



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

Post #1288, Auxiliary Unit #1288

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## POST, UNIT ELECT OFFICERS

At their June meetings, the Post and Unit elected officers for 2007-2008. The positions take effect with the close of the Illinois Department Convention July 14 and Post/Unit installation August 6, 2007.

### Post Officers

Commander	Joe Rojek
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Elden P. Laffoon, Sr.
Jr. Vice Cmndr	Bettye Carter
Adjutant	Mel Hansen
Finance Officer	Wayne Macejak
Sgt.-at-Arms	Dan Armstrong
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms	Leroy Rheubottom
Chaplain	Mel Hansen
Judge Advocate	Angelo Pellitieri
Historian	Bettye Carter

### Primary Unit Officers

President	Esther Laffoon
Vice-President	Herstine Crenshaw
Secretary	Nicole Delatorre
Treasurer	Carolyn Hansen
Chaplain	Rose Downs
Sgt.-at-Arms	Garnett Shaver
Historian	Irene Wojtal

## POST PROVIDES BLUE STAR FLAG

Post 1288 voted to provide the Blue Star "We Honor Those Who Serve" flag for the revitalized Village Veterans Memorial in perpetuity.

## COMING EVENTS

- Monday, **Jul 9**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.
- Department Convention – July 11 -14: Peoria.
- Monday, **Jul 16**, 7:30 p.m.: **POST** and Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 S. Canterbury Ln.
- Saturday, **Jul 21**, Noon?: Picnic for Meadowbrook Manor Veterans, Remington Blvd.
- 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.

## VILLAGE PICNIC RAISES \$200

A cool and damp morning and early afternoon kept the usual heavy turnout away from the June 24 Village. None the less, the Post sold just over a hundred tasty Pulled Pork BBQ sandwiches, assorted pop and chips to clear just over \$200. The Auxiliary unit sold "hand-print" painting souvenirs, and assorted patriotic items for around a \$50.00 effort.

Legion and Auxiliary turnout was good, and included at least: Denis Eis, Leroy Rheubottom, Dan Armstrong, Angelo Pelletier, Elden Laffoon and Leroy Greiman in the food booth and Mel Hansen, Bettye Carter and Wayne Macejak at the Information Table. Auxiliary participants included Herstine Crenshaw, Bettye Carter, Alexis Wallington, Garnett Shaver, Carolyn Hansen, Nikki and Joe Delatorre and friends, and Sandy Armstrong. Apologies to anyone we missed.

## POST MEETING JULY 16

Due to the proximity of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to the Legion normal meeting date, which would be July 2, the Post will meet Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Post will meet in one area of the Levy Center and the Auxiliary Unit will meet in another. This is with the permission of the Auxiliary Unit.

## UNIT SPONSORS VET PICNIC AT MEADOWBROOK MANOR

Unit 1288 will sponsor a "picnic" lunch for the Veterans at Meadowbrook Manor on Saturday, July 21. The Post will also participate. The food will be provided by the Unit/Post, probably about Noon. Details will be finalized at the meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help but cannot make the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, let Nikki (378-9247) or Joe (759-6450) know.

## POST/UNIT INSTALLATION AUG 6

Post and Unit 1288 will hold a joint installation August 6 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will start about 6:30 p.m. (possibly with a cash bar), Dinner about 7:00 and Installation to follow.

**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***



**Always Remembered**  


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**Never Forgotten**

## POST MAKES 100%, BUT NO CIGAR!

The Legion books closed on June 22 for 2007. Post 1288 was recorded as having 115 members, two short of our 2006 membership of 117.

We worked hard to reconcile our database with that of Department and both databases ultimately showed 115 members on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. We had initially thought we were at 119, but that proved erroneous. We had two more cards to send down: a renewal and a new member. The cards went in the mail Tuesday before the last pick-up, along with another envelope with member data changes.

The envelopes arrived at the Department's Bloomington PO Box on Wednesday, June 26, post-marked for the 19<sup>th</sup>. But, the books are closed. While the reports are finalized, Department will send our 100% pins. But it won't show on the report or give us credit for the job we did. This year, only 3 posts out of 15 in Will County were recorded as reaching 100%

There will be a letter to our Postmaster about this.

## POT OF GOLD

Leroy Rheubottom was at the June meeting so he won the "Pot of Gold" drawing worth \$10.00. 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. Last month, the Pot was also won, but the winner left some "seed" money. Thanks, Bettye.

## DELAYED PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

The Will County Tax Assessor's Office has advised all veterans groups that they now have forms which national guardsmen and reservists can use to file for a 180-day extension to file their property taxes. If you know of any active duty guardsmen or reservist, please let their family know to contact the County for the forms.

### Primary Post Officers

Commander	Joe Rojek	630.759.6450
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Adjutant	Mel Hansen	630.739.4439
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

## LANDSTUHL HEROES DESERVE MORE.

American Legion National Commander Paul A. Morin, American Legion Auxiliary National President JoAnn Cronin and Sons of the American Legion National Commander Earl Ruttkofsky urge fundraising for Landstuhl Regional Medical Center patients in Germany. The following is from a press release.

"Many of the wounded arrive there naked. We are not talking about a hospital in the Sudan, but our very own Landstuhl, a stop on the journey home for most of the severely wounded Americans fighting in the War on Terror.

"Michael M. Phillips explains in his book, 'The Gift of Valor,' the clothes of these heroes are often cut off their back by medics and corpsmen as they are evacuated from the battlefield. He adds, 'If you make it to Landstuhl, you're good to go. It was an article of faith among the Marine infantrymen in Iraq that if the corpsman plugged up the hole to keep you from bleeding out, and the field surgeons stitched up the important organs, and the Air Force got you all the way to the Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, then you'd live.' The American Legion wants them to do more than survive. America can never repay the debt it owes these heroes, but it can certainly improve their quality of life. Much attention has been rightly given to substandard conditions at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, but little is being done to help improve the plight of our heroes at Landstuhl.

"We are throwing down a challenge to the entire American Legion family and anyone else who wants to help. Let's raise \$50,000 by the close of our 89<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Aug. 30 to ensure that these men and women are given the comfort items that they want. By family, we mean The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion; 'anyone else' includes everyone who has the heart to help these brave young men and women.

"It's important that this be a family effort because it is our families that these men and women are protecting. The heroes at Landstuhl are our Band of Brothers and Band of Sisters.

"Words such as 'support the troops' and 'sacrifice' are tossed around so much these days that they are in danger of being dismissed as clichés. Here is another one: 'Talk is cheap.' Care packages and cards are nice, but a donation to 'Operation Landstuhl' is effortless. Simply visit [www.legion.org/landstuhl](http://www.legion.org/landstuhl) and use any major credit card to make an online donation. It doesn't matter how much you give. Just give something. If you prefer, you can mail a check to Operation Landstuhl, c/o The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055."