



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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On the Web: <http://members.aol.com/ilam1288>

Picture of Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 members who participated in the parade. Picture available online at post website.

## PATHWAYS PARADE HUGE SUCCESS

Post 1288 VFW Post 5917 had their largest turnout in years for the September 12<sup>th</sup> Pathways Parade. Nineteen members participated.

We had an eight abreast color guard with the Posts' Commanders marching in front, and several members marching behind the flags. This was followed by three, yes, three vehicles carrying the remaining members.

Chuck Bruce had his big black pickup available for riders. This year, we were also accompanied by Mike Treadway of Bolingbrook with his fully restored "Duce and a Half" army truck, and Mark Hecther with his really clean M151 Military Police jeep. Mike and Mark belong to the Chicagoland Military Vehicle Club. They pooled their entry with ours and let our members ride in their vehicles.

Those wearing Legion hats included Chuck Bruce, Mel Hansen, Joe Rojek, John Skanse, Phil Carpenter and Commander Elden Laffoon. Dennis Meehan wore his Viet Now fatigues. Other members were in VFW gear: John Davin, Bob Adame, and Wayne Ward. Apologies to any who were missed.

## POT OF GOLD

If David Jacobson had been at the September meeting, he would have won The Pot of Gold which now stands at \$117.00. David is an active participant who just happened to not be at the September meeting. Each meeting, the members who are present put a quarter in the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn from all the active members. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win.

### Post Officers

Commander	Elden P. Laffoon, Sr.	630.783.2669
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Post #1288 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane at 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

## COMING EVENTS

Monday, Oct 4, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Center, 451 Canterbury Lane

Monday, Oct 11, Columbus Day, Fly your flag.

7:30 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet. Delegates: W. Horne, W. Macejak

Saturday, Oct 16 - Past Commanders Dinner: Joliet Harwood Post #5, 705 S. Larkin Ave (S.W. corner I-80 & Larkin) \$9.00 per person. All Legion Members and spouses invited.

Sunday, Oct 17, 11:30 a.m.: Manteno BINGO trip. Meet at Levy Center for departure by Noon.

Monday, Nov 1, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Center, 451 Canterbury Lane.

**TUESDAY, NOV 2, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: VOTE!!**

Friday and Saturday, Nov 5 & 6: Gifts To Yanks Drive Days.

Saturday, Nov 6, 7:30 a.m.: Oakview School Veterans Recognition Pancake Breakfast (Honor Guard and free breakfast).

Monday, Nov 8, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet. Delegates: W. Horne, W. Macejak.

Thursday, Nov 11, 11:00 a.m.: Veterans Day Observance, Village Hall Performing Arts Center. Gather at 10:30 a.m. Fly your flag.

Friday, Nov 19, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Manhattan #935, Village Hall, 245 S. State Street (Rt. 52)

Sunday, Nov 21, 2:00 p.m.: County Thanksgiving Service, Peotone #392, 109 W. North Street

Thursday, Nov 25, All Day: Thanksgiving, Fly your flag.

Check out the Post web site for a few Pathways pictures.

**LATE ITEM:** Saturday, Oct 3, 12:30 p.m.: If you can spare some time Saturday, Oct 3 from 12:30 till a bit after 1:30, we need help with a Color Guard at Clow Airport for the Illinois Aviation Museum role out of a T-2 for exhibit. The Ceremony starts at 1:00.

## GIFTS TO YANKS AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for Nov 5 and 6. Both days are our Gifts to Yanks who Gave drive, and the 6<sup>th</sup> is also Oakview School's annual Veterans Day Recognition Breakfast. The Legion and VFW provide a Color Guard for the opening at 8:00 a.m. (meet at 7:30 a.m.) Then we get a free breakfast and a chance to talk with the children. The school goes all out and has each class make posters that are hung on the gym walls. They also put on a patriotic program at 9:00 a.m. We get to put out a jar for Gifts to Yanks, and everybody has a great time. Gifts to Yanks start hours are 6:30, 8:30, 1:00, 3:00 and 6:30 on Friday and 10:00, 1:00, 3:00 and 6:30 Saturday. We start from Dunkin' Donuts on Rt. 53 at Beaconridge. Please help as much as you can, and let's stay in the Top 10 in the state.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AT 64

Thank you to the 7 members who submitted their membership dues since the last newsletter. We still have a shot at being 100% (121) by November 11<sup>th</sup> to receive the Department of Illinois \$100.00 check and a 100% streamer for our flag.

We won't be the first in the County to make our Hundred Percent mark. Frankfort-Mokena Post 2000 got there already with their 64 members paid for 100%. Send your \$25.00 renewal (with or without the form) to Post at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133 TODAY. Thanks.



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