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SCHOOL AWARDS AHEAD

Post 1288 will again present ROTC Scholastic and General Military Excellence Medals for the Romeoville and Bolingbrook Jr. ROTC programs and Scholastic Awards for Bolingbrook Seniors. The Jr. ROTC awards will be presented at Bolingbrook: on April 30, 2004 during their annual Dining Out while the Romeoville presentations will be Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The Bolingbrook H.S. Scholastic Awards will be presented to the academic first place boy and girl – gold medal – and second place boy and girl – silver medal. That presentation occurs during the Seniors Awards ceremony in May.

WWII MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Plans for the May 29, 2004, Prayer Breakfast are well underway to recognizing our Bolingbrook (and Legion Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917) WWII Veterans on the day of the National WWII Memorial Dedication. This prayer breakfast will honor our living WWII veterans. The Committee for the event is recommending a ceremony at the Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial at 1:00 p.m., the time of the National memorial dedication, to also honor WWII veterans who have already died.

Golden Corral has offered us their side-room area for the event and waved its usual fee. They will also be opening their doors to us early so that the 8:00 start can be an 8:00 start, and they are going to offer a special price for Prayer Breakfast attendees.

We have recently learned that Mayor Roger Claar, who will be at the event, has graciously offered to underwrite the cost of the breakfasts for the WWII veterans.

We are still in the process of locating Bolingbrook WWII veterans so that we can invite them to the breakfast. The special mailing to Legion and VFW post members did not produce many results. If you are, or know of, a WWII veteran in the area, please send us your (their) name and address. Names can be mailed to the post at PO Box 1133, Emailed to Event Chair Charles Bruce at ChuckBruce@comcast.net or to the post Web site at ilam1288@aol.com. Names may also be phoned to Chuck at 630.759.0380.

If you want to help with this effort, contact one of the members of the committee: Charles Bruce, Chair, Larry Shaver, Bettye Carter, Leroy Reubottem, or John Beckwith, Sr.

FREE SHUTTLE TO HINES VAMC

The Monday through Friday free shuttle to bus Hines leaves what was Sterk's grocery in Romeoville at 8:45 a.m. It returns before 4:00 p.m. No reservations are needed. To date, there have been no riders picked up in Romeoville. The VAC will be considering whether a different location for a pick up point in our area is warranted. If you wish to express a need for this service, or if you have any suggestions or questions, please call the VAC at 815.740.8389. Please help pass this along to all Will County veterans.

POPPY DAYS MAY 21 -22

Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 will again share dates for Poppy Days in Bolingbrook. This year's dates will be the weekend before Memorial Day. Please mark your calendars for a few or many hours of assistance to this important drive. This is the primary event which raises funds that the Post can use in assisting local area Veterans in need.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY MAY 31

Bolingbrook will again be holding its Memorial Day ceremony at the Bolingbrook Village Veteran's Memorial on Monday, May 31st at 11:00. Legion and VFW plans have not been finalized as of yet, but we will almost certainly be doing the ceremonies at the Boardman and Hillcrest cemeteries prior to the Village ceremony. The "Avenue of Flags" will most likely be set up starting at about 5:30 a.m., and the VFW will most certainly set up their display of crosses a day or so prior.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday, March 1, 2004, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane
 - Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Meeting, Will County Office Building, 2nd Floor, 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet
 - Sunday, March 16: 2nd Division Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – Poppy, 1:00 p.m. – Business.
 - Friday, March 19, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Monee Post #1200, 25665 S. Governors Hwy.
 - Monday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane
 - Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., VAC Office, 128 N. Scott, Joliet
 - Friday, April 16, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Harwood #5 - 705 S. Larkin Ave (S.W. corner I-80 & Larkin)
 - Sunday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.: 11th District Meeting: Joliet 1080, 2625 Ingals, Joliet, Past Commanders Luncheon precedes.
 - Friday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.: Bolingbrook Air Force Jr. ROTC Dining Out (Awards Presentation)
- May Highlights:
- 20 – Romeoville Marine Corps Awards Ceremony
 - 21-22 – Poppy Days
 - 29 – World War Two Memorial Dedication Activities
 - 31 – Memorial Day.

POT OF GOLD

Phil Carpenter would have won the Pot of Gold which now stands at \$100.25 if he had been at the last meeting. Will you win it by being at this month's meeting in case your name is drawn? Each meeting, those members present put a quarter into the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting a name is drawn from the pot containing all active members of the post. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win the pot (of gold, that is).



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