



Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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Auxiliary Unit #1288

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GIFTS TO YANKS DRIVE NOV 4, 5, 6

The "Gifts To The Yanks Who Gave" program is one of two major fundraisers that the post conducts every year.

The program was instituted in 1944 to remember our hospitalized war veterans. In Illinois, The American Legion has maintained the program since its inception by distributing gifts annually at Christmas to each of our veteran patients at all of the VA hospitals and Illinois veterans homes as well as hospitalized residents of nursing homes.

For the past four years post/auxiliary unit 1288 has been among the top 10 contributors in the state to this program. We raise funds through collections at local stores, street collections, and 50/50 drawings at local bowling alleys. This year we will be at the Jewel food store Friday, November 4; Wal-Mart Friday through Sunday November 4-6. We also have a permit for them collecting at the major intersections those three days. The schedule for the bowling alley 50-50 drawings is not yet firm.

We need your help. If you can contribute an hour, a day or multiple days your participation is important. Please sign up to help using the attached sign-up slip and return it to the post. You can also e-mail the hours you are available to MelHansen@AOL.com.

The Village will proclaim Nov 4-6 as Gifts To The Yanks Who Gave Days at the Oct 25 Village Board Meeting which starts at 8:00 p.m. Please attend with your Legion hat or clothing to show support for the effort. We will also be able to take a collection at the meeting as a kick-off to the campaign.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, **Oct 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary Meeting:
Levy Sr. Center. 251 Canterbury Lane.

Tuesday, **Oct 25**, 8:00 p.m.: "Gifts To Yanks" proclamation, Village Hall Board Rm, 375 W Briarcliff Rd

Friday - Sunday, **Nov 4-6**, "Gifts To Yanks" Days

Wednesday, **Nov 9**, 7:00 p.m.: Will County Council meeting, Post 521, Steger (tentative)

Friday, **Nov 11**, 11:00 a.m.: Veterans Day Observance, Village Veterans Memorial, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd. 2:00 Sing Along with the Vets at Heritage Woods, 550 Kildeer Dr

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 2

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5917 and American Legion Post 1288 are busy planning the annual Christmas Party for Bolingbrook area veterans and their families.

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 2, 2011 and call George Foy to order your tickets. **Take a look at the attached flyer.** This year, we have 3 hours of entertainment for the kids, so Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa can enjoy the party. We will have Santa and his Elves, a fabulous dinner, a cash bar, **AND** music and dancing after dinner.

We will also have lots of opportunities to win prizes ~ Chinese auction, 50/50 drawings, and more...

Big change this year!!!! We are expecting a record number of people. So, you will have to pay for your tickets in advance, but you can pick them up at the door.

To insure that Legion and VFW members and their families can get tickets, the ticket sales will not be open to non-members until November, Call George now - 630-926-4026.

RAFFLE OCT 21

Post 1288 is sponsoring a Fund Raiser Raffle.
1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00.

- 1st Prize – \$300 VISA Gift Card
- 2nd Prize - \$150 Speedway Gas Card
- 3rd Prize - \$50 Cash
- 4th Prize - \$25 Speedway Gas Card

Drawing:

**OCTOBER 21 at LOST ACRES TAVERN
7 Alexander Cir
Romeoville, IL 60446**

The winners will be drawn Friday, October 21, following our 3:00 - 9:00 fund raiser. There will also be 50/50 drawings and assorted other drawings.

Please turn in any tickets and sales receipts at the Post/Aux meeting Oct 17. You can also purchase tickets at that time.

Monday, Nov 21, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary Meeting:
Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln.

Friday, Dec 2, 6:00 p.m.: Legion/VFW Christmas Party.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS NOV 12

The Village of Bolingbrook will again present its "Festival of Lights" at the Promenade Nov 12. We will again participate by staffing the "Sign a Card" booth. This booth offers visitors an opportunity to sign a Christmas card for a deployed service person, hospitalized service person at Hines, or a veteran living at the Illinois Veterans Retirement Home in Manteno. We participate with the VFW in this effort. We will need a minimum of 4-6 persons at the table for the whole event (which is usually from 3:00 p.m. till after the tree lighting at about 7:00. We need to be there about 2:30. If you can be there for a part or all of the time, please let Commander Rojek know.

