



Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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Summer time is fun time



Legionnaire Angelo Irrizary at this year's Bolingbrook Air Show

The summer months usually mean Post 1288 is busy and out in the community. Already this summer, the Post has participated in Poppy Days, the Village Memorial Day ceremonies, the Bolingbrook Air Show, and the Village Picnic just to name a few. We are also out every Wednesday night throughout the summer months for the Wednesday concerts selling all sorts of items and goodies. And we've got a long way to go before the end of summer so be sure to check us out in the community or come out and help us at one of the many events and activities yet to come this year. Contact the Post check out our website for details on upcoming events.

Aaaaand We Are Back!!!!!!!!!!

Back by popular demand, the Bolingbrook Legionnaire is back after an extended absence. The Legionnaire, Post 1288's official newsletter, is your source for updates and information regarding all things relating to Post 1288. Check back often for the latest information on all Post activities and events. And of course we welcome any articles or information you would like to submit. To submit an article, picture, ad or information, please send to Sgtroy0341@gmail.com.

Membership Updates

Thank you for an excellent 2018-2019 membership year. Your membership is vital to viability of Post 1288 as we continue to serve area veterans and the community. The new membership year is now under way and as always we appreciate your continued commitment. If you haven't renewed or are interested in joining the Legion and starting a membership, please contact the Post. Also if you know if any veteran who may be interested in joining, please let us know. See new eligibility requirements on Page 2.

Did you know...

The American Legion National Convention is taking place in Indianapolis, IN from August 22 – 29. Indianapolis has hosted the convention on three other occasions previously. It is estimated that at least 9,000 family members are expected to attend this year's convention. This will be the 101st American Legion National Convention.

CONGRESS APPROVES LEGION ACT

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The U.S. House passed the bipartisan LEGION Act on Tuesday, extending the recognized wartime era back to Dec. 7, 1941.

The LEGION Act — Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — fills in the gaps of war eras and redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates, beginning with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and continuing until it is determined the United States is no longer in a state of war.

President Trump is expected to sign Senate bill S.504 into law later this week. When it becomes law, the legislation opens the door for hundreds of thousands of veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

"Today's passage of the LEGION Act is a victory for veterans who until now have not had their service to our nation fully recognized," American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad said. "These veterans and their family members can now enjoy all the benefits of their service which they so richly deserve."

The gaps in the war era were largely during the Cold War, a time when threats to U.S. national security was real, especially to the men and women serving in uniform. Overall, estimates show that about 1,600 U.S. servicemembers were killed or wounded in hostile operations during periods that were not previously recognized as times of war by the federal government.

New Membership Eligibility Requirements

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion!

*Because eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.

**U.S. Merchant Marine eligible only from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII)

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;

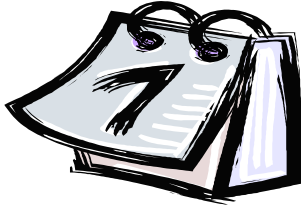
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

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

Happy Birthday Dear.....

This past summer our nation celebrated the birthday's for two of our services. The US Army celebrated their 244th birthday on June 14, and the US Coast Guard celebrated its 229th birthday on August 4. Navy, Air Force, and Marines – you are up next!!

Calendar of Events



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

August 19, 2019 – Monthly Post meeting @7:30

August 21, 2019 – Wednesday Concert

August 22, 2019 – Veteran's Draw at Tailgaters

August 28, 2019 – Wednesday Concert

August 29, 2019 – Veteran's Draw at Tailgaters

August 31, 2019 – 5th Annual Vet Fest at Performing Arts Center

September 4, 2019 – Wednesday Concert

September 5, 2019 – Veteran's Draw at Tailgaters

September 8, 2019 – Pathways Parade

September 16, 2019 – Monthly Post meeting at 7:30 PM

Save the Date – 5th Annual Vet Fest

The 5th Annual Vet Fest will be held on Saturday, August 31 from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Bolingbrook Performing Arts Center – On The Hill. Music, food, and fun for all ages. Resources available for service members and veterans. All are invited. Admission is free.

This year's Vet Fest will support Honor Flight Chicago. Honor Flight Chicago is a not-for-profit that recognizes senior war veterans with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC for a day of honor, thanks, and inspiration.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this great event. See our flyer on Page 4.

Pics from the Post

Check out some of our pics from this past summer. If you ever have any pictures that you would like to be included on our newsletter, website or Facebook, please send them to sgtroy0341@gmail.com.



FREE ADMISSION
EVERYONE'S WELCOME
GREAT ENTERTAINMENT
LIVE MUSIC

**5th Annual
VET FEST**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 * 2 - 8 PM

Performing Arts Center - On the Hill
375 W. Briarcliff Rd, Bolingbrook, IL

"SUPPORTING"

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Fun, Fun, Fun
RAFFLES
FOOD
50 / 50 DRAWING
VENDORS
FREE LUNCH TO VETS
PRIZES

STAR CHASER'S

david's bazaar

WITHIN 4 DAYS

"Welcome Back, Klotter"

HONOR FLIGHT
CHICAGO

PICNIC ON "THE HILL"

VFW Brought to you by Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 5917 and American Legion Post 1288









"Welcome Back Klotter" - This years MC "Randy Klotter" is a national talent contest winner with his music. Playing all over the US, Welcome Back has played locally at the Naperville Rib Fest, Last Fling, Lisle's "Eyes to the Skies", numerous venues and many charity events. As a veteran he knows first hand the importance of supporting our serviceman and Servicewomen.

David's Bazaar (2:30 – 4:00 PM) – is a veteran solo vocal and acoustic guitar act from the western suburbs of Chicago. Being a very busy entertainer he brings covers from the 50's to present and has a huge variety of songs to perform.

Star Chaser's (4:30 – 6:00 PM) - With a combined 50+ years in the music business, Star Chaser's bring classic 50's, 60's, to British Invasion. Take a journey through the decades and chase the stars of rock and roll.

Within 4 Days (6:30 – 8:00 PM) – a multi-talented band covering music from several decades and many genres. Their multi-part harmonies shows their flexibility and their performances and song selection appeal to a wide range of audiences.