



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion

Post #1288, Auxilliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter

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AUXILIARY OFFICER SLATE

Auxiliary Unit 1288 will present the following slate of officers for 2006-2007 to its membership: Elections will be in May.

President: Nicole Armstrong Chaplain: Esther Laffoon
Vice-Pres.: Herstein Crenshaw Historian: Peggy Barrera or Rose Downs
Treasurer: Carolyn Hansen

Sgt.-at-Arms: Alexis Wallington

On going Committees to be staffed include:

Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R)
Community Service
Constitution and By Laws

Single event Committees to be staffed are:

Budget Treasurer Audit

AUXILIARY DISTRIBUTES CARE BASKETS AT MEADOWBROOK

As part of its service to veterans, Unit 1288 provided 32 care baskets for the veterans living at Bolingbrook's Meadowbrook Manor Retirement facility. The baskets included items such as shaving cream, disposable razors, powder and soap. Also included were plastic eggs filled with jelly beans and candy. A small stuffed animal completed the basket.

Unit President Nicole Armstrong delivered the baskets, which had been prepared by herself, Sandy Armstrong and Rose Downs.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

Blood Donations Always Needed

Revised Info

Help Support the Legion Blood Donation Program

Donate at the Bolingbrook Medical Center

400 Medical Center Drive

Sundays: Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Mondays: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Call 630-856-7837 for an appointment

Tell them you are from Post 1288 and tell us, too.

Meeting in the Levy Senior Center

251 Canterbury Lane: 7:30 p.m.

Post #1288 – 1st Monday of the Month

Auxiliary Unit #1288 – 3rd Monday of the Month

American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

POPPY DAYS MAY 19, 20 & 21

This year's Poppy Days, sponsored by the Legion Post and Unit and VFW Post 5917 have been expanded to include Sunday. There have been requests for Sunday collection times from VFW and Legion members. So here is your chance. The insert included with this newsletter shows the specific start times. We have again set it up for start times throughout the day. The collection periods are shown as two to three hours, but that by no means indicates that one has to stop at the end of the period (except for the evening shift of course).

All starts will be from the Dunkin Donuts at Rt. 53 and Beaconridge Dr. in the Pheasant Hill Shopping Plaza.

This is the only major collection drive which permits the posts and units to retain the funds for use on local area projects to aid with veteran rehabilitation and projects which provide assistance to veterans. It is a very important drive for the Post and Unit.

Please schedule in at least a two hour block for this drive. If you cannot help with the actual collection, please consider a donation to the Post/Unit.

POST MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW AT 106 (91.3%)

The Department Membership Statistics report shows the Post at 106 renewals as of April 24. That is up 3 from where we were last month. We still need 10 more renewals/new members to make our 100%. If your Membership Card does not say "2006," please send in the \$30.00 renewal to the Post at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1133.

UNIT MEMBERSHIP NEARS 100%

As of the last Unit meeting April 17th, the Auxiliary Unit was only two shy of reaching its membership goal for the year. If you haven't renewed, please do so. If you have, do you have another family member we could sign up?



MAY 29, 2006



COMING EVENTS

- Saturday, **April 29**, 6:00 p.m.: Bolingbrook H.S. Air Force Jr. ROTC Awards Dining Out. Joe Rojeck presenting Legion ROTC Awards.
- Monday, **May 1**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.
- Monday, **May 8**, 7:30 p.m.: Will County VAC Exec. Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott St., Joliet.
- Tuesday, **May 9**, 7:45 p.m.: For 8:00 Village Board Meeting Poppy Day proclamation /collection, Village Hall, 356 W. Briarcliff.
- Monday, **May 15**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center. **Election of Officers**
- Wednesday, **May 17, A.M.**: Bolingbrook High School Honors Day Program: School Awards, Scholastic Awards, Boys State Scholarships.
- Thursday, **May 18**, 6:00 p.m.: Romeoville H.S. Marine Corps Jr. ROTC Awards Program. Romeoville High School Auditorium. Elden Laffoon presenting Legion ROTC awards.
- Fri., Sat. & Sun, **May 19, 20, 21**: Poppy Days. See schedule insert.
- Friday, **May 19**, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Frankfort Monkena #2000, Location TBA
- Thursday, **May 25**, 2:00 p.m.: Memorial Cross Display Setup, North side of Briarcliff across from Veterans Memorial.
- Monday, May 29, Memorial Day**
5:45 a.m.: Set up Avenue of Flags.
Memorial Day Observances:
9:00: Boardman Cemetary
9:45: Hillcrest Cemetary
11:00: Village Memorial
- Monday, **Jun 5**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln. **Election of Officers.**
- Sunday, Jun 25, 11:00: Villiage Picnic, Behind Village Hall. Staff Legion booth.

