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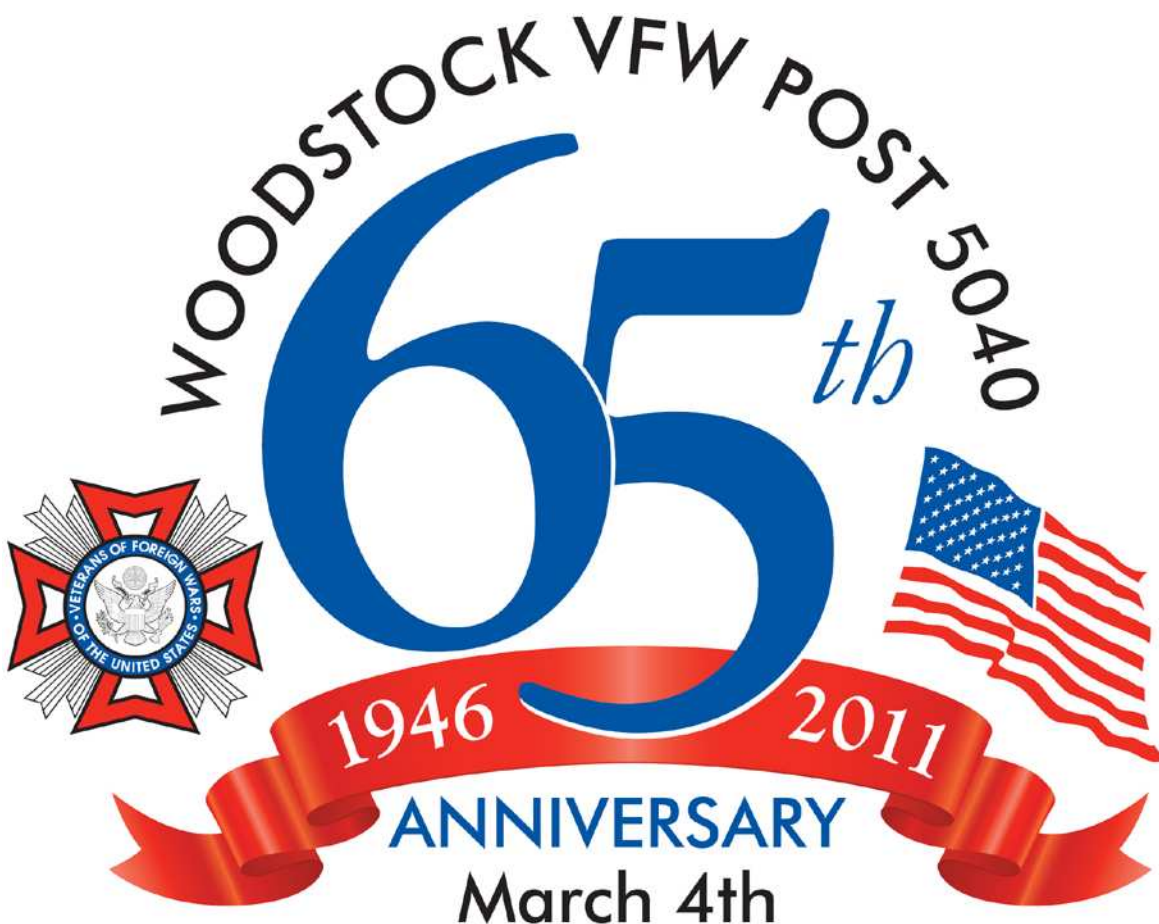
VFW Celebrates 65th Anniversary with Dinner Dance

By Matt Klos

This year marks the 65 year anniversary of VFW Post 5040. To mark the milestone, the Post has decided to incorporate the anniversary into several events this year (parade and dinners) and also set aside one event to pay homage to this day.

On Saturday, June 18, a Prime Rib dinner will held at the Post. Unlike previous milestone dinners such as the 50 and 60 year, this gala will be a little more subdued in the form of a dinner dance. Due to budget constraints, a large formal celebration is just not feasible. VFW 5040 still wanted to mark this milestone in some fashion and this is what was decided.

We invite all our membership to come, as this is your Post and it is the 65th Anniversary. Advance registration will be required and paid in full so we can get an accurate count of people and food quantities to purchase. On the day of the dinner, plans are to have a cocktail hour from 4-6pm with a prime rib dinner at 6:00pm. **Tickets will be \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full by June 1.** Please use the below coupon to secure your reservation at the Dinner Dance. We look forward to seeing some old and new faces.



