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SEPTEMBER 16TH

- AMERICAN LEGION DAY -

The American Legion celebrated a milestone 90th anniversary on Wednesday. In recognition, the Senate and House of Representatives passed a resolution designating Sept. 16 as "American Legion Day". The measure was shepherded through the Senate by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), and through the House by **Rep. Deborah Halvorson (D-IL.)**. In the Senate, the bill was cosponsored by Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine), Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.). It drew cosponsorship from 92 representatives.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, Sep 18:

8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Braidwood #39

8:00 p.m.: POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony,
Village Veterans memorial

Monday, Sep 21, 7:30: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Center,
251 Canterbury Ln.

Monday, Oct 12, 7:30: Will County VAC Exec. Comm.,
128 N. Scott, Joliet

Saturday, Oct 17: Will County Past Commanders Dinner,
Lockport Post #18, 15052 Archer Ave. 4:00 Social
Hour, 5:00 Dinner, Program Follows

Sunday, Oct 18, 1:00 p.m.: 11th District Legion/Aux.
Meetings. Legion: Wheaton Post 76, 570 S. Gary
Ave., Carol Stream; Auxiliary: Carol Stream Fire
Dept., 365 Kuhn Rd (Just north of North Ave)

Monday, Oct 19, 7:30: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Center,
251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday-Sunday, Nov 6, 7, 8: Gifts To Yanks Collection
Drive.

Saturday, Nov 7, 8:00 a.m.: Oak View School Veterans
Pancake Breakfast and Program.

Monday, Nov 9, 7:30: Will County VAC Exec. Comm.,
128 N. Scott, Joliet

Wednesday, Nov 11 Veterans Day

11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Observance, Bolingbrook
Veterans Memorial, 357 W. Briarcliff Rd. (Assemble
10:30 a.m.)

Monday, Nov 16, 7:30: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Center,
251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, Nov 20: 8:00: County Meeting, Lockport 18,
15052 Archer Ave.

Saturday, Nov 14 or 21 (estimate): Bolingbrook Festival
of Lights at the Promenade (Staff "cards for the mili-
tary/hospitalized" booth).

SHIRTS, HATS AND UNIFORMS

If you have thought about getting a Legion hat, etc. Here are some helpful tips: The official uniform is a white shirt with legion collar devices, Legion or patriotic tie, blue blazer, gray pants and a Legion hat. Informally, it's an open collar shirt with collar devices, ribbons, Legion patch, gray/black pants, and a Legion hat.

Official Legion shirts are about \$34.00 and have emblem buttons. Many of us are happy with epaulette shirts from www.qmuniforms.com (Quartermaster - 800.444.8643). They have nice white short sleeve shirts (paramedic/pilot) for \$17.99 (Q33-35) - \$2.00 more for long sleeve - or even nicer police style shirts (sewn in creases) Velcro pocket clasps, etc. also for \$17.99 (S33-100). The second seems to be the more popular.

Then, from the Legion, call 1-888-453-4466. The sales people are very helpful. The internet sales shop (<http://emblem.legion.org>) works well but is somewhat cumbersome. I would order two metal 1 1/4" Legion Emblem collar devices for \$6.95 each (705.503) and make any shirt a Legion shirt. A 4" legion emblem for a shoulder patch is cool also (white background looks the best in my opinion) (\$3.95 for 720.004). They also have some very handy heavy plastic zipper close "cap cover" bags (kind of like the kind you would find for a 3 ring binder catch all). They are only \$1.95 (884.400). If you buy 3 or 4 at a time you will never run out of uses for them. There are also name tags. Normal size (a little taller than a business card size) runs \$4.95 (790.200-203) and has room for a large name on the top half next to a nice size Legion emblem, and room for 3 lines of stuff on the bottom half (Post, office, City St or whatever you like). It comes with a post or safety pin or magnet backing or pocket clip on. Order the Post level Blue style.

For the Hat, if you don't know your hat size, there is a head size/hat size chart in the catalog, you can measure the circumference your head and let the sales person know. They should have the chart, of course. Get the Post "City" cap (lined or unlined - lined recommend) in either the regular crown or the Fort Knox square crown. The Fort Knox style seems to be the most popular. The post # is of course 1288, and the left side city/st would of course be Bolingbrook, IL. No charge for the lettering. There is a mandatory Abe Lincoln head that has to go on the front crease. All in all, hats run \$33.95 + \$5.00 for the Lincoln emblem unless you get additional right side lettering (legion office).



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