



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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## Commander's Corner

I hope everyone is doing fine during this beautiful winter. Due to the weather, only five members were able to come to the February meeting so we did not have enough members to have a meeting. Since there was no meeting, I had to cancel the March Saturday breakfast. This week starts our Fish Frys at Tailgaters. The Fish Frys will be every Friday during Lent at Tailgaters from 4 PM to 8 PM. Hope to see everybody there, and tell your friends this is a big money maker for the Post. On March 12, our Post will be hosting the County meeting. I hope to see a lot of our members at this meeting. We will have pizza before this meeting at 6 PM. On March 16<sup>th</sup> is our Manteno trip. Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March is our Post meeting. I know that it is hard to make all the meetings, but please try to make the next couple of meetings as we have many things to discuss including all the events coming up as well as new Officers for the new year. For members who have not been to a meeting in a long time, our Sgt.-At-Arms will be checking membership cards. There will also be refreshments after the meeting.

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

## Post hats are in

If you ordered a Post baseball hat, they have arrived and are available for pick-up at the Post. If you would like one, they are available for purchase for \$17.00. Just contact the Post.

## Welcome Will County Council

On Wednesday, March 12, Post 1288 will have the honor of hosting the Will County Council of the American Legion. Pizza will be served at 6 PM with the meeting to follow at 7 PM. Please come out and join us in welcoming the Will County Council to our Post.

### Will County Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

At Bolingbrook Post 1288

201 Canterbury Lane "B"

Bolingbrook, IL 60440

630-226-8484

Pizza at 6 PM

Meeting at 7 PM

## Fish Frys are back!

That's right. American Legion Post 1288 has once again teamed up with Tailgaters for our Fish Fry. Every Friday during Lent starting on March 7, the Post will have a Fish Fry at Tailgaters from 4PM to 8 PM. This is a great way to support veterans. All proceeds benefit local area veterans. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details.

## Solemn Duty to Fellow Veterans



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

Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 are proud to serve local area veterans. One of the more solemn ways we serve our veterans is through providing the Honor Guard when a veteran has passed. The Honor Guard consists of volunteers from both the American Legion Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 and from time to time includes members of local active duty and reserve units. We welcome all volunteers to participate in the Honor Guard. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact the Post at [ilam1288@yahoo.com](mailto:ilam1288@yahoo.com). We like to establish a roster of veterans that we can call on when a need for the Honor Guard arises. Thanks for your consideration of this solemn duty to our veterans.

## Who's ready for a Hot Dog...Cart

At the January, 2014 meeting, the Post voted to sell the Post Hot Dog Cart. The cart is in great condition and ready for cookin' some hot dogs! If you or anyone you know may be interested in buying the hot dog cart, please contact the Post at: [ilam1288@yahoo.com](mailto:ilam1288@yahoo.com) or call the Post at 630-226-8484.

## Did you know...

It has been only four short months since the still-new Post 1288 website came on-line and already the site has generated over 10,000 new or returning visits. We feel this has been an excellent tool for communicating information on our Post. Please continue to check out the website for continued updates and information.

[www.legion1288.org](http://www.legion1288.org)

## Get ready for Poppy Days

Poppy Days are right around the corner and as always Post 1288 will need as many volunteers as possible for this important annual event. Spots on local area street corners and local businesses have already been reserved. Now we just need the volunteers!! If you can help out with Poppy Days during May, please contact the Post at 630-226-8484 or [ilam1288@yahoo.com](mailto:ilam1288@yahoo.com).

## DD214 Requirement

In previous meetings and newsletters we notified everyone of the DD214 requirement for membership. For continued guidance, info on obtaining your DD214 is reprinted here. For any assistance with the process for obtaining your DD214, please contact the Post and we will be more than happy to assist you.

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

## Calendar of Events



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

**March 7, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

**March 12, 2014** – 7 PM (6PM Pizza) Will County Council meeting at Post home. 201 Canterbury Ln. "B" Bolingbrook, IL

**March 14, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

**March 16, 2014** – Manteno trip.

**March 17, 2014** – Post monthly meeting at 7:30 PM.

**March 21, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

**March 28, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

**April 4, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

**April 11, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

**April 18, 2014** – Post 1288 Fish Fry at Tailgaters.

## Got any news?

If you have any information you would like to share with the Post, please feel free to drop us a line so we can include in our newsletter or website.

**SUPPORT THE VETERANS BY  
JOINING US FOR A FISH FRY**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 1288**

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
A LENTEN FISH FRY

AT:

**TAILGATER'S SPORTS BAR AND GRILL**

431 BOUGHTON ROAD, IN BOLINGBROOK  
(SCHMIDT AND BOUGHTON)

4PM-8PM

EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT (MAR. 7<sup>TH</sup> -APR 16<sup>TH</sup>)

COD FILLETS, COLE SLAW AND  
FRENCH FRIES

SMALL DINNER \$8.00

LARGE DINNER \$11.00

50/50 RAFFLE'S THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

**\*\*\*\* ALL PROCEED'S BENEFIT LOCAL  
VETERANS\*\*\*\***

