



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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## MEMBERSHIP STILL SHORT OF 100%

One renewal has been received since our last newsletter, bringing us to 107 of the 115 we need for a 100% renewal rate. If you know of someone who might like to join the Legion now is the time for them to do it. Between now and June 20, a new member can receive membership cards for 2008 and 2009 for only \$45 instead of the normal \$60 for the two years. Please help us reach our 100%. If you have not yet renewed please do so if you might know someone who would like to join please encourage them to do it now.

## POST HONORS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Post 1288 honored the following High School students (See last month's newsletter for an explanation of the awards):

### ROTC General Military Excellence Medals

- Bolingbrook: Jose Vera
- Romeoville:

### ROTC Scholastic Excellence Medals

- Bolingbrook: Crystal Nambo
- Romeoville:

### American Legion Scholastic Medals

Gold Medal (Academic First Place)

- First Place Girl: Lisa Pawlowicz
- First Place Boy: Robert Horsley

Silver Medal (Academic Second Place)

- Second Place Girl: Jessica Jones
- Second Place Boy: Trevor Washburn

### American Legion School Award

- Brian Stevens

Honorable Mention Certificates

- Naureen Kamal
- Amanda Cook
- Chris Bulaon

### Boys State Scholarships

- Gerald Ramirez
- Matthew Hansen

## POPPY DAYS YEILD \$1517 FOR POST \$178 FOR AUXILIARY

Thanks to the collection efforts of four post members, one member contribution, and the Bolingbrook High School ROTC, Post 1288 raise just over \$1517 on May 16, 17 and 18. The auxiliary unit received \$178 from the collection efforts of two members and the contributions of four others.

Thank you to Joe Rojek, Wayne Macejak, Mel Hansen, Leroy Greiman, Carolyn Hansen, and Nancy Ebbers for their collection efforts and those members who made monetary contributions.

## OPERATION CARE PACKAGE

The Promenade of Bolingbrook is climaxing their "Veterans Appreciation Month" activities May 31 with a short parade, a Navy band and other activities from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00. We are invited to be in their parade and help post the colors at 10:00 (assemble at 9:30 by Bar Louie's (#285 purple, on their map), and to retrieve the colors at 2:45 p.m. Help if you can.

## POST TO ATTEMPT TO START "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" SQUADRON

Thanks to the efforts of member Wayne Macejak, there will be an informational meeting June 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Meeting Room for the purpose of beginning the establishment of a Son of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1288.

Those eligible to join are sons or grandsons (step-sons and adopted sons included) of a member of the American Legion, or of a veteran who died while serving during one of the eligible periods, or who died subsequent to serving during an eligible period and received an honorable discharge. Proof of eligibility will be needed (copy of American Legion membership card, DD 214 or other recognized documentation). Twenty new members are needed to organize a squadron. If you have male children or grandchildren in the area, encourage them to come out to the meeting and give them a copy of your Legion membership card or DD214.

## DID YOU KNOW

### – LEGION CAP ETIQUETTE –

The left side (emblem side) of the cap is reserved only for the Legion emblem, city, county, district, or state lettering.

If desired, the following items must be placed on the right side of the cap:

A) Additional lettering, restricted to either the name of a Post, or to an officer title (such as "Past Commander"),

B) Cap insignias or badges (for Past or Present officers),

C) Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or authorized Legion or military services decorations.

The Legion Uniform Cap should be worn by its members only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions, or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions.

- A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion Uniform Cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.
- The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard and Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard. When returned to and seated in pews, the cap should be removed.
- Legion posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover, at the door, hold the cap with the right hand over the heart until the arrival in the pews and commanded to take seats, remaining uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall arise, the members holding the cap with the right hand over the heart will march out of the place of worship. and recover after marching through the door.
- Legion members not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship and remain uncovered during the entire service, and will recover after leaving the place of worship.
- When at a funeral, the cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket, and is not at any time worn in a place of worship (except by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard or Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard). At the graveside, the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be worn.

## CAP ETIQUETTE (Cont.)

- In Legion meetings, the cap should be worn except during moments of the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held with the right hand over the heart.
- Female members of the Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the armed services.

## DO YOU HAVE A LEGION CAP?

If not, show your support and membership at community veterans' activities by ordering one from the American Legion Emblem Sales. To order call 1-800-453-5566. The style is Post Cap Style 2, with or without lining; Regular, Fort Knox or Women' crown. There is also a mandatory State insignia for the front of the cap (Lincoln's head for Illinois). A plastic cap cover (# 70999) for \$1.95 is a good investment to keep your cap looking fresh. Ask for a catalog while you are at it. If you have a cap, call for a catalog. They are free.

## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, **May 31**, 9:30 a.m.: Parade and Post Colors for Promenade "Operation Care Package" celebration, starting at the Promenade Bar Louie's to the Village Green.

Monday, **Jun 2**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln. – *Election of Officers*

Saturday and Sunday, **Jun 7 & 8**, 10:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m.: Staff booth at Cavalcade of Planes, Clow Airport.

Sunday, **Jun 8**, 1:00 p.m.: 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Meeting, Gurnee, 749 Milwaukee Ave.

Monday, **Jun 9**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Meeting, 128 Scott St., Joliet

Thursday, **Jun 12**, 7:00 p.m.: S.A.L. organization information meeting, Bolingbrook Police Dept. Training Rm., 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Saturday, **Jun 14**, **FLAG DAY. FLY YOUR FLAG** also, Flag Retirement Ceremony at Joliet Post 1080 with the Legion Band. About 7:00 p.m.

Monday, **Jun 16**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln. *Election of Officers*

Sunday, **Jun 29**, 11:00-6:00: Village Picnic, Behind Village Hall, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Friday, **Jul 4**, 8:00 p.m.-?: Flag Ceremony at Village Fireworks display, Bolingbrook Golf Club.

Monday, **Jul 7**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.