The cards are purchased by the Beautification Commission. They also decorate the space. We just need to collect the cards and then send them on to Hines, Manteno and several deployed service members from our area for them to distribute.

COSTCO PRESENTATION

Cindy DeVoss of the Bolingbrook Costco discount store will make a brief presentation at our Oct 17 meeting to explain the various benefits that a membership with Costco affords. She will also be providing light refreshments.

MANTENO BINGO

Post and Aux. Unit 1288, VFW Post 5917, and several other organizations again presented an afternoon of BINGO entertainment for the residents of the Manteno veterans home. About 83 of the homes 300 residents were present for the 1 1/2 hour event. During that time \$850 was awarded as prize money. The games began with prizes of two dollars for the winner and one dollar to the player on either side of them. Toward the end of the event the prizes were increased to five dollars and two dollars.

Post-members who attended wearing Legion hats were Mel Hansen, Herschel Nelson, and Bob Wojdyla. Garnet Shaver represented the auxiliary unit. Legion members Bob Adame, John Davin, George Foy, Larry Shaver and John Walker wore their VFW hats.

The schedule for our semiannual visits is as follows:

March 25, 2012, October 7, 2012, March 10, 2013, and October 13, 2013.



NOSES AT AN EARLY AGE



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten

Primary Post Officers		
Commander	Joe Rojek.	630.605.9522
Sr. Vice Cmndr	Rich Tomaszewski	630.759.3963
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POT-OF-GOLD & 50/50 DRAWING

Due to technical difficulties, there was no Pot-of-Gold or 50/50 Drawing at the September meeting.

POST MEMBERSHIP

As of October 7 the department membership report shows post 1288 at 100 renewals/new members/transfers for 2012. We have 43 to go to reach 100%. Thank you to all those who have renewed today and a special thank you to the 48 members who renewed before August 1. Your early renewals are sincerely appreciated.

If you have not yet renewed for 2012 please consider making a special effort to renew prior to Veterans Day November 11. If we can reach 100% by that time, then we will be eligible for a one time award from department of \$100. We would also be in line to receive a streamer for our post's flag. The streamers are available to any post which reaches 100% prior to December 31. This is something our post has not been able to do since the early 1990s. It would be nice to reestablish that accomplishment.



Yes, I will help Post/Auxiliary Unit 1288 with Gifts for Yanks Who Gave for 2009! I can begin on/work the following shifts:

Mon. Tue. Wed 6:30 p.m. 10/30, 11/1 & 2: Lisle Lanes, Rt. 53, Lisle, IL; Nov. 4: AMF Lanes, Bolingbrook

These are tentative

Fri. Sat. Sun. November 4, 5 or 6 > Meet at Dunkin' Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

8:30 a.m. for 9:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.

About 9:30 a.m. After Veterans Appreciation Pancake Breakfast at Northview School (N. Schmidt Rd.)

12:30 p.m. for 1:00 – 3:00 or more streets and stores collections.

3:30 p.m. for 4:00 – 6:00 stores collections, Only till Sunset for street 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: _____

