



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion Post #1288  
Auxiliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter, Again

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## POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 REACHES 105%

We are now at 122 of the needed 116 for 100% of last year's membership number. This year do date we have accepted 10 new members to the Legion and Transferred in 5 members from the State Post 2910. Thank you to those who renewed and welcome to those who are new to the Post. (Department is showing 123, but there is a duplicate entry for one person).

## POST REINSTATES CURRENT OFFICERS (MOSTLY)

At the May meeting, the Post voted to reinstate the current officers (except the Sgt. of Arms position) and continue Committee Chairmanships for 2009-2010. Installation will be at the July 20 meeting. More to come on that.

Commander: Arthur Taylor

Sr. Vice: Joe Rojek

Jr. Vice: Bettye Carter

Adjutant: Mel Hansen

Finance Officer: Wayne Macejak

Service Officer: Arthur Taylor

Chaplain: Mel Hansen

Sergeant at Arms: Leroy Rheubottom

Judge Advocate: Eric Palmer

Historian: Bettye Carter

## POPPY DAYS RAISES \$1801

Poppy Days on May 15, 16, raised \$1270 for the Post and \$531 for the Auxiliary Unit. Thanks to all those who participated, as well as the Village of Bolingbrook and Mayor Roger Claar for issuing the Poppy Days Proclamation and allowing a collection during the May 12 Board Meeting.

The Post received \$177 at the Village Board Meeting May 12, \$25 in member donations, \$155 collected by the BHS ROTC, and the remainder collected by Joe Rojek, Mike Leonardo and Mel Hansen. The Auxiliary funds were collected by Nancy Ebbers, Herstine Crenshaw and Peggy Taylor. Carolyn Hansen tallied the funds for the Post and verified them for the Unit.

## VILLAGE PICNIC JUNE 28

The Post and Auxiliary will again each have a booth at the Village Picnic. The Post will be selling umbrellas, giving Blue Star Banners to families with active duty service members from their household, providing lots of info pamphlets and recruiting. The Aux will also have games for children in addition to passing out info and recruiting. We need to be set up by 11:00 and be there until after 5:00. We need help, so plan an hour or more.

## BANNER PROJECT DEDICATION

The dream of Joe Rojek came to fruition May 16 when Larry Shaver led a dedication ceremony for the new banners on Veterans Parkway that honor our Military branches of service. With help from the Village, Township and others, the \$4,200 for 10 banners on each side of Veterans Parkway were installed by (continued next page)



## AUXILIARY TO VOTE ON SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Auxiliary will vote on a slate of officers to be presented by their Nominating Committee at the June 15 meeting.

The slate to be proposed is:

President: Herstine Crenshaw

Vice President: Esther Laffoon

Secretary: Nancy Ebbers

Treasurer: Carolyn Hansen

Chaplain: Kathryn Pasternik

Sergeant at Arms: Garnett Shaver

Historian: Irene Wojtal

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HONORED

Post 1288 presented the following awards at Bolingbrook High School's Senior Honors Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The awards were presented by Commander Arthur Taylor and announced by Adjutant Mel Hansen.

### American Legion Scholastic Medal

Gold: Academic First Place

Girl: Phoebe Esguerra

Boy: Taylor Goldman

Silver: Academic Second Place

Girl: Shermin Sayani

Boy: Satugarn Lithongviratn

### American Legion School Award

(Judging Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service)

Winner: Amanda Pires

Honorable Mention: Jade Cage and Shermin Sayani

### Premier Boys State Scholarship

Eric Perez

## POT OF GOLD

If Al Tiscareno had been at our May Post meeting he would have won the *Pot of Gold* worth \$55.75. 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 are current. If your name is drawn and you are present and your dues are current, you win the Pot of Gold.

## BANNER PROJECT DEDICATION

the Village Public Works Department.

Larry Shaver spearheaded obtaining the banners and working with the graphics company to secure vividly colored banners with a long life expectancy. The banners, located between Weber Road and Lily Cache Lane, will remain up until shortly after Veterans Day and then taken down for the winter and reinstalled next Spring.

Romeoville liked the idea and wants to start on their end and work toward us. Other organizations are inquiring about putting up a banner and we are considering trying to do another set on honoring the various wars. Who knows, we might wind up with a banner on every light pole between Weber and Normantown Rd. Wouldn't that be something?

## COMING EVENTS

Sunday, **Jun 14**: FLAG DAY – Fly Yours!

Monday, **Jun 15**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary/Post meeting. **AUXILIARY ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, **Jun 20**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting: Steger #521, 34 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Sunday, Jun 28, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Village Picnic** – Staff Booths (Legion, Auxiliary each).

Saturday, **Jul 4**, INDEPENDENCE DAY – Fly Your Flag!

Monday, **Jul 13**, 7:30 p.m.: Will Co. VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 120 N. Scott, Joliet

Saturday, **Jul 18**, 6:00 p.m.: Will Co. Council Installation, Silver Cross Hospital

Monday, **Jul 20**: Post/Auxiliary Meeting and Installation, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

## DON'T FORGET

**No matter where you go, there you are!**

(Somebody famous once said that – [Thomas a Kempis, Imitation of Christ, ca. A.D. 1440](#))



**Always Remembered**

**Never Forgotten**