



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion Post #1288  
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An Award Winning Newsletter, Again

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## POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 REACHES 113

As of March 11, we are at 113 of the needed 116 for 100% of last year's membership number. If you have not yet renewed, please remit the dues (\$30.00) to the Post's post office box as soon as possible.

## POST ORATORICAL CONTESTANT MAKES STATE FINALS

Melissa Lam, a home schooled junior and our post sponsored contestant for the American Legion Oratorical Contest, received a first place at the 11<sup>th</sup> District practice Contest, and in the State Semi-Finals. Placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Finals, she received a \$1000 scholarship prize.

## AUXILIARY SPONSORS MEADOW- BROOK BINGO & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Auxiliary is having a BINGO and ice cream social 1 p.m. March 28 at Meadowbrook Manor for veterans and family members. All Auxiliary and Post members are invited to participate. Help is needed to run the BINGO games, help with the refreshments, help residents watch their cards, and visit with the vets.

## AUXILIARY CANDLELIGHT BOWL

The Auxiliary unit is planning a fund raiser candle light bowling on May 2 at the local bowling lanes on Boughton. \$8.75 – 3 games of scotch doubles and shoe rental; \$10.75 – 3 regular games and shoes

## 2008 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS

2008 Membership Recruiter pins were awarded to Joe Rojek, Elden Laffoon, Larry Shaver, John Davin (not present), Mel Hansen and Arthur Taylor at the February meeting.

## 2008 100% MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITIONS

2008 100% Membership Pins were awarded to Joe Rojek as Commander, Elden Laffoon as Membership Chair, and Mel Hansen as Adjutant. Joe Rojek also received his 100% Membership Certificate.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Jerry Lego, a Bolingbrook Panama and Gulf War retired veteran transferring in from the State post. We had supplied his family a double Blue Star Banner a few years ago (His son is still in).

## STATE S.A.L. SR-VICE COMMANDER ADDRESSES POST, AUXILIARY 1288

Mark Malone, State SAL Sr vice Commander attended the Post meeting to help with the establishment of our SAL unit. After addressing the Post and Auxiliary regarding membership and functions of an SAL unit, Mark stayed on to assist the aspiring SAL members fill out the paperwork necessary to submit a request for a charter. Mark was accompanied by 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ray Chelmowski.

## COMING EVENTS

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

Friday, **Mar 20**: County Meeting, Frankfort-Mokena Post 2000, Frankfort Park District Founders Center, 140 Oak St.

Sunday, **Mar 22**:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meeting**, Downers Grove Post #80, 4000 Saratoga

10:00 a.m.: Service Officer and Poppy meetings

1:00 p.m.: Division Meeting

**BINGO at Manteno**. Noon: Depart Levy Center, Returning about 4:30.

Saturday, **Mar 28**, 1:00 p.m.: Auxiliary BINGO and Ice Cream Social at Meadowbrook Manor.

Friday, **Apr 17**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Monee Post 1200, Bryan's Place, Governors Highway.

Monday, **Apr 20**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary meeting, Levy Sr. Center.

Saturday, **May 2**: Auxiliary Candlelight Bowl

Friday – Sunday, **May 15 – 17**: **POPPY DAYS**

## POT OF GOLD

If the Jack Purtell had been at our February Post meeting he would have won the *Pot of Gold* worth \$46.75. Each month, members who are present put a quarter into the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting a drawing is held amongst all the post's members whose dues current. If your name is drawn and you are present and you dues are current, you win the Pot of Gold.



**Always Remembered**

**Never Forgotten**