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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 REACHES 91

Renewals, transfers and new memberships continue to move the Post toward the 2009 membership number of 117 for 100%. We may be on track to reach that 100% before December 31st. That hasn't been done since before 1990 (Although we do usually reach 100% at the very last possible minute. Welcome to our new members and transferees: Joshua Miranda, Jose Delatorre, Patrick Taylor, and Albert Rios. Thanks to those who have paid for 2009.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Post voted to join VFW Post 5917 for a joint Christmas Party again this year. Unlike the past few years, when the party was held on the Post's first Monday meeting night, this year's party will be on a Friday night. That way, people will not have to worry about getting up to go to work the next day.

Unfortunately, since this is a prime holiday booking weekend for the Levy Center, they cannot afford to let us have the place for free. It will cost us \$450.00 for the hall. That will include bar service and use of the kitchen for 5 hours (we are getting a free hour). Because of the cost, we will need to have a small contribution to help defray the cost of the rental. We will request that each person donate \$10.00 to the effort. However, at this point, it appears that we will be able to have food furnished by several members, and not need to request that food dishes also be brought by the general membership (although they will always be accepted and appreciated).

THIS IS A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS – LEGION AND AUXILIARY. Of the 117 Post members, only about 15 to 20 actively participate in any of our events during the year. If you are among those who are not able to attend the monthly meetings or help out with the events, **DO NOT THINK THAT YOU MUST PASS THE PARTY. YOU ARE WELECOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** Come out for some great fellowship and food. Get to know your fellow members. Try it, you might like it.

Bring your ideas for activities, games, entertainment to the Post meeting for the planning committee to work with.

NEW WEBSITE FOR 1288

AOL will cease hosting websites on October 31, 2008. We will have to give up the members.aol.com/ilam1288 address, but we can still keep our ilam1288@aol.com

COUNTY PAST COMMANDERS DINNER OCTOBER 18

Our Immediate Past County Commander, Elden Laffoon, is organizing this year's Will County Past Commanders Dinner. It will be this Saturday, October 18th, at Harwood Post 5, Southwest corner of Larkin and I-80 on Frontage Road. Social Hour (cash bar) starts: 5:00-5:30, Dinner: 6:00-6:30, with the Program to follow. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. The Post purchased 10 tickets. Those attending should bring a check made out to the post for the appropriate amount and get their tickets at the door. As per County tradition, each Post provides a complimentary ticket to County Past Commanders from their respective post. Our current local Past Commanders are Mel Hansen and Elden Laffoon.

BINGO AT MANTENO THIS SUNDAY

On October 19, Post 1288 will join with VFW Post 5917 and other veteran and auxiliary organizations to sponsor and afternoon of BINGO for the residents of the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. A caravan will leave the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Ln. at Noon on Sunday, with an expected return of about 4:30 to 5:00.

Come on out and help us again show our Manteno vets that they are not forgotten. It is a great afternoon of service and is very rewarding in and of itself. The Post will be contributing our usual \$100.00 toward the event. The Auxiliary will be donating \$50.00.

BINGO AND PIE SOCIAL AT MEADOWBROOK MANOR

Ladies Auxiliary Unit 1288 is sponsoring a BINGO and pie social at Meadowbrook Manor on Saturday, October, 25 for the veteran residents there. The event will start at 1:00, but set-up will begin immediately after Meadowbrook's lunch period. Post 1288 is donating up to \$200.00 to the event. Unit and Post members are encouraged to attend. A number of the veterans need assistance with placing markers on their cards, and the extra fellowship is also appreciated by the vets. Since it is so close to Halloween, the event will have that for a theme. If you want to come in costume, so much the better.

e-mail address. Look for us to be on www.legion1288.org. It should be up and running by the 25th of the month. The site will continue to be sponsored by our current webmaster.

GIFTS TO YANKS DRIVE NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9

Post 1288 will again participate in the Illinois "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" program which provides Christmas/ Holiday gifts for veterans in the V. A. Hospitals, State Veterans Homes and nursing homes with veteran populations (including our own Meadowbrook Manor). This year we will be on the streets and at Wal-Mart, and the two Jewel Food stores (and the Post Office).

Please help with this important campaign. If you cannot participate in any other events during the year, an hour or two, half a day or a whole day for this event would mean a lot to the Post and to those who benefit from the program.

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 Friday. Other times to start will be 12:30, 3:30 and 6:30 all three days at DD.

If you can help, please fill out a participation slip and bring it to the Post meeting or mail it to the Post.

BOLINGBROOK HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

This Saturday, October 18, from 8:00 – 3:00, Bolingbrook will hold a household hazardous waste collection day at Village Hall. Lots of things can be dropped off. See the poster at http://www.bolingbrook.com/info/pdf/HouseHoWaste10_18_08.pdf

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

As you can see from the Coming Events, the Veterans Day weekend is getting rather busy, what with "Gifts to the Yanks" and an increasing number of requests from schools for various forms of veteran organization presentations. Not yet worked into the mix are request from Jonas Salk and Jamie McGee schools for near the weekend. Details on these are still to be worked out.

Please consider assisting with as many of these activities as you can do, taking health situations into consideration.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, **18 Oct**, 8:00-3:00: Bolingbrook Household hazardous Waste Collection Day, 357 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Saturday, **18 Oct**, County Past Commanders Dinner, 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner, Program Follows, Harwood Post #5, S.W. Corner of Larkin & I-80 on Frontage Rd., Joliet.

Sunday, **19 Oct**, Noon: BINGO, Manteno Veterans Home, Depart from Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Monday, **20 Oct**, 7:30 p.m.: Post and Auxiliary meetings, Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

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

Tuesday, **28 Oct**, 8:00 p.m.: Village Board Meeting "Gifts To Yanks" Proclamation

Friday, **31 Oct**, Americanism Day at Jane Adams School (Art, Mel, Larry Shaver)

TUESDAY, NOV 4: ELECTION DAY. GET OUT AND VOTE.

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

Saturday, **8 Nov**, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.: Color Guard and Vet Pancake Breakfast, Oak View School, Schmidt Rd. N. of Briarcliff.

Monday, **10 Nov**, 8:15 a.m, Independence School Color Guard and Veterans Presentation. Essington Rd, South of 127th St.

Monday, **10 Nov**, 7:30 p.m. VAC Executive Comm., 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Tuesday, **11 Nov**, 10:30 a.m.: Village Veterans Day observance at Village Veterans Memorial.

Monday, **17 Nov**, 7:30 p.m.: Post and Auxiliary meetings, Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, **21 Nov**, 7:30 p.m.: County Thanksgiving Memorial Service and monthly meeting, Lockport Post #18 15052 Archer Ave.

Friday, **Dec 12**, Christmas Party, Levy Sr. Center.

Monday, **Dec 15**, NO POST/AUX MEETING.

POT OF GOLD

If Phil Carpenter had been at our September Post meeting he would have won the Pot of Gold worth \$31.25. 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 dues current members. If your name is drawn and you are present, you win the Pot of Gold.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten