

Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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Auxiliary Unit #1288

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An Award Winning Newsletter, Again

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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010 AT 102

The Post's paid membership for 2010 now stands at 102, 83.6% of last year's 122. So far, we have 76 renewals mailed to the post, 6 on-line renewals, 3 new Legionnaires, 5 Transfers to the Post for the State Post 2910, and 12 Paid Up for Life (PUFL) members. Thank you for your timely and continued support of the American Legion and Post 1288.

Unfortunately, we also have 29 2009 members who have not yet submitted for their 2010 membership. Legion membership is on a calendar year pay in advance basis. Please be advised that if your membership card still reads 2009, all of your Legion privileges and benefits are suspended until the 2010 dues are received. We will continue to send newsletters until the close of books in June, at which time 2009 members will be dropped from the active role of the Post. We do not want to see that happen. Your membership is valuable to our efforts to protect and obtain legitimate benefits for our current and past military personnel.

If you desire to continue your membership, but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Post. We may be able to subsidize the Department and National portion of the dues for the year and forego our portion.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP OVER 100%

The Auxiliary Unit's membership is currently at 29 paid 2010 members, two above this year's goal of 27, for 107.4%. Not only are they over the 100, but Unit 1288 reached their 100% level on 11/20/09, a full 40+ days before the end of the year. To top that, the Unit was the first Unit in the 11th District to reach 100% **Way To Go, Ladies!!**

OK, you guys, so you're gonna let the ladies outshine us by that much? Let's get all our renewals in by March 1.

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Primary Unit Officers

President	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
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POST ORATORICAL CONTESTANT REACHES STATE SEMI-FINALS



Melissa Lam, our home schooled oratorical contestant last year, who reached the State Finals, recently entered this year's contest. To date she was selected by the 11th District on January 9 at the Elgin Legion Post for advancement to the 2nd Division, On January 16, at the 2nd Division run-off contest held in Genoa, she was selected for advancement to the State Semi-Finals as one of six 2nd Division participants. The Semi-Finals and Finals will be held March 6 in Peoria. Post 1288 sponsored the \$125.00 entry fee.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

The December 11 Christmas Party was the biggest and best in many years. There were some 76 paid attendees. Counting guests, 105 were fed in total. We even made money on the event. The numerous Chinese Auction Drawings and the DuPage Township graciously forgoing it's fee for the evening help the event to clear about \$780 after expenses. We wish to thank the Larry Shaver clan and Dennis Eis for all their hard work one setting up the food and entertainment and George Foy for securing items for the drawings and packaging them. Last but not least we thank the Auxiliary unit for providing very attractive table decorations.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb 13, 1:00: 11th District Spring Meeting , Joliet
Post #1080, 1:00 p.m
Monday, Feb 15, 7:30: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Sr. Center,
251 Canterbury Lane
Friday, Feb 19, 8:00: County Legion Meeting, New Lenox
#1977
Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Commission, 128 N. Scott,
Joliet
Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Aux. Meetings, Levy Sr.
Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.
Friday, March 19, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Frankfort Mokena
#2000
Saturday, March 27: 2nd Division Meeting, Lockport #18.
10:00 – Poppy & Service Officer Meetings
1:00 – Business meeting

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LOTS OF CARDS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Bolingbrook Festival of Lights cards for vets, hospitalized and deployed military received over 660 cards this year. We had an inside location shared with the Village's gingerbread figure making event for the children. It was an ideal location. Many came in for the gingerbread event and also signed cards. After the gingerbread treats ran out, we recruited outside the store and practically filled the place, using all the tables that were vacated.

We collected 131 Holiday Cards for the Veterans Home at Manteno, 190 Holiday Cards for Hospitalized Service Members and 341 Holiday Cards for Deployed Service Members. Thank you to the following American Legion and VFW members for their assistance with this event. Mel Hansen, Carolyn Hansen, Garnett Shaver, Al Knapp, Al Miller and Eldon Laffoon