Yes, I/we plan on attending the
VFW Post 5040 - 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance
Saturday, June 18, 2011

Please provide the following information:

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Number Attending: _____ x \$20.00 / person

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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Reservations must be paid in full by JUNE 1, 2011

✠ Chaplains Report ✠

By Pete Lockinger, Chaplain

Deaths:

- Gene Fuller (February 12, 2011)
- Delbert Priegnitz (February 25, 2011)

Hospital:

- Chuck Mathey - congestive heart failure (end of March). He is back at home as of April 3 and was even playing pool.
- Harold and Jeanette Irwin, both had some injuries resulting from falls.

Remembering Gene Fuller

For 22 years Gene shared his knowledge about building houses with the Woodstock High School building trades program by finding housing sites and creating floor plans. Gene provided help for students in building 22 homes, and he was proud to observe many of the graduates who continued in that profession.

Gene enjoyed being a volunteer. His family told me he enjoyed delivering meals on wheels, working at the Woodstock Food Pantry, helping with Bingo at the VFW and giving assistance to friends in remodeling projects.



Mark Your Calendar
District Meeting at Our Post
May 15th, 2011
District 5 at Woodstock Post 5040
Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at noon
Meeting 1:00 (election)



Ed Asner, popular television and stage personality, (center) visited the Post March 14, the night before he appeared at the Woodstock Opera House. Asner's performance as President Franklin D. Roosevelt, before and during World War II, (the next day) received an extended standing ovation. With Asner is Brian Ritter, VFW Commander (left) and Bill Urch, American Legion Commander. (Don Peasley photo)

April 2011 Calendar

6	Cub Scouts 7 pm
4	Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm
7	Ladies Auxiliary 7 pm
11	VFW Officers Meeting 7pm American Legion Post 412 7:30pm
12	Woodstock Jaycees Board Mtg. 7:30 pm
20	Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7 pm
21	Marines 7:30 pm Marines Auxiliary 7:30 pm
18	VFW Meeting - 6:30 dinner, floor mtg. 7 pm
26	Woodstock Jaycees Gen. Mtg. 7:30 pm
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Memorial Day Ceremony on Woodstock Square

10:00 am: Ceremony
11:00 am: Parade

Lunch served at Post
After Parade

Thanks to all the donors,
workers, and kitchen help
at the March 20 Blood Drive.

Also a special thank you to
Andy who helped out in
the kitchen. ☺



Ed Chambers, VFW board of directors vice president, leads VFW members to toast the 65th anniversary on the evening of March 4, exact anniversary date of Post 5060 charter in 1946. (Don Peasley photo)

Woodstock VFW members gather at the Woodstock VFW Post 5040 Home March 4 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Post receiving its charter in 1946. Several events throughout the year are planned to celebrate the milestone anniversary. From left, front: Wayne Heidke, John Hart, Arnie Doerfert, Chuck Mathey, Dick Glawe, Ed Chambers and Bob James, Senior Vice Commander. Back: David Clinge, Don Perkins, Hank Engstrom, Brian Ritter, Commander; Tony Malyiak, Ralph Ritter and Ron Hay. (Don Peasley photo)

I didn't know that was going on at the Post...

Movie Night: once a month on a Saturday night

Taco Bar: \$1.00 a taco every Wednesday

Trivia Contest: Every Thursday at 6pm

Prime Rib Dinner: First Friday of Month

...Raffles too?

Helicopter Tour:

\$5/ticket; raffle on Memorial Day

Rifle raffle: \$10/ticket

1st: M1 Garand, 1943 Collector Grade

2nd: .45 caliber pistol, model 1911 automatic, Rock Island

300 tickets to be sold, raffle on Memorial Day



Don Perkins, (left) World War II veteran and charter member of the Woodstock VFW Post 5040, joins Brian Ritter (right), Post Commander, as members observe the Post's 65th anniversary throughout 2011. Photo was taken on March 4, 2011, which is the actual charter date of Post 5040 - March 4, 1946. (Don Peasley photo)



Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Essays

By Matt Klos

In the December/January issue, the VFW 5040 winners of the student scholarship contest's, Patriot Pen (Grades 6 thru 8) and Voice of Democracy (High School), were announced. Here are the winning entries transcribed for your reading enjoyment.

Each of these winners from our Post was presented with a \$100 savings bond from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Post. Thanks to all the students that participated.

