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PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION: LEGION EMBLEM SALES 1-888-453-4466

The correct phone number for reaching Legion Emblem Sales is **888-453-4466** not 800-453-5566 as was shown in last month's issue of the Bolingbrook Legionnaire. Sorry for the inconvenience. The hat info is repeated below.

DO YOU HAVE A LEGION CAP?

If not, show your support and membership at community veterans' activities by ordering one from the American Legion Emblem Sales. To order, call **1-888-453-4466**. The style is Post Cap Style 2, with or without lining; Regular, Fort Knox or Women's crown. There is a mandatory State insignia for the front of the cap (Lincoln's head for Illinois). Right side city state should be "BOLINGBROOK, ILL." A plastic cap cover (# 70999) for \$1.95 is a good investment to keep your cap looking fresh. Ask for a catalog while you are at it. If you have a cap, call for a catalog. They are free.

POST HOME SITUATION

At our last post meeting, the post voted to form a committee to look into possibilities and necessary actions regarding the issue of establishing a post home. Those interested in participating should contact the post or attend the upcoming post meetings.

POT OF GOLD

The "Pot of Gold" now stands at \$102.50. No drawing was conducted at the last meeting. Will you win it this month by being at the meeting to hear your name drawn? Normally, 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.



COMING EVENTS

Friday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.: Bolingbrook Air Force Jr. ROTC Dining Out (Awards Presentation), Levy Center.

Monday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Thursday, May 8, 6:00 a.m., National Day of Prayer, Prayer Breakfast: New Life Lutheran Church, Rt. 53.

Tuesday, May 18, 8:00 a.m.: Bolingbrook H.S. Seniors Awards Day, B.H.S.

Tuesday, May 18, 8:00 p.m.: Poppy Days Proclamation, Village Board Meeting, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Thursday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.: Romeoville Marine Corps Awards Ceremony, Romeoville H.S.

Friday/Saturday, May 21-22 – Poppy Days

Saturday, May 22: 9:00 – 2:30: 11th District's Legion Leadership conference, Elburn Post #630, 112 N. Main Street.

Sunday, May 23, 1:00. Dedication of Display honoring WW II Illinois Veterans, Bolingbrook Branch, Fountaindale Library.

Thursday, May 27: 1:00 p.m.: Set up Crosses for Memorial Day, Near Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 29: – WORLD WAR TWO MEMORIAL DEDICATION ACTIVITIES

8:00 a.m.: Prayer Breakfast and Honoring of Bolingbrook WWII Veterans, Legion and VFW members – Golden Corral. Open to all interested persons.

1:00 p.m.: Brief Memorial Service for departed WWII veterans

Sunday, May 30: Ceremony renaming Dawson Park to Dawson Memorial Park.

MONDAY, MAY 31: MEMORIAL DAY.

5:00 a.m.: Set up "Avenue of Flags" Memorial Flags, Village Hall Complex entrance.

8:30 a.m.: Assemble at Boardman Cemetery for 9:00 Ceremony.

9:30 a.m.: Ceremony at Hill Crest Cemetery

10:30 a.m. Assemble at Village Veterans Memorial for 11:00 a.m. Village Memorial Ceremony.

Monday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Post #1288 meets the 1st Monday of the Month in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane at 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

POPPY DAYS AROUND CORNER

Bolingbrook Poppy Days are set for May 20 and 21. Post 1288 will again join with VFW Post 5917 to distribute. This is an important fund raiser for the post as it is the only one which provides funds for posts' use in local programs and projects that benefit veterans' activities.

If you do not participate in any other post activity, your help with this effort would be most appreciated. A volunteer slip is included on page 3. Please fill it out and bring it to the May meeting or mail it in to the post.

In order to accommodate our busy schedules the collection times will start on the following schedule. The length of participation is requested to be at least two hours, more if possible. Let's meet:

Friday, May 20 – Dunkin' Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge
6:00 a.m. for 6:30 rush hour collections (I-55 & Weber, I-55 and IL. 53, etc.)

Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 – Dunkin' D's
8: 30 a.m. for 9:00 streets and stores collections.

12:30 p.m. for 1:00 streets and stores collections.

3:30 p.m. for 4:00 rush hour streets and stores collections

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 – 9:00 night stores collections

POST SPONSORS BOYS STATE DELEGATE

Post 1288 will again sponsor a youth to the Illinois Premier Boys State program Saturday, June 12 - Friday, June 18, 2004 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL.

The Post voted to expend \$235 to sponsor a young man completing his junior year. The delegate will be selected by Bolingbrook High School staff on the basis of demonstrated leadership potential, academic consideration and character. The name of the young man will be announced at the High School awards program on May 18th. If you are interested in learning more about what Boys State is and does, check out the web site at: www.illinoisboysstate.org.

WW II VETRANS TO BE HONORED

In conjunction with the dedication of the National World War II Memorial, The American Legion is sponsoring local recognitions of WW II veterans across the Nation. Bolingbrook Post 1288 will conduct a Prayer Breakfast to recognize Bolingbrook WW II veterans at 8:00 on May 29th at the Golden Corral. WWII veterans will be treated to breakfast and presented with a framed certificate of appreciation.

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BOLINGBROOK HONOR GUARD SERVES ROBERT JAHN

The Bolingbrook Veterans Honor Guard conducted its remembrance service April 6th for Army veteran Robert Jahn at the Bolingbrook McCauley funeral home. A quote from the Bolingbrook Sun states: "Jahn was a lifelong Bolingbrook resident who left four children and wife Donna after a nine-month battle with stomach cancer. He was a wrestling coach at Bolingbrook High School and Humphrey Middle School, and he and Donna were very involved in the community."

