



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

Post #1288, Auxiliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter, Again

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BOLINGBROOK VETERANS MEMORIAL TO BE REVITALIZED

Mayor Roger Claar announced the relocation and revitalization of the Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial during the Village Memorial Day Observance, May 28.

The main portion of the memorial will be relocated some 100-200 feet south west of its current location, and a large gathering area will be at the current location. The overall design will be garden like with two water features, three flagpoles, and an eternal flame. Work will start this summer and be completed by Veterans Day.

The Memorial was designed by the J. Hassert Landscaping Co. Pending their permission; our Post website will host the Hassert sketches of the Memorial. (<http://members.aol.com/ilam1288>).

COMING EVENTS

Monday, **Jun 4**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Sat – Friday: Jun 9 – 15: Post Boys State Delegates attend Illinois Priemer Boys State, Eastern II U.

Monday, **Jun 11**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Thursday, Jun 14: All Day: FLAG DAY, Fly Your Flag

Friday, **Jun 15**, 8:00 p.m.: Legion County Meeting: Joliet #1080, 2526 Engels, Joliet.

Monday, **Jun 18**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 S. Canterbury Ln. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Friday, **Jun 22**: Department Close of Books on 2007 Renewals

Monday, **Jul 2**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Perhaps, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.

Monday, **Jul 9**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Monday, **Jul 16**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 S. Canterbury Ln.

Sunday, **Jul 22**: County Installation, 2:00 Social Hr., 3:00 Dinner, Installation to follow. Lockport Post #18, 15052 Archer Ave.

Monday, **Aug 6**, 6:30 p.m.: Installation of Officers, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.

POPPY DAYS RAISE \$2300

With a disappointing membership turn out, Aux Unit and Post 1288 only collected a total of \$2324.75 as of press time. The post received \$1522.90 while the Auxiliary Unit raised \$801.85

Thanks to Post members Mel Hansen, Angelo Pellitieri and Joe Rojek for helping with the Village Board proclamation May 8, Mel Hansen, Mike Leonardo and John Radtke for their streets and stores collections; to the Bolingbrook AF Jr. ROTC for collections Saturday morning at Wal-Mart (\$188.62); to Leroy Greiman for the bucket at Hidden Lakes; to Wayne Macejak for street collections this last Saturday, and to Carolyn Hansen for her many hours of counting the receipts.

Auxiliary thanks go to Sandy and Dan Armstrong and Nicki and Joe Delatorre

Even though the turn out for the collections was the poorest it has been in years, lots of hours from those who did participate brought in a respectable amount. Post receipts averaged \$72.00 per hour on 47 poppies per hour.

ELDEN LAFFOON, SR. ELECTED WILL COUNTY COMMANDER

At the May 15, 2007 County Meeting, Elden Laffoon, Sr., past post commander was elected to the office of Commander for the Will County Council of the American Legion. Only one person per year, out of the some 3500 Legionnaires in Will County is afforded this honor. Elden has worked his way up the chairs, being Jr. Vice last year, Sr. Vice this year, and will take over the reigns of the County on Sunday, July 22, 2007 at the County Installation of Officers.

The Installation will be at Lockport Post #18, 15052 Archer Ave, and is open to Legionnaires and their spouses (reservations requested 378.2660) A cash bar social hour will begin at 2:00, Dinner at 3:00 and the Installation ceremony will follow.

Post 1288 has had a number of County Commanders in the past, including Virgil Banker, Jim Iori, Al Knox, John Jennings, Bud Johnson and Mel Hansen.

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*



Always Remembered
Never Forgotten

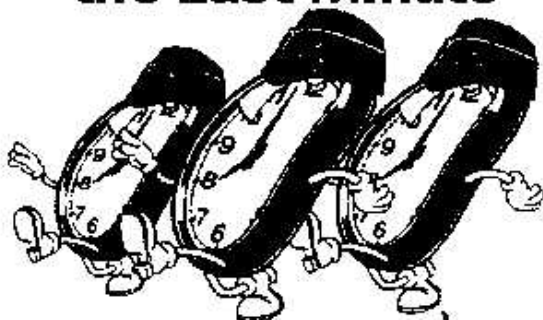
POST MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS LAG

According to the Department report for May 25, 2007, we are still at 105 of 117 or 89% of last year's membership. While dues are do by the 31st of December for the following year, and persons not renewed by the 1st of the year are "delinquent" Department does give us until the middle of June to bring in the remainder before "closing the books" for the final membership count for the year.

If you have not renewed, and have any interest in doing so, please have your \$30.00 check in to the Post at P.O. Box 1133 (60440-1133), or call one of the Post officers and we will come and pick it up and deliver your membership card for 2007. For those we have not heard from by June 8, we will be making house calls prior to June 15, the date by which we need to send in our last renewals.

If you are among those who have yet to submit, why not get a head of the game and send in a check for \$60.00 for 2007 and also be among the first to get your 2008 card and help us avoid all of this effort to get in last minute renewal? The 2008 card would go out as soon as we get them sometime in July. You would be an "Early Bird" and help the Post to be in a position to achieve some of the early 100% awards (cash and banner).

Don't Wait Until the Last Minute



Re-new Your
Membership **TODAY!**

| Primary Post Officers | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Commander | Joe Rojek | 630.759.6450 |
| Sr. Vice Cmndr | Elden P. Laffoon, Sr. | 630.783.2669 |
| Jr. Vice Cmndr | Bettye Carter | 630.378.1433 |
| Adjutant | Frank Zwettler | 630.759.1575 |
| Finance Officer | Wayne Macejak | 630.378.6223 |
| Primary Unit Officers | | |
| President | Nicky Delatorre | 630.378.9247 |
| Vice-President | Herstine Crenshaw | 630.759.5661 |
| Secretary | Garnett Shaver | 630.759.1274 |
| Treasurer | Carolyn Hansen | 630.739.4439 |

ELECTION OF OFFICERS THIS MONTH

Both the Post and the Auxiliary Unit will be electing officers at their respective June meetings. If you would like to nominate someone for office (with their consent) please be sure to be present. If you would like to serve in an office, please be present. If you would like to see our organizations continue to be able to function, please be present.

The Post will elect the Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms. The incoming Commander will then appoint the Adjutant, Service Officer, Historian and Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms. Committee Chairs will also be selected.

The Auxiliary Unit will elect the President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian and Sgt.-at-Arms. Committee Chairs are volunteer/selected positions.

POT OF GOLD

Bettye Carter was at the May meeting so won the "Pot of Gold" drawing worth \$47.00. 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.



DON'T FORGET

When you come to a fork in the road, TAKE IT.

(Somebody famous once said that)