Voice of Democracy 9th Grade Erick Murrer Topic: "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"

"One to Light the Way"

When my friends and I discuss politics and the news, the common response, "I could care less about politics." Maybe my friends have a point. We're only in high school; some of us can't vote, drive a car, serve our country in the military, or even get a job. Music, school, video games—these are the items on our minds. But the truth is, our generation does matter. Believe it or not, we'll be an adult in a few short years.

What really matters in life? I would say that freedom alone keeps one's spirit alive. Because we live in a country that's free, we can aspire to fulfill our dreams and make a positive impact. But freedom has a price. No, it's not a tax; it's courageously fought for by our military men and women who risk and even give their lives for this cause. Not only do they fight for our country's freedom, but other countries' freedoms as well.

Do you want to lose this freedom? Freedom to go to church with your family; freedom to voice your opinions about what you like and dislike; freedom to live anywhere as you please; freedom to protect your family? Our freedom can easily be taken away. We must pay attention as to how our government respects the Constitution which lays down the foundations for our country stressing our freedoms that cannot and must not be taken away.

We teens do matter. Yes, we're not adults yet, but we can make a difference! American culture has deemed youth as not quite full citizens. This is far from the truth! Youth who are engaged in their

community now will be engaged as an adult. To develop a responsible citizenship, we should get our youth engaged in democracy by identifying issues that important to the community by participation and activism. The civic engagement of youth in our society will produce the leaders of tomorrow.

Participation in groups like youth-led Community Forums sponsored by 4-H, Toastmasters International, and teen group ministries at local churches provide my generation with the invaluable springboards for effective communication and leadership. There is a ripple effect; when you get involved, others will too.

You should actually read the Constitution and understand what the founding forefathers intended for America. The great forefathers purposed in their hearts to include that we should find "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." With the Constitution defining what is right and wrong, we can determine what decisions emulate the Constitution.

Register to vote when you turn eighteen. Voting is such a powerful tool provided by our representative democracy. Voting allows us to change the things we don't like, keep the things that we like, and also permits our voice to be heard.

Consider serving your country in the military, National Guard, or the Reserves after you graduate. In doing so, you will become an integral part in preserving our nation's freedom.

Show support for our soldiers for what they do, no matter what you think of the war. Our support and patriotism gives our soldiers a great sense of morale. When our nation's patriotism is at a high, it unites us. United we stand, divided we fall. It's important to pray for our soldiers as well.

Become involved in the democratic process. Inform potential voters where the candidates stand on issues. My generation can help out on the campaign trail by answering phone calls, handing out voting literature, and putting up signs in the community.

If we become active in the American dream now, we secure a bright future for America. One from my generation might say, "But I'm too young." Thomas Edison became a manager of a telegraph office at the age of fifteen. Robert Jarvik, inventor of the artificial heart, devised his first invention, the surgical stapler at the age of seventeen. Albert Einstein began to formulate his theory of relativity at the age of seventeen. No one would ever have imagined in their time that these people, who we know to be famous, would be such and

important part of American history. Or consider Jack Lucas, a WWII veteran, who was the youngest soldier to receive the Medal of Honor at the age of seventeen after using his body to shield three of his fellow soldiers from a grenade which nearly killed him in Iwo Jima. Ingenuity, heroism, and patriotism are a mix that makes a nation unshakeable from its strong foundations in the belief of a greater purpose to serve our God.

Realize that we are American. America was a dream made into reality produced by our forefathers. Be proud of our heritage and share it with others. A favorite song of mine best sums it up: "To live the way that you believe, this is your opportunity, to let your live be one that lights the way."

So my friends, focus your attention on what really matters.

Patriots Pen - 1st Place 6th Grade Austin Murrer Topic: "Does Patriotism Really Matter?"

If you go to watch a football game at SUNY-Maritime College, don't expect to see the name of the players on their jerseys. Instead, you'll see words such as Respect, Family, Humility, Sacrifice, and Accountability emblazoned on the backs of the team. This college football team in New York City is honoring their head coach, Clayton Kendrick-Holmes, who has been called to active duty in Afghanistan. Before his team even takes the field, Coach Kendrick-Holmes reminds the players to put those words into action and to play the game of football with those principles in mind.

Clayton Kendrick-Holmes is a Lieutenant-Commander for the U.S Naval Reserves. Also, he is a candidate for the NCAA Coach of the Year Award. When he is deployed in November, he will be leaving behind his wife and two young sons.

