



Bolingbrook Legionnaire



American Legion Post #1288

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An Award Winning Post Newsletter

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POST RECEIVES \$1870 DURING POPPY DAYS

A new record was set May 11 and 12 as Post 1288 collected \$1870.65 for use on post projects that provide assistance to Veterans.

Wayne Macejak collected \$635. Mel Hansen received \$733.47. On Saturday morning Bolingbrook High School AF JrROTC cadets John Rutkoski, Nazin Jamal, Stephanie Hills, and Meraj Alam, collected \$521.97. Ken, a VFW Post 5917 member carried a Legion bucket for an hour after running out of VFW poppies. He received \$54.49, which we split 50/50 with the VFW Post. One AF JrROTC cadet received a \$100 bill contribution from a person she had received two \$100 bills from during the AF JrROTC campaign to raise funds to send their Drill Team to the national competitions. Due to the size of that contribution, we also split that with the VFW Post. Total collections were \$1945.18, by our count. After deductions, the Bank counted \$1870.65. Our manual count was \$1868.18 (including 53 cents in foreign coins which the bank rejected).

MEMBERSHIP REACHES 106

As of May 30, the Post's membership status stood at 106, or 104.95% of our year 2000 total. We reached our goal with the help of several members who submitted their dues, the transfer of 11 members from the State Post 2910 into Post 1288, and to the recruitment of 4 new members to the American Legion.

We welcome new members **Gary Bobysud, George Seidet, Melvin Tweedy, and Ken Quaas.**

We also welcome transferees **James Bell, Charles Bruce, Phil Carpenter, Marc Goldfuss, Steven Kent, Ron Kukula, Manny Marquez, John Moritz, James Pellegrini, Jr., Leroy Rheybottom, and Richard Wayne.**

Thanks to Wayne Macejak, Al Knox and Mel Hansen for evenings spent contacting the transferees in person.

POST ELECTIONS JUNE 4

American Legion Post 1288 will hold its election of officers Monday, June 4, 2001 at the Levy Senior Center, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this important function. Any members in good standing (current year dues paid) who desires to serve as an officer is encouraged to be present and make that desire known.

DISTRICT, COUNTY ELECT TWO POST MEMBERS

Wayne Macejak was elected District 11 Sr. Vice Commander at the District meeting May 20th, and **Mel Hansen** was elected Will County Sr. Vice Commander at the May 18th County Meeting. Their service years will begin at the close of the Department Convention in July for the 2001-2002 service year. The County retained its current commander Paul Foehner to fill the vacancy left by the passing of the current Sr. Vice Commander, Don Meyers.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR JUNE 23

Our 11th District as an excellent Saturday training event for Legion officers and those interested in learning more about what the Legion is about. This widely acclaimed event will be held June 23, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Wheaton Post #76 1 N. 150 Gary Ave., 60187 (630.628.0076). The Post will pick up the \$5.00 registration fee for those wishing to attend. Please let Mel Hansen or Wayne Macejak know by June 10.

POT OF GOLD

John Jennings would have won the \$33.25 Pot of Gold if he had been at the May 1 meeting.

Post #1288 Meets the 1st Monday of the Month in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane at 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

POST 1288 PRESENTS MEDALS

On May 22, 2001, Post 1288 presented the American Legion Scholastic Medal (Gold level) to the Academic First Place boy and girl, Eliezer D. Gonzalez and Jennifer N. Kaley, at the Seniors Honors Program at Bolingbrook High School. The second place boy and girl, Matthew V. Glowiak and Angela D. Topolewski, were presented the Silver level of the Scholastic Medal. All medals were be presented on 30 inch ribbons and place around the recipient's neck, in the fashion of Olympic Medals, and Certificates of Award.

Post 1288 presented American Legion ROTC Military Excellence and Scholastic Excellence medals and ribbons to 2 graduating Romeoville Marine Corps Jr. ROTC Cadets Thrusday, May 24, 2001.

Recipients of the award were:

Military Excellence: Cadet Angela Young

Scholastic Excellence: Cadet John Hampton.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY JUNE 14

American Legion District 11 and Joliet Post 1080 will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, at Joliet Post 1080. The Ceremony will be at Dusk (7:00 p.m.).

If you have American Flags that need to be retired, bring them to the June 4 meeting drop them at Mel Hansen's (739-4439) or Al Knox's house (739-3569) after calling for the address.

This will be a formal disposal service. If you have never witnessed one, come out and bring your children or grandchildren. It is an impressive event.



*Fly Your
Flag
until the
Flag
Amendment
Is Passed.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 3: 10:00AM - 2nd Div. Meeting, Rock Falls Post

June 4: 7:30 - Post Meeting. ELECTION

June 14: Flag Day, Flag Retirement Ceremony @ Joliet 1080, dusk (7:00 p.m.)

June 15- County meeting (Joliet - 1288 to host)

Jun 23: 9:00AM - 11th Dist. Legion Leadership Seminar, Wheaton Post

CURRENT OFFICERS

Commander: Mel Hansen	739.4439
Sr. Vice Commndr: Joe Schmitz	241.2805
Jr. Vice Commndr: Leroy Grieman	378.0051
Adjutant: Al Knox	739.3569
Finance Officer: Wayne Macejak	378.6223
Sgt.-at-Arms: John Davin	378.1735
Service Officer: Wayne Macejak	378.6223
Chaplain: Mel Hansen	739.4439

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