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MEMBERSHIP REACHES 100.87%

Post 1288 reached a membership of 116 reported to Department by June 20 bringing us to 100.87% when compared to last year's 115 members. The goal was reached by member dues submission, the recruitment of two new members and the transfer of four members from the 2910 post.

Welcome to new member Patrick Reynolds, (recruited by Elden Laffoon) and new member Eric Palmer (recruited by Art Taylor). We also welcome the following 2910 post members to our post: Jorge Fonseca, Randall Canale, Gerald Bernatski, and Michael Okrasinski.

POST/AUXILIARY UNIT ELECTED NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008 – 09

Post 1288 elected the following officers at the June meeting:

Commander: Arthur Taylor
Sr. Vice: Joe Rojek
Jr. Vice: Bettye Carter
Adjutant: Mel Hansen
Finance Officer: Wayne Macejak
Service Officer: Arthur Taylor
Chaplain: Angelo Pellitteri
Sergeant at Arms: Dan Armstrong
Judge Advocate: Eric Palmer
Historian: Bettye Carter

Auxiliary Unit 1288 elected the following officers during their June meeting:

President: Esther Laffoon
Vice President: Herstine Crenshaw
Secretary: Nancy Ebbers
Treasurer: Carolyn Hansen
Chaplain: Katherine Pasternik
Sergeant at Arms: Garnet Shaver
Historian: Irene Wojtal

INSTALLTION AUGUST 18

Post and Unit 1288, and perhaps SAL Squadron 1288 will install officers on Monday, August 18. Tentative schedule is: Social Hour 6:30 p.m., Dinner about 7:30 p.m. with Installations to follow.

POST TO INITIATE VOTE ON MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

After consulting with members of the Auxiliary a number of members are planning to introduce a motion at the July 7, 2008 Post meeting to change the Post meeting date to the 3rd Monday of the month. This would be a By-Laws change and could not be voted upon until the next meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members at that meeting is required for passage.

This would accomplish several things: Both the Post and the Auxiliary would meet the same night at the same time, thus saving gas for families with members in both organizations; We would gain several Legion meetings lost to "First Monday" holidays; and we would free up a Monday night for the Levy Center's scheduling. Duel Auxiliary/Legion members could be consulted if need be for items being considered by the organization meeting not being actively attended.

Please regard this as a notice of intent to vote on a by-laws change at the August 18th 2008 meeting/installation.

"SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" JULY 3 AT POLICE TRAINING RM.

A second organizing meeting for a 1288 SAL Squadron will meet July 3 at 7:00 at the Police Training Room. You can help organize the Squadron if you have young male children or grandchildren, even if they are not in the area. Come to the meeting and give them a membership. It is only \$20.00 a year. There is no age requirement.

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). Ten new members are needed to organize a squadron.

ALSO, you can sponsor a membership for your daughters and grand-daughters in our Auxiliary unit just as you can your sons and grandsons in the SAL. Contact one of the Auxiliary members for an application. Let's help boost the size of our organizations!

THANKS FOR PICNIC HELP

Thanks to the Post members who help staff the Legion booth at the Village Picnic: Mel Hansen, Elden Laffoon, Joe Rojek and Art Taylor. We recruited two new members, Al Tiscareno and Mike Gruening, and Jim Cann, a 2910 transfer, for the 2009 membership year.

Thanks also to those who helped make the Auxiliary booth a success: Nancy Ebbers, Carolyn Hansen, Esther Laffoon and her son Billy, Garnett Shaver and Peggy Taylor.

NO COLOR GUARD JULY 4

Tentative plans for a color guard at the July 4 festivities have been canceled for this year due to programming considerations.

POST 1288 IN "TOP TEN" GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE CONTIBUTORS

Commander Rojek has received a letter from Department stating that our \$4,131.00 contribution to the Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave drive has placed us among the Top Ten contributing posts in Illinois. The exact rank was not stated, and will not be known until it is announced at the Department Convention in July. Our delegate to the convention, incoming Commander Arthur Taylor, will have the honor of accepting the plaque. Current Commander Rojek expresses his thank you to all who helped make this achievement possible.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE

Thank you for those who participated in the Color Guard on 25 May 08 for the First Presbyterian Church of DuPage: American Legion Members: Mel Hansen, Leroy Rheubottom, Art Taylor VFW Members: John Walker, Larry Shaver.

CAVALCADE OF PLANES COMBINED VETERANS EVENT

Due to inclement weather the Cavalcade of Planes event was not as successful as projected. Total profit is \$88.35 split with V.F.W. Post 5917. We would like to thank the following for their participation.

Clyde Ruble	Larry Shaver	John Walker
George Foy	Jerry Aksmi	Bob Adame
Jack Flanagan	Mel Hansen	Esther Laffoon
Leroy Rheubottom	Angelo Pellitteri	Joe Rojek

IN MEMORANDUM STANLEY BUCZKO

Post member Stanley Buczko passed May 24, 2008. Stanley was an eight year post member. The Post stationed our Post and American flags for Stanley during his visitation period. The Bolingbrook Veterans Honor Guard conducted its ceremony on May 27 with the following persons: Post Legion members in Legion hats: Mel Hansen, Joe Rojek and Art Taylor; Post Legion members in VFW hats: John Davin, Dennis Eis, Larry Shaver, and John Walker; and VFW members Clyde Ruble and Jack Flannagan.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, **Jul 3**, 7:00 p.m.: S.A.L. organization information meeting, Bolingbrook Police Dept. Training Rm., 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Friday, **Jul 4**, 8:00 p.m.-?: NO 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.

Monday, **Jul 14**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Executive Comm. meeting: 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Monday, **Jul 21**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.

Saturday, **Jul 26**, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner for following Will County Council Installation Of Officers. Lockport Post #18, 15052 Archer Ave. (Don't forget that the Rt 7 bridge is close for resurfacing).

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

Monday, **Aug 11** 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Executive Comm. meeting: 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Friday, **Aug 15**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Peotone Post # 392, 109 W. North St.

Monday, **Aug 18**, 6:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary/(SAL?) Installation festivities, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Ln

6:30 – Social Hour (cash bar)

7:30 – Dinner

Following – Installations.

Sunday, **19 Oct**, Noon: BINGO, Manteno Veterans Home

OPERATION CARE PACKAGE

Operation Care Package was a combined effort with the Post and V. F. W. Post 5917, supporting the Bolingbrook Promenade in collect items for Care Packages for deployed American Service members.

Thank you to those who were able to participate in the Saturday morning parade and posting of colors. American Legion and Aux members: Eldon Laffoon, Ester Laffoon, Mel Hansen, Carolyn Hansen, Garnett Shaver. VFW members: Larry Shaver, Clyde Ruble, John Walker, Dennis Eis, Bob Adame.