



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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## Commander's Corner

Here it is, April, and that means it is time to nominate the Post officers for the new year. Anyone who would like to be an officer, please come to the meeting in April on the 21<sup>st</sup> to put in your name for an office. During the meeting in May, we hold an election for officers. We will also sign-up for Poppy Days at our April meeting. Also at our April meeting. We will take a vote to raise our dues to \$35.00. Don't forget, you will need a copy of your DD214 on file with the Post. If you do not have or cannot find your DD214, please let us know and the Post can help you get a copy. Any one who would like to let the members know about anything, please let the Post know at our email, [ilam1288@yahoo.com](mailto:ilam1288@yahoo.com).

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

## 2014 Poppy Days

Post 1288 needs you to step up for 2014 Poppy Days. We 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!! Details will be discussed at our April meeting. 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).

## Happy Birthday American Legion



Post 1288 celebrated the American Legion 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday by providing a cake (pictured) at the Will County Council meeting.

On March 15, 1919, the first Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. On March 15, 2014 the American Legion celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Post 1288 observed this event by providing a birthday cake during the Will County Council of the American Legion meeting which took place at our Post in March. Happy Birthday American Legion!

## Nomination of Post Officers

At our April 21<sup>st</sup> Post meeting, the Post will nominate Officers for the 2014-2015 Legion year. Please consult page two of this newsletter for more information.

## Legion Scholarship

The American Legion Boys State and Auxiliary Girls State programs will soon get underway, and a scholarship is available for many of the youth who participate in either program.

The **Samsung American Legion Scholarship** is