



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

Post #1288, Auxiliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter, Again

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GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE NOV 2 - 3

Post 1288 will again participate in the Illinois "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" program which provides Christmas/Holiday gifts for veterans in the V. A. Hospitals, State Veterans Homes and nursing homes with veteran populations. This year we will be on the streets and at Wal-Mart, and the two Jewel Food stores (and the Post Office). We will be requesting that Meadowbrook Manor be added to the list of institutions that receive gifts this year.

Please help with this important campaign. If you cannot participate in any other events during the year, and hour to two, half a day or a whole day for this event and our spring Poppy Days drive would mean a lot to the Post and to those who benefit from the programs.

As in prior years, we will meet at Dunkin' Donuts at Beaconridge Dr. and Rt. 53. 6:15 a.m. on Friday and also at 8:30 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Other times to start will be 12:30, 3:30 and 6:30 both days at DD.

BETTER ATTENDANCE FOR POW/MIA CEREMONY

The attendance at this year's POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony far surpassed the two persons who had to put on last year's ceremony by themselves. This year there was enough participation for each part to be done by a different person. Thanks to Larry and Garnett Shaver, Wayne and Grace Macejak, Dennis Eis, John Davin, Clyde Ruble, Frank Cale and his wife, and Esther Laffoon.

| Primary Post Officers | | |
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| Commander | Joe Rojek | 630.759.6450 |
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| Primary Unit Officers | | |
| President | Esther Laffoon | 630.783.2669 |
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Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

WE WIN AT PATHWAYS PARADE

The VFW and the Legion Posts combined color guard garnered First Place in the Adult Marching Division for the September 9 40th Annual Pathways Parade for the third straight year. Looking crisp in a 6 flag arrow shaped formation; the Color Guard sharply marched its way to victory past the judges reviewing stand and then the Bolingbrook Community Television cameras. The Legion Auxiliary also looked good riding in the back of a decorated black pickup. Also riding in the pickup was Gold Star Mother, Nancy Ebers.

Thanks to those who came out: Greg Palmer (VFW) Dennis Eis, Angelo Pellitteri, Mel Hansen, Dan Armstrong, Bob Adame, Jerry Aksmitt (VFW) Joe Rojek, Leroy Rheubottom, Frank Cale (VFW), Clyde Ruble (VFW), John Walker (VFW), John Iovito (VFW), Phil Carpenter, Leroy Greiman, Larry Shaver and anyone I missed.

Thanks also to those riding with the Auxiliary: Nikkei and Joe Delatorre, Garnett Shaver, Carolyn Hansen, and Gold Star Mother Nancy Ebers.

And, of course, to Elden (in his County Commander cap), and Esther Laffoon riding in the Family of the Year car.

COMING EVENTS

- Sep 28, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.: Color Guard for IL Aviation Museum T-33 Roll-Out:** Assemble at Clow Airport by the Restaurant. UOD: Uniform/White shirts, black pants, Legion hats.
- Oct 1, Monday, 7:30 p.m.:** Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane
- Oct 8, Monday, 7:30 p.m.:** VAC Executive Committee meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet
- Oct 15, Monday, 7:30 p.m.:** Auxiliary Unit meeting, Levy, Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane
- Oct 18, Thursday, 5:30 p.m., BINGO for the Hines Hospital Blind Center,** Meet at Levy center for 5:30 departure.
- Oct 19, Friday, 8:00 p.m.:** County Meeting, Plainfield Post #13, Renwick and River Bend Rd.
- Oct. 21, Sunday, Noon: BINGO for Manteno Illinois Veterans Home.** Meet at Levy center for Noon departure.
- Oct 23, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.:** Village Proclamation for Gifts To Yanks Days, Village Hall Board Rm., 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.
- Nov 2 and 3, Friday and Saturday: Gifts To Yanks Who Gave.** See article and sign-up sheet

COMING EVENTS (CONT.)

