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## GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE NOV 2 - 3

"Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" program will be Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3.

Repeating from last month, 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. Also at several bowling centers; see coming events.

## GIFTS FOR YANKS GIFTS GOING TO MEADOWBROOK MANOR

The Illinois Gifts For Yanks Commission instituted new ordering procedures for obtaining the gifts that go to the "hospitalized" veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, which makes it easy for us to order gifts for the veterans at Meadowbrook Manor, here in Bolingbrook.

With the help of Meadowbrook's staff we placed and order for 25 blue microfiber "jump suits" with a Gifts For Yanks logo for the resident veterans. If Department's supply of those is exhausted, then they shall send jackets or robes. The gifts are high quality items.

We will be deciding when to deliver them (just before Christmas or on Christmas Day).

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**Always Remembered**  

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**Never Forgotten**

## COMING EVENTS

- Nov 2 and 3, Friday and Saturday: Gifts To Yanks Who Gave. See adjoining article.**
- Nov 2: Friday, 7:00 p.m.: G2Y at Fairlanes Bowling Center.** Volunteers needed for 1½ to 2 hrs.
- Nov 5, Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting,** Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane
- Nov 6, Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. G2Y at Lisle Lanes Bowling Center.** Rt. 53. Volunteers needed for 1½ to 2 hrs.
- Nov 9, Friday**  
**8:00 a.m. : Color Guard and Veteran Presentation :** Liberty Elementary School, 127<sup>th</sup> and Essington.  
**7:00 p.m. : G2Y at Lisle Lanes Bowling Center.** Rt. 53. Volunteers needed for 1½ to 2 hrs.
- Nov 10, Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m.: Veterans Pancake Breakfast and Color Guard,** Oakview Elem. School, Schmidt Rd. N. of Briarcliff.  
**10:00 a.m.: Freedom Shrine Dedication,** Bolingbrook High School.
- Nov 11, Sunday, Veterans Day**  
**8:00 a.m.: Color Guard,** St. Dominick Catholic Church, E. Briarcliff Rd.  
**11:00 a.m. (Assemble by 10:30 a.m.): Bolingbrook Veteran2nds Day Observance and Memorial Dedication,** Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.  
**1:00 p.m.: I-355 Extension (Illinois Veterans Memorial Tollway) dedication and ribbon cutting,** On I-355 at 127<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange. (see article for where to park).
- Nov 12, Monday**  
**8:30 a.m. (School Assembly 9:10-10:10): Color Guard and share experiences with students:** Jonas Sauk Elementary School, 500 King Arthur Way, from Falconridge Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> right west of Pinecrest.  
**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
- Dec 3, Monday: Post Meeting/Christmas Party?**

## BOLINGBROOK VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The Highlight of the Bolingbrook Veterans Day 11:00 a.m. observance on November 11 will be the dedication of the newly rebuilt Veterans Memorial at 375 West Briarcliff Rd.

Be sure to come out for the Memorial Day program and help us say, "Thank you!" to the Village for providing this beautiful memorial revitalization.

## I-355 DEDICATION

The I-355 extension, and indeed, all of I-355 with be dedicated and named the "Illinois Veterans Memorial Tollway November 11<sup>th</sup>" at 1:00 p.m. at the 127<sup>th</sup> Street interchange. A schedule of the full day's events and parking map can be obtained from [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). Click the links for "Schedule of Events" or "Get copy of Event Parking Map."

The 127<sup>th</sup> Street even parking is as follows:

**Shuttle Bus service will be provided from the following parking locations:**

1. Loews Theatres  
10000 Woodward Ave.
2. Lemont Metra Parking  
101 Main St.
3. Lemont High School  
800 Porter St.
4. River Valley School  
15425 E. 127th St.
5. Lemont Park District Parking  
16028 W. 127th St.
6. Citgo Refinery Gravel Lot  
135th St. & New Ave.

## THANK YOU'S

To those who helped make our Oct 18 BINGO at the Hines V.A. Center for the Blind a success: Michael Leonardo for coordinating the event, Panera Bread Co. (W. Boughton Rd.) for bagels and spreads, and VFW Post 5917 for \$50.00 added to Post 1288's \$100 for the prize money. We played BINGO with 12 residents, even though there was a playoff game for competition. Those who went were: Post 1288 - Dennis Eis, Eldon Laffoon, Leroy Rheubottom, Mel Hansen and Michael Leonard; Aux Unit 1288 - Carolyn Hansen, Esther Laffoon, Garnett Shaver and Nancy Ebbers; VFW 5917 - Larry Shaver, Francisco Tatum and Jack Flanagan.

To those who helped with the Manteno IL Vets Home BINGO Oct. 21: Post members Mel Hansen, Angelo Pellitteri, 12 ROTC cadets and Maj. Rukstalis, Aux 1288 members Nancy Ebbers, Carolyn Hansen and Garnett Shaver, and Post 1288 members in VFW hats: John Davin and Larry Shaver (see next column).

## FROM THE UNIT PRESIDENT

**Boo!! Everyone** I just would like to say **Happy Halloween** to everyone. You know I can not believe that the holidays are now upon us. To those that can not make it to the meeting on Monday November 19, 2007 I would like to wish you and everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. And don't eat too much.

Well, first of all. For all of the Veterans out there the American Legion Auxiliary would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have done for us. To those who are not, I want to say, "Have you thanked a Vet lately?" If you haven't done so yet, then go up to a Vet and give them a hug and thank them for what they have done for us. It means a lot to them when you do.

I would like to thank the Post and Auxiliary for going to Manteno to play Bingo with the Vets. I know that they enjoyed it.

I would like to welcome Nancy Ebbers our Gold Star Mother to the auxiliary.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Herstine Crenshaw as for she has been in the hospital. May the good Lord put his hands down on everyone that is ill and not feeling well and make them well again.

Ladies! This is just a reminder that we have to get our due in. Our dues are only Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and Five dollars for the Juniors (\$5.00) Right now we are at 42.11% and for those members that have already paid their dues I thank you. Even if you can not make it to a meeting please put your dues in the mail to Herstine Crenshaw our membership chairman.

One last thing I am asking you to do please remember our men and women over sea in your prayers.

I do hope to see all of you at our next meeting on Monday November 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Levy Center

Pres. Esther Laffoon  
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## THANK YOU'S (CON'T).

At Manteno, 9 organizations (VFW, VFW Aux, Legion and Legion Aux) pooled resources to distribute \$1350 in prize money to some 68 residents during the 1½ hour BINGO, which was followed by cake and punch provided by some of the units. In addition the BHS ROTC Cadets, several Scout troops also helped out. It was a very full afternoon.

**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***