



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Remembering Pat Gaylord

By Don Peasley
VFW News Editor 1955-2002

Many family members and friends, which included a large contingent of VFW and Auxiliary members, gathered at the VFW October 25 to pay tribute to Patricia Gaylord, one of the Post's most energetic and hard-working volunteers for decades.

Pat, 84, died October 15 at Grafton, Wisconsin where Robert and Pat moved in 2008. VFW members had bid a sad farewell to her husband Robert just seven months earlier. Bob died March 15, 2009 of cancer.

Pat had been in hospice care for two weeks prior to her death, caused by congestive heart failure.

Those of us who knew Pat remember her cheerful countenance and her willingness to be helpful. She was a person who got things done, reflected in her activities with both the VFW and Auxiliary from soon after Post 5040 was founded in 1946.

I remember Pat as one of the workers when the VFW established a Fourth of July Festival at city park (Emricson Park) in 1949. In 1951 she was elected VFW Auxiliary president, succeeding her sister-in-law Robin Kennedy in the first years of the Auxiliary's service. Incidentally, Leona Kennedy (Pat's mother) was Auxiliary president in 1955.

Pat and Bob worked as a team on innumerable VFW projects. I remember viv-

idly the two of them taking charge of Soup to Nuts as a fundraiser to sell items donated by members. She also worked in the first years as a waitress at the VFW, and through the decades she and Bob often worked to insure good food service at the VFW.

I remember seeing her on the street selling Buddy Poppies, and I have photos of her with Joan Mansfield planning parties. Pat also helped plan VFW's participation in the All-America City undertaking (1963-1964) because that involved the Auxiliary serving large crowds of dignitaries and other out-of-town supporters of V-J Day activities.

Old-timers will remember Halloween parties which included costumes. One of the enjoyments was to try to figure out who was behind those (sometimes creative) costumes. Pat helped plan these parties.

The many people who gathered at the VFW October 25 are among those who appreciated Pat's extra devotion to service and being helpful. When her daughter Kim called to tell me about her mother's death, I liked the way she described Pat. "Mother was very giving," she

said, "of her time, her talent and willingness to be helpful."

Pat and Bob were married August 8, 1949. They have three daughters. Survivors include daughters Kim (Mark) Meisinger, Leigh (Carmello) Raffaele and Jill (Fred) Gaylord; grandchildren Erica and Dominic Raffaele; sister Jane Dahm, and sisters-in-law, Robin Kennedy and Lou Kennedy. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.



Pat Gaylord (left) is with her brother Frank Kennedy, first elected Commander of the VFW in 1946, and her sister Jane Dahm. Their mother Leona was an Auxiliary charter member and Past Auxiliary President; that's why the Kennedy's were called "The First Family of the VFW."
(Don Peasley Photo)

Annual turkey dinner and raffle Saturday, 21 November 2009

Prizes for this raffle are as follows:

1st Prize: \$150.00

2nd Prize: \$100.00

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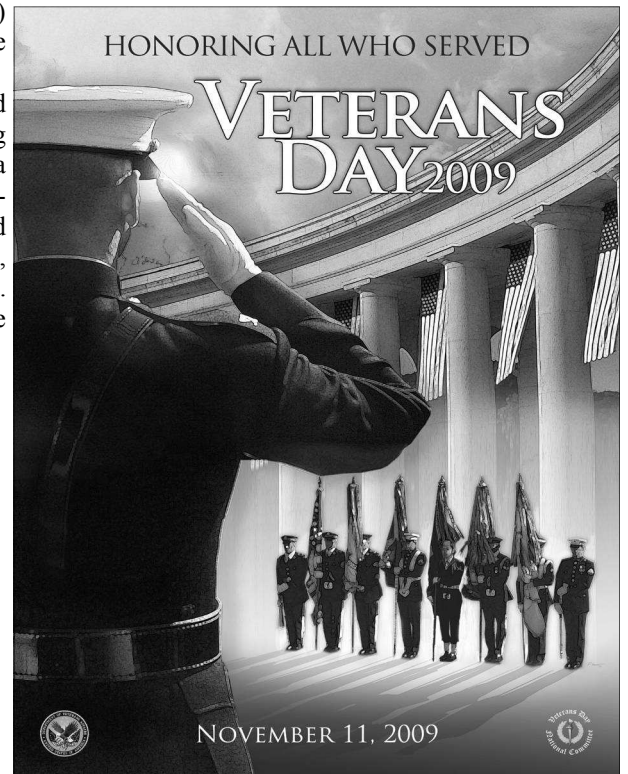
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Turkey dinner served 6pm-8pm

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Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 Each



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NOVEMBER 11, 2009

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Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2009-2010

At our next meeting on November 5 we will be planning our Christmas party which will be on Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. Meat will be furnished at our party and a gift exchange of \$5-7 is planned. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan on attending. Also, if you do attend and your dues are current, you will be eligible for our drawing for free dues for next year. If you have already paid your dues and received a notice from the Auxiliary or the Department, please disregard the notice.

