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AUXILIARY UNIT TO NOMINATE NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

Auxiliary Unit 1288 will be nominating the slate of officers for 2006-2007 at the next meeting on Monday, April 17. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. Elections will be in May or June.

THANK YOU

Garnett Shaver, Wayne and Grace Macejak and Mel Hansen for representing the Post and Unit at the March 12 Manteno Illinois Veterans Home Bingo (and to John Davin and Larry Shaver, even if they did wear their VFW hats). Some \$950 was presented as prizes to 68 residents. Post 1288 contributed \$100.00 and the Auxiliary Unit \$50.

Joe Rojek, Wayne Macejak, Grace Macejak, Art Taylor, Elden Laffoon, Garnett Shaver, Mel Hansen, Dave Dodge, Leroy Greiman (In his A.F. Uniform for the Sgt's Association) and Larry Shaver (wearing his VFW hat) for attending and supporting the First Annual Raiders Air Force Jr. ROTC Drill Competition on March 25. The Post contributed \$200.00 toward the trophy costs, was credited as a sponsor and Commander Laffoon was selected to present three of the awards.

DON'T FORGET POPPY DAYS MAY 19 AND 20

Mark off Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 for Poppy Days. This is the one nation fund raiser that we do which allows us keep the funds in the Post to help with veteran rehabilitation and assistance. Be sure to donate an hour or two, a morning or afternoon, or a day or two to this, our most important fund raising effort. Schedules and sign-ups in next month's Legionnaire.

Blood Donations Always Needed
Help Support the Legion Blood Donation Program
Donate at the Bolingbrook Medical Center
Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 5:00
No Appointment Necessary
Tell them you are from Post 1288 and tell us, too.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS STILL AT 103 (88.8%)

The Department Membership Statistics report shows the Post at 103 renewals as of March 24. That's where we were last month. We need 13 more renewals/new members to make our 100%. If your Membership Card does not say "2006," please send in the \$30.00 renewal to the Post at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday, **Apr 3**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.
- Monday, **Apr 10**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet
- Wednesday, **Apr 12**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary County Meeting, Plainfield Post #13, Renwick and River Rds.
- Monday, **Apr 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.
- Friday, **Apr 21**: County Meeting, Plainfield Post #13, Renwick and River Rds.
- Saturday, **Apr 22**, 9:00 a.m.: Will County Axiliary Leadership Training, Planfield Post #13, Renwick and River Rds.
- Saturday, **April 29**, 6:00 p.m.: Bolingbrook H.S. Air Force Jr. ROTC Awards Dining Out.
- Monday, **May 1**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.
- Monday, **May 8**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet
- Monday, **May 15**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center.
- Thursday, **May 18**, 6:00 p.m.: Romeoville H.S. Marine Corps Jr. ROTC Awards Program. Romeoville High School Auditorium.
- Friday, **May 19**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Frankfort Monkena #2000, Location TBA
- Fri. & Sat, **May 19 & 20**: Poppy Days. Schd. next mo.
- Monday, May 29, Memorial Day**
5:45 a.m.: Set up Avenue of Flags
Memorial Day Observances:
9:00: Boardman Cemetary
9:45: Hillcrest Cemetary
11:00: Village Memorial



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

MEMBER MICHAEL LEONARDO RECIEVES 50 YEAR CERTIFICATE

Michael Leonardo, one of our long, long time Paid Up For Life members was awarded a certificate for 50 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. Commander Elden Laffoon Sr. had the pleasure of presenting the certificate on behalf of the National Commander to Michael during the March meeting. Michael has actually completed 51 years of continuous membership. Congratulations Michael Leonardo

THANK YOU REV. JOHN SKANSE

Rev. John Skanse of Bolingbrook has been serving as Post Chaplain. He has to relinquish the position due to new employment in Milwaukee. While current plans are that he will retain his primary residence here in Bolingbrook, he will not be available to fulfill the Chaplain duties. Thank you for a job well done and God Speed in your new endeavor.

POT OF GOLD

If Stanley Buczko had been at the March Post meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold. Each month, members place a quarter in the "Pot of Gold." At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn from all Post members. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win the pot. The last winner was the Rev. John Skanse.

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	Nicky Armstrong	630.378.9247
Vice-President	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
Treasurer	Kimberly Macejak	---,---,-----

POST COMMITTEE STRUCTURE UNDER REVISION

As a result of discussions during the February meeting, a committee of current and past Post commanders and current officers met to consider consolidating our committee structure from the full list of programs that the Legion offers down to those which our Post actively participates in. The list was presented to the post membership for consideration at the March meeting. The recommended committees are shown below:

- Boys State (Fund raising/sponsorship development, student relations and coordination)
- Children and Youth/Education and Scholarship (ROTC Awards, Scholastic Achievement Awards, School Award Program, State Police Academy, Eagle Scout Awards, etc.)
- Membership (Retention and enhancement) – Sr. Vice to chair
- Membership Activities (Activities for the membership: social events, etc.) – Jr. Vice to chair
- Ways and Means (Fund raising)
- Public Relations (News releases, web-site, news letters, Channel 6 ads, community bulletin board ads, etc.)
- Gifts to Yanks and Poppy Day Drives
- Community Events (Memorial Day, Village Picnic, Pathways Parade, Veterans Day, Festival of Lights)
- Activities to be supervised by officers:
 - Religious Emphasis – Chaplain
 - Constitution and Bylaws – Judge Advocate
 - Finance – Finance Officer
 - POW/MIA – Sgt. at Arms
 - Vet Affairs and Rehabilitation, VAC Liaison – Service Officer

The structure will be fine tuned and adopted in the coming months. If you have an interest in helping in any of these areas, please advise the Post.