his acceptance speech Tradewell, who served in the Army from 1966-1968, reminded the mostly Vietnam-era audience that to remain a vibrant organization.

"I ask each of you today to go back to your communities and seek out those Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, because they will be the main force of this organization in the not so distant future," he said, "... we must explain to them who we are, what we do, and who we do it for. I ask you to explain our legacy...this new generation of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans must be made aware that the VFW is first and foremost a veterans' service organization ... and we need to be there to answer their questions on what VA programs are available ... and where to go for claims assistance," he added.



From the Editor's Desk

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Hello everyone. Do you think I can squeeze anymore into this 8-page issue this month? I tried to use every bit of space that I could find to fill with information. Hopefully the print process will keep things readable. Please make sure you have a chance to read through it all. I hope you didn't mind reading the comments from our members in the survey. It made for an interesting read and interaction, as there are very few times I get opinions from our membership.

Turkey raffle tickets will be mailed out in late September. There are a few changes this year as you will see when you get your tickets. One change is that price per ticket is decreasing back to a \$1 per ticket. However, to get a free turkey dinner, you will have to sell or buy 20 tickets (which is the number of tickets being sent to each person who receives this newsletter). This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, so please support your Post.

As of the last Post meeting, it was announced that the front office was seriously being looked at by someone for rental. I have not heard if the deal went through yet.

Interesting fact for you. Did it ever cross your mind why we cannot use our postal permit for mailing out our raffle tickets? It did mine. I asked the Post Office about this. Since our raffles require that tickets be purchased to win a prize (as opposed to "no purchase necessary"), we cannot send them at the discounted non-profit rates.

School is back in session, so keep a watchful eye on the road and the children in your communities. See, ya!

Remember V-J Day?

By Don Peasley,
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

August 14 and August 15 slipped by with virtually no attention in the news media about the significance of those two August dates. Those of our readers who remember World War II certainly know the significance of those dates, and it's sad to me that the younger generation does not know about the great danger this country faced that brought about World War II.

On August 14, 1945 President Harry Truman announced that Japan had surrendered to end World War II (V-J Day). President Truman proclaimed August 15, 1945 as a national day of thanksgiving.

In a way it's a tribute to the success of maintaining relative peace in decades since that today's young people have virtually no knowledge of events leading up to World War II and the wars that raged. The United States entered World War II after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The U.S. quickly entered the war in Europe which remind many people of a milestone date, namely, June 6, 1944, when allied troops landed on the coast of Normandy to begin the successful defeat of Germany. The war with Germany ended May 8, 1945 but the battle with Japan continued until mid-August.

I think it's timely that we remember these milestone dates and appreciate the sacrifice of so many who died and so many who worked so earnestly to bring about military success.

We are undergoing similarly difficult times in Iraq and Afghanistan. It may not seem so dominant in our lifestyle and our day-to-day living, but consider the fact this war in Iraq has lasted much longer than World War II—and there is not sign of this current war ending soon.

This is my son William Kurt Eigenfeld. He is part of your Post 5040. He is currently in Iraq now and will return in September 2009 from camp Iron Horse. (Pictures from proud father Kurt Eigenfeld)

William, welcome aboard and we look forward to meeting you. - Post 5040.



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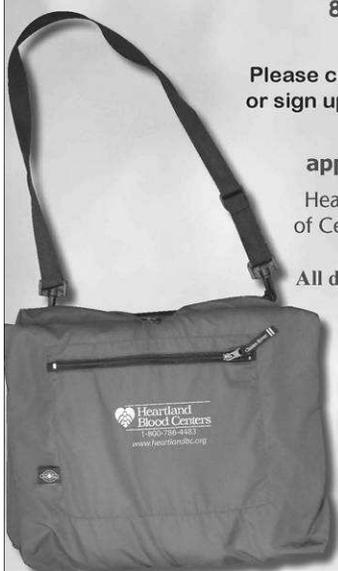
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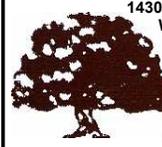
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Closed	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30pm	2 Cub Scouts - 7 pm V-J Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)	3 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	4 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	5
6	Labor Day 7 Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	8	VFW Family Night 9 Serving Pizza and Burgers at the VFW 5-7 pm Open to the Public	10 U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated (1962)	11 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm Patriot Day	12 Pool Ball Tournament 12pm - ? 9-Ball Double Elimination. 16 slots available. Sign up at bar. Saturday Raffle 4 pm
VFW Post Picnic 13  John Hansen's House 12pm- ? Bring a dish to pass Blood Drive at Woodstock Moose 8am - 12pm Grandparents Day	14 VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm "Star Spangled Banner" Written by Francis Scott Key (1814)	15	16 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	17 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm U.S Constitution Approved (1787) Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized (1914) Citizenship Day	18 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm U.S. Air Force Established (1947) POW/MIA Recognition Day	19 Steak Fry and Dance Dinner 5-7 pm Music 7-12 pm Open to the Public Reservations Requested Advance Ticket \$11.00 Door \$12.00 Saturday Raffle 4 pm  Rosh Hashanah
20	VFW Meeting 21 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for October 2009 VFW News items	22 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm Autumn Begins	23	24	25 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	26 Saturday Raffle 4 pm
27 Gold Star Mother's Day	28 Yom Kippur	29 VFW Day VFW Established (1899)	30	1	2 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm	3 Saturday Raffle 4 pm

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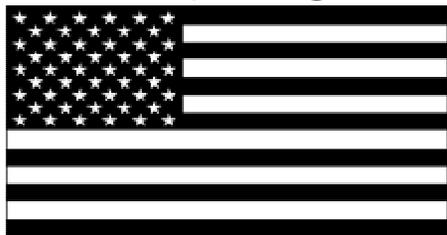
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This month's issue:

- Post survey results, comments included.
- Scholastic scholarship information.
- Short stories from Don.
- Our new club manager.
- And more inside...

Upcoming Events:

- Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.
- **Sept 12:** Pool Tourney.
- **Sept 13:** Post picnic at John Hansen's house.
- **Sept 19:** Steak Fry. Food, DJ, and dancing.
- **Sept 21:** VFW meeting.

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