



# VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary



## Post 5040 sponsors local hockey club

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

At the December 2009 VFW meeting, VFW Post 5040 member Lawrence Gordon and Jr. Vice Commander Ed Chambers presented to the membership the idea

of sponsoring a local hockey team. We've sponsored other sports in the past such as the Woodstock Little League, so sponsoring a team was not new to the Post.

What is new is that the team that VFW Post 5040 would be

sponsoring is an age 21+ older team, made up of area players from local law enforcement and players of all skills levels. It's aim is to be a non-profit hockey team geared toward playing games to support charity events such as autism awareness and raising money for the fallen soldiers of D Company out of Woodstock.

With the VFW sponsoring the Falcons Hockey Club ([www.falcons-hockeyclub.org](http://www.falcons-hockeyclub.org)), Post 5040 would have a logo on the jersey it is purchasing and in return, post-game activities would be continued at the Woodstock VFW. This way, patronage would be at the VFW to help generate some needed revenue and at the same time the charity event would be conducting some of its activities at the VFW to raise support and funds for its cause.

The VFW membership voted to sponsor the team, so plans will move forward. We will keep you posted on how this plays out over the year. As games come up, we'll post that too.

## Results of the annual blood drive

This years blood drive and pancake breakfast was cancelled due to low participation. If you rushed over on the morning of January 17 hoping to donate, you were out of luck. 11 people signed up for the drive, but by Friday January 15, it was down to about eight.

The Elks recently had a blood drive about two weeks prior, so this took some of the donors away. It was communicated

to Heartland Blood Centers that maybe there should be better coordination of blood drives between the Elks, Moose, and VFW.

Just because the drive didn't happen doesn't mean you cannot donate. Contact your local blood donation center and donate. January is National Blood Donor Month. One pint of blood is all that's needed to help save the lives of at least three people. Donate today.

## What's a Post to do to raise general funds?

In the next few months, you will probably be hearing about some type of fund raising activity to help raise funds for VFW Post 5040. Our main fund raiser during the year is the Turkey Raffle (in November), but we need something additional because general funds are running at critically low levels. At the last meeting, Don Sword reminded the membership of something that we went through in the late 1990's. Remember the "Spirit Fund" started in December 1997? From old newsletters, it looked like this drive went on for about two years, raising over \$15,000.

You see, income from the bar and Friday dinners don't provide enough money to support the building. Those income sources barely make enough to cover the people and supplies needed to run them. There are bills to pay and a building to maintain. Without a steady stream of funds

Come down to the Post for our

## Turkey Fry

February 23, 5-7pm

\$6.00 per person

### Menu:

Deep fried turkey, potatoes, baked beans, bread & butter.



coming in, we just whittle away at the available money we do have each month to keep the building open to serve the community.

When you do see something come out about the forthcoming fund raising activities, please consider your Post. We need your financial support. Times are tough in this economy. 5040 feels it just as you do.



Saturday  
February 13<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a

## VFW Post 5040 Valentine's Day Party and Dance

Cocktails 6 - 7 pm  
Complimentary  
hors d'oeuvres and  
goodies served.

# 41 unpaid members

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

Wondering if you have already paid your 2009-2010 membership fee? As of January 25, 2010, the list at the right shows those members that have NOT paid their dues as of yet according to the VFW National Membership list.

Why not start the year off right and pay your dues? Contact VFW Post 5040 quartermaster Mark Freund if you have questions. For those of you that pay annually, dues are \$30 a year. Mail it to the Post or renew online: [emem.vfw.org](http://emem.vfw.org)

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- Austin, Dale
- Baier, Scott
- Bothum, David
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- Elsinger, Jeremiah
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- Erbstoesser, James
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- Grell, Jonathan
- Grisolia, Patrick
- Hansen, Mark
- Henning, Bryan
- Jinga, Charles
- Joseph, Matthew
- Kemmerly, Jack
- Konopka, Peter
- Maher, Elvin
- Malysiak, Anthony
- Mc, Carthy
- Nulle, Steven
- Olson, Douglas
- Penna, Anthony
- Piquette, Robert
- Polnow, Howard
- Regna, Daniel
- Schulemann, Calvin
- Silliman, Walter
- Slusser, Thomas
- Snyder, Donald
- Spencer, Warren
- Voyles, Matthew
- Waters, Derick
- Weisbacker, Grayson
- Welker, James
- Winling, Chris
- Zyskowski, Chester
- Crystal Lake
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Union
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Marengo
- Steubenville, OH
- n/a
- Marengo
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Lincolnshire
- Rockford
- Tucson, AZ
- Marengo
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Harvard
- n/a
- Crystal Lake
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Crystal Lake
- Woodstock
- Lake In The Hills
- Oconomowoc, WI
- Harvard
- Wonder Lake
- Crystal Lake
- Woodstock
- Woodstock
- Hanover Park
- Marengo
- Lake Villa
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# We've got the space, e-mail and sub-domains if you need them.

(Warning: technical content ahead.)

