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POST ELECTION JUNE 7

Bolingbrook Post 1288 will hold its election of officers at the Post meeting on June 7, 2004. Legion rules require that Posts conduct their election of officers between 30 and 60 days prior to the start of the Department Convention (July 14 – 17, Springfield). Offices become effective at the closing gavel of the Department Convention. Installations follow shortly thereafter.

All post members are encouraged to attend the June meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please make that desire known. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all elected positions, with the consent of the person being nominated. Appointed positions (including Committee Chairs) will also be filled at this meeting.

According to our Post Constitution, elected officers are the Commander, Sr. Vice-Commander, Jr. Vice-Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms.

Appointed officers are the Adjutant, Service Officer and Historian.

Committee/ Active area Chairs include:

Americanism, Baseball, Boy Scouts, Boys State, Community Service, Religious Emphasis, Children and Youth, Education & Scholarship, Youth Activities, Constitution & By-Laws, Economics, Finance, Internal Affairs, Athletic Activity, Legion Leadership, Membership, Public Relations, Legislation, National Security, Safety, Law & Order, Marksmanship, POW/MIA, Vets Affairs & Rehab, Blood Donor, Gifts to Yanks, Hospital Services, Insurance, Poppy, VAC Liaison, Veterans Home, Flag Alliance, Membership Activity, and other areas that the Post determines (Color guard, Honor Guard, Drill Team, Building Committee, etc.)

The Post will also select its delegates for the Will County VAC and the Dept. Convention at this meeting.

POT OF GOLD

Ronald Pavelek would have won the "Pot of Gold," now at \$105.50, if he had been at the May meeting. Each month 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.

POPPY DAYS RAISE \$1500

Post 1288 raised \$1537.35 between the Village Board Meeting May 18th and the drive days of May 21 and 22. Approximately 1500 poppies were distributed. These funds will be used by the Post on local projects that provide assistance to veterans.

The poppies were distributed during 32.10 hours of volunteer effort at local stores (Wal-Mart, the Jewels, and the Post Office) and at various major intersections. That is down from the 47 hours volunteered last year. The total collection is down from last year's record \$2700.00.

Those who were able to contribute anywhere from less than an hour up to both days have done post and those whom we will be able to assist a large favor. Thank you to those helping at the Village Hall kick off (**Charles Bruce, Eldon Laffoon, Joe Rojek** - \$153.67), and those "on the streets:" **Leroy Greiman, Mel Hansen, Kimberly Macejak, Wayne Macejak, Al Miller, Angelo Pellitieri, Leroy Rheubottom and Joe Rojek.**

Poppy Day statistics:

	2004	2003
Average Poppy Distribution per hr.	46.7	48.20
Average Collection per hr.	\$47.47	\$55.24
Average Poppy Receipt	\$1.02	\$1.15.

COMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.: Boys State Delegates depart Harwood Post #5 for Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, IL. Return Friday, June 18.

Monday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC meeting, Will County Office Building, 2nd Floor, 302 N. Chicago St. Joliet

Friday, June 18, 8:00 p.m.: Will County Meeting, Frankfort-Mokena Post 2000.

Sunday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Bolingbrook Village Picnic, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd. Set up Post booth at 11:00 a.m., Picnic – Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 5, Independence Day Holiday – No Post Meeting?

Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC, 128 N. Scott, Joliet.

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*

WW II VETRANS HONORED

The Post's WW II National Memorial Dedication morning Prayer Breakfast and afternoon Commemorative Wreath Laying May 29th were a roaring success. Sixteen WWII veterans were honored with Certificates of Appreciation and three deceased veteran's spouses were recognized during the breakfast. The event can be seen on Bolingbrook cable TV on channel 6. Check www.bct6.org's website schedule for play times.

Thank you to the committee which set up the event: **Chairperson Charles Bruce, John Beckwith, Bettye Carter, Phil Carpenter, Wayne Macejak, Leroy Rheubottom, Joe Rojek and Larry Shaver.** A special thanks to post members **Rev. John Skanse** for the dedication prayer and benediction, **Leroy Brown** for being Guest Speaker, and **Wayne Ward** for opening the program. Thanks also to **Mayor Claar** for speaking to the assemblage.

The event success is due in no small part to the significant assistance provided by the following persons and organizations:

- **Mayor Roger Claar** for underwriting the cost of the breakfasts for the honorees and their guests.
- **Golden Corral** for opening their doors to us early, discounting the cost of the breakfast, and waiving the usual room reservation fees.
- **Romeoville Marine Corps Jr. ROTC** for assisting with the posting of the colors and for providing escort service for each veteran as they received their certificate
- **VFW Post 5917** and their **Commander, John Davin**, for providing an official World War II Dedication commemorative pin for each honoree, and for splitting the cost of the permanent plaque with our Post.
- **Award Emblem Mfg. Co.** for significantly reducing the cost of the permanent plaque (to be displayed in the Village Hall).
- **Wal-Mart** for providing the frames for the certificates.
- **Bolingbrook Community Television (BCT6)** for providing the sound system, recording the events and televising them.

POST 1288 ALSO SUPPORTS WWII EXHIBIT DEDICATION

The following Post members aided the dedication of a "Salute to Illinois Veterans" exhibit at the Bolingbrook library on Sunday, May 23. David Wendell of the Illinois Aviation Museum recognized WWII veterans and Illinois aviation veterans in a ceremony. The Post, and members of VFW Post 5917 provided an Honor Guard and Rifle Volley for the event. Post 1288 members participating included: **Charles Bruce, Joe Rojek, Wayne Macejak, Mel Hansen, John Davin** in his VFW hat and anyone we missed.

POST REWARDS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The winners of the awards presented by the Post this year are as follows:

ROTC:

General Military Excellence

- Romeoville: C. J. Stednitz
- Bolingbrook: Nathan Anderson

Scholastic Excellence:

- Romeoville: Stephanie Haack
- Bolingbrook: Caprice Jordan

Scholastic

Boys State Scholarship:

- Matthew Baker

Scholastic Gold Medal:

- 1st Place Boy: Matthew Ralph
- 1st Place Girl: Erin Koch

Scholastic Silver Medal:

- 2nd Place Boy: Nathan Kennedy
- 2nd Place Girl: Dana Kurtz

School Award:

- Winner: Lisa Alesi
- Honorable Mention: Meraj Alam, Nicole Santiago, Elizabeth Wood

Thanks to **Joe Rojek** and **Charles Bruce** for assisting with the ROTC awards presentations, **Charles Bruce** for assisting with the Bolingbrook Honors Day, and to the School Award committee for meeting on short notice to select the School Award winner from a field of fine candidates: **Bettye Carter, All Miller, Frank Zwettler, and Mel Hansen**

POST TO SPONSOR VILLAGE PICNIC BOOTH

Post 1288 will again sponsor an information booth at the Bolingbrook Village Picnic on June 27. We will have various pamphlets and flyers on citizenship and children and youth informative issues. Blue Star Banners will be provided for the immediate families of active duty service members. Recruiting for Legion membership may also occur. We need to be set up by 11:00 a.m. The picnic runs from Noon until 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers to staff the booth. If you can spare the afternoon or an hour or two to help out, contact Mel Hansen at 739.4439 or MelHansen@aol.com



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