



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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## Commander's Corner

I hope every member and his or her family had a terrific holiday season. I also hope that everyone that came to our Christmas party had a great time! As the new year starts, we will resume our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Breakfast. Members and prospective members are welcome to join us on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast at one of our many fine Bolingbrook establishments. This month we will meet for breakfast on Jan. 11 at Boughton Ridge Golf Course at 9 AM. The golf course is located on Boughton Rd. east of Rt. 53. Our next Post meeting is January 20, 2014 at our Post home at 7:30 PM. Hope to see more members at our meetings this year. We should be receiving the Post hats soon. The price has gone up to \$17.00 this year. If you ordered a hat, or would like one please contact the Post. We gave out presents to veterans currently at Meadowbrook Manor and Heritage House over the holiday season as part of our Gifts for Yanks Campaign. Thanks to all veterans and auxiliary members who came out and helped. We have two members who were in the hospital recently - Leroy Greiman and Bob Wojdyla. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**Leroy Rheubottom**, Commander American Legion Post 1288.

### \*\*\*Important Announcement\*\*\*

Please see page 2 of this newsletter regarding your DD214 requirement for membership.

## Happy New Year!!



On behalf of the officers of American Legion Post 1288, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year! If you haven't set a New Year's Resolution yet, why not commit to joining us this year at a few of our activities, events, and meetings. The Post is always looking for help. Please check our calendar for information on our upcoming events. Also as a reminder the Post meets on the third Monday of every month at our Post home. Happy 2014!

## DD214 Requirement

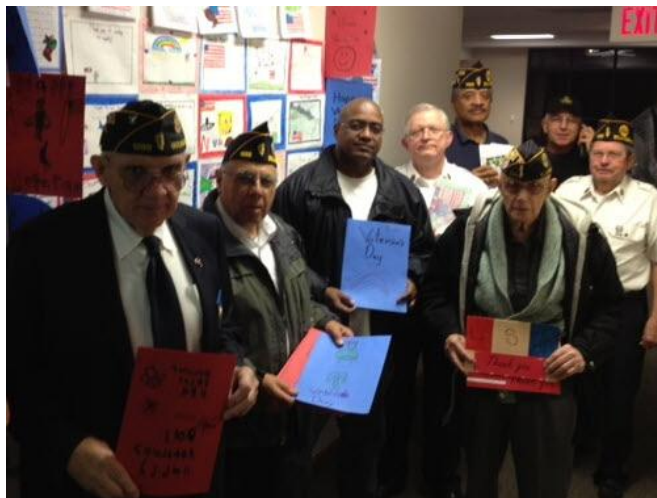
In order to comply with Internal Revenue Service Guidelines, Post 1288 is required to have a copy of our members DD214 on file. In 2014, members without a DD214 on file **will not** be allowed to participate in meetings. Obtaining your DD214 is easy. Veterans can obtain military records using Standard Form 180 (SF-180). Online order forms may also be obtained at [vetrecs.archives.gov](http://vetrecs.archives.gov). Once the form is downloaded and completed identify the correct location of the record you need (based on branch of service, date of separation, and type of record). Send the completed form to the address provided on the form. If you are not able to obtain a SF-180, you may still submit a request for military records by submitting a written request. The written request should include: veteran's name; service number or SSN; branch of service; dates of service; birth date.

Mail written request to:  
National Personnel Records Center  
1 Archives Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63138  
Or fax to 314-801-9195

## Sick Call

Two of our members were recently hospitalized. Bob "Scooter Bob" Wojdyla and Leroy Greiman. Also, our very own Commander, Leroy Rheubottom, went in to get checked out after a fall. We wish them and all of our sick and injured members a speedy recovery.

## Local Schools Remember Veterans



Many of our Bolingbrook area schools sent in cards written by the students during the observance of Veteran's Day. Many of these cards are on display at our Post home. Please stop by to check them out. Thanks to our area schools and their students and staff for remembering our veterans.

## Symphony of Lights



Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 participated in the annual Symphony of Lights at the (cont.)...

### ...Symphony of Lights, continued.

Promenade Mall on Saturday, November 16. The public had an opportunity to stop by our tables and sign Christmas Cards to veterans at area hospitals or our troops overseas.

## 2013 Gifts for Yanks



From left to right: Bob Adame, Al Miller, Herschel Nelson, Roy Pura; seated: Kay Pasternik, Linda Wojdyla at Meadowbrook Manor

This past holiday season members of Post 1288 and Post 1288 Auxiliary participated in the annual Gifts for Yanks who Gave Campaign. Members distributed gifts and brought a little bit of Christmas joy to veterans currently at Meadowbrook Manor and Heritage House. Thanks to all who helped out. This is one of our many annual activities, so if you couldn't come out this year, please consider helping out next holiday season. The veterans at these facilities really appreciate us remembering them!

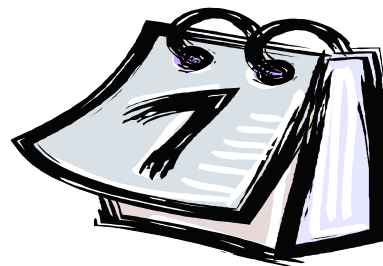
## What a Blast!!!



Mr. and Mrs. Santa made a stop in Bolingbrook for the annual American Legion Post 1288 & VFW Post 5917 Christmas Party.

The American Legion Post 1288 and the VFW Post 5917 held their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Levy center. Many members, families and friends attended this much anticipated event. There was great food, great company, great raffle prizes, activities and gifts for the kids, and dancing. Thanks to all who made this event possible.

## Calendar of Events



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

**January 11, 2014** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Breakfast at Boughton Ridge Golf Course.

**January 20, 2014** – Post meeting at 7:30 PM at the Post home.