



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

Post #1288, Auxilliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting: Election of Officers. Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.

Saturday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Fund Raiser Steak Out for Marty Connaster. Plainfield Post #13, West end of Renwick Rd @ River Rd. \$12.50 per person.

Monday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Commission Meeting. 126 N. Scott St, Joliet.

Friday, June 17, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting. Frankfort-Mokena #2000. **Mokena VFW Post #725, 19852 Wolf Road, Mokena.**

Sunday, June 26, Noon – 6:00 p.m.: Village Picnic (Set-up: 10:00 a.m.). Behind Village Hall, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Staff County Fair Legion Booth, Peotone, IL.

Sunday, Sept 11, 2:00 p.m., Pathways Parade.

VILLAGE PICNIC JUNE 26

The Post and the Auxiliary Unit will each have a table at the Village Picnic on June 26. This is a great opportunity to make our presence known to Village residents, solicit new members, and disseminate patriotic, safety, service and Legion program information. Setup is supposed to be completed by 11:00 a.m. with the booths staffed from Noon until 6:00 p.m. If you can spare some time, come out and join us at the booths and also take in the fun of the picnic. Don't forget that there are free hot dogs. It all happens behind Village Hall around the lake.

POPPY DAYS 2005 RAISE \$3,253

Post and Auxiliary Unit 1288 distributed 2,849 poppies on May 10, 20 – 21 and received \$3,252.93. Post 1288 collected \$2,032.20. Unit 1288 received \$1,220.73. This was accomplished through 59 hours of collection effort by 7 Post members, 6 Auxiliary members and the help of the Bolingbrook ROTC on Saturday Morning at Wal-Mart. Village officials and visitors contributed \$141.10 at the Village Board Meeting on May 10 (the VFW received a similar amount). Two post members directly contributed by check.

Area residents again showed outstanding appreciation and support for the Poppy Days. The effort distributed some 48 poppies per hour per person, with an average contribution of \$1.14 per poppy, or \$55.06 per hour per person.

It is great to have strong support for this effort that raises funds to be used locally for Veteran rehabilitation and assistance projects. Yet it is more important to realize that Poppy Days often provides a real service to those who contribute. We often hear testimonials from donors about how special the poppies are to them as memorial reminders for fathers, grandparents, brothers and sisters who served in prior years.

Thanks to all who helped: Post – Dan Armstrong, Mel Hansen, Elden Laffoon, Wayne Macejak, John Radkte, Joe Rojek and Leroy Rheubottom; Auxiliary Unit – Nicole Armstrong, Sandy Armstrong Peggy Barrera, Sheryl Haas, Kimberly Macejak and Garnett Shaver. A special thanks to Carolyn Hansen for spending two days counting the receipts.

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*

Yes, I will help Post /Auxiliary Unit 1288 with the Village Picnic for 2005! I can work the following shifts:
Sunday June 26th

- 10:00 - Noon – Set-up.
- Noon – 2:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Break-down.
- All Day.

Name: _____

Return at Post/Aux. Unit meeting or mail to the Post/Unit at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

POST ELECTIONS

Post 1288 will elect the 2005-2006 slate of officers at the June 6, 2005 meeting. All members in good standing are eligible to run.

POST PRESENTS SCHOOL AWARDS

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

ROTC:

General Military Excellence

- Romeoville: Kelly Ann Zacharies
- Bolingbrook: Michael Conkle

Scholastic Excellence:

- Romeoville: Kurtis Mrozinski
- Bolingbrook: Bethany Carroll

Bolingbrook H. S. Scholastic

Boys State Scholarship:

- Johnathan C. Rogers

Scholastic Gold Medal:

- 1st Place Boy: Steve Flinn
- 1st Place Girl: Stephanie Bannos

Scholastic Silver Medal:

- 2nd Place Boy: Jonathan Lighthiser
- 2nd Place Girl: Charity Anicete

School Award:

- Winner: Kali Pehrson
- Honorable Mention: Gene Bagnuolo, James Isbell, and Eli Shorkey

Thanks to Commander Laffoon for presenting the Bolingbrook ROTC and Senior Honors Day awards, Larry Shaver and Mel Hansen for presenting the Romeoville ROTC awards presentations, 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, Larry Shaver, Elden Laffoon, and Mel Hansen.

POST STILL SHORT OF 100% MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As of June 1 the Post stands at 115 renewals/transfers/new memberships. We are still 6 short of our last year's of 121. 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.* We only have until June 21st to get our renewals into the mail. 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. It's a small price to support such a great organization.

POT OF GOLD

If James VanTrease had been at our May meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold, now worth \$17.50. At 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.

			Primary 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		
			Primary Unit Officers	
President	Esther Laffoon	630.783.2669		
Vice-President	Nicky Armstrong	630.378.9241		
Secretary	Irene Wojtal	630.739.0275		
Treasurer	Kimberly Macejak	---.---.---		



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