By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

It's been a while since I communicated this, but I want to let you know once again for those of you that might be interested. Our web site, as you may know, is maintained by your VFW News Editor which is me. We have very few restrictions on what we want to put on the website. We also don't have any extraneous ads flashing across our website because we pay for a domain and don't have any of that baggage that some "free hosting" plans give.

Over the years, when I first put the website up in 2003, the hosting package we purchased was limited in the amount of storage space we had, how many email accounts we could use, sub-domain usage, traffic usage, etc. The hosting company, Hostforweb.com has increased these capacities each year and yet the price has not gone up. Currently, we have unlimited storage space, unlimited sub-domains, unlimited bandwidth, and unlimited email accounts. This costs us about \$5.06 per month for all this.

So what does this mean? Well, if any of you have dabbled in HTML and would like to put a web page out there under our VFW domain, you can do so. I could create a sub-domain with your name even. For example, the sub-domain is in the format "newnamehere.vfw5040.org". So you could have "whatsup.vfw5040.org", "commander.vfw5040.org", "newat.vfw5040.org" or any combination you can think of and put a page up. You would have your own little "space" and put up pages as you like using an FTP program (used to transfer documents to the server where our site is hosted). Key here is that YOU would just have to create the web page.

Say you want an email with "yourname@vfw5040.org". I can create that too. You would even have access to web-based email where you maintain your account, password, etc.

I just wanted to let you know that this amenity is available to any of our membership. I don't know if anyone has any need for it, even cares, but it's available. This way, if you ever wanted to experiment with creating a web page but didn't want to pay to host it, this option is there for you.

**One more to thank for coating the parking lot:**



**Chris Proffitt**

(Thanks Ed, for letting me know! Chris, sorry for the omission, too!)

**Chaplains report**

By Pete Lockinger

Sick List: Fred Noble

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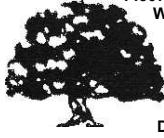
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# February 2010

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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
31	<b>Memorial Day 1</b> Committee 7:00 pm Little League 7:00 pm Girls Softball 7:00 pm <i>National Freedom Day</i>	<b>2</b> Primary Elections Woodstock Jaycees Board Meeting 7:30pm <i>Groundhog Day</i>	<b>3</b> Cub Scouts - 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
<b>VFW Super 7 Bowl Sunday</b> Doors Open at 3:00 pm Game at 5:00 pm Chili and snacks served.	<b>8</b> VFW Officers Meeting 7:00 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm  <i>Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> New Meeting Date VFW Board Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	<b>VFW 13</b> <b>Valentine's Day Party and Dance</b> Cocktails 6-7:00 pm Music by Nitrous Audio Complementary hors d'oeuvre and goodies. Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
<b>VFW 14 Daytona 500 Party</b> Doors open at 11:30 am Race starts 1:00pm  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b> VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg. Deadline for March 2010 VFW News items  <i>George Washington's Birthday Observed (Presidents' Day)</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	<b>17</b> Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>18</b> Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	<b>VFW 23 Annual Turkey Fry</b> 5-7:00 pm \$6.00 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	<b>27</b> Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
<b>28</b>  <i>Purim</i>	<b>1</b>  <i>Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>Vietnam War Began (1965)</i>	<b>3</b>  <i>"Star Spangled Banner" Made U.S. National Anthem (1931)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u>VFW Fish Fry</u> 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm



**From the Editor's Desk** By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor Wow, the newsletter was pretty light in stories this month, wasn't it? Yes, I thought so too. But, that's how it is over the winter time. Not much going on at times. As you can see above, February is starting to pick up with activities. Our club manager, Pat Auvenshine and other members of the VFW Post 5040 Board of Directors are trying to come up with ideas to not only make the VFW a fun place to be, but to generate some interest and camaraderie. If you can come down to an event or two and see what's up at the Post, we'd love to have you here.

Each year about this time, our Post enters the VFW Publications Contest that we have done pretty well in for the last several years. New for this year, VFW National has changed the categories of how it classifies VFW Posts. In previous years, it was large (750 or more members), medium (250-749 members), and small (249 members or less). This year's categories are large (300 or more), medium (200-299), and small (199 or less). Post 5040 falls into the large category with 437+ members. We're playing with the big dogs now. I'll keep you posted on how we do as information becomes available in the coming months. Competition will be a lot tougher from this point on.

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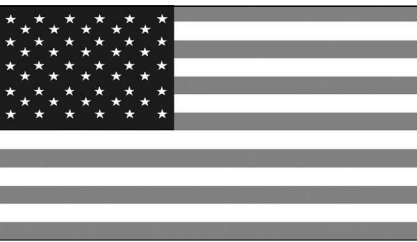
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### This month's issue:

- **Lot's of things happening this month of February.**
- **Are you an Unpaid Member?**
- **Falcon's Hockey Club sponsored.**
- **And a couple of more things of interest inside...**

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### Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.**
- **Feb 7: Super Bowl Party!**
- **Feb 13: Valentine's Day Party and Dance!**
- **Feb 14: Daytona 500 Party!**
- **Feb 23: Annual Turkey Fry!**