



VFW News

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Woodstock VFW Post 5040 and Auxiliary

Annual turkey dinner and raffle Saturday, 20 November 2010

Prizes for this raffle are as follows:

1st Prize: \$150.00

2nd Prize: \$100.00

3rd Prize: \$50.00

40 turkeys next 40 Prizes!

Turkey dinner served 6pm-8pm

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Cost is \$8.00



Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 Each

Tickets to be mailed for annual Turkey Raffle

Be watching your mail for the VFW Annual Turkey Raffle tickets that will be mailed in the coming weeks ahead. As one of our yearly fund raisers for the Post, we depend on your donations and appreciate the monetary help you give to keep our Post functioning. Prices remain the same as last year for tickets. Please show your support to your Post by purchasing them or selling them to friends, family and coworkers.

Thanks in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the VFW Turkey Raffle in November.

Post 5040 World War II veterans remember 65th anniversary of war's end

By Don Peasley, WWII Navy Veteran

Robert Schroeder, World War II veteran of the war in the Pacific theater, led Woodstock's tribute to World War II veterans Saturday, August 14 as he played "Taps." The ceremony marked the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II with the 7 p.m. observance as Schroeder recalled how "Taps" became a musical tribute to those who have died in the service in the United States.

More than a dozen World War II veterans were surrounded by family members as Schroeder led Woodstock's portion of the national tribute to those who served in World War II. The 7 p.m. time was chosen to mark the 65th anniversary in time zones across the country.

After the ceremony VFW members moved to the VFW lounge holding a farewell for PFC Carol Ann Robinson. Carol Ann left Sunday, August 15 for training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as an Army Transportation Operator Specialist in army tanks. She has been in the Reserve attending drills every week in Crystal Lake.

The 37-year-old Army recruit will train at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri, then deploying to Afghanistan. She will have one week's leave around Christmas before her deployment.

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Annual Soup To Nuts Sale October 1st and 2nd

By Russ and Donna Freeman



This is your last reminder for the Soup to Nuts Sale, assuming that the newsletter arrives in your mailbox before the above mentioned dates.

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.

We have a barn available for storage if people have some items that they can't store until the sale. Give us a call at 815-338-3414 and bring them to our place so we can store them for you. We will also be picking up items the week before the sale. If you need a pick up, please call us the last week of September (26-30).

Don't have anything to sell? How about being a volunteer to help move things, set up, etc.?

Sorry, but we can no longer take old televisions or computers. Call your local recycling company on how to dispose of these properly.

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veterans Day

November 11, 2010



Above poster at: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>



Burial plot and vault available

The Post is currently in possession of a burial vault and plot donated by VFW member Ed Haldeman.

The plot is local to Woodstock. The intention is to find a veteran, within our Post or the community, that may be in severe financial hardship and cannot afford a plot.

If you know of someone that may be in this situation and might benefit from the generosity of Ed, please contact the Post (815-338-5040) and leave a message for the Commander or contact any of the other officers on the back of this newsletter.

✠ Chaplains Report ✠

By Pete Lockinger, Chaplain

Ailing Members:

- Art Stolzki
- Howard Engstrom

Charter Draped (September Meeting):

- Ray Benoy
- William Euker
- Carl Glawe
- Edward Hall
- Glen Noble
- William Victory



Post 5040 members Ann Brophy and Past Commander Mike Lackey man the table at the McHenry County Fair, 2010. (Don Peasley photo)

Patriot's Pen



2010-2011 Theme
"Does Patriotism Still Matter?"

Entry Deadline
November 1, 2010

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



2010-2011 Theme
"Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"

Entry Deadline
November 1, 2010

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".

Thanks to McHenry County Fair volunteers

Thanks to all volunteers who manned the Woodstock VFW Post 5040 booth at the McHenry County Fair August 4-8! At the booth VFW members answered questions about eligibility to join and gave visitors information about services provided veterans by the Post. (Sorry if we overlooked anyone.)

