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Post #1288, Auxilliary Unit #1288

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Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133



An Award Winning Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Apr 30, 5:30 p.m.: Bolingbrook ROTC Dining Out/Awards Night, B.H.S. Cafeteria

Monday, May 2: 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln

Monday, May 9: 7:30 p.m.: VAC Commission Meeting, VAC Office, 128 N. Scott.

Tuesday, May 10, 8:00 p. m.: Poppy Day Proclamation issued at Village Board Meeting, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Cnty Meeting, Lockport 17, 15052 Archer Ave.

Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln. Unit Election of Officers

Tuesday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.: Bolingbrook H.S. Awards Presentation.

Thursday, May 19, 6:00 p.m.: Romeoville ROTC Awards Night, Romeoville High School

Friday, May 20, 8:00 p.m., Legion County Meeting, New Lenox #1977 - 14414 Ford Dr

Fri. & Sat., May 20, 21: Poppy Days in conjunction with VFW Post 5917. (Post & Unit)

Thursday, May 26, 2:00 p.m.: Set up Memorial Crosses, Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial area.

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

5:00 a.m. Set up Avenue of Flags, Village Hall Drive by Memorial

Ceremonies

Boardman Cemetery, 9:00 a.m.

Hillcrest Cemetery, 9:45ish a.m.

Village Hall Area (Stage or Memorial, 11:00

Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting. Levy Center

POPPY DAYS 2005 – MAY 20, 21 VFW AND LEGION POST/AUXILIARY

The dates for Poppy Days are May 20 – 21. Please remember that this is the primary drive that provides funds usable at the Post/Unit level on projects/programs that support and aid veteran's relief.

The Poppy Day Proclamation will be read at the May 10th Village Board meeting. We are allowed to share a collection opportunity with the VFW, so show support and be there with cap before 8:00 p.m.

This year we will again stage from Dunkin' Donuts at the Pheasant Hill Shopping Center (N. Beaconridge Dr & Rt. 53).

A sign up sheet is available at the bottom of the page. If you can attend, please indicate on which shifts you can help. If you have a need/desire to work a particular location, please indicate that also. If you do not submit a sign-up sheet, you can still participate. The sheets just help know how to plan.

Due to new Bolingbrook requirements, those of us who do street collections will be wearing a reflective safety vest, something identifying our organization, carry a collection container marked for the event and the organization, and have a copy of the Village permit at each intersection.

If you are at an off-street location, our Legion collection containers are marked with the event and organization. It is helpful to wear something identifying your Legion/Auxiliary affiliation, if you have it. We have a few bingo aprons with Legion logos if you do not have a hat, shirt or jacket with a logo.

Meeting in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane, at 7:30 p.m.
Post #1288 – 1st Monday of the Month • Auxiliary Unit #1288 – 3rd Monday of the Month
American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

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AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

At the last Unit Meeting, the unit voted to participate in the Village Picnic May 26th. They will obtain a table of their own to provide information about the Auxiliary, as well as afford an opportunity to join the Unit.

The Unit will hold its election of officers for the coming year during the May 16th meeting. Please be sure to attend.

The Unit proposed a joint installation ceremony with the Post. Unit President Ester Laffoon presented the proposal at the April 4 Post meeting. The Post unanimously voted to hold the joint installation and selected Monday, August 1 for the occasion.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS

America's schoolteachers have a new resource when instructing young people about the meaning, care and display of the United States Flag. "For Which It Stands," a multimedia educational package produced by The American Legion, is now available for use by teachers in the upper elementary, middle and junior high school grades. It includes a 20-minute video feature on DVD which focuses on a youth who learns about the significance and meaning of the flag through a series of incidents that occur in his life. The program is designed to help schools meet state education requirements in flag education and is consistent with state education standards in civics education. For more info, see http://illegion.org/flag_video.html.

POST MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS REACH 112 – 11 MORE TO GO

As of Tuesday, the Post has submitted 112 renewals/transfers/new memberships. That brings us to 92+% of last year's membership of 121. Our post is still next to the bottom of the list for Will's County's 15 posts. Eight Posts have now reached their 100%. Thank you to those of you who have sent in your 2005 dues (which were due by December 31st). **To date, 16 of our members have not renewed.** If your membership card does not show "2005" for the membership year, **please send in your \$25.00 renewal RIGHT NOW while you are thinking about it.** Just send a check for \$25.00 made out to American Legion Post 1288 at American Legion Post 1288, P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133. It's a small price for such a great organization.

POT OF GOLD

No drawing for The Pot of Gold was held in April due to the unexpected hospitalization of our Sgt.-at-Arms. He is at home and recovering. Normally, at each meeting the members who are present put a quarter in the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn from all the active members. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win.

Primary Post Officers		
Commander	Elden P. Laffoon, Sr.	630.783.2669
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Larry Shaver	630.759.1274
Jr. Vice Cmndr	Bettye Carter	630.378.1433
Adjutant	Joe Rojek	630.759.6450
Finance Officer	Wayne Macejak	630.378.6223
Primary Unit Officers		
President	Esther Laffoon	630.783.2669
Vice-President	Nicky Armstrong	630.378.9241
Secretary	Irene Wojtal	630.739.0275
Treasurer	Kimberly Macejak	-----



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

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