POT OF GOLD

If Karl Papousek, Sr. had been at the April Post meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold worth \$16.50. But since he lives in New Jersey these days, it might not have been worth the trip. HI KARL!! Each month, members place a quarter in the "Pot of Gold." At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn from all Post members. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win the pot.

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 Rojeck	630.759.6450
Finance Officer	Wayne Macejak	630.378.6223
Primary Unit Officers		
President	Nicky Armstrong	630.378.9247
Vice-President	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
Treasurer	Kimberly Macejak	-----

MAY TO BE A BUSY MONTH

As you can see from the adjacent Coming Events column, May is a very busy month for veterans' organizations. Three major events occur for the Legion: Poppy Days, ROTC/School awards, and Memorial Day.

Poppy Days are addressed in another column.

ROTC/Honors Day School Awards are annual events. The Post provides ROTC General Military Excellence and ROTC Scholastic Excellence medals (with Ribar and certificate) which are presented by a Post representative (often the Commander) to ROTC cadets selected by the ROTC staff of both the Bolingbrook and Romeoville High Schools. The students are selected based on ROTC program established rules and are regarded as significant and prestigious awards.

Honors Day School Awards are presented at the Senior Honors Day program at Bolingbrook High School. These awards consist of the American Legion School Award and Honorable Mention certificates, Gold and Silver Scholastic Awards (medals), and scholarships to the Department of Illinois' Premiere Boys State program.

The *American Legion School Award* is presented to one of five students nominated by the school. Selection by a Post committee is based upon a short essay written by the students as to how their lives display five attributes: Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service. We receive high quality nominations for this award. This will be the third year we have offered this award. The first year's award went to the student who was the commander of the ROTC unit. Last year's award went to the Student Body President. The *Scholastic Awards* are presented to the academic First Place (Gold Medal) Boy and Girl and the Second Place (Silver Medal) Boy and Girl. The awards are presented on neck ribbons Olympic style and the students are acknowledged as that year's Academic Gold and Silver Medalists. The *Boys State Scholarship* is presented to (a) Junior boy(s) who is selected by the school staff on the basis of demonstrated leadership potential. We present at least one scholarship funded by the Post and additional scholarships if corporate/community sponsorship is available.

Memorial Day is always an important event in the calendar of Veterans Organizations. Our involvement starts with helping with the setup of crosses (made by John Iovito of the VFW) the Thursday before Memorial Day. If you can come out to help, just be there about 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. (across from the Veterans Memorial). We can also use help early Memorial Day to set up the Avenue of Flags. These are burial flags displayed in honor of specific veterans. Our observances begin at Boardman Cemetery with assembly about 8:30 a.m. (Legion/Auxiliary cap). Help with the Honor Guard and Rifle Squad is always needed (white shirt, black pants).

Yes, I will help Post /Auxiliary Unit 1288 with Poppy Days for 2006! I can begin on/ work the following shifts:

Fri. Sat. Sun. May 19th 20th and 21st > Meet at Dunkin' Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

- 6:10 a.m. for 6:30 – 8:15 rush hour collections at I-55 & Weber, I-55 and IL. 53, etc.
- 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.
- 12:30 p.m. for 1:00 – 3:00 streets and stores collections.
- 3:30 p.m. for 4:00 – 6:00 rush hour streets and stores collections.
- 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 – 9:00 night stores collections.
- I cannot make it out to help, but here is a contribution to help the Post's/Unit's program.

Name: _____

Return at Post/Aux. Unit meeting or mail to the Post/Unit at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440