



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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Post #1288, Auxiliary Unit #1288

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## POST, UNIT INSTALLATION AUGUST 6, 2007

Post and Unit will install officers for 2007-2008 positions August 6, 2007, during a dinner installation at the Levy Center. 6:30: Social Hour (cash bar), 7:00 Dinner, Installation to follow.

### Post Officers

Commander	Joe Rojek
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Elden P. Laffoon, Sr.
Jr. Vice Cmndr	Betty 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	Betty 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

## IN MEMORANDUM

We recently were informed that **Past Post Commander Robert Sheldon** (83-84) passed recently. He was living in Florida at the time. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Lois, and family at 404 Tennis Lane, Winter Haven FL 33881.

We also recently learned of the passing of **Joseph Speer** of Bolingbrook on July 11. He was living at the Quincy Illinois Veterans Home. Joe was a 12 year member of the post. Condolences may be sent to his family at 135 Enclave Circle, Unit A, 60440.

## JACKHAMMERS NIGHT AUG 8

It may not be too late for complementary tickets to the Joliet Jackhammers veterans' appreciation night August 8. Contact Joe Rojek NOW (630.759.6450).

## MEADOWBROOK MANOR PICNIC A SUCCESS

Unit 1288's indoor "picnic" and BINGO went very well Saturday, July 21. Some 35 veterans, spouses and/or family members enjoyed a great lunch and had fun winning small prizes at BINGO. Thanks to all who helped: Nikki Delatorre, Sandy & Dan Armstrong and grandchildren, Rose Downs, Carolyn & Mel Hansen, Elden and Esther Laffoon, Leroy Rheubottom, Garnett & Larry Shaver, and any we missed.

## PATHWAYS PARADE SEPT 9

Help us win First Place in the Adult Marching division for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a row. Even if you cannot march, the Post Commander is lining up 4 Nat. Guard Humvees for us to ride in. Let' have a great turn-out.

## COMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday **Aug 8**, 7:05 p.m. : Joliet Jackhammers game and fireworks. Game time is 7:05 p.m. but come earlier for the freebys if they have them again (baseballs last year).

Monday, **Aug 13**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Friday, **Aug 17**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Peotone Post 392, 109 W. North St.

Monday, **Aug 20**, **NO AUXILIARY MEETING**

Tuesday, **Aug 21**, 7:45 p.m.: Color Guard for Beaconridge 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversery Annual Meeting: 220 Beaconridge Dr.

Monday, **Sep 3**, **POST MEETING?**

Sunday, **Sep 9**, 12:30 p.m.: Assemble at Village Hall parking lot for Village Parade. To be in place by 1:00, Step-off at 2:00.

Tuesday **Sep 11 Patriot Day, Flags at half staff.**

7:30 p.m.: VAC full commission meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet.

Monday, Sep 17, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, Sep 21, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Braidwood Post #39, 248 E. Main St.

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**

## ELDEN LAFFOON INSTALLED AS COUNTY COMMANDER

Elden Laffoon was installed by Virgil Banker, our Chartering Commander (now of Post #5 in Joliet) as County Commander on July 22, 2007 at an installation and dinner held at Lockport Post #18. Elden becomes the 89<sup>th</sup> Commander of the County Council since it was formed during the 1919-1920 Legion year. Elden will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Commander from Bolingbrook Post 1288. He was preceded by Virgil Banker (78-79), Al Knox (85-86), James Iori (91-92), John Jennings (94-95), Clyde "Bud" Johnson (98-99) and Mel Hansen (02-03). Not bad for a Post formed in 1972. Did you notice that Virgil Banker, who was the Charter Commander, was also the Post's first County Commander? He will also be the Installing Officer for the Post at the August 6 Installation.

It is a distinct honor to be elected County Commander. In a County with currently over 3500 Legionnaires, Elden is one of only 90 who have held the office out of all the multiple thousands of Will County Legionnaires since 1920. Elden's service to the County proves once again that we are veterans still serving America.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS LOOKING UP

Since the first renewal notice for 2008 went out in early July, 38 members have responded. Many thanks to our "Early Bird Renewers." Let's be one of the first in the state to hit 100% this year. Even if you normally wait until after the first of the year to renew, please start a new habit and go ahead and do it now. It's only \$30.00, just a dinner out for 2 people.

## POT OF GOLD

If Alexander Halverson had been at the June meeting he would have won the "Pot of Gold" drawing worth \$3.00. 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. The Pot was won last month so we are starting out fresh.

<b>Primary Post Officers</b>		
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	Mel Hansen	630.739.4439
Finance Officer	Wayne Macejak	630.378.6223
<b>Primary Unit Officers</b>		
President	Esther Laffoon	630.783.2669
Vice-President	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
Secretary	Garnett Shaver	630.759.1274
Treasurer	Carolyn Hansen	630.739.4439

## FROM THE UNIT PRESIDENT

Well, ladies it is hard to believe that we are now in a new year. The year went by so fast. I would like to take this time and thank all of the officers of last year you did a great job keep up the great work that you do. I also would like to take this time and congratulate all of the new officers for the year of 2007-2008 I do hope that we have a good year. Well, ladies it is now time to start sending in your dues for another year.

The auxiliary would also like to send their congratulations to all of the men and we do hope that you have a great year also. We look forward to working with the men through out the year. The auxiliary also would like to send a big congratulation out to Elden Laffoon Sr. for becoming our Will County Commander. May he have a great year.

To all of those that are ill for unknown reasons I wish you well, and may God put his hands on you and make you well again.

Ladies, please remember our men and women that are over seas in your prayers.

Just a reminder to everyone that the Pathway Parade is coming up Sept. 9, 2007

I hope to see all of you at the next meeting which will be Sept. 17, 2007.  
*Esther*

## POST TO PROVIDE COLOR GUARD FOR BEACONRIDGE

Post 1288 has been asked to provide a color guard for the opening of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the Beaconridge Improvement Association's annual meeting August 21. The construction of Beaconridge was completed in 1967 and the BIA assumed self management in 1970. Post 1288, which was organized in 1972, has ties to the BIA. The Beaconridge clubhouse served as our meeting location for a number of years and several subsequent installations were held there. One of our members, Wayne Macejak is a former Treasurer and Board President of the Association. Numerous members have been residents and five are current residents.

This year's color guard participants will be Mel Hansen, Leroy Rheubottom, Joe Rojek, Larry Shaver, and Arthur Taylor.

### THANKS TO OUR "EARLY BIRD RENEWERS"

