



“GIFT TO YANKS” AT \$2000.01

The collection for our Gifts to Yanks Who Gave drive now stands at \$2000.01, raised from \$1964.41 by member contributions at the December meeting. Thank you.

If you have not yet participated in this annual program which funds gifts for the veterans in the VA and State Veterans homes in Illinois, please help the Post smash the \$2000.00 mark. Please send a contribution for the effort. Make your contribution payable to American Legion Post 1288, marked for “Gifts to Yanks” in the memo line. We will be turning in our contribution to the County Chairman at the January 17th County meeting, so please have any additional contributions in by Wednesday, January 15th.

POST MEMBERSHIP AT 89

As of December 30th we are still 21 renewals/new members shy of our 2002 membership total of 110. Legion dues are technically “pay in advance” with the year starting on January 1st. We wish to thank those who have submitted their renewals. We also request that those who have not yet done so to please do it now. If you have not submitted your \$25.00 since July, please mail a check to the Post at PO box 1133, 60440-1133. It would be really nice to hit 100% early in 2003.

POT OF GOLD

If Robert Laskey had been in attendance at our November meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold, currently in worth \$61.75. Each meeting, those in attendance contribute a quarter to the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting a member’s name is drawn. If the member is at the meeting, he/she wins. Robert is one of our ‘PUFL’ – Paid Up For Life – members and lives in Darien.

**HAVE A HAPPY NEW
YEAR AND
REMEMBER OUR
POW/MIA’S
Not Forgotten**

POST CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATED

Post 1288 again sponsored a Christmas Tree at the Village “Avenue of Christmas Trees” in front of Village Hall. Our tree was the 2nd one in on the west side, in front of the Veterans Memorial. Thanks to Mel Hansen, John Davin and Bolingbrook VFW member Jack Flannigan for the decorating the tree.

POST STAFFS “CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR VETS” TABLE

PICTURE AREA

Post 1288 helped staff a table at the Festival of Lights on December 7th that provides residents the opportunity to provide Christmas Cards to our veterans in the Manteno Illinois Veterans Home. Thanks to Wayne Macejak, Al Miller, Jerome Pettiford, Joe Rojek, and Mel Hansen for staffing the table jointly with VFW Post 5917.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.: Post meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.
- Monday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.: Will Co. VAC Appreciation Dinner, Al’s Steak House, Joliet. Reservations due to VAC by 1/8/02. \$10.00
- Friday, January 17, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Plainfield Post #13
- Monday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.: Post meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.
- Monday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.: VAC meeting, VAC office, 128 N. Scott, Joliet
- Friday, February 21, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Braidwood # 39