

# 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 2010 AT 110

The Post's paid membership for 2010 now stands at 110, 90.1% of last year's 122.

We also still have 19 2009 members who have not yet submitted for their 2010 membership. We will continue to send newsletters until the close of books in June, at which time 2009 members will be dropped from the active role of the Post. We do not want to see that happen. Your membership is valuable to our efforts to protect and obtain legitimate benefits for our current and past military personnel.

If you desire to continue your membership, but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Post. We may be able to subsidize the Department and National portion of the dues for the year and forego our portion.

## MANTENO BINGO MARCH 21

We will again join with the VFW to host a BINGO at the Manteno Illinois Veterans Home this Sunday. We will leave at Noon from the Levy Center (or, if the ROTC joins us, from BHS – an e-mail will be sent when plans are fixed). This is a great afternoon. Come out and meet some great vets at the home.

## POT-OF-GOLD & 50/50 DRAWING

If Aaron Chonacki, who now lives in Galena, had been at our February meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold now worth \$69.00. Each meeting, members present contribute a quarter to the Pot-of-Gold. At the end of the meeting a name is drawn from among all dues paid members. If your name is drawn when you are there, you win. Leroy Greiman won the 50/50 drawing for \$11.50.

## POST ORATORICAL CONTESTANT PLACES SECOND AT STATE



Melissa Lam, our home schooled oratorical contestant poses with William Flanagan, Illinois 2009-2010 Department Commander. Melissa achieved 2nd Place in the 73rd ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, "A Constitutional Speech Contest," at the State Finals held Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Peoria Civic Center. Earlier in the day, Melissa won 1st Place in her semi-final round. She competed against the winners of four other semi-final contests held at the same time. Melissa will receive a \$1500.00 scholarship for help with the college of her choice.

The Legion Oratorical Contest requires entrants to deliver an 8 to 10 minute speech without notes, podium or microphone on some aspect of the United States Constitution. Anything less than exactly 8 minutes or more than exactly 10 minutes costs one point for each minute or fraction thereof. Melissa spoke on "Toward a more perfect union." Contestants must also be prepared to deliver a 3 – 5 minute extemporaneous oration on one of four pre-assigned topics. While all contestants speak on the same pre-assigned topic, which topic is to be presented is not revealed to the contestant until five minutes prior to their presentation.

Melissa will present her oration at the meeting on March 15.



## Always Remembered

## Never Forgotten

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President	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
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## COMING EVENTS

Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.  
Friday, March 19, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Frankfort Mokena #2000  
Sunday, March 21, Noon: Manteno BINGO trip, Leave from Levy Center or BHS.  
Saturday, March 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meeting, Lockport #18.  
10:00 – Poppy & Service Officer Meetings  
1:00 – Business meeting  
Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Exec. Comm. Meeting, 128 N Scott, Joliet.  
Friday, April 16, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Monee 1200  
Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane  
Friday-Sunday, May 14-16: Poppy Days

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## MEMBERS ONLY AREA ON 1288 WEBSITE

If you have looked closely at our website home page lately, you may have noticed a new link on the left side reading “1288 Members Area (Login and Password Needed). This leads to a password protected area for post/unit members that will have things like a member roster, minutes, financial information and other items which are for internal distribution only.

Obviously, we don’t intend to put the login and password in the newsletter. For those newsletters that are mailed, it will be on a label attached to the newsletter. For those of you who receive the newsletter by e-mail another form of distribution will be used. You will receive two e-mails with the subject “Post Member Area.” The first 2-mail will contain the login. A day or two later, a second e-mail with the same subject will be sent which will contain the password. Actually, the way or website provider has things set up; the password will be easier to remember than the login.

This will be the first time since at least 1990 that we will be able to make a post roster generally available.