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## "GIFTS TO YANKS WHO GAVE" DRIVE THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Please do not forget to help out with this year's "Gifts to Yanks Who Gave" collection campaign this Friday and Saturday, Nov 3 and 4. The campaign raises funds to provide Christmas presents for every veteran in the VA and state veterans home and hospitals in Illinois, and in other facilities, as the Department is informed of them.

We will have collection points on major intersections in Bolingbrook, Wal-Mart and both Jewel stores on the third; The streets, Wal-Mart and the new Jewel on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and the "old" Jewel on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Bolingbrook Air Force Jr. ROTC will help us out on Saturday by collecting at Wal-Mart and possibly the new Jewel from 9:00 – 11:00.

If you have not yet signed up for a collection period, don't let that stop you from coming out. We need all the help we can get. Our starting location will be the Dunkin' Donut shop at Beaconridge Dr. and IL Rt 53. The schedule is as follows: These are primary times. One does not have to return until finished for the day.

### Fri. Sat. November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

- NO 6:10 a.m. for 6:30 – 8:15 rush hour collections at I-55 & Weber, I-55 and IL. 53, etc.
- 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.
- 12:30 p.m. for 1:00 – 3:00 streets and stores collections.
- 3:30 p.m. for 4:00 – 6:00 stores collections, Only till Sunset for street collections.
- 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 – 9:00 night stores collections.

**Fri, Nov 10: at "old" Jewel: 9:00 a.m. till Noon, Noon – 3:00, 3:00 – 5:30, 5:30 – 8.00 p.m.**

## POST OFF TO A GOOD START FOR GIFTS TO YANKS WHO GAVE

We start into collection drive week at \$733.

Thanks to our village board and the citizens attending the October 24 Village Hall meeting the post received \$211 the contributions while the Mayor issued a proclamation proclaiming Nov 3 and 4 and official Gifts to Yanks Who Gave Drive days here in Bolingbrook. On Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> we also collected \$225, at the Bolingbrook AMF Lanes and on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Line Lanes we received \$297.

Thanks to Joe Rojek and Mel Hansen for being at all three events, Frank Zwettler for his help of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Larry and Garnett Shaver for their time on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, thanks to the following Post members who were at the October 24 Village meeting in their VFW hats for the Veterans Day Proclamation: Larry Shaver and John Davin.

## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The October 5 Flag retirement ceremony went very well. Numerous complements were received from both those participating and those attending. Although not well advertised, some 30 – 40 people witnessed the event. Desire was expressed to see it continue. We did have both the Legion and VFW Posts and Auxiliary Units represented, as well as Cub and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Knights of Columbus participating. It was an impressive ceremony for the first time through and will be better in the future. Bolingbrook's Public Works department came up with a really great burner that helped add to the dignity of the disposal by fire part of the ceremony.

## MANTENO BINGO TRIP

The Manteno Bingo Trip was quite successful. Fourteen hundred dollars was distributed in prize money among some 70 residents. The first game lasted until all 75 numbers had been called resulting in everyone winning a \$5.00 prize and 2 \$2.00 prizes (for being on the left and right of the winner). The Post contributed our usual \$100.00. Thanks to those who attended: Mel Hansen in his Legion Cap, Larry Shaver in his VFW cap, and Carolyn Hansen and Garnett Shaver representing the Auxiliary Unit.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Post 1288 new members Denise Eis, Matthew Johnson, and Bill Bounds.



**Always Remembered**

**Never Forgotten**

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

## COMING EVENTS

Fri., Sat., **Nov 3 and 4: Gifts to Yanks.** See schedule on insert.

Monday, **Nov 6,** 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln

Thu, **Nov 9,** 8:35 a.m.: Veterans Program for School, School, Essington south of 127<sup>th</sup>.

Fri, **Nov 10:** Gifts to yanks at Boughton & IL53 Jewel.

Monday, **Nov 13,** 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Saturday **Nov 11:**

**8:30:** Color guard for Oak View School Veterans Application Pancake Breakfast and Program.

**11:00:** Veterans Day Observance, Village Veterans Memorial,

Friday, **Nov 17,** 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Manhattan Post 935, Location TBD

Sunday, **Nov 19,** 2:00 p.m.: County Thanksgiving Service, Peotone Post 392.

Monday, **Nov 20,** , 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 S. Canterbury Ln. **Quorum By-Law change to be voted upon.**

Monday, Dec 4, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner: Probable Legion/VFW Christmas Part, Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane.

## UNIT TO VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGE

Unit 1288 will vote on changing the By-Laws to reduce the number of members needed for a quorum to conduct business. Please attend and vote as at least a quorum under the old laws is needed to make the change.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NEED HELP

We are not at 71 of 117 (60.6%) membership renewals. We are still way behind the rest of the county. Of the 15 Posts in the County, 12 are ahead of us. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT LEGION DUES ARE ON A PAY IN ADVANCE BASIS. 2007 DUES ARE DUE BY DEC 31, 2006.** Please help us be at 100% by then. If you usually wait until April, May or June to send in your renewal, PLEASE change that habit and sent it in NOW. Help Bolingbrook look good in this effort.

We have heard that some who have paid their dues and have their 2007 card have received more dues notices from National. With 2.5 million members that can unfortunately happen. Just ignore it.

## POT OF GOLD

If David Dunkle had been at the October Post meeting he would have won the "Pot of Gold" drawing. 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.

## SCHOOL PROGRAM NOV 9

We need help on Thursday, Nov. 9, for a color guard and short Veterans program for Liberty Elementary School. Joe Rojek, Larry Shaver and John Davin will be the principle speakers, and we need at least 5 for the color guard. The school is located on Essington jus south of 127<sup>th</sup>. Please be there with cap at 8:30 for this 9:00 – 10:30 effort. We will do it twice.

## VETERAN DAY, SATURDAY NOV 11

The Legion and VFW will again provide a color guard for the Oak View School Veterans Appreciation Pancake Breakfast and Program. We post colors at 8:30. The breakfast is free to Vets in vet organization or military uniform.

We will gather again at 10:30 at the Veterans Memorial at Village Hall for the 11:00 Ceremony.

## JOINT LEGION/AULILIARY/VFW CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are underway to again hold a joint Legion Post, Unit and VFW Christmas party for members and spouses/guest. The December 4 Post meeting appears to be the only viable date. The Auxiliary came up with the idea of inviting the veterans who are living at the Meadowbrook Manor to attend the party also. There are about 30. The Manor staff will provide transportation to and from the party, as well as staff support of any vets with special needs. The VFW voted in favor of it at their Oct 23 meeting, and a straw poll of Legion post members shows overwhelming support (but it will be voted upon at the Nov 6 meeting).

We have enough pork left from the Village Picnic do have BBQ pork, and the same member who got us the pork committed to providing a ham, large turkey breast. Larry Shaver will cook up the pasta. So the cost will be minimal. Members are asked to bring side dishes. Please RSVP Joe or Nikki so we can get a count. There will be party brain teaser and word games and prizes. So, we should be able to combine comradeship and service in one enjoyable event. Sounds like a win-win situation.

The probable time of the event would be 6:00 - social hour (We hope to have the bar open), 7:00 – dinner followed by games, etc.

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