



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

Post #1288, Auxilliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter

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## BOLINGBROOK SHOWS IT CARES FOR VETS

Gifts to Yanks was a huge success. We did great again this year. Our Grand Total to date is \$3,703.45.

The Village Board Meeting	\$358.00
Oak View School Pancake Breakfast:	\$166.79
Street and Store Collections	\$3,148.66
Member Contributions (Checks)	\$30.00

Thank you to all who participated. We had 55.13 hours of collection time. Distributed 2660 tags, for an average of 48.2 tags per hour, and collected an average of \$67.17. That's the highest hourly collection rate in memory. Bolingbrook residents really showed their concern for Veterans this year.

Those who participated in the collections were:

Norb Aspeitia	John Davin
Harry Frost	Leroy Greiman
Mel Hansen	Kimberly Macejak
Wayne Macejak	Al Miller
John Radtke	Leroy Rheubottom
Joe Rojek	Larry Shaver

Wayne Ward  
Carolyn Hansen as Teller

Details of the collection efforts will be available at the post meeting. The results can also be downloaded from <http://members.aol.com/ilam1288/g2y2004.pdf>. This link is not shown on the website.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 will again staff a booth at the Bolingbrook "Festival of Lights" event behind Village Hall Saturday, December 3, 2004 from 3:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. The booth will have Christmas cards which can be signed by visitors. The cards will then be mailed to our military personnel overseas (Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.). The cards are courtesy of the village Beautification Commission.

If you can help staff the booth for all or part of the time, come on out and help. We will be in the Santa tent about 2:30, p.m., next to the hot chocolate (yum).

## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

The Post decorated one of the Village provided Christmas trees along the entry drive to Village Hall. Ours is in front of the Veterans Memorial, along with the trees for the Auxiliary Unit and the VFW post. See a picture on the website.

Thanks to Chuck Bruce, Mel Hansen, Wayne Macejak and Wayne Ward for decorating the tree.

The Auxiliary Unit will be decorating their tree prior to Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Contact Esther Laffoon to see if help is still needed (630.783.2669).

## AUXILIARY UNIT HAS PERMANENT MEETING LOCATION

Our new Auxiliary Unit has received permission from the DuPage Township Board to meet in the Levy Center the evening of the third Monday of the Month. They will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 20.

The December meeting will feature District President Rosemary Mulligan who will provide information about the work of the various committees and the duties of their chairpersons.

Also at that meeting the Unit will elect a Financial Committee to conduct the quarterly audits.

## Fly your Flag at Half Staff Pearl Harbor Day

Meeting in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane, at 7:30 p.m.  
Post #1288 – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month • Auxiliary Unit #1288 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month  
American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

Post Officers		
Commander	Elden P. Laffoon, Sr.	630.783.2669
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Larry Shaver	630.759.1274
Jr. Vice Cmndr	Bettye Carter	630.378.1433
Adjutant	Joe Rojek	630.759.6450
Finance Officer	Wayne Macejak	630.378.6223
Service Officer	Wayne Macejak	630.378.6223
Chaplain	Rev. John Skanse	630.378.4749
Judge Advocate	Mel Hansen	630.739.4439
Sgt.-at-Arms	Frank Zwettler	630.759.1575
Historian	Bettye Carter	630.378.1433
Unit Officers		
President	Esther Laffoon	630.783.2669
Vice-President	Nicky Armstrong	630.378.9241
Secretary	Irene Wojtal	630.739.0275
Treasurer	Kimberly Macejak	630.202.2053
Chaplain	Carolyn Hansen	630.739.4439
Sgt-at-Arms	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
Historian	Sandy Armstrong	630.378.9241

## AUXILIARY UNIT GOWING

Since the initial organizational meeting where 15 new applicants and 2 transferees joined the Unit, 3 new membership applications have been received. All of the new member applications were received prior to November 25, making them eligible to be considered as charter memberships. This brings the total charter membership to 18, and the current Unit membership to 20. Congratulations to the Unit and those who have stepped up to the plate and joined.

Wives, daughters, grand-daughters, great grand-daughters, sisters, mothers and grandmothers of Legion members are eligible to join. The same categories of women who are related to veterans serving during an eligible period and who died in service or subsequently died after an Honorable Discharge or discharge under Honorable Conditions are also eligible. Dues are only \$15.00 per year. If you or members of your family are eligible, please join, even if it is only to support the Unit with membership numbers and dues.

## COMING EVENTS

Monday, Dec 6, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Tuesday, Dec 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Your Flag at Half-Staff.

Monday, Dec 13, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Commission Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet. Delegates: W. Horne, W. Macejak.

Friday, Dec 17: NO COUNTY MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Monday, Dec 20, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Monday, Jan 3, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Can

Saturday, Jan 8, 1:00 p.m.: County Auxiliary sponsored Ice Cream Social, Manteno Illinois Veterans Home

Monday, Jan 10, 6:00 p.m.: VAC Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Louie's Chop House, Shorewood, Rt. 52 just west of Rt. 59. \$15.00 per person. Reservations Required. See Wayne Macejak for form.

Monday, Jan 17, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Friday, Jan 21, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Plainfield #13, West end of Renwick @ River Rd.

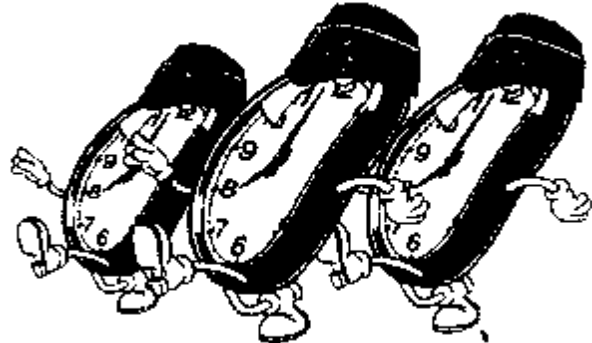
**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

## LAST MONTH TO HELP THE POST BE 100% BEFORE DECEMBER 31

As of November 30, our Adjutant had recorded 95 renewals or new memberships against our last year's total of 121 and this year's goal of 123. If we reach 100% by the end of the year, we will earn a 100% percent for our Post flag. If we reach the "100% plus 2" mark, we also be awarded \$50.00 by Department.

If your membership card does not show that it is for "2005," PLEASE stop reading this right now, make out a check for \$25.00 and put it in the mail to the Post at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133. Or call one of the Post officers and we will arrange to have it picked up. Do it today.

**It's NOW  
the Last Minute**



**Re-new Your  
Membership TODAY!**

## POT OF GOLD

If John Charnvinsky had been at the November meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold which now stands at \$124.25. 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.



**Always  
Remembered**

**Never  
Forgotten**