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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010 AT 132

The Post's paid membership for 2010 now stands at 132, 108.2% of last year's 122, the highest since at least 1997.

We also still have 13 2009 members who have not yet submitted for their 2010 membership. Several have declined to renew for various reasons and several cannot be reached.

Sr. Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Joe Rojek has worked diligently to contact our unpaid members to encourage them to continue, and that has had some success. Where the big boost came was from his efforts to contact people in the Department 2910 post and encourage them to transfer to us. We have transferred in 18 members to our post from his effort this year. We also have 4 new members. The recruiters were Arthur Taylor (2), Joe Rojek (1) and Mel Hansen (1).

Our new Legionnaires are:

NAME	BRANCH	WAR ERA
Anthony Di Pietro	USN	Gulf
Deanna Hlavacek	USAF	Lebanon-Granada
Milton Jones	USA	Vietnam
Warren McClellan	USMC, USA	Lebanon & More

Our new Transfers are:

Richard Bloor	USA	Vietnam
John Bradford	USMC	Vietnam
Richard De Langlade	USMC	Korea
Eugene Furlan	USA	Vietnam
Edward Koch	USMC	Vietnam
Robert Kolarik	USAF	Vietnam
Robert Krause	USAF	Vietnam
Henri Lewin	USA	Vietnam
Maureen Magnifico	USA	Gulf
Perli McPherson	USA	Vietnam
Herschel Nelson	USA	Vietnam
Lisa Sansone	USA, USN	Lebanon-Granada
Leodis Thomas	USA	Gulf
Richard Tomaszewski	USA	Vietnam
Ricardo Toro-Ifarrague	USA	Panama
Robert Tyson	USA	Vietnam
Miguel Vera	USA	Lebanon-Granada
Bruce Wilson	USN	Vietnam

Please welcome all of our new Post members when you meet them at our Post meetings or events.

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SIGN UP FOR POPPY DAYS

Because Poppy Days (May 14, 15, 16) will occur before our May meeting (May 17), we are attaching the Sign-Up sheets to this April newsletter so that you can have an opportunity to let the Post/Unit/know of your participation at the upcoming meeting (April 19). If you do not want to spend a stamp to return the slip, e-mail the hours you will be available to ilam1288@aol.com for the Post or esther.laffoon@sbcglobal.net for the Auxiliary Unit. To call in your availability, call Mel Hansen 630.739.4439.

This is a most important event for us, as it provides discretionary funds to assist veterans in need of rehabilitation or assistance with local support. Any time you can help will be appreciated, from one hour to a day or more.

As in prior years, we share the streets and stores with VFW Post 5917, which is the primary sponsor for the streets effort.

Mayor Claar will again issue a Poppy Day Proclamation. It will be during the May 11 Village Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. It would be good for a large contingent of Legion and VFW members to be there to support the proclamations. We suspect that Mayor Claar will again allow us to do a collection during the meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, **Apr 12**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Exec Comm Meeting, 128 N. Scott Street

Friday, **Apr 16**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Monee Post 1200, Bryan's Place, Governors Highway.

Thursday, **Apr 15**, **POSTPONED** Bingo at Hines Blind Center.

Monday, **Apr 19**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 Canterbury Lane.

Monday, **May 11**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Exec Comm. Meeting, 128 N. Scott Street

Tuesday, **May 11**, 8:00 p.m.: Poppy Day Proclamation, Village Board Meeting: 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Friday – Sunday, **May 14 – 16: POPPY DAYS**

Friday, **May 14**, 8:00. p.m.: County Meeting Post #13

Monday, **May 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 Canterbury Lane.

Monday, May 31, MEMORIAL DAY

6:30 a.m.: Avenue of Flags set-up, Village Hall

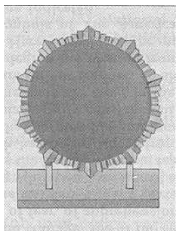
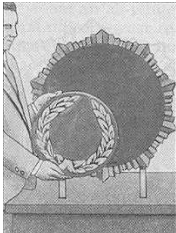
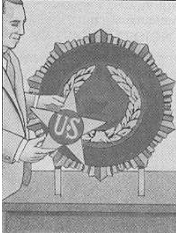
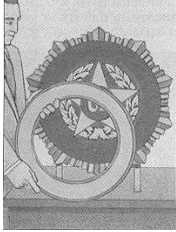
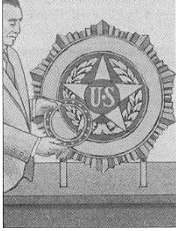
9:00 a.m.: Boardman Cemetery Ceremony

9:45 a.m.: Hill Crest Cemetery Ceremony

11:00 a.m.: Bolingbrook Ceremony at Veterans Memorial, 357 W. Briarcliff Rd.

- DID YOU KNOW - EMBLEM SYMBOLISM

Every part of the American Legion emblem has a meaning, a rich symbolism that a glance does not reveal. The Emblem is laid upon the rays of the sun, giver of life, warmth and courage; foe of cold, of the darkness, of fear, of apprehension. In turn, each of the Emblem's many parts signifies a meaning which no American Legionnaire, who wears the Emblem should take lightly, and which he should know from the first moment he puts his emblem on. Why does the star signify constancy of purpose? Because the stars are fixed in the heavens. As the stars do not wander, so should the American Legion not wander from its fixed purposes. Here, in pictures, the meanings of all the symbols of the American Legion emblem are indicated.

	<p>THE RAYS OF THE SUN form the background of our proud emblem, and suggest that the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.</p>
	<p>THE WREATH forms is at the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades, who gave their lives in the service of the United States that Liberty might endure.</p>
	<p>THE STAR, the victory symbol of WWI signalized as well honor, glory and constancy. The letters U.S. leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.</p>
	<p>TWO LARGE RINGS. The outer one stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled buddies. The inner one denotes the welfare of America's children.</p>
	<p>TWO SMALL RINGS set upon the star. The outer pledges loyalty and Americanism. The inner is for service to our communities, our state and the Nation.</p>

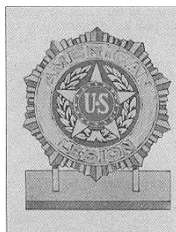
POT-OF-GOLD & 50/50 DRAWING

If Robert Armstrong, had been at our March meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold now worth \$72.75. 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. The 50/50 drawing paid \$16.00 to the Post and \$16.00 to the ticket holder, Arthur Taylor.

MANTENO BINGO MARCH 21

The March 21 BINGO at the Manteno Illinois Veterans Home was a huge success. Our Post and Auxiliary contributed \$150.00 to the approximately \$1,000 prize kitty. VFW Post 5917 and about 7 other VFW organizations from their District 18 participated. The BHS Air Force Jr. ROTC had 32 cadets help out. We all went down in a Valley View school bus. It was a great day and the residents really appreciated the event.

EMBLEM SYMBOLISM (Cont.)

	<p>The words AMERICAN LEGION tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.</p>
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Source: "Welcome to the American Legion" pamphlet



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

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Treasurer	Carolyn Hansen	630.739.4439