



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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Auxiliary Unit #1288

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POST TO ELECT OFFICERS

Post 1288 will nominate and elect officers at the May 17 meeting. The American Legion requires that post elections be held between 30 and 60 days prior to the start of the Department convention. In prior years, we were holding elections in June. However, because of our meeting change from the first Monday of the month to the third Monday of the month, our meeting with in the 30 to 60 day timeframe now falls in May.

During this meeting we will also be appointing several officers and our committee chairmanships. Any Legion member in good standing is entitled to run for any elected office and express a desire to fill any of the appointed positions. A guide to post nominations/appointment showing all the positions and officers, with space to entering nominees is attached to this newsletter. Please look it over and if you are interested in helping with any of the post programs, please come to the meeting.

IMPORTANT AUXILIARY MEETING

Auxiliary Unit Officers have requested that all members be present for an important vote during their May 17 meeting. The purpose of the vote will be to determine whether or not Unit 1288 should be dissolved. If you would like to see the unit continue, please be present at this meeting. The unit is experiencing a continued lack of participation in its activities, as well as a lack of persons willing to step forward to hold unit offices.

If the Unit votes to continue its existence, then there will be an election of officers for the coming year, held during the meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Friday – Sunday, **May 14 – 16: POPPY DAYS**

Monday, **May 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary meeting, Levy Sr. Center. 251 Canterbury Lane. Election of Officers, Auxiliary Unit vote.

Thursday, **May 20**, 8 a.m.: BHS, Honors Day

Friday, **May 21**, 8:00. p.m.: County Meeting Plainfield Post #13

Monday, **May 24**, 10:00 a.m.: Crosses on the Hill

Monday, May 31, MEMORIAL DAY

6:30 a.m.: Avenue of Flags set-up, Village Hall

9:00 a.m.: Boardman Cemetery Ceremony

9:45 a.m.: Hill Crest Cemetery Ceremony

11:00 a.m.: Bolingbrook Ceremony at Veterans

Memorial, 357 W. Briarcliff Rd.

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POPPY DAYS HERE

Poppy Days are May 14, 15, 16. It is not too late to help with this year's drive. Just come out for one of the assembly times as listed on last month's newsletter attachment.

This is a most important event for us, as it provides discretionary funds to assist veterans in need of rehabilitation or assistance with local support. Any time you can help will be appreciated, from one hour to a day or more.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

One of the most important things that we, as veterans do is to help ensure that the sacrifices of our comrades are remembered. Our post and unit as well as VFW Post 5917 and the Village of Bolingbrook and the DuPage Township regard this duty as a sacred trust. We all participate in a number of events at various locations in the Village.

Activities will commence Monday, May 24 at 10 a.m. with the 'Crosses On the Hill' effort. This project, which places 2 foot tall wooden crosses on the hill across the street from the Village Veterans Memorial, is spearheaded by VFW member John Iovito, who makes and maintains all the crosses.

On Memorial Day, we start at 6:30 a.m. by erecting Memorial flags of Village residents along the entrance to Village Hall in front of the Veterans Memorial. The Village supplies and materials for and erects the poles. The Village also supplies the chairs which the family of the veteran being honored, may use to display a picture of their honoree. I would cross is also placed at the flagpole, which identifies the honoree. A gold cross indicates the person died in combat.

Our first ceremony is held at the Boardman Cemetery in conjunction with DuPage Township, which maintains the cemetery. This cemetery honors five veterans, the earliest of whom fought in the Blackhawk Indian wars. The rest are civil war veterans.

The second is ceremony is held at the Hill Crest Cemetery, which is now owned and maintained by the Village of Bolingbrook.

Our main ceremony is held at 11:00 a.m. at the Village of Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial in front of Village Hall, in conjunction with and with the full support of the Village of Bolingbrook. This event includes many persons and organizations as well, such as: our mayor, Roger Claar, the BHS Jr. ROTC, the Knights of Columbus,

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Coming Events (continued)

Memorial Day (cont.)

2:30 p.m. VFW/Legion Social. Details at post meeting or future e-mails.

Monday, **Jun 14**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet

Friday, **Jun 18**, 8:00 p.m. County Meeting, Steger Post #521, 34 W. 34th St.

Monday, **Jun 21**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/(Auxiliary?) Meeting: Levy Sr. Center. 251 Canterbury Lane.