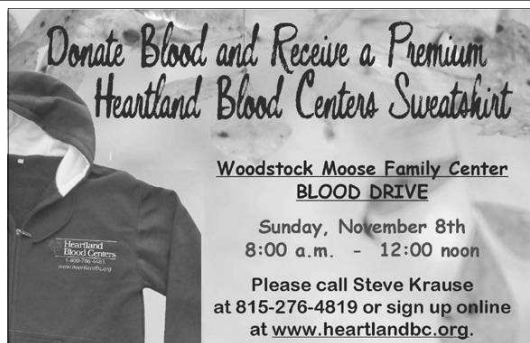
We recently paid our cancer insurance which was over \$500.00 that covers the members of our Auxiliary. If you received a notice please disregard it.

Two of our members, Helen Book of Crystal Lake and Delores Sporleder of Bonita Springs Florida, lost her daughter and her son respectively. Our sympathy



Here's another time when Pat was a volunteer, this time helping staff the VFW booth in Building D during the McHenry County Fair August 5, 2007. Pat and her husband Bob are in the foreground. Dick Glawe (back) also helps on this occasion. (Don Peasley Photo)

Happy 90th Birthday
Harold Irwin (10/21/2009)



from the Auxiliary to both of these families.

A terrible accident occurred on October 10 on Tryon Street when our Vice President, Lois Freund, was on her way to church at St. Mary. A car, driven by a 17 year old man, hit her in the cross walk and she was severely injured. She died on October 22, 2009. We are really devastated over this loss in the Auxiliary. Our very deepest sympathy to her family. The Auxiliary will not be the same without her.

On November 11 we will be observing Veterans Day. At this one special event we ask that you bring pies for the lunch.

The next District meeting will be on November 8th in Dundee, IL The ladies will meet after the noon lunch in Carpentersville.

We are deeply saddened with the loss of one of our Past Presidents this last month, Pat Gaylord. She was a charter member of the Auxiliary and hard worker at the Post. Pat and husband Bob (who died in March of this year) were in charge of the Soup to Nuts Sale for many years and Bob usually spun the big wheel at the Turkey Raffle. She will certainly be missed and our condolences to their three daughters.

Thanks to Mike David and his wife Judy for another season of keeping the Post 5040 lawn and garden looking great!



Chaplains report

By Pete Lockinger

October Charter Draped for:

- Marl "Bob" Collier
- Ronald Flemming
- John Greenham
- Gordon Tharp

Sick List

- Fred Noble - Pneumonia

Coming up at the November VFW meeting

A special election will be called for the election of a new Jr. Vice Commander. Our current Junior Vice Commander has missed several consecutive meetings.

According to the VFW bylaws, being absent from two consecutive meetings the membership can and has declared vacant the office of Junior Vice Commander. If you are interested in the position, please come to the November meeting.

Welcome new members

The following are some of the new members that have joined our ranks in VFW Post 5040 in the last several months:

New Members:

- George Faust
- Erik Sword
- Patrick Surma

Transfers:

- Michael Neumann
- Bruce Treadway

Thanks for sealing the parking lot:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends (Set Clock Back One Hour)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm VFW Board Mtg. 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30pm Election Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cub Scouts - 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Saturday Raffle 4 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>VFW and Auxiliary 5th District Meeting West Dundee Post 2298 For more info: Bob Lamping 630-855-0828 5th Dist. Adjutant</p>	<p>9</p> <p>VFW Officers Mtg. 7 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)</p>	<p> Veterans Day Ceremony at Post 11 am, Lunch at 12 pm Signing of WW I Armistice (1918)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Saturday Raffle 4 pm</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for December 2009 VFW News items</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm</p>	<p>Turkey Raffle and Dinner  Cocktail Hour: 5:00 pm Dinner: 6 - 8 pm \$8.00 for Dinner Public Welcome!</p>
<p>22</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving </p>	<p>27</p> <p>VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Saturday Raffle 4 pm</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					

Thank you Veterans from Applebee's (eat free) In recognition of your service to our country, all veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to eat free at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants this Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. As you may recall, Applebee's launched a pilot program last year on Veterans Day offering free entrees to military service personnel and veterans. Because the response was so overwhelmingly positive, Applebee's is extending the invitation throughout the country this year. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word. Please help us share details across your various communication channels. All U.S. veterans and active duty military with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee's nationwide on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform. **For additional details, visit: www.applebees.com/vetsday**

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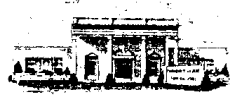
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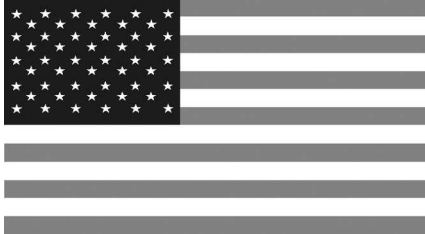
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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.**
- **Nov 5: Auxiliary Meeting.**
- **Nov 11: Veterans Day.**
- **Nov 16: VFW Meeting.**
- **Nov 21: Turkey Raffle and Dinner.**
- **Nov 26: Happy Thanksgiving**