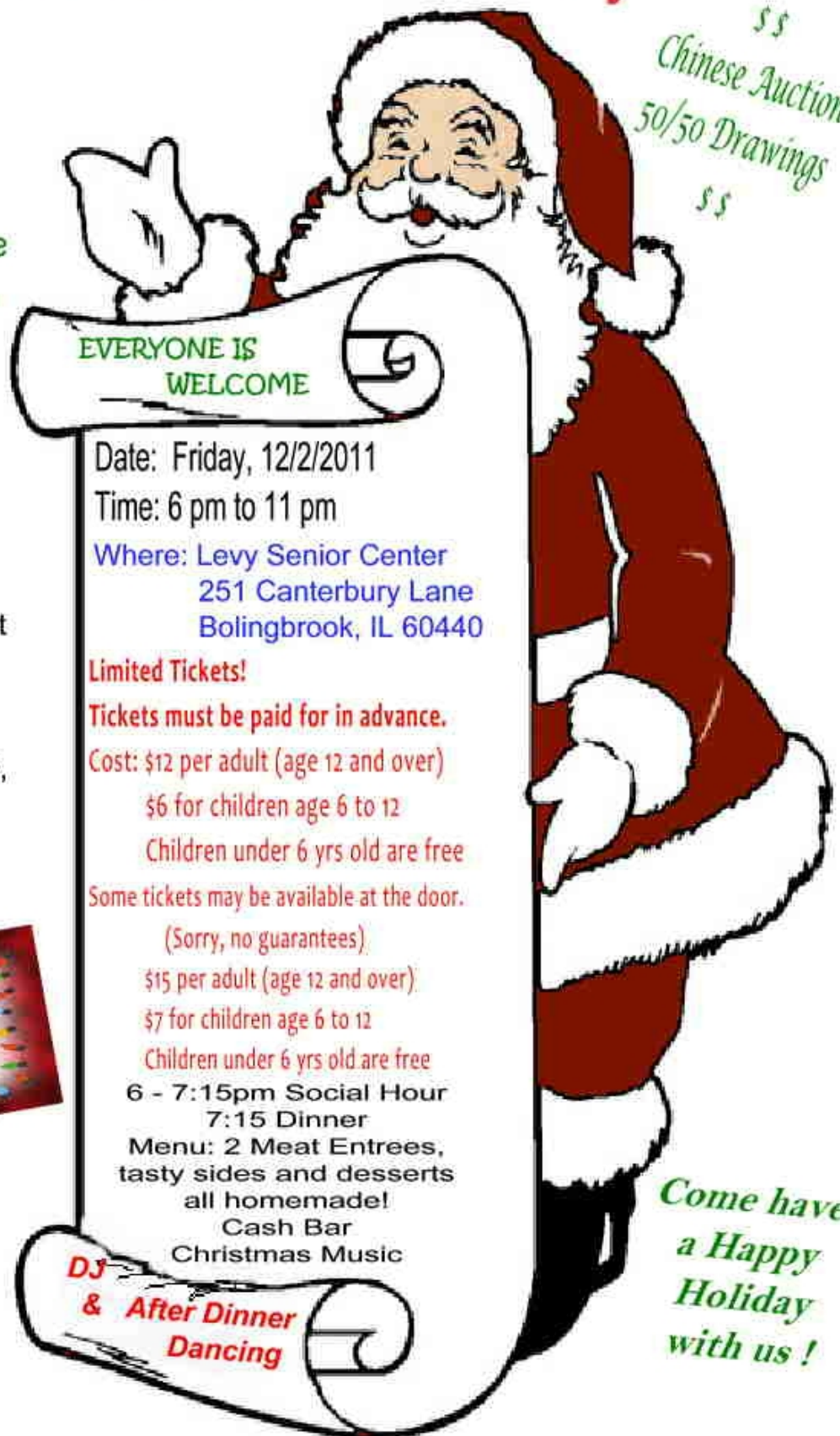
Return at Post/Aux. Unit meeting or mail to the Post/Unit at P.O. Box 1133, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

2011 Veterans Christmas Party

*Santa & his
Elves will be
here!*

*"Hunny Du" will
entertain the
children with face
painting, games,
and more!*

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Chinese Auction
50/50 Drawings
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**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME**

Date: Friday, 12/2/2011

Time: 6 pm to 11 pm

**Where: Levy Senior Center
251 Canterbury Lane
Bolingbrook, IL 60440**

Limited Tickets!

Tickets must be paid for in advance.

Cost: \$12 per adult (age 12 and over)

\$6 for children age 6 to 12

Children under 6 yrs old are free

Some tickets may be available at the door.

(Sorry, no guarantees)

\$15 per adult (age 12 and over)

\$7 for children age 6 to 12

Children under 6 yrs old are free

**6 - 7:15pm Social Hour
7:15 Dinner**

**Menu: 2 Meat Entrees,
tasty sides and desserts
all homemade!**

**Cash Bar
Christmas Music**

**DJ
& After Dinner
Dancing**

*Come have
a Happy
Holiday
with us!*

Presented by
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