The Honor Guard is composed of Bolingbrook area veterans, many of whom are Legion and or VFW members. In recent years, John Davin, a member of our Post and Commander of the Bolingbrook VFW Post has been coordinating the Honor Guard. It is open to any veteran and conducts its service locally for Bolingbrook veterans. Let the Post know if you would be interested in helping the Honor Guard.

Thanks to John Davin (wearing his VFW hat), Mel Hansen, Wayne Macejak, Angelo Pellitieri and Joe Rojek for their participation.

POST RECOGNIZES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Our Legion Post will again honor the achievements of outstanding students at Bolingbrook and Romeoville High School.

The Post will provide Bolingbrook's Air Force Jr. ROTC program and Romeoville's Marine Corps Jr. ROTC program with the American Legion ROTC Military Excellence Medal and the ROTC Scholastic Excellence Medal. Selections are made by the ROTC staff. Bolingbrook awards will be presented April 30 and Romeoville's on May 20.

The Military Excellence Medal is presented annually to one third- or fourth-year cadet (in a 4-year program) based on the cadet's general military excellence. Each cadet must rank in the top 25% of their Jr. ROTC class and demonstrate outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

The Scholastic Excellence Medal is presented annually to one third- or fourth-year cadet (in a 4-year program) based on the cadet's overall scholastic achievements. The cadet must rank in the top 10% of the high school class, the top 25% of the ROTC class, demonstrate leadership qualities and actively participate in student activities.

The Post will also provide Scholastic Achievement Medals to Bolingbrook High School graduating Seniors. Gold medals are awarded to each academic 1st place boy and girl. Silver Medals a awarded to the 2nd place boy and girl. These will be presented May 18th.

POST TO INITIATE SCHOOL AWARD PROGRAM AT BOLINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

The Post voted to institute the American Legion School Award program for Bolingbrook High School beginning with this year's Senior Class, provided that the school was willing, in the face of the pending move to the new building.

The Legion Institute Volume III states: "The School Award program is designed to develop character and encourage academic achievement by presenting medals and certificates to outstanding students. The Legion recommends that the awards be given to members of the graduating class who perhaps need the incentive more, as they stand at the threshold of either continuing their education or entering the job market. The Legion can adopt no higher purpose than to cultivate high character and wholesome ideals in youths reaching citizenship age. For as Legionnaires grow older, someone else must come along with those same qualities of love of country, unselfishness and high regard for truth and honor.

"The American Legion School Medal and Certificates of Honorable Mention are based on the following:

"Courage: Bravery in the face of opposition and danger, and the determination to do the right without public applause or personal advantage.

"Honor: Highly developed moral character; strength and stability, devotion to duty; and a keen sense of what is right and wrong.

"Leadership: Ability to lead and work in harmony with others to accomplish results, and to help others who are less fortunate.

"Patriotism: An ideal of loyal Americanism, religious freedom and willingness to defend our flag against all enemies – foreign and domestic.

"Scholarship: Excellence in academics and possessing qualities that reflect industry; perseverance; efficiency and intelligence.

School Award (continued)

"Service: Promoting the interests and welfare of others, and making contributions that help improve their schools and communities."

With the oversight of the Assistant Principle, school counselors will recommend five graduating seniors. The selectees will be asked to write a short essay to explain how they believe they meet each of the five criteria. These essays will be presented to the Post, and a committee will select the winner.

The winner will receive the School Award Medallion, a presentation quality 2¼ inch coin with certificate. Each year's winner's name will be inscribed on a plaque which will be displayed in the school. Those not selected for the final award will receive Honorable Mention certificates. These awards will be made along side the Scholastic Medal awards and the Boys State Scholarship award at the Senior Day Awards Ceremony on May 18.

The medallion and plaque can be seen in the Legion Emblem Sales catalogue on page 140 or on the Emblem Sales web site. Click "Shop Emblem Catalog" on the top of www.legion.org, and search for "school award."

WWII Veterans Honored (con't.)

The breakfast will include a brief program and the presentation of the certificates to each WW II veteran. Veterans will be invited to make a few remarks about their service experience. The event will be taped by Bolingbrook Community Television Channel 6 for later play.

Golden Corral will open its doors to us early for set-up and arrivals for the 8:00 start. (They normally open the doors at 8:00). They have also waived their room deposit requirement, and will offer a special price to attendees. Mayor Roger Claar has volunteered to underwrite the cost of the WWII Veterans' breakfast.

The Post will present a plaque to the Village. The plaque will contain a copy of the presentation certificate and be inscribed with the names of the WW II Bolingbrook Veterans.

Yes, I will help Post 1288 with Poppy Days for 2004! I can help with the following shifts:

Friday, May 20 – meet at Dunkin' Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

6:00 a.m. for 6:30 – 8:15 rush hour collections (I-55 & Weber, I-55 and IL. 53, etc.)

Fri. – Sat. May 20 – 21 meet at Dunkin' Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

8:30 a.m. for 9:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.

12:30 p.m. for 1:00 – 3:00 streets and stores collections.

3:30 p.m. for 4:00 – 6:00 rush hour streets and stores collections

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 – 9:00 night stores collections

I cannot make it out to help, but here is a contribution to help the Post's program.

Name:

Return at Post meeting
May 3 or mail to the
Post at P.O. Box 1133,
Bolingbrook, IL 60440