Does patriotism still matter? Just ask Coach Kendrick-Holmes. He's putting his career on hold to serve our country. What he's doing is showing his true character and how passionate he is about protecting our freedom. There are many more stories across this great country of men and women just like Coach Kendrick-Holmes — stories of self-sacrifice to ensure our nation's freedom. Freedom from oppression; freedom from tyranny. Freedom to pursue one's dreams! For me, patriotism is being willing to make the ultimate sacrifice not only for fellow soldiers, but for

my country and for my family. Clayton Kendrick-Holmes is demonstrating that not only does patriotism still matter, but it's alive and thriving in America.

When some people think of a hero, they think Superman or Batman. But the real heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces whose bravery, strength, and willingness to serve are commendable. The patriots who founded our country realized the importance of faith in God to advance the causes of freedom. That was true then, and it's still true today. Patriotism is paramount in preserving our freedom. It's the fabric of our country. It unites and inspires us as a nation.

In thank God for bringing men of faith who want to preserve what is moral and just and uphold the principals of the Constitution. I thank the brave men like Clayton Kendrick-Holmes who listen to their calling – the soldiers past, present, and future who are passionate about keeping the American dream alive.

Patriots Pen - 2nd Place 8th Grade Dana Emery Topic: "Does Patriotism Really Matter?"

Dear Soldier,

What is patriotism? Is it standing up for what is right? Is it loving and loyal support of one's country? People may love living in the United States, so does that make them patriotic? Patriotism is probably one of the hardest words to define in today's society.

Soldier, you are a patriot. You risk so much, your sanity, your secrets, and your life. Yet, when you return home, you have so much pride, knowing that you served your country, knowing that you have made this nation a better place. Do your neighbors look up to you as a patriot, or do they see you as a hero? Or perhaps those two words share the same meanings, hero and patriot. Either way soldier, you are my patriot. You have fought to keep me free, you have fought to protect me, and you have fought to make this country a better place.

Who do you think are patriots, soldier? Are you too humble to allow yourself such an honor? Do you think of the men sleeping in the bunks next to you as patriots? Instead do you think of the family back home, waiting for their soldier to come back from the call of duty? In my mind, you are patriot; you serve our country in her time of need. You help make the United States a better place. You do so much. I sometimes wonder do you realize

how sacred you are in today's society? When you come back a veteran, people will look up to you soldier. They will notice what you have sacrificed to keep them free. I will notice, I promise you that.

Why does this matter? People today don't understand this question. Their minds draw a blank, but for one word. That one word is veteran. Our nation's veterans are what make this country what it is today. We would be nothing without them. Soldier, you will one day be a veteran. We will greet you when you arrive back home, with warm hugs and bright smiles, congratulating you on the task you have completed, bust most of all soldier, you will be congratulated on your patriotism.

Patriots Pen Winner - 3rd Place 7th Grade Ian Andersen Topic: "Does Patriotism Really Matter?"

Patriotism is defined as love or devotion for one's country. Is patriotism in the United States still important today? I believe that it is for many reasons. Patriotism promotes unity of the citizens, it helps us carry out our civic duties, encourages people to help each other, and have superior ethics.

Patriotism promotes unity because people who love their country will work together for a common good. People can achieve more when they are working for a common goal. Unified people make the United States a better and stronger place because there is strength in numbers.

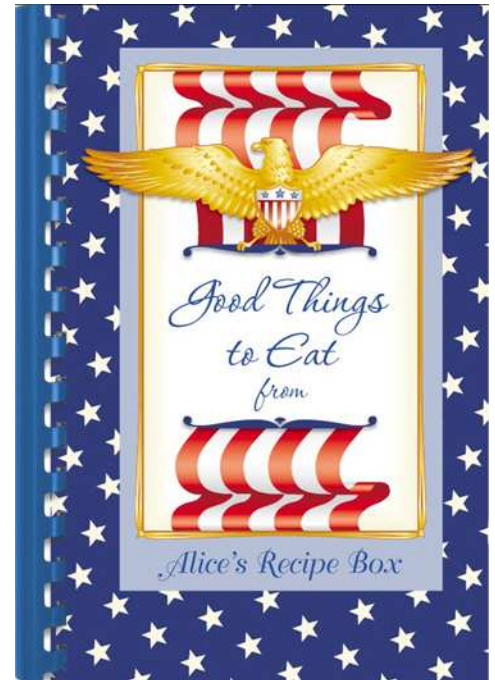
Patriotism assists citizens to carry out civic duties. One can support the government by voting for the best possible candidate and becoming educated on public issues. It is very important to support the United States military because they are fighting overseas and giving their lives for this country. Also, it is every American's duty to obey the laws of this country. Being patriotic means that I stand up for my country and defend the constitution.