- Nov. 5, Monday, 7:30 p.m.:** Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane
- Nov 9, Friday, 8:30 – Noon: Color Guard and Veteran's Presentation:** Liberty Elementary School, 127th and Essington. UOD: Uniform/white shirts, black pants, Legion cap.
- Nov 10, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: Veterans Pancake Breakfast and Color Guard,** Oakview Elementary School, Schmidt Rd. N. of Briarcliff. UOD: As above or military uniform.
- Nov 11, Sunday, Veterans Day** UOD: as above.
8:00 a.m.: Color Guard, St. Dominic Catholic Church, E. Briarcliff Rd.
11:00 a.m. (Assemble by 10:30 a.m.): Bolingbrook Veterans Day Observance and Memorial Dedication, Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.
Later in the Day – (Possible) Color Guard for the I-355 Extension (Illinois Veterans Memorial Highway) dedication and ribbon cutting.
- Nov 12, Monday, 7:30 p.m.:** VAC Executive Committee meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet
- Nov 16, Friday, 8:00 p.m.:** County Meeting, Lockport Post #18, 15052 Archer Ave.
- Nov 18, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.: Will County Council Thanksgiving Observance** (Elden Laffoon, producer), Joliet Post #1080, 2625 Ingalls, Joliet.
- Nov 19, Monday, 7:30 p.m.:** Auxiliary Unit meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

AUXILIARY UNIT 1288

Ladies, please bring your renewals (\$15.00, \$5.00 for youth) to the next Auxiliary meeting. Or, mail them to the Unit at PO Box 1133, or to Herstine Crenshaw.

ILLINOIS AIR MUSEUM ANNUAL ROLL-OUT

(Source: *Bolingbrook VFW Newsletter*) On Sat. 29 Sept. at 10:00 a.m., the Illinois Air Museum, in conjunction with The Village of Bolingbrook, will hold their annual Roll-Out of Airplanes at Clow Airport, The Veterans Honor Guard has once again been ask to present the colors for this event. We did this last year and it was great CPR (Cheap Public Relations) for both our VFW & Am. Legion Posts. We are working closely with these people to get land at the airport for our Post Home. Please E-mail or give me (Larry Shaver) a call (630.251.5193) if you will be available to help. UD will be our usual Black & White with cover. We will be working with the CPA & BHS JRAFROTC.

FROM THE UNIT PRESIDENT

Hey Sisters, How is everyone doing? I do hope that everyone is doing well. And for those of you who work I do hope that you are not working to hard.

On Thursday October 4, 2007 from 2:00 PM thru Monday October 8, 2007 at 8:00 AM The Vietnam Moving Wall will be in Joliet at Inwood Park 3200 W. Jefferson St. volunteers are needed. I hope to see you there. I will be volunteering some hours. If you would like to volunteer the person you would contact is Mary Ragusa at 815-207-6314

The American Legion Auxiliary sends out our Condolence to Betty Carter and Herstine Crenshaw for the loss of their mother. Our prayers go with you and your families.

Just a reminder to those who have not paid their dues please send them in and to those who have already paid I thank you very much for sending it in.

Please keep our troops that are in Walter Reed Hospital and also over seas in your hearts and prayers. Let us pray that our troops come home safely.

And for those who are ill may God put his hands on you and make you feel better. Please keep them in your prayers also.

Our next meeting is October 15, 2007 at the Levy Center at 7:30 PM I hope to see all of you there.

Pres. Esther Laffoon
2007 – 2008

THANK YOU

Comrades,

Esther and I would like to say "Thank You!" to all who had a hand in our being awarded "Family of the Year"!

We both had our collective breaths taken away when Mayor Claar made the announcement! What a GREAT honor!!

We both feel it is an obligation to give back to a community that has given us so much over the past 21 years. We feel privileged to be a part of this wonderful community and will continue to do whatever we can to help make it even better!

Again, THANK YOU!

Elden & Esther Laffoon

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*