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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 REACHES 101

Our Post membership for the 2009 membership year reached 101 by December 31. That was not enough to reach our 100% mark (117) and gain us a 100% ribbon or cash reward from Department, but it was better than we have done in prior years. Thank you to all of those who sent in their dues on time and to our new members who helped push the number up. If your most recent Legion membership card does not read 2009, your dues are delinquent. Please remit the dues (\$30.00) to the Post's post office box as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

Over 70 people enjoyed a great meal and fellowship at the Legion Post/Auxiliary and VFW Christmas Party December 12. Numerous raffle prizes were secured by George Foy. These helped with the cost of the event, and raised some funds toward the cost of one of the joint Legion/VFW projects: putting up permanent banners honoring our military service branches along Veterans Parkway between Weber and Lily Cache. Many thanks to Dennis Eis and his family for helping staff ticket stations, game and food preparation/setup necessities. It was a great way for "guests" to be guests and not have to work the party. From the turnout, it looks like the Friday evening party was a great idea. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

See pictures for the event on our website: www.legion1288.org.

NEW FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY

At the November meeting, Wayne Macejak informed the post of an opportunity to purchase a slightly used hot-dog vending cart. It is stainless steel and can be towed as a trailer. The \$4000-\$5000 trailer was thought to be available for \$2000 to \$1500. The Post authorized Wayne and Commander Taylor to assess the cart purchase if it seemed in good condition and the price not over \$2000. They determined it was in very good condition and offered \$1500.00, which was accepted. Now all we need do is clean it up, stock it, and line up some events where we can vend the products (dogs, brats, etc.).



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

GIFTS TO YANKS GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

On a very snowy December 23, members of the post and auxiliary had the opportunity to distribute Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave Christmas Gifts to the veterans at Meadowbrook Manor. Twenty four sweat-suits (with an American Legion-Auxiliary GTTY logo) were presented to each of the long term care veterans. The Auxiliary "spruced up" the Department provided packaging with Christmas gift bags and poppies tied to the handles. It made for a festive appearance. The gifts were well received. Those helping with the distribution were Esther and Elden Laffoon, Mel and Carolyn Hansen, Garnett Shaver and Nancy Ebbers.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, **Jan 16**, 8:00 p.m.: County meeting, Lockport Post 18. Post 1288 Sponsors.

Monday, **Jan 19**, 7:30: Post/Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Monday, **Feb 9**, 7:30: Will Co. VAC Exec. Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Sunday, **Feb 15**, 1:00 p.m.: 11th District Meeting, Marengo Post 192, 315 Park Dr.

Monday, **Feb 16**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Friday, **Feb 20**: County Meeting, New Lenox Post 1977, 11414 Ford Dr.

POT OF GOLD

If William Gibbs had been at our November Post meeting he would have won the Pot of Gold worth \$35.50. 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.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BRIGHTENS VETS/SERVICE MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS

Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 again solicited visitors of the Festival of Lights to sign Holiday/Christmas cards. We collected for our Post member Joe Delatorre's unit in Afghanistan, service personnel at Hines and North Chicago and our veterans at Manteno. Well over 400 cards were signed and have been distributed. Over 150 went to Afghanistan. Thanks to those who helped: George Foy, Larry and Garnett Shaver, Mel Hansen, Joe Rojek, Elden and Esther Laffoon.