



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

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GIFTS TO YANKS THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOV 4 AND 5

Set your reminder alarms for Nov 4 and 5. Both days are our Gifts to Yanks who Gave drive. Gifts to Yanks start hours are 6:30, 8:30, 1:00, and 6:30 on Friday and 10:00, 1:00 and 6:30 Saturday. We start from Dunkin' Donuts on Rt. 53 at Beaconridge. Gifts to Yank provides Christmas gifts to veterans in our Illinois State Veterans Homes, VA Hospitals in Illinois and any other retirement homes with "hospitalized" veterans around the state, as we become aware of them. This year's collection buys next years gifts.

Please help as much as you can, and let's stay in the Top 10 in the state. We were number 8 this year.

OAKVIEW PANCAKE BREAKFAST HONOR GUARD

The 5th 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.

MANTENO BINGO

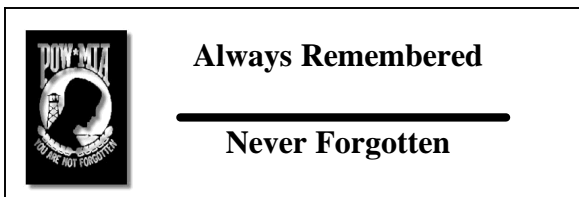
Thanks to Garnett Shaver, Carolyn Hansen and Mel Hansen for representing the Auxiliary Unit and Post at the October 2nd BINGO for the residents of the Illinois State Veterans Home at Manteno, IL. Larry Shaver and John Davin were also there, but they were wearing their VFW cap.

VFW/LEGION/AUX CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

The Legion Post and Auxiliary, as well as VFW Post 5917 will hold a combined Christmas get together on the first Monday in December (Dec. 5) at the Levy Center. This will be in lieu of the usual Post meeting. The VFW has been holding a party for a number of years. This year will mark something new as the three groups combine resources for a bigger and better get together. The menu and agenda have not be finalized yet, but if it follows the prior years' practice, there will be a cash bar, dinner (meat entrées provided – bring side and desert dishes), and a number of fun mind teaser and other games (with prizes). As a number of our duel membership members know, things have usually kicked off about 6:30 for the cash bar with dinner (buffet style) following about 7:00. That gives those who don't get home early a chance to also join in on the fun, while the rest of us get to nibble and refresh ourselves. Spouses are invited, but children have not typically attended. Who knows, maybe in future years we can reinstate the Christmas Party for members' children and grandchildren. Anyway, it should be a fun time for fellowship. We will have the specifics in next month's newsletter. The Auxiliary and VFW should get most of it at there meetings on the 3rd and 4th Mondays. Please RSVP the post at the P.O. Box or e-mail the Post at ilam1288@aol.com you plan to attend so we know how many to buy for.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2006

Department has sent out a special mailing to Post members to inform us that the dues really are \$30.00 for 2006. Hopefully this will help us to "officially" know that the dues did increase. For those of you who sent in your dues at last year's \$25.00 rate, please send in a check to the Post for the additional \$5.00. Then we will be able to send you your membership card for 2006.



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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COMING EVENTS

Friday and Saturday, Nov 4 and 5: Gifts to Yanks Who Gave tag days. See article for times.

Saturday, Nov 5, 7:30 a.m.: Honor Guard for Oakview School Veterans Recognition Pancake Breakfast.

Saturday, Nov 5, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.: Free breakfast for Veterans, Oakview School, 150 N. Schmidt.

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

Friday, Nov 11, 11:00 a.m.: Veterans Day Observance, Village Hall Performing Arts Center Stage, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Monday, Nov 14, 8:00 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Monday, Nov 14, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.: Veterans Appreciation Dinner, Golden Corral, Bolingbrook. VETS EAT FREE, spouses pay regular price.

Friday, Nov 18, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Manhattan Post #935, Village Hall, IL Rt 52.

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2:00 p.m.: Will County Council Annual Thanksgiving Service, - We think it will be in Frankfort at there Senior Center, Heritage Hall, 130 W. Kansas. Watch the website for the latest.

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

Monday, Dec. 5, (6:30?): VFW/LEGION Post/Aux Christmas Party, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Ln. (No regular post meeting)

NOTICE (Changed, Please Read)

Department has finally done a mailing stating that National failed to have the correct amount for our dues in the 2006 renewal information. If you submitted \$25.00 for your 2006 dues, please forward the additional \$5.00 to the Post. Your 2006 membership card will then be sent to you.

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Yes, I will help Post/Aux. Unit 1288 with Gifts to Yanks Who Gave for 2005! I can help with the following shifts:

Friday, November 4 – meet at Dunkin’ Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

- 6:00 a.m. for 6:30 – 8:15 rush hour collections (I-55 & Weber, I-55 and IL. 53, etc.)

Fri. – Sat. November 4 and 5 meet at Dunkin’ Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

- 8: 30 a.m. for 9:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.
 - 10:00 a.m. for 10:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.
- 12:30 p.m. for 1:00 – 4:00 streets and stores collections.
- 6: 30 p.m. for 7:00 – 9:00 night stores collections
- I cannot make it out to help, but here is a contribution to help the Post’s program.

Name: _____ (Please bring with you or Mail to Post/Unit).