Patriotism encourages concern for the welfare of others. Volunteering is a great way to help and put others before you. For example, you can help the elderly, donate food to a local food pantry, or donate blood to a community blood bank.

Supporting the development of good morals and ideals is patriotic. Being Patriotic requires a good character. You cannot be devoted to your country if you don't have strong morals. American citizens should be honest, loving, hard working,

and ethical.

As one can see, patriotism is very important in the United States today. With patriotism, we have good ethics, carry out our civic duties, and help other people. Without patriotism we would not be united people. I feel proud to live in this great country. But America would not be what it is today if we didn't have patriotism.



Alice Nulle to sell 3rd printing of recipe book By Matt Klos

Alice Nulle, wife of deceased VFW Post 5040 member Hank Nulle, has revised and added to her previous collection of recipes.

In memory of her husband, some proceeds from the sale of this third printing will benefit the McHenry County Historical Society. Hank and Alice were very involved with this organization for a number of years.

"Hank even drove the traveling museum (school bus) to parades and functions in the county," recalled Alice.

Copies will be available at VFW Post 5040, McHenry County Historical Society, and Read Between the Lynes on Woodstock Square.

If you would like to purchase a recipe book but are unable to get one of these local outlets, please contact Alice on how to go about purchasing. Alice's phone:

(815)-337-7529



We needed at least one photo to show what the VFW looked like after the blizzard that took place February 2-3, 2011. Woodstock had over 21" of snow. (Ralph Ritter photo).

Remembering Barney DeWane

By Don Peasley

Barney DeWane, who served in the U.S. Coast Guard 1942-1946, died Sunday, February 20. He was a munitions supervisor, loading bombs onto ship in Los Angeles.

After graduating from Belvidere High School he worked from 1938-1942 at Alemite in Woodstock. After the service he returned to Alemite. Barney founded DeWane Studios in Woodstock in 1946.

Many hundred Little Leaguers remember Barney DeWane. Who could forget his pleasant attitude, his clever wisecracks to cause a smile as he took individual and team photos of the players for over 25 seasons!



Barney DeWane (right) and his son Jim have photographed thousands of athletic teams including 2008 Little Leaguers when this photo was taken. Barney, 89 died Sunday, February 20. Jim continues to manage and operate DeWane Studio. (Don Peasley photo)

Barney DeWane worked as Woodstock's premier photographer for over 50 years until health problems gradually ended his photographic assignments both in his studio and wherever he was needed on-site.

People may remember Barney DeWane for his skill as an enthusiastic photographer but I will also remember him for his warm personality and gusto for whatever assignment he was tackling. Several thousand children were the center of his attention through the six decades of photographing hundreds of school groups. Thousands of brides, too!

I also remember Barney and Jim inviting VFW members to the studio for a photo taken free as part of the VFW's 50th anniversary celebration in 1996. We published those in that month's VFW News.

Introduction to photography came with a visit to his uncle's studio in Chicago, thus his new career in mid-1946. Barney laughed when he talked about that change during my 2008 interview. He recalled his brother Leo contacted people and persuaded them to let Barney come to the home to take photos. They solicited in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

"We charged \$1.49 for a black-and-white 8 x 10 photo," he said in disbelief as he realized the price of things now.

His in-home photography business was called Kiddie Graph Studio, before moving to the Square in the early 1960s. His wife Arlene worked with him in the studio and in managing the

business.

"She was a real partner," he told me wistfully. "Ours was a seven-days-a-week commitment."

Arlene died in November 2010.

Until his health became a problem, Barney was active in a variety of photo assignments with his son Jim. Barney began training Jim when Jim was in grade school, so it was natural for Jim to become a fulltime member with his Dad in 1980, immediately after graduating from Marian Central.

During the past 65 years, Barney witnessed many changes in cameras, including advent of the digital camera with a significant change in the way a studio is conducted today.

I was surprised with his answer to my question about his favorite part of the business during my early December 2010 visit at Fair Oaks Health Care Center. "My favorite was to work in the dark room and see the photo that came from the negative I was working with. I enjoyed that part of the business," he said.