Monday, **Jul 19**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/(Auxiliary?) Meeting/Installation of Officers (Earlier start possible if a potluck is held in conjunction with the Installation)

POT-OF-GOLD & 50/50 DRAWING

If John Davin, had been at our March meeting, he would have won the Pot of Gold now worth \$76.75. Each meeting, members present contribute a quarter to the Pot-of-Gold. At the end of the meeting a name is drawn from among all dues paid members. If your name is drawn when you are there, you win. The 50/50 drawing paid \$19.00 to the Post and \$19.00 to the ticket holder, Dennis Eis.

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Memorial Day Activities (continued)

the Bolingbrook Fire Department Color Guard, the Bolingbrook Police Department Honor Guard, numerous Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops, and Bolingbrook Community Television, who tapes the event for play on our community access channel.

The ceremony also includes a reading of a list of names of deceased veterans, which have been submitted by village residents. The names are read aloud by village residents, many of whom are able to read the name of the person they submitted.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

Primary Post Officers

Commander	Arthur Taylor.	630.378.4249
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Joe Rojek	630.605.9522
Jr. Vice Cmndr	Bettye Carter	630.378.1433
Adjutant	Mel Hansen	630.739.4439
Finance Officer	Wayne Macejak	630.378.6223

Primary Unit Officers

President	Herstine Crenshaw	630.759.5661
Vice-President	Peggy Taylor	630.378.4249
Treasurer	Carolyn Hansen	630.739.4439

NOMINATIONS FOR POST 1288 OFFICERS AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN 2010-2011

OFFICER	2009-2010	2010-2011	PHONE #
COMMANDER (Elected)	ARTHUR TAYLOR		
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER (Elected)	JOE ROJEK		
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER (Elected)	BETTYE CARTER		
FINANCE OFFICER (Elected)	WAYNE MACEJAK		
JUDGE ADVOCATE (Elected)	ERIC PALMER		
CHAPLAIN (Elected)	MEL HANSEN		
SGT-AT-ARMS (Elected)	LEROY RHEUBOTTOM		
ADJUTANT (Appointed)	MEL HANSEN		
SERVICE OFFICER (Appointed)	ARTHUR TAYLOR		
HISTORIAN (Appointed)	BETTYE CARTER		
ASST SGT-AT-ARMS (Appointed)			
COMMISSION	CHAIRMAN	CHAIRMAN	PHONE #
AMERICANISM	MEL HANSEN		
BASEBALL			
BOY SCOUTS			
COMMUNITY SERVICE/PUBLICITY	LARRY SHAVER		
BOYS STATE	WAYNE MACEJAK		
RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS	MEL HANSEN		
CHILDREN & YOUTH	MEL HANSEN		
EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP	MEL HANSEN		
YOUTH ACTIVITIES			
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS	ERIC PALMER		
ECONOMIC	MEL HANSEN		
FINANCE	WAYNE MACEJAK		
INTERNAL AFFAIRS	DAN ARMSTRONG		
ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES			
PUBLIC RELATIONS/INFORMATION EXCHANGE	MEL HANSEN		
TECHNOLOGY	LARRY SHAVER		
S.A.L. LIAISON	WAYNE MACEJAK		
STATE FAIR VETS DAY/UNIFORM GRPS.			
LEGISLATIVE	WAYNE MACEJAK		
NATIONAL SECURITY	ELDEN LAFFOON		
POW/MIA	LEROY GREIMAN		
SAFETY, LAW, AND ORDER	LARRY SHAVER		
VETERANS' AFFAIRS & REHAB	ARTHUR TAYLOR		
GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE	MEL HANSEN		
HOSPITAL SERVICES	ELDEN LAFFOON		
POPPY SALES/PRODUCTION	MEL HANSEN		
VETERANS' ASSISTANCE LIAISON	ARTHUR TAYLOR		
VETERANS' HOME ADVISORY			
FLAG ALLIANCE	DAN ARMSTRONG		
NATIONAL CEMETERY/MONUMENT	LEROY RHEUBOTTOM		
POST COMMITTEES			
MEMBERSHIP	JOE ROJEK		
WAYS AND MEANS	RHEUBOTTOM/TAYLOR		
BANNER PROJECT	LARRY SHAVER		