- Christy Boretzky
- Lyle Bungard
- Denny Burrs
- Anne Brophy
- Ed Chambers
- Charles & Eva Chapman
- Arnie Doerfert
- Hank Engstrom
- Russ & Donna Freeman
- Mark Freund
- Bob Gibson
- Dick Glawe
- John Hanson
- Ron Hay
- Wayne Heidtke
- Jeanne Kulinski
- Mike & Sue Lackey
- Pete Lockinger
- Bill Lyford
- Chuck Mathey
- Phil Mayer
- Jason Moody
- Sid Sherwin
- Don Sullivan
- Don & Anita Sword
- Dale Widmayer
- John Widmayer



Post 5040 members man the table at the McHenry County Fair, 2010. From left, Denny Burrs, Donna Freeman, Hank Enstrom and Russ Freeman. (Don Peasley photo)



Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Christine Gehrke,
President 2010-2011

At our August meeting I was installed as your president for the 2010-2011 year. At our September meeting Viola Brown moved up to Sr. Vice President and elections were held for the office of Jr. Vice President and Trustee # 3 as I had to resign as a trustee.

The Trustee's for this year are Trustee #1 Barbara Gehrke; Trustee #2 Geraldine Saylers; and Trustee #3 Marie Saylers. Bonnie Kagel was elected to fill the office of Jr. Vice President.

I wish to thank all of our members who have sent in their dues. Please, if you did not receive your dues letter, call me at 815-338-3533.

A huge THANK YOU! goes out to all of you who sent in donations for our bakeless bake sale and our relief fund. This helps our Auxiliary contribute to all of the programs that support our veterans and their families. Our goal is to donate to all of the projects by November 1. So far we have made our Cancer Quota of \$2 per member and have donated to all of the Veterans Hospitals.

Please, if you have not sent in your dues, do it now before it slips your mind. We want to be 100% in membership by November 1st, so that we can earn prize money for our Auxiliary. Please ask a friend or a family member to join us. Don't forget your dues include cancer insurance.

Our annual VFW picnic was on a beautiful day with lots of food and fun. I want to thank all of the post members who worked to make this possible, Commander Brian Ritter for cooking, and John Hanson for the use of his home and pool.

Events coming up are the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Contests (deadline November 1) and the Auxiliary Christmas Party on December 2 (pot luck supper 6:30 p.m. and gift exchange).

Don't forget to remember our veterans during the holidays: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, especially those serving overseas.

Please keep Nyda in your prayers. If you can, pay her a visit at Valley Hi. I want to wish a speedy recovery to Cleota Calvert who had surgery in August. If you know of an Auxiliary member who is ill or having surgery call Michelle Patnaude at 815-560-2135 or me at 815-338-3533.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

65th Anniversary

Continued from Page 1.

Schroeder's recollections of how "Taps" evolved is a heart-breaking story. In 1862 during the Civil War a Union Army captain found a dying soldier in the battlefield. It turned out the dying man was a Confederate soldier, and the captain risked his life to rescue the man from the battlefield. He then discovered the Confederate soldier was his own son. He was allowed to have only one musician for the funeral, and the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" was the music.



World War II veterans at the 65th anniversary observance, August 14, 2010, gather for this historic photo. From left, front: Don Sullivan, Bill Lyford, Clarence Slats, Harold Irwin and George Burke. Back: Bob Gibson, Fred Noble, Kewt Vickie, Don Sword, Bob Schroeder, Gene Fuller, Dean Mishler, Jerome Riley and Walter Eichman. (photo by Don Peasley Photo, World War II Navy veteran)



Looking for (mostly) up to date
information about Post 5040?
www.VFW5040.org

VFW member John Hanson (middle) at the 92nd Annual Big Red One Convention in San Antonio, Texas, held August 25-29 2010.

To John's left is 1st Sergeant Dahle whom John served with in Vietnam. John served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1970 and left the service as a Sergeant.

Next year's reunion is scheduled for Buffalo, New York.

Tractors honor veterans at McHenry County Fair

By Don Peasley

Again this year visitors to the McHenry County Fair paused to honor county veterans who have died in our Armed Forces since the start of World War II and reflect with prayers for those now serving in hostile environments around the world.

