



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

American Legion Post #1288
Auxiliary Unit #1288

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POST ELECTS OFFICERS

Post 1288 elected the following officers at the May 17 meeting:

Commander	Joe Rojek
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Richard Tomaszewski
Jr. Vice Cmndr	Leroy Rheubottom
Finance Officer	Hershel Nelson
Judge Advocate	Daniel Armstrong
Chaplain	Mel Hansen
Sgt.-at-Arms	Patrick Taylor

The following appointments were made by the Commander Elect:

Adjutant:	Mel Hansen
Service Officer:	Geraldine Peacock
Historian:	Bettye Carter

During the meeting committee chairmanships were also established. The full list of officers and chairpersons is attached to this newsletter for those receiving it by mail. The list was attached to the minutes distributed to those with e-mail addresses. It is also available in the Post Roster section of member's area of our website at <http://members.legion1288.org> (login and password required)

AUXILIARY VOTES TO CONTINUE, FILLS SLATE OF OFFICERS

Our Auxiliary Unit voted not dissolve Unit 1288 and then filled its slate of officers for 2010-2011.

President	Esther Laffoon
Vice President	Christina Rivera
Secretary	Katherine Pasternik
Treasurer	Carolyn Hansen
Chaplain	C. Hansen/Grace Macejak
Historian	Irene Wojtel
Sgt.-at-Arms	Garnett Shaver

COMING EVENTS

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.

Sunday, **Jun 27**, 11:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m. Village Picnic

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

POPPY DAYS SUCCESSFUL

Poppy Days were May 14, 15, 16. Post 1288 did \$2,792.36 and distributed 2,054 poppies with 55.25 hours of collection time.

Those participating included new member Richard Bloor, recent members Dianne Hlavacek and Herschel Nelson and Rich Tomaszewski, Leroy Greiman, Mike Leonardo, John Radtke, Leroy Rheubottom, Wayne Ward and Mel Hansen at the streets and stores; and Joe Rojek and Arthur Taylor among those at Village Hall. The ROTC collected at the Village Post Office for the Legion for four hours. Carolyn Hansen supplied administrative support by tallying all the cash proceeds.

We averaged \$53.15 per hour from 39.1 poppies per hour. One street poppy brought in \$100.00. That is in addition to the \$100.00 donation that Mayor Claar contributes annually.

According to the American Legion Auxiliary materials (they are the official main sponsors of the program), local organizations can use the proceeds locally only for "support and assistance of Veterans and their families."

VILLAGE PICNIC

Post and Unit 1288 will again each participate in the Village Picnic. Plans are in development for the Post to include food sales as has been done several years ago with Pulled Pork Sandwiches. This year the thinking is to go with good quality brats and Italian sausage, using our hot-dog cart and a grill for the cooking. While this still needs formal approval by the Post at the meeting on the 21st, planning necessities required lining things up for the Picnic on the 27th in order to submit the post application to the Village.

In addition to the expected food sales, we will also have Legion program and veteran interest information available, as well as complementary Blue Star Banners for Bolingbrook families who have a family member on active duty.

We will need a number of people to help with food preparation and sales as well as with the information booth.

We have to have everything set up by 11:00 a.m., after which time all vehicles must be out of the area. Assemble about 9:30 a.m. if you can help. We have to staff our areas until 5:30. p.m. so any time you can come out and help for a couple of hours will work.

The Auxiliary area will at least have information and coloring sheets for kids'

POT-OF-GOLD & 50/50 DRAWING

Patrick Taylor was at our May meeting, so he won the Pot of Gold now worth \$80.00. 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 \$16.00 to the Post and \$16.00 to the ticket holder, Warren McClellan.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the American Legion we have a tradition that no one "breaks the colors." That is, that nothing passes between the American Flag and Legion or Auxiliary Flag at a meeting. No one walks between them. Nothing is passed from someone standing in front of the table flanked by the flags to place an item on the table or give it to someone seated at the table. We always go around the Flags to the table. We avoid the space in between the flags if there is no table. The only exception to this is when the American Flag and a Legion or Auxiliary Flag are used in at funeral to honor one of our own. Then the casket or memorial table *is* between the flags. But as you will see, that is in keeping with the purpose of the tradition:

This is Hallowed Ground

Between these flags that proudly fly
 Let no man dare to stand,
 For here our fallen comrades lie;
 We call it Hallowed Ground.
 A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
 Here let use ever humbly pause
 In memory of the lad who fell
 In fighting for our sacred cause.

On Sea or Land these buddies died.
 Some lie beneath a foreign sod
 In graves caressed by winds and tide,
 In spots unknown to all but God
 And so, this place is Hallowed Ground.
 And it shall be forever blessed
 As tho it were a grassy mound
 Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
 Of those two flags which signify
 That we should guard this spot with care
 Where our departed comrades lie.
 And, if a man should dare to tread
 This spot where lie our gallant brave.
 He desecrates those noble dead
 As tho he walked upon their grave.



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
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Primary Unit Officers

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Treasurer	Carolyn Hansen	630.739.4439

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