



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 ALREADY AT 76

We have received 18 renewals since last month to bring our total paid for 2009 to 76. Thank you to those of you who diligently, year after year, submit your renewals on the first or second notice sent out by Department. (This year's second notice is due out in October. Our ultimate goal is to be at 100% of our 2008 total membership number before Veteran's Day. This would gain the Post a \$100.00 reward from Department. Reaching 100% before December 31 would gain us a streamer for our Post flag. We haven't had one of those since before 1990. It has been a long dry spell.

Welcome to George Foy, who transferred in from the Department 2910 Post.

Our total post membership is now at 123, counting 2008 and 2009 renewals, transfers and new members.

In a Village of over 70,000 persons, there must be many, many war era veterans out there. That level of population easily supports post memberships over 500 persons. At that level, we could seriously think about getting a Post home (or sharing a veterans' center with the VFW). If you know a veteran or active duty member, get them a membership application. Any veteran or active duty person who has had 1 day of Federal active duty since August 2, 1990 is eligible for membership. This includes current or prior National Guard and Reserve members who had their active duty basic training during an open period (most recently, since August 2, 1990).

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY SEP 19

A POW/MIA Ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial 19 Sept, 8 PM. Please make an effort to attend. We need to honor those who have made the greatest sacrifice for the American way of life. Post leadership will be at the County meeting at that time. If you can attend, please do so.

Meeting in the Levy Senior Center
251 Canterbury Lane: 7:30 p.m.
Post #1288 - Auxiliary Unit #1288
3rd Monday of the Month
American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

PATHWAYS PARADE THIS SUNDAY

The Post will again join forces with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5917, to assemble an Honor & Color Guard for the Pathway Days Parade. The combined forces have taken 1st place in 2005, 06 & 07. We need all those who can participate, if you do not think you can make the march; we will also have a vehicle for members to ride in. The uniform is black trousers, white shirt with patches, hardware and ribbons, black shoes, and cover. This event is this Sunday, Sep 14, with an assembly time 12:30 PM in the Village Hall parking lot.

POST MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

The motion to change the Post meeting night to the third Monday of the month passed unanimously at the August 18 Installation meeting. Same time, same location. The Auxiliary Unit has graciously agreed to meet in the smaller area on the south end of the building. This move will allow families with both Legion and Auxiliary members to have just one trip to the Levy Center per month. It also allows the Legion to meet during months that have a first Monday holiday.

"SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

The Sep 4 meeting at the police department training room for the SAL was cancelled due to the newly announced departure of Police Chief Ray McGury. Another meeting will be announced after a location can be secured.

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Bolingbrook VFW Newsletter: Anyone who was on active duty prior to January 2002 and now is planning for retirement, (or already retired) qualifies for a higher social security payment because of military service, for active duty, any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with in January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earning credit is credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments at retirement.

This is not just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty prior to January 2002.

You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office - and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! Social Security website:

<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

VAC SHUTTLE BUS DEDICATION SEPT 16

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County and the Will County State's Attorney will dedicate a new 20 passenger shuttle bus Tuesday, Sept 16, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Will County State's Attorney's Office, 121 N. Chicago Street., Joliet. Refreshments will be served. This new bus was secured at a greatly reduced price from a Ford dealer in Florida. The funds are being provided through the Will County State's Attorney's office.

Leaders and members of veterans' organizations are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Cheri Johnson – 815.723.1530 – if you plan to attend.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT MEADOWBROOK

The Auxiliary Unit is planning for a Halloween themed party for the Meadowbrook Manor veterans and their families. The event will be October 25. Post assistance will be appreciated. Times and details will be forthcoming.

AUXILIARY UNIT AT 12 FOR 2009

Auxiliary Unit 1288 has reached twelve renewals/transfers for 2009. The unit's current total up-to-date dues membership is at 23. Please send in dues to the Post Box Office (1133) or bring a check to the Monday meeting. Bringing the check would be a good excuse to come to the meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, **Sep 4**, 7:00 p.m.: S.A.L. meeting canceled,

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

Tuesday, **Sep 9**, 8:00: POW/MIA Proclamation, Village Board Meeting, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Wednesday, **Sep 10**: Auxiliary County Meeting

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 and Auxiliary meet. 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.

Monday, **Oct 13** 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC meeting: 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Saturday, **Oct 18**, Will Co. Past Commanders Dinner, Harwood #5, S.W. Corner Larkin & I-80. 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner, Program to Follow.

Sunday, **Oct 19**, Noon: Depart Levy Center for BINGO, Manteno Veterans Home.

Monday, **Oct 20**, 7:30 p.m.: Post and Auxiliary meet. Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.

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

Sunday, **Oct 26**, 1:00: 2nd Division Meeting.

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

POT OF GOLD

We did not have a Post of Gold drawing at the Post installation meeting. It is currently worth \$28.25. Normally, each month members present put a quarter into the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting a drawing is held amongst all members whose dues are current. If your name is drawn and you are present, you win the Pot of Gold.

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