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LEGION/VFW TO STAFF "FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS" CARD SIGNING TABLE

1288 will again participate in the Bolingbrook Festival of Lights program on Saturday, December 3, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will be encouraging people to sign Christmas cards for active duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans. The Festival starts at 3:00, but we need to be there a bit earlier to help set up. We will again be in Santa's tent with the Hot Chocolate and Popcorn. If you can spare the full time, or just an hour, please come out and help with this worthy effort.

"GIFTS TO YANKS WHO GAVE" DRIVE RAISES \$1600

Bolingbrook area residents donated \$1603.60 to the 'Gifts for Yanks Who Gave' drive Nov 4 and 5. About a thousand tags were distributed. On the streets of Bolingbrook, and at Wal-Mart, Jewel and the Post Office we received some \$1,137. The October 28 Village Board Meeting attendees contributed \$203 and the Nov 5 Oakview School Veterans Appreciation Pancake Breakfast and Program raised \$199. We also received \$24 at the June Village Picnic and \$35 from members.

Thanks to all those who helped: Wayne Macejak, Leroy Rheubottom, Larry Shaver and Mel Hansen on the streets and at the stores, Elden, Mel and Joe at village hall, and Larry, Mel and Joe at the Pancake Breakfast.

Gifts to Yanks is the only program which provides Christmas gifts to every veteran in our Illinois State Veterans Homes and VA Hospitals in Illinois (and any other retirement homes with "hospitalized" veterans around the state, as we are aware of them). This year's collection buys next years gifts.

Also thanks to those who helped with the Honor Guard for the Pancake Breakfast: Larry Shaver, Joe Rojek, Mel Hansen and Angelo Pellitieri on Nov 5.

CHRISTMAS PARTY! A LEGION/AUX/VFW GET TOGETHER DEC 5

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 event will include a cash bar (opening between 6:30 & 7:00, dinner (meat entrées provided by Browns Chicken arriving about 7:00 – bring an appetizer, salad, veggies or desert dish.) and a number of fun mind teaser and other games (with prizes). With the entrees arriving about 7:00, those who don't get home early will also get 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. It should be a fun time for fellowship. Please RSVP to the post at ilam1288@aol.com if you plan to attend so we know how many to buy for, but don't let that stop you from coming. There should be enough.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2006

Please help the Post and Auxiliary Unit reach the 100% membership renewal mark by December 31. If you have yet to turn in the dues for 2006 (which are due by 12/31) please send them to Post 1288 or Unit 1288 at P.O. Box 1133 or bring them to the next meeting. Post dues are \$30.00, Unit dues are \$15.00. Posts and Unit at 100% by Dec 31 receive a ribbon for their flag. It has been a LONG time since the Post received one. Let's restart that tradition. Some Post members sent in \$25.00 instead of \$30.00. If you did, please send in the remaining \$5.00 so we can send you your card for 2006. We are currently at 84 for 2006. We need to get to 116 to match last year's close out.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

*Have a Safe,
Merry Christmas
and Holiday Season*

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*

Primary Post Officers		
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COUNTY AUXILIARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL JANUARY 7

The Will County Auxiliary will again hold its annual ice cream social for the residents of the Illinois State Veterans Home at Manteno. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. with escorting residents to the hall for the ice-cream and pie, which is served about 2:45 to 3:00. Auxiliary members planning to attend should let President Armstrong know. Post 1288 usually contributes \$25.00 to the cost of the event and several of the Post's members usually gather at the Levy Center for 1:00 (or 12:30 if driving will be difficult) departure.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 5, (6:30?): 1288Post/Aux and VFW Christmas Party, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Ln. (No regular post meeting).

Wednesday, Dec. 7, Noon: Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance, Village Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Wednesday, Dec 7, 6:30: Bolingbrook Community TV audience participation opportunity, Village Hall BCT Studio (back door next to garage door near southwest corner..

Monday, Dec 12, 7:30: Will County VAC Commission Meeting. 128 N. Scott, Joliet.

Friday, Dec 16: NO COUNTY MEETING.

Monday, Dec 19: NO AUXILIARY MEETING.

Monday, Jan 2: Post Meeting? Watch web site and next months newsletter for details.

Saturday, Jan 7, 2:00 p.m.: County Auxiliary Ice Cream Social at Manteno.

Monday, Jan 9, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott. St., Joliet.

Monday, Jan 16, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Friday, Jan 20, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, New Lenox #1977, 14414 Ford Dr.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Post member **Robert Laskey, Sr.** passed Nov 17. He was also a member of the Naperville VFW. Our Post and the Bolingbrook VFW conducted the Bolingbrook Veterans Honor Guard ceremony during the visitation on Saturday evening, Nov. 19 and performed "Rifle Volley" honors at Woodlawn cemetery on Monday, Nov 21.

Thanks to those participating in the Honor Guard Ceremony at the Modell Funeral Home in Darian: John Davin, Wayne Ward, Joe Rojek, Larry Shaver, Elden Laffoon, Mel Hansen, Wayne Macejak, Robert Adame and VFW members Jack Flanagan and Clyde Ruble, and to Esther Laffoon for representing the Auxiliary.

Also thanks to those who braved a blustery wind chilled day on Monday, Nov 21: Robert Adame, Elden Laffoon, Joe Rojek and Mel Hansen to perform the Rifle Volley detail and Esther Laffoon (actually, we used Another Thanks to Chief McCury for allowing us to use the Police Dept. shotguns.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

There will be a brief but important remembrance of December 7, 1941, "the day that will live in infamy!" at the Village Veterans Memorial at Noon (8:00 a.m. Hawaiian time). VFW Post 5917 is sponsoring the event. Please help us honor those who lost their lives and loved ones that day. Legion caps are appropriate.

OTHER THANK-YOUS

To those who came out for the Veterans Day Observance at Village Hall.

To those who attended the Veterans Tribute Veterans Day evening at Friendship Methodist: Angelo Pelitieri, Leroy Brown, John Davin, Larry Shaver, Mel Hansen, Joe Rojek and Garnett Shaver.

To Mel and Carolyn Hansen for attending the Will County Thanksgiving Service November 20th in Frankfort.

WANT TO BE ON TV?

Local military historian David Wendell is looking for Veterans (with Legion/VFW/military hats/gear) to be an audience for an interview show he will be taping December 7 at 6:30 in the BCT Studio in Village Hall (back door next to garage door just around the southwest corner – ring doorbell). He will be interviewing a WWII vet named Wes Harris who apparently has a meaningful tale to tell. If you want to be on TV and want to help support the documentation of WWII experiences, stop by the studio and enjoy the interview first hand as a part of the audience.