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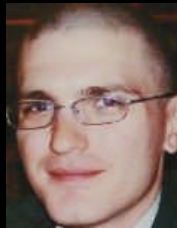
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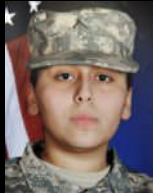
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IN MEMORANDUM FT. HOOD TERROR ATTACK VICTIMS WHO - DIED IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTY - NOVEMBER 5, 2009



**Pfc. Michael J. Pearson, 22
Bolingbrook, IL**



Pvt. Franscheska Velez, 21, Chicago, IL

CWO Michael Cahill (Ret.), 62, Cameron, TX

Major Eduardo Caraveo, 52, Woodbridge, VA

Staff Sgt. Justin DeCrow, 23 Plymouth, IN

Capt John Gaffaney, 56, San Diego, CA

Spc. Frederick Greene, 29 Mountain City, TN

Spc. Jason Dean Hunt, 22, Tipton, OK

Sgt. Amy Krueger, 29, Kiel, WI

Pfc. Aaron Nemelka, 19, West Jordan ,UT

Capt. Russell Seager, 51, Racine, WI

Lt. Col. Juanita Warman, 55, Havre De Grace MD

Pfc. Kham Xiong, 23, St. Paul, MN



2009

**Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave
Donation Drive**

We received

\$2,468.34

November 6, 7, 8

Thank you to:

The Post members who helped.

The Village of Bolingbrook for our street collection permit, the Proclamation making November 6, 7 and 8 "Gifts to Yanks" days in Bolingbrook and allowing us to "pass the hat" during the Oct 27 Village Village Board Meeting.

Bolingbrook Jewel/Osco and Wal-Mart for allowing us to solicit at their facilities.

AMF Bolingbrook Lanes and Lisle Lanes for letting us conduct 50/50 drawings on several League nights.

The wonderful citizens of Bolingbrook and surrounding areas who again demonstrated that we do care and do share. You opened your hearts to our hospitalized war veterans in Illinois.

YOU HAVE OUR GRATITUDE!



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Nov 14: **Bolingbrook Festival of Lights at the Promenade**, Staff "cards for the military/hospitalized" veteran booth). Hours 2:30 – 7:00 in the vacant Zale's.

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

Friday, Nov 20: 7:30: **County Thanksgiving Memorial Service and Meeting**, Lockport 18, 15052 Archer Ave.

Friday, Dec 11, **Legion/Aux/VFW Christmas Party**, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Ln. 6:00 Social, 7:15 Dinner.

Monday Dec 21: Post/Aux Meeting?

Saturday, Jan 9: Auxiliary Pie and Ice Cream Social at Manteno.

Monday, Jan 18, 2010, 7:30: **Post/Aux. Meetings**, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

BOLINGBROOK HONORS ITS OWN

A special word of thanks needs to be said to all of those who worked so swiftly and diligently to honor Pfc. Michael S. Pearson on Nov 12 as his Honor Caravan passed through Bolingbrook: Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar for his support and leadership, the Village Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, Bolingbrook High School Staff and Students, Larry Shaver for doing the coordination for the veteran's actions, and all of you who came out to stand in silent tribute as the caravan wound its way through Beaconridge, where Michael lived, passed the Veterans Memorial and through the High School grounds on Raider Way before heading out Lily Cache to Weber to Joliet. Larry Shaver heard from the head of the Patriot Guard that when the Caravan passed the Veterans Memorial with about 100 people lining both sides of the street with many flags, Michael's father smiled for the first time since the Guard director had met him. We have been told that the family was deeply touched by all those who stood in curbside tribute throughout the Village.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11

The combined American Legion Post and Auxiliary and VFW Post 5917 Christmas party will be held on December 11, 2009, at the Levy Center. Tickets are \$10 per person, Cash Bar, Social Hour 6 – 7 pm, Dinner 7:15 pm, Music, and activates all evening. We will be holding several Chinese Drawings.

Dinner will be a catered Buffet Event. (Beef, Ham, Turkey and all the trimmings). Last day for ticket purchase and RSVP is 1 Dec 09, so final arrangements can be made. Anyone who may be in hardship and can not cover the cost of a ticket; please contact the Commander, so arrangements can be made privately. Please RSVP to the Adjutant (Mel Hansen 630.739.4439 or to the VFW Post email address vfwpost5917@sbcglobal.net. Tickets can be paid for in advance or at the door.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
SATURDAY, NOV 14**

The Bolingbrook Festival of Lights will be held on 14 Nov 09, 3 – 7 pm at the Bolingbrook Promenade. We will again be staffing the Christmas card booth along with the VFW Post. This year's event will again be held at the Promenade, but earlier in the season. We will be in the vacant Zale's store. It is on the NE corner of the building across from Macy's west side entrance (building 600 on the [Promenade map](#)). We need your help to make the event successful. Not only to we need 4 or more to staff the table, we need people to "hawk" the effort to attract people into the store.

Residents will be able to fill out Christmas cards that will sent to Deployed Military, Hospitalized Veterans and the Veterans Home at Manteno. We need your support to make this event a success.

"THANK YOU'S"

Oct 15 Blind Center BINGO: Herstine Crenshaw, Arthur & Peggy Taylor, Garnett Shaver, Mel & Carolyn Hansen, Mike Leonardo and Wayne Macejak and as VFW members Larry Shaver, Jack Flanagan, and Frank Cale. \$250 in prize money was won by 17 residents.

Oct 18 Manteno BINGO: Mel Hansen and Garnett Shaver. Post members in VFW caps Larry Shaver, and John Davin. Also VFW members Jack Flanagan, and Frank Cale. ROTC Instructor Major Vince Rukstalis and 22 BHS AFJROTC Cadets. \$1064 was won by 74 residents.

Gifts To Yanks: Arthur Taylor, Joe Rojek, Mel & Carolyn Hansen, Larry and Garnett Shaver, Leroy Rheubottom (and grandsons Andrew and Chris), Al Miller, Mike Leonardo, & Elden and Esther Laffoon.