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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 ALREADY AT 58

After reaching our 100% (115) for 2008, member renewals are coming in at a fast pace for 2009. So far we have had 2 new members, 1 transfer, 14 PUFLs (Paid up for Life) and 41 renewals submitted to the Post. We also received dues for 2008 for 3 members after the cutoff date, so we could have been at 118 for 2008.

2009 cards have gone out to the first 14 renewals, and all checks with complete renewals/transfers received before July 30 have been deposited. Cards will be going out in batches of ten or so every few days until all are sent. We did have one renewal arrive without a check. The envelope had not been sealed. That person is being notified. Please be sure to seal your envelopes after putting in the check.

Welcome to new member Al Tiscareno, (recruited by Mel Hansen) and new member Michael Gruening (recruited by Elden Laffoon). We also welcome the following 2910 post member to our post: John Gross.

POST/AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICERS FOR 2008 – 09

Post 1288 will install the following officers Aug 18:

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 will install these officers:

President: Esther Laffoon
Vice President: Herstine Crenshaw
Secretary: Nancy Ebbes
Treasurer: Carolyn Hansen
Chaplain: Kathryn Pasternik
Sergeant at Arms: Garnett Shaver
Historian: Irene Wojtal

INSTALLATIONS AUGUST 18

Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 1288 will install officers on Monday, August 18. Tentative schedule is: Social Hour 6:30 p.m., Dinner about 7:15, 7:30 p.m. with Installations to follow. Please bring a side dish.

POST WILL VOTE ON MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

A motion was introduced 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 will be voted upon August 18. A two-thirds vote of the members at that meeting is required for passage. This will be the only additional post item of business at the installation.

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

“SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION” AUG 7 AT POLICE TRAINING RM.

A third meeting for a 1288 SAL Squadron will meet Aug 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Training Room. The main topic will be the election of officers. You can still help organize the Squadron if you, yourself, are the son or grandson of a qualifying veteran or if you have 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 (stepsons 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!

AUXILIARY NOTES

July 23, 2008: How is everyone doing? I hope that all is going well. Well, ladies, another year has come and gone. I cannot believe just how fast this year has gone. It is now time to start sending in your dues. Seniors \$15 and juniors \$5. Officers dues should be paid before the installation on August 18. Thank you to those members who have paid their dues already.

The auxiliary would like to take this time to say a big congratulations to Joe and Nicole Delatorre on their coming baby. And also to the proud grandparents Dan and Sandra Armstrong and Joe's mother. member Rose Downs also.

I would like to say to all those who are ill, may God put his hands on you and make you well again. I am asking all of you to please keep our men and women that are ill and overseas in your prayers, may they come home safely.

I would like to say thank you to Carolyn Hansen, Nancy Ebbers, Peggy Taylor, Garnett Shaver and also Spalding for coming out and helping with setting up and tearing down for the village picnic. I do hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. I know that I did. On behalf of the auxiliary we would like to say, "Congratulations" to Nancy Ebbers for entering the village picnic cookie contest and winning \$10.

At our June meeting, we had elections, and I would like to say congratulations to all of our new officers. We will hold our installation on August 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Levy Center. Please RSVP me by August 11, 2008 at 630-783-2669. If I am not home, please leave me a message. So, ladies, we will not be having a meeting that night. Please bring a dish to pass. Our next regular meeting will be September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. I do hope to see you there.

I would like to say welcome to all of our new members: Kathryn Pasternik, Peggy Taylor and Michelle Kerwin.

I would also like to say congratulations to the Legion's new officers, and I would like to congratulate the Post for putting together a Sons of the American Legion Squadron.

I would like to find out what your views are on sending the newsletter by e-mail to those who have an e-mail address. Please let me know

Sept. 14, 2008, is the village Pathways Parade. We will meet at Noon in the Village Hall parking lot to assemble and decorate our vehicle, and then go to the parade site.

On October 25, 2008, we will be having a Halloween party at Meadowbrook Manor for the veterans and their families. How about we dress in costume for them. What are your views on that?

Well, ladies, it is time for me to close this news letter. I do hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer. Take care of yourselves

Yours truly: Esther Laffoon, President

CORRECTION

Bob Adame, Wayne Macejak and Wayne Ward should have been listed as Post members for Stanley Buczko's Bolingbrook Veterans Honor Guard ceremony on May 27. Sorry guys.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, **Aug 4, NO POST MEETING**, see Aug 18.

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.

Monday, Sep 1, No Post meeting due to Labor Day (if change does not pass).

Thursday, **Sep 4**, 7:00 p.m.: S.A.L. meeting, Bolingbrook Police Dept. Training Rm., 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Monday, **Sep 8** 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Commission (full) meeting: 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Sunday, **Sep 14**: 12:30 p.m.: Pathways Parade Assembly. Village Hall parking lot for transportation to Bolingbrook High School staging area. 2:00 p.m. Parade start.

Monday, **Sep 15** 7:30 p.m.: Post (if change passed)/Auxiliary meeting(s), Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.

Friday, **Sep 19**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Braidwood Post #39, 248 E. Main St.

Friday, **Sep 19, 8:00 p.m.: POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony**: Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

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

Saturday, **25 Oct**, Auxiliary sponsored Halloween party for Meadowbrook Manor Veterans and their family members.

Friday – Sunday, Nov 7-9, Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave collection drive.

POT OF GOLD

If John Davin had been at our July Post meeting he would have won the Pot of Gold worth \$28.25. Each month members present put a quarter into the Pot of Gold at the end of the meeting at drawing is held amongst all the current Jews members. If your name is drawn and you are present, you win the Pot of Gold.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten