



Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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Commander's Corner:

Legionnaires, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that helped make my first year a success! Our Post could not have made such inroads without your help. I can truthfully say, "I have learned many good things during my visits to both District and Division Meeting". "My eyes are open and I'm learning more about the inter-running of this Organization" While we only have a little over a month left in this 2016-17 year, we still have a few unfinished programs. Our participation in the Legion Boy's & Girl's State Program is very important to our community. So please spread the word to anyone who fits the qualifications listed below.

As some of you already know, together with two partners we have purchased the Business Assists of First Class Bingo in Bolingbrook. We officially opened for business 1 April 2017 and have started to grow the business. We opened another evening of Bingo/Raffle on Thursdays. Doors Open at 5:00PM and Bingo/Raffle starts at 7:00PM, Thursday-Sunday Evening. We also have a second Session on Sunday that starts with doors opening at 11:00 AM and Bingo/Raffle starts at 1:30. Come on out and join us for some fun and who knows you could walk away with up to \$3,100.00 in your pocket at the end of the session. Please spread the word to your families, friends, and neighbors and at any other Groups or Organization of which you may be a part of.

As your newly elected Post 1288 Commander for the insuring term of 2017-18. I want to thank the membership for having confidence in me, and allowing my line Officers and me to continue the progress we gained this past year. I know we haven't gotten as far along as fast as we would like too, but good foundations, done right, takes time. We, and by we, "I mean the members of our Post and our Organization who have stepped up to the plate to build this new foundation". We need every qualified Veteran that can offer His or Her help and skills to our causes.

A special thanks to my Darling wife who has spent so many evening alone while I do the work of Helping Veterans and their Families! And to all the Guys & Gals that have done so much to help me this past year! (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE)! LOVE YA, YOU'RE THE BEST!

Larry Shaver,

Commander, American Legion Post 1288.

Summer is Right Around the Corner.

With summer just around the corner, that means American Legion Post 1288 activities and events will be in full swing. The Post is usually busy year-round, but this is especially true during the summer months. You can count on our participation at events such as: Memorial Day observances, Poppy Day collections, weekly Wednesday concerts at the Bolingbrook Civic Center, Village picnic, and Cavalcade of Planes just to name a few. What this means is that WE NEED YOUR HELP! Give us a day or two or even an hour of your time – your help is always greatly appreciated. Even if you haven't been out to help before, you will find that we are a welcoming bunch. Contact to the Post, follow us on Facebook or visit our website for all the details on this summer's events and activities.

Membership Updates

Post 1288 is well on its way to renewing our full membership for 2016-2017, and before you know it the membership drive for the 2017-2018 year will be upon us – please don't forget to renew your membership today. If you haven't renewed or are interested in joining the American Legion and starting a membership, please contact the Post.

Did you know...

The American Legion has its roots going all the way back to 1919 when it was chartered by Congress as a patriotic veterans' organization. Since then the Legion has become America's largest veterans' service organization advocating on behalf of veterans, service members, families, youth and communities.

American Legion Support

The American Legion has launched a new web page to make it easier for veterans, service members and families to access Legion support programs. The new web page features links to Operation Comfort Warriors, Temporary Financial Assistance and Family Support Network programs as well as info on Children and Youth programs. Please visit www.legion.org/family for more info.

Post 1288 Breakfast is Back

Do you remember not too long ago when the Post would have monthly breakfasts? Usually on the second Saturday of each month, members of the Post and those interested in joining would gather for breakfast at one of the area restaurants. This provided an opportunity for fellowship and to catch-up with friends we haven't seen in a while. Well, we are bringing breakfast back!!! That's right, as of now we are shooting for Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 AM. The location is yet-to-be-determined so follow us on Facebook, check the Post website, or contact the Post for more information. See you at breakfast!!!!

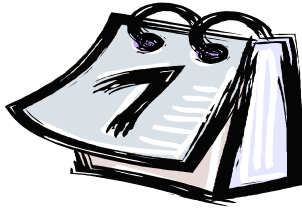
Our Solemn Duty



Members of Post 1288 and VFW 5917 at a recent service for a fallen veteran.

From time to time American Legion Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 are called upon to provide the honor guard for the wake or memorial service of a veteran who has passed away. Members of both Post make up the honor guard. This is an honor which we take with pride to remember our fallen brother or sister. Though we have always been fortunate to be able to fully staff an honor guard, we could always use more help. If interested in helping out, please contact the Post, and we will put you on our list for honor guard

Calendar of Events



Please consult directly with the Post website as many additional activities are currently being planned and calendared.

May 6, 2017 – 6:00 PM Color Guard at Tibbott Elementary

May 13, 2017 – 9:00 AM. Post Breakfast – location TBD.

May 15, 2017 – Post meeting at 7:30 PM

May 19-21, 2017 – Poppy Days

May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day Ceremonies

June 3-4, 2017 – Cavalcade of Planes at Bolingbrook Clow Airport.

June 7, 2017 – Bolingbrook Summer Concert Series

June 14, 2017 – Summer concert series

June 17-18, 2017 – Taste of Bolingbrook

June 19, 2017 – Monthly meeting at 7:30 PM

June 21, 2017 – Summer concert series

June 25, 2017 – 12:00 – 6:00 PM - Village Picnic

American Legion Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Save the Date – 3rd Annual Veteran's Appreciation Day

The 3rd Annual Veteran's Appreciation Day will be held on September 16, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 10:30 PM at the Bolingbrook Town Center. Music, food, and fun for all ages. Resources available for service members and veterans. All are invited. Admission is free. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this great event.

Poppy Days 2017

You recognize them every summer around Memorial Day. Veterans on the street corner or outside the local grocery store with Poppys. The poppy is the official flower of the American Legion. It is a symbol of the sacrifice of our fallen comrades and the support of veterans everywhere. This year Bolingbrook American Legion Post 1288 will be conducting Poppy Days on May 19 – 21. Your help is needed to collect donations at one of the area street corners or at a local business. Even an hour of your time would be a tremendous help. If you are unable to help out, maybe consider a charitable donation to support the campaign. Checks can be made payable to Post 1288. Please know, however, that we would greatly appreciate all members that can come out and help. Please contact the Post if you are able to help out and we will add you to our roster. Family members are welcome to come out and help too.

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