In 1996 during the 50th anniversary celebration of DeWane Studio, Barney recalled many of the reunions, school groups, first communions, family get-togethers and commercial assignments he had undertaken. DeWane Studio takes photos for several high school and grade school yearbooks.

I remember most of all is my privilege to call Barney a friend. With his warm personality and friendly demeanor, he was well-liked and respected. Fortunately, he has his son Jim with a similar talent for photography and warm personality to continue serving the community in a personal way.



VFW-American Legion membership committee finalizes plans for this year's Memorial Day observance during a meeting April 4 at the VFW. The traditional Memorial Day program will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30 in the Woodstock Square. From left: Jim Shoemaker, Chris Gehrke and Dick Glawe. (Don Peasley photo)

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From the
Editor's Desk
By Matt Klos,
VFW News Editor

Welcome to the April /

May edition of the newsletter. This

is probably getting to you very late in April and I must say that I am sorry about that. It took a while to get this issue out between work and trying to get things done around the house. I kept putting it off and had to finally force myself to do it, so finally it is done.

Elections for the next years officers will take place on April 18. Nominations at the March VFW meeting were made for the following:

- Commander: Robert James
- Sr. Vice: Brian Ritter
- Jr. Vice: Jason Moody
- Quartermaster: Mark Freund
- Chaplain: Pete Lockinger
- Judge Advocate: Dick Glawe
- Surgeon: Harold Irwin
- 1 Year Trustee: Arnie Doerfert
- 2 Year Trustee: John Hanson
- 3 Year Trustee: Patrick DeGeorge

This issue marks the 100th paper issue that I have produced since taking over as the *Woodstock VFW News* editor position from Don Peasley beginning with the August 2002 issue. Don was editor from 1955-2002, producing 564 issues. The *Woodstock VFW News* is an 18-time winner of the National VFW Awards for Best Post Publication contest. It won First Place in 1956, 1963, 1971, 1985, 2007, 2009, and 2010. Second Place in 1968, 1970, 1990, 1997, and 1999. Third Place in 1983, 1984, 1986, 1991, 2000, and 2001. It was voted Illinois VFW's best 34 times including 1999-2001, 2005-2010. Just last month we were notified that we took First Place in the Department (State) publication contest, so chalk it up as number 35 for Illinois' best.

However, this accomplishment is a bittersweet victory. With the writing of this issue, I am making the decision to step down as my role of editor

for our VFW Post 5040 newsletter, *Woodstock VFW News*. The June/July issue will be my final issue.

For many this will come as a surprise. From the beginning, I had intentions of only being the editor for a short while. It was a role I fulfilled at the time and I slowly grew into. Over the nine years, the publication matured as did I, the format changed, printing processes changed, and we even got a digital copy put on the website each month.

Within the last year, I have seen my ambition waning with each month that I created a newsletter. I felt that if I continued this way, the quality and content won't be what I am happy with and that isn't fair to the membership.

I don't know what the future holds for this publication. Printing and mailing are costly for our Post to keep this publication going. I don't know if another person will step up as editor.

My thoughts right now are to possibly do something with the website to keep it more up to date and have it be the leading source and keeper of our Post information. I can hear it now, a lot of moans and groans of "I don't have access to a computer, I don't own a computer, I can't use a computer, etc.". Change is hard for all of us, but sometimes it has to be done. You might want to give it a shot and find out what it's all about. You may be surprised.

I don't want to create a digital newsletter to broadcast out to everyone either. I'd rather load up some content such as current events and possibly some photos here and there of things that are going on. It's up in the air though.

I wanted to share this with you all to let you know what my intentions are. So if you find that you are not getting a newsletter in the next several months, you will know why. I have some work to do with the website and updates to be made, so keep checking there to get information. Hopefully that will be a link that still keeps our membership informed of current and upcoming events. Thanks for your understanding. If you do have any questions, send me an email or drop a letter in the mail.

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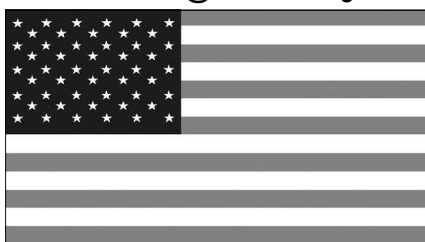
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Upcoming Events:

- **Every Friday, Lightning Raffle and Fish Fry.**
- **May 13/14: Poppy Days**
- **May 30: Memorial Day on the Square and Parade**
- **June 18: 65 Anniversary Dinner Dance (see front page).**