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MANTENO BINGO TRIP

Post 1288 will again join VFW Post 5917 in one of our semi-annual Manteno BINGO trips March 13, 2005. We will meet at the Levy Center and depart at 12 noon. Wives, family members and friends are welcome. Make it a day to visit a vet. Both Posts contribute \$100 toward prize money for the residents. When added to that contributed by other Posts and Auxiliary Units, the total distributed for prizes is about \$1000.

COMING EVENTS

Sat and Sun, Mar 5-6, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.: Membership Recruitment Table, Louis University.

Sunday, Mar 6, 2:00 p.m. 11th District Past Commanders' Dinner, Roselle Post #1084, 344 E. Maple Ave

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

Sunday, Mar 13, 1:00 p.m., 2nd Division Meeting, Libertyville Post #329, Libertyville, IL

Sunday, Mar 13, Noon, Manteno IL Veterans Home BINGO trip. Departing Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury, promptly at Noon.

Monday, Mar 14, 6:00 p.m.: VAC meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Friday, Mar 18, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Monee #1200 - 25665 S. Governors Hwy

Monday, Mar 21, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Saturday, Apr 2. Membership 2910 Calling Bonanza.

Saturday, Apr 2, 8:30 a.m.: First Aid/CPR/AED Training. 16841 Laraway Rd., Joliet

Monday, Apr 4, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Sunday, Apr 10, 1:30 p.m.: 11th District Meeting, Union Post #482, Union, IL.

Monday, Apr 11, 6:00 p.m.: VAC meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Friday, Apr 15, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Joliet 1080, 2625 Ingalls

Monday, Apr 18, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Saturday, Apr 30, 5:30 p.m.: Bolingbrook ROTC Dining Out/Awards Night, B. H.S. Cafeteria

May - Poppy Days in conjunction with VFW Post 5917

POST TO CONSIDER DUES INCREASE

We have learned that an assessment increase at the department level will be considered at the next Department convention. The increase is expected to be \$3.75 per member, increasing the total assessment to \$21.00 per member. Therefore, as proposed at the February meeting, Post 1288 will vote on increasing dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per year at the March meeting. A formal notification letter of the pending motion vote is being included in the mailing with this newsletter. Please consider it and be present for the motion discussion and vote.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TABLE

Our 11th District has been offered an exhibit booth for a public exposition to be held at Louis University on March 5th and 6th. The booth, normally \$700 - \$800, is being donated by the exhibition sponsors. If you can spare a couple of hours on either day (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to help staff the table, please contact District Vice-Commander John York at 815.372.3152.

MEMBERSHIP CALLING BONANZA

Our 2nd Division is sponsoring a "2910a-Thon" April 2 at Plainfield Post #13 (Renwick Rd at River Rd.) from 9:00 till Noon. This event will provide an opportunity for post members to call Legionnaires current registered to the Department's "2910" state post and invite them to transfer to a local post. The Department will provide lists of 2910 members by locale, and also lists of Legionnaires who have not paid dues in the past several years. If you have a cell phone, can spare a couple of hours and some weekend minutes, plan on helping 1288 gain some more members. Call Wayne Macejak or Mel Hansen if you can participate.

POT OF GOLD

If Alexandria Dodge had been at the February meeting, she would have won The Pot of Gold which now stands at \$7.25. Alexandria is currently on active duty in the Navy in Washington, D.C. 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.

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

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Treasurer	Kimberly Macejak	-----

POST TO INVESTIGATE PURCHASING SHOTGUNS

As many of you know, the Post's 10 M-1 Garand rifles have seen better days, as far as usefulness as 'firing' weapons is concerned. Even with the fresh blank ammunition we received last year, misfires and jams occur more frequently than do the desired loud reports of simultaneously firing weapons. The VFW's rifles are in about the same shape. As a result, the Police Department has been providing firing squads for veterans' events, using their shotguns, and we have been 'borrowing' the shotguns, under the supervision of off-duty police personnel, for firing volleys for Honor Guard ceremonial purposes. These weapons provide a very loud report, a high degree of reliability, and easily coordinated, simultaneous discharge.

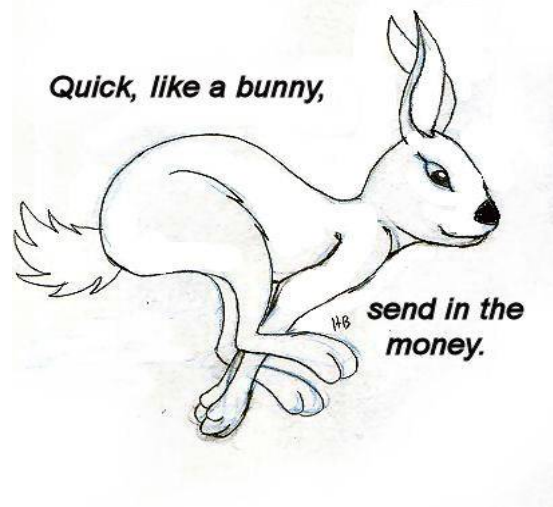
At the last Post meeting, it was voted to investigate the possibility and cost of purchasing shotguns similar to those used by the police department for use in veteran's events and Honor Guard ceremonies. Our current M-1 Garands would then be "cleaned up" (possibly refinished) for use in marching events. They would be available for flag Honor Guard duty, as well as to be carried by members marching in events.

FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING

On April 2, the Will County Emergency Management Agency will hold First Responder First Aid / CPR / AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) certification training for the Will Co. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (Bolingbrook). Commander Laffoon, who also leads the ARES (Bb) organization, has arranged for Post 1288 members to also be able to take the training. The training will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and result in three separate certifications, one for each of the three areas of training. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the EMS's training facility, 16841 W. Laraway Rd., Joliet (next to the County Sheriff's Office). There is a \$15.00 fee for the training. Pre-registration is not required. This is an excellent opportunity to brush up/re-certify on old skills and learn how to work the new publicly available defibrillators (such as the ones located in the Levy Sr. Center).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS REACH 101

As of this last Tuesday, the Post has submitted 101 renewals/new memberships. That brings us to 83.47% of last year's membership of 121. Our post is next to the bottom of the list for Will's County's 15 posts. Five posts have already reached their 100%. Thank you to those of you who have sent in your 2005 dues (which were due by December 31st). If your membership card does not show "2005" for the membership year, please send in your \$25.00 renewal RIGHT NOW while you are thinking about it. Just send a check for \$25.00 made out to American Legion Post 1288 at American Legion Post 1288, P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133.



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Welcome to new member Wrenzola May Estes. Wrenzola is a ten year veteran with the Marines and currently resides here in Bolingbrook.



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