The Woodstock VFW Rifle Squad commanded by Ron Nehls fired a three-volley salute after bugler Bob Schroeder sounded Taps.

Coupling the tribute with something that reflects McHenry County's rural background—antique tractors—the tribute August 5 included a parade of 21 tractors with the naming of the 211 men and women who have died in our wars since December 7, 1941.

Tim Shanks, event chairman, explained, "The tractors represent those men and women who died in wars. This event has become a great way to honor all veterans." The number of 21 tractors relates to the traditional 21-gun salute at dedications.

Rich Tobiasz, fair board member from Burton township, read the names of the men and women identified by their hometown as antique tractors methodically moved across the area in front of the grandstand.

A check of the list of those who have died from December 7, 1941 to the day of the fair includes the following: Crystal Lake, Cary and Fox River Grove, 47; Woodstock, 32; Harvard, 31; Algonquin and Huntley, 8; Marengo and Union, 19; Richmond and Hebron, 14; and Spring Grove, McHenry and Wonder Lake, 33. Most recent deaths were identified by the war: Korean War 16 (three from Woodstock); Vietnam War 33 (four from Woodstock); and War on Terror, 6.

Before and during the program a musical group, Sinful Saints, performed patriotic music atop an antique fire truck.

The oldest tractors in the parade were two 1937 models - Allis Chalmers driven by Dennis Alten and John Deere driven by Warren Glawe. The third tractor in the parade was an F-14 Farmall, 1938 model driven by Harry Alten.



Most of the 21 tractors in the "21-Tractor Salute" to county veterans who have died in wars since December 7, 1941, are in this photo from the grandstand on the fairgrounds August 5. At extreme left in the front row is a 1937 Allis Chalmers tractor driven by Dennis Alten. Almost all the tractors here are lined up in two rows as the tractors moved to complete the parade of tractors. (Don Peasley Photo)

VFW Post 5040 Annual Picnic - John Hansen's House 2010

(photos by Matt Klos)



Commander Ritter attends to the grilled corn.



Hanging out underneath the tent, watching the football game, and enjoying conversation.

Adjutant Matt Klos tends to the burgers.



Everyone who came brought a dish or pass of sides or dessert. Grilled cord, burgers, hot dogs, and shish kabobs were also provided.



People hanging out, enjoying the weather, the fun, and camaraderie.



John Hansen explains the rules for the horse shoe tournament. It's a tradition that horse shoes are played each year after filling up on the great food and watching your favorite football team win (or lose).

Thanks to John and Ann Hansen for hosting the VFW 5040 picnic this year. Thank you for the use of the pool and providing the outstanding food. We look forward to next year, John. It was a great way to close out the summer!





Thursday October 7th to Sunday October 10th
 Woodstock VFW Post 5040 • 240 Throop Street

German beer specials • Commemorative mugs that can be purchased and filled all weekend at a special price



Thursday • Opens at 4pm

Indoor bags tournament \$10/person, 2 person teams will be drawn at the start of the tournament, openings are limited, sign up early. Starts at 6 pm Prizes



Friday • Opens at 4pm

Traditional German food specials • Live music Lightning Raffle • 50/50 Raffle



Saturday • Bar Opens at 3pm • Beer tent 5pm

Live music - from Chicago, The Bryn Mawr Allstars • German Beer • Raffles Brats and other food • Jager Girls



Sunday • Opens at 11:30am

Bears Game • Free lunch at half time • Beer specials



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Bud Porter honored at Post 5040

By Don Peasley, VFW News Editor 1955-2002

Like many volunteers at Woodstock VFW Post 5040, Bud Porter works on behalf of the Post without payment for time and services. Porter, Vietnam War veteran, was honored by the members on September 11 to recognize his many contributions to the Post.

The 5040 Club was organized by Porter. It is a private organization not controlled by the Post with the single purpose of caring for the building. Twenty-five members donate a minimum of \$100 a year. This year the club installed a fire door in the upstairs office; a trap door in the roof enabling people to get up to the roof without a ladder; and furnished paint for the outside of the building.

