



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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Auxiliary Unit #1288

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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 REACHES 99

We still have a chance to reach our 117 100% membership mark before December 31st. If your membership card says "2008," please send the post an early Christmas present by sending in your renewal before Dec 10 or bring it to the November 17 meeting or the December 12 party. If you know of anyone who would like to join or transfer in, please get them to do it NOW.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our joint Legion/Auxiliary/VFW Christmas Party tickets are now available for purchase/reservation. At \$10.00 a person to help defray the expense of the Levy Center rental, as well as dinner, it is a great bargain.

Please be prepared to purchase your tickets at the Nov. 17 meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can mail the amount to the Post at PO Box 1133. Or you can call or e-mail Larry Shaver 630.251.5193

The plans are: 6-7:15 pm Social Hour, Dinner 7:15, Dinner: Appetizers, Garden Salad, Peppered Pork Loin, Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes w/toppings, Mac & Cheese, Seasoned Green Beans, Bread & Desert. There will be a cash bar and we will have Music, Raffles, Games and Entertainment till 11 pm.

THIS IS A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS – LEGION AND AUXILIARY and our VFW friends. Of the 117 Post members, only about 15 to 20 actively participate in any of our events during the year. If you are among those who are not able to attend the monthly meetings or help out with the events, **YOU ARE WELECOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE PARTY. DO NOT THINK THAT YOU MUST PASS IT.** Come out for some great fellowship and food. Get to know your fellow members. Try it, you might like it.

Bring your ideas for activities, games, entertainment to the Post meeting for the planning committee to work with.

NEW WEBSITE FOR 1288

We are now on the web at www.legion1288.org. We can also have e-mail boxes. There is 1 GB of space for up to 600 e-mail addresses with this URL. If members would like a yourname@legion1288.org mailbox or to have it forwarded to another e-mailbox, contact: webmaster@legion1288.org. The format will be `firstname.lastname` or `firstinitiallastname`, or `postpostion`. No handles please.

GIFTS TO YANKS RAISES \$1615

We did well considering the weather and how many came out.

We raised a total of \$1,615.00 as follows:

- 10/28 Village Board Meeting \$242.00: Joe Rojek, Mel Hansen, Garnett Shaver, George Foy (John Davin & Larry Shaver where there also)
- 11/4 Lisle Bowl: \$177.00 Joe, Mel, Carolyn Hansen
- 11/5 Lisle Bowl: \$335.00 Joe, 2 of Joe's Granddaughters, Elden Laffoon
- 11/ 6 Lisle Bowl: \$169.00 Joe, Mel, Carolyn
- 11/7 AMF Bowl: \$226.00 Joe, Mel, Larry, Garnett
- Member Donations: \$20.00 2 members @ 10.00 each
- Mel Hansen: 11/7 \$67.65
- Al Miller: 11/7, 8 \$119.86
- Pancake Breakfast: 11/8 \$68.50
- Wayne Macejak: 11/8 \$50.00
- Art Taylor: 11/8: \$139.99

Thanks for your help. We get our plaque for being over \$1,000.00 and this should certainly more than cover the costs for our guys at Meadowbrook.

AUXILIARY UNIT EXCEEDS 100%

Congratulations to Auxiliary Unit 1288 for becoming the first unit in the 11th District to reach 100%. With renewals, new members and transfers, the goal was reached early. There are still some "old-timers" who can renew and make the total go higher. Ya beat the men, ladies.

BINGO AT MANTENO

On October 19, Post and Aux. 1288 joined with VFW Post 5917 and other veteran and auxiliary organizations to sponsor and afternoon of BINGO for the residents of the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. \$955 in prizes was awarded to 78 residents in about 1 ½ hrs of fun and fellowship and \$45 was donated to the Canteen fund. It was a great time. Thanks to Mel and Carolyn Hansen and Garnett Shaver for representing 1288, and also to those 1288 members who where there in their VFW caps.

BINGO AND PIE SOCIAL AT MEADOWBROOK MANOR

The Ladies Auxiliary BINGO and pie social at Meadowbrook Manor on Saturday, October, 25 for the veteran residents came off very well. About 40 residents participated in the Bingo and enjoyed really good pie and ice-cream. Thanks to all those who participated.

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

Thanks to all those who helped out with the many Veterans Day (week) activities. We and the VFW had presentations at Jonas Sauk on Friday, Nov 7, Oakview Elementary on Saturday Nov 8, and Liberty Elementary on Nov 10. Larry Shaver, Art Taylor and Mel Hansen spent 6 hours at Jamie Magee School on Friday, Oct 31 speaking on Citizenship/Americanism. They addressed each grade, K through 6 in 45 minute sets. It was well received by students and teachers alike. That even made the Bolingbrook Sun. See picture below.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

COMING EVENTS

Monday, **17 Nov**, 7:30 p.m.: Post and Auxiliary meetings, Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, **21 Nov**, 7:00 p.m.: County Thanksgiving Memorial Service and monthly meeting, Lockport Post #18 15052 Archer Ave.

Friday, **Dec 12**, Christmas Party, Levy Sr. Center.

Monday, **Dec 15**, NO POST/AUX MEETING.

Friday, **Dec 19**, NO County meeting.

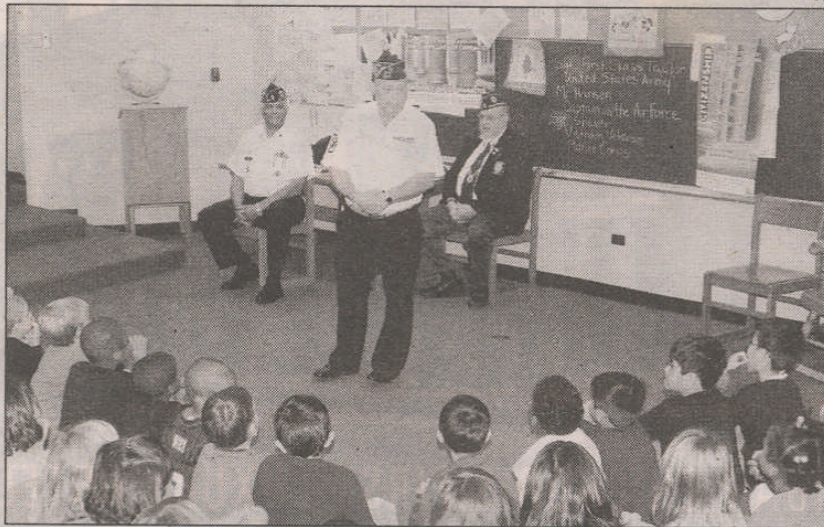
Monday, **Jan 19**, 7:30: Post/Auxiliary Meeting

POT OF GOLD

If Mike Okrasinski had been at our October Post meeting he would have won the Pot of Gold worth \$33.25. Each month members present put a quarter into the Pot of Gold at the end of the meeting at drawing is held amongst all the dues current members. If your name is drawn and you are present, you win the Pot of Gold.

HEARING FROM A HERO

Event 10/31/08. Published in Sun Newspapers the next week.



Vietnam veteran Larry Shaver, commander of Bolingbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1517, talks about citizenship to McGee Elementary School first-graders Oct. 31. Arthur Taylor, commander of American Legion Post 1288, and Mel Hansen, past commander of the American Legion post, also spoke to the students.

COURTESY OF VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT 365U