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ELDEN AND ESTHER LAFFOON NAMED BOLINGBROOK CITIZEN FAMILY OF THE YEAR.

JOHN DAVIN NAMED BOLINGBROOK MALE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

At the Village Board Meeting August 28, 2007, Mayor Roger Claar announced that Elden and Esther Laffoon have been selected as Bolingbrook's 2007 Citizen Family of the Year and John Davin was selected as Bolingbrook's Male Citizen of the Year.

Elden and Esther were honored for their participation in and support of veteran's concerns and programs. Elden's long participation in the Legion and his service as Post and County Commander and his concern for veterans' rights and benefit protection were mentioned, as well as his participation in civil programs that promote the general welfare of the public: ham radio and emergency severe weather service. Esther's long participation in the VFW Auxiliary and the offices held there, and her spearheading of the Legion Auxiliary formation here in Bolingbrook, as well as her service as the Chartering President were cited.

John Davin was recognized for his devotion to the causes of all things veteran. His years of support and organization of events including the Veterans Day, Memorial Day and POW/MIA Remembrance were also recognized, as well as his years as Commander of VFW Post 5917 and his service as VFW District Commander and now as National Legislation Chair.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 21

The Bolingbrook VFW, supported by the Legion and Auxiliary, will conduct the annual POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony Friday, September 21 at 8:00 p.m. This year, while the Veterans Memorial is being refurbished, the ceremony will be held at the south Freedom Fountain, Briarcliff and Bolingbrook Dr. (IL Rt. 53). It may also provide some additional visibility to this lightly attended event. Bring your hat and show that we remember our POW/MIAs.

PATHWAYS PARADE SEPT 9

The VFW and the Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit will assemble at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday September 9 in the Village Hall parking lot to prepare for the parade. We are to be in place by 1:00. Transportation during the event is scheduled to be provided by IL Nat. Guard Humvees, but that is awaiting confirmation as the date of this printing.

We need the biggest turnout we can get. The Color Guard needs 5 flag carriers and 2 color guards and the detail commander. We can accommodate as many additional marchers as we have. If you cannot march, come out and ride in one of the vehicles.

POST TO MEET THE 17TH

Due to Labor Day weekend, Post 1288 will meet at the Levy Center on the 3rd Monday in September. The Auxiliary Unit has graciously agreed to share the space with us. They will even let us have the large area while they meet in the lounge/day room area.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, **Sep 3, POST MEETING MOVED TO SEPTEMBER 17 – FLY YOUR FLAG.**

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 and Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, Sep 21, 8:00 p.m.:

County Meeting: Braidwood Post #39, 248 E. Main St.

POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony: South Freedom Fountain, Briarcliff and Bolingbrook Dr. (IL Route 53)

Monday, **Oct 1, 7:30 p.m.:** Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Monday, **Oct 8, 7:30 p.m.:** VAC Executive Committee meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Monday, **Oct 15, 7:30 p.m.:** Auxiliary Unit meeting, Levy, Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS POST

The Post is now at 70 renewals (including our PUFLLs (Paid Up For Life). We are doing really well for this early in the year. Thank you to all who have sent your renewals in, a special thanks goes to those of you who have sent your dues in earlier than in previous years. That is the kind of support we need if we are to receive any recognitions. If we reach 100% by Nov 11th, Department will award the Post a dollar per member (\$115 in our case). If we make it before Dec 29, it drops to \$0.50 a member. Help the post make it's first 100% before Veterans Day.

UNIT

Ladies, please bring your renewals (\$15.00, \$5.00 for youth) to the next Auxiliary meeting on the 17th. Or, mail them to the Unit at PO Box 1133, or to Herstine Crenshaw. To date, only two renewals from one family have been received

BOLINGBROOK VETERANS HONOR GUARD PROVIDES SERVICE FOR BOLINGBROOK VET.

Members of Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 provided members of a Bolingbrook Veterans Honor Guard for WWII veteran Louis J. Guinand, Jr. (VFW 5917 member) on August 15 at the Bolingbrook-McCauley funeral chapel. Honor Guard members stood guard prior to the 8:00 Honor Guard ceremony and stood Color Guard at the internment the following day at the Clarendon Hills Cemetery.

Thank you to all you who participate in this meaningful ceremony. By nature, they are short notice events. Member willingness to adjust busy schedules for the service is at the heart of what our veterans organizations are about. Without exception, every family who has experienced the ceremony has been deeply touched and expressed that to Guard members. You can find out more about the ceremony at the Post website:

<http://members.aol.com/ilam1288/bbhnrgrd.htm>

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FROM THE UNIT PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! I would like to thank everyone for coming out to help out for the Meadowbrook Manor Picnic. I have been over there since and they tell me that the vets really enjoyed it very much.

I would also like to take this time and thank Nicole Delatore and all of the officers for a job well done. I would like to say that I know that we will have a good year this year 2007 – 2008

Ok, ladies it is time for us to buckle down and get some new members and make this year fun. It has been brought to my attention that the American Legion Auxiliary of Department of Illinois will not be sending out late dues notices any more. It will be up to the auxiliaries to send out the late notices to the members.

Hey ladies lets all get out and have some fun on September 9, 2007 The Pathways Parade will be in town so, lets all have some fun. The uniforms of the day will be red shirts and jeans also your hat and if you do not have a hat an American Legion Auxiliary cap will do. We will be meeting in the Village parking lot at 12:30 PM we get placed at 1:30 and the parade starts at 2 : 00 PM So, lets go out and have a ball. I know that we will all have fun.

Just to let you know on September 17, 2007 we will be having our meeting over at the Levy Center. We will be meeting in the small room as the men will have there meeting in the large room. The night that they normally meet it falls on a holiday and they have voted to meet the same night as we do.

I would also like to ask all of you to please keep our men and women that are over seas fighting for us in your prayers. I can not express that enough. And for those who already fought for us we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

And also for those who are ill for some reason please pray for them also and may God put his hands on them and make them well again.

Pres. Esther Laffoon
2007 - 2008

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*