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Post #1288, Auxilliary Unit #1288

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COMING EVENTS

Monday, Sep 5, Labor Day: NO POST MEETING

Sunday, Sep 11, 12:30 – 1:00: Pathways Parade.

POST: Meet at Village Hall parking lot for a ride to our parade location #6 (usually in front of the Park District Seniors building on N. side of Briarcliff west of Annerino Dr

AUXILIARY UNIT: Parade location is #80, which will be by B. J. Ward School. Assembly time is 12:30.

Sunday, Sep 11, 4:30 or 5:00-ish: Possible 9/11 Ceremony at Performing Arts Center stage.

Monday, Sep 12, 7:30 p.m.: VAC full Commission Meeting, 128 Scott St., Joliet.

Friday, Sep 16, 7:00 p.m.: POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony, Village Veterans Memorial, 357 W. Briarcliff.

Friday, Sep 16, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting: Lockport #18, 15052 Archer Ave.

Monday, Sep 19, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.

Sunday, Oct 2: BINGO at Manteno. Post/Aux. /VFW: 12:00: Departure from Levy Center. 1:00: Escort residents to Veterans Hall, 2:00: Bingo, 3:00: Refreshments and return residents to rooms. Returning to Levy Center 4:30 – 5:15.

Monday, Oct 3, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Monday, Oct 10, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.

Saturday, Oct 15, 6:00 p.m.: County Past Commanders Dinner, Peotone Post 392, 109 W. North Street.

Monday, Oct 17, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, Levy Sr. Center,

PATHWAYS PARADE SEPTEMBER 11

Both the Post and the Auxiliary Unit will participate in the Bolingbrook Pathways Parade on September 11. The Parade steps off at 2:00 p.m. this year, instead of 1:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Commemorating 40 Years" for the 40th anniversary of Bolingbrook.

The Post will march with the VFW in an honor guard unit at the head of the parade (parade position #6). Assemble between 12:30 and 1:00 in the Village Hall parking lot and take a ride to the parade location (on East Briarcliff near the Park District's Seniors building). There will be transportation in the parade for the members who would like to be in the parade but prefer not to walk the distance. This year the VFW /Legion unit will march as a judged entry. We make an impressive presence with the wide row of flags, Commanders in front, and members marching behind the flags. We need as many members as we can get. Please come out and participate. Show that have had Bolingbrook Veterans Helping Veterans since 1972 (33 out of 40 years). Dress: White shirt, black pants, Legion cap.

The Auxiliary Unit will march as entry #80, which will assemble in the B.J. Ward school area. The line up time is 12:30 per the Parade notification letter. There will be a truck to ride in for those who prefer not to walk.

MANTENO BINGO

On October 2nd Post, and now Auxiliary Unit, 1288 will participate with VFW Post in providing an afternoon of BINGO for the residents of the Illinois State Veterans Home at Manteno, IL

Post 1288 provides \$100.00 towards the prize money made available to the residents. Unit 1288 voted to contribute \$50.00. Usually, \$800 - \$900 is given in prize money contributed by participating Legion and VFW Posts and Auxiliary Units.

This is a great way to visit with the residents and show them that veterans still care about them, so come on out and share you company with our fellow veterans in the home. We will leave from the Levy Center at noon on the 2nd, and return about 4:30 to 5:15.

NOTICE

If you received a Legion mailing stating that Post 1288's dues for 2006 are \$25.00, that is in error. The Post voted to raise the 2006 dues to \$30.00. Please submit this amount.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

**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***

Primary Post Officers

Commander	Elden P. Laffoon, Sr.	630.783.2669
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Primary Unit Officers

President	Nicky Armstrong	630.378.9241
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POSSIBLE 9/11 PATRIOT DAY OBSERVANCE

Options are being explored to determine if it will be feasible to hold a 9/11 Commutative Observance after or near the end of the Pathways Parade. If it can be worked out, the observance would be held at the Village Performing Arts Center stage with VFW/Legion members, the Police department firing squad, the Fire Department providing the ringing of a fire bell, and Village officials. The observance would include tributes and the reading of the lists of Illinois victims of the 9/11 attacks upon Washington's Pentagon, New York's World Trade Center and the Shanksville, Pa., Flight 93 crash site. Don't forget to fly your flag at half staff for September 11.

ELDEN LAFFOON INSTALLED AS COUNTY JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Our Post Commander, Elden Laffoon Jr., was installed as Will County's Junior Vice Commander during the August 14th Installation at Plainfield Post #13.

Eldon will serve as Jr. Vice and Finance Officer for the 2005-2006 term of service. Next year, 2006-2007, Elden will serve as the Sr. Vice Commander, whose primary duty, in addition to acting in the Commander's stead, is membership. This is an important roll, as Will County is not only in the largest district in Illinois with over 11,000 members; it is also the one county which consistently reaches the 100% membership goal. During the 2007-2008 year, Elden will serve as County Commander, becoming the 7th County Commander from Post 1288. His predecessors from the post include:

- Virgil Banker, our chartering commander and still living in Bolingbrook
- Alvin Knox, deceased
- Jim Iori, now living in Tennessee
- John Jennings, deceased
- Bud Johnson, now living in Wisconsin, and
- Mel Hansen, still serving in 1288.

POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY SEPTEMBER 16

On Friday, September 16, VFW Post 5917 will host the POW/MIA recognition remembrance at the Village Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff, at 7:00 p.m. Post 1288 participates the VFW Post in the laying of a wreath and in participating in the ceremony. Unfortunately, this ceremony always occurs on the evening of the Legion's county meeting, which is attended by the leadership of the Post. We need several members to attend this ceremony to represent the Post. Please mark you calendar and participate in this important remembrance.

POT OF GOLD

Rev. John Skanse won the August Pot of Gold worth \$22.75 because he was present when his name was drawn from among all Post members in good standing (current dues paid).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2006

National Headquarters has still not sent out corrected dues notices for 2006. Our dues are now \$30.00 per year, and should be reflected as such in the next dues notice mailing. If you have already sent in a check for \$25.00 for 2006 dues, please remit and additional \$5.00. We are sorry for this foul-up.



GIFTS TO YANKS DRIVE APPROACHING

This year's "Gifts to Yanks Who Gave" drive will be November 4 and 5. Please mark your calendars for this important collection effort.