Porter has contributed tremendously financially to the Post. He donated the seed money and raised the rest of the money for the two television sets in the Post bar.

Porter and his brother Tim paid \$5,000 for the upstairs wheelchair ramp and \$2,500 for the downstairs ramp. He installed rails on both ramps.

Tim Porter, Woodstock, is not a veteran but continues to contribute to the Post.


When the Post Home needed two new furnaces, Porter raised the money by "drumming it up from the membership." He was instrumental in finding a man to paint the outside of the building for less than half of other bids. Porter found a renter for the office upstairs at the Post. It had been vacant for two years.


Elected to the board of directors in 2007, Porter served three years as president. Through the years, Porter has been involved in Veteran's Day and Memorial Day activities.

Porter served three tours in Vietnam, earning two Air Medals, two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

Porter and his wife, Peggy Sue, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in 2011. They reside in Woodstock.

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Rich Penza
 "here's to you" for all you do for us at the Post!
 Thanks!







Board of Directors President John Widmayer, left, and VFW Commander Brian Ritter, right, present Bud Porter with a commemorative plaque thanking him for his contributions to VFW Post 5040 on September 11, 2010. (Don Peasley photo)

Thanks Post 5040
 By Dwayne Raney

Just a quick note to the membership. Thank you for the many courtesies and expressions of sympathy extended to the family members on behalf of my sister, Jeannette Bentz, who passed away July 13.

October 2010

Open as Indicated	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - ??? pm	4:00 pm - ??? pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 7: War on Terror Began (2001) October 11: Columbus Day (Observed) October 12: Columbus Day October 13: U.S. Navy Established (1775) October 15: National Boss Day October 24: United Nations Day October 27: Navy Day October 31: Halloween	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> First Friday of each Month Prime rib dinner. Includes salad bar and potato - \$14.00 </div>				 Soup 2 Nuts Sale VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	 Soup 2 Nuts Sale Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
3 Post Open During Football Season	4 Memorial Day Committee 7:00 pm Little League 7:00 pm Girls Softball 7:00 pm	5	6 Cub Scouts - 7:00 pm	7 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	8 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	9 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
10 Post Open During Football Season	11 VFW Officers Meeting 7:00 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	12 Woodstock Jaycees Board Meeting 7:30pm	13	14 VFW Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	16 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
17 Post Open During Football Season	18 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm - Dinner (VFW Members Only) 7:00 pm - Floor mtg.	19	20 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:00 pm	21 Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm	22 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	23 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
24 Post Open During Football Season	25	26 Woodstock Jaycees General Mtg. 7:30pm	27 Deadline for "Next Issue" 2010 VFW News items	28 VFW Board Meeting 7:00 pm	29	30

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7 Post Open During Football Season  Turn clocks back one hour	8 VFW Officers Meeting 7:00 pm American Legion Post 412 7:30 pm	9 Woodstock Jaycees Board Meeting 7:30pm	10	11  Veterans Day Ceremony at Post 11 am, Lunch at 12 pm	12 VFW Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 pm Lightning Raffle 7:00 pm	13 Saturday Raffle 4:00 pm
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28 Post Open During Football Season	29	30	November 2: Election Day November 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set Clock Back One Hour) November 10: U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775) November 11: Veterans Day; Signing of WWI Armistice (1918) November 25: Thanksgiving November 28: First Day of Advent			



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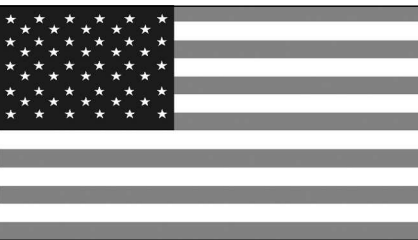
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This months issue:

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- **65 Anniversary of WWII.**
- **Bud Porter honored.**
- **VFW Picnic pictures.**
- **County Fair report.**
- **And a couple of more things of interest inside...**

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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.**
- **October 1-2: Soup to Nuts Sale**
- **October 7-10: Oktoberfest!**
- **November 11: Veterans Day**
- **November 20: Turkey Raffle Dinner**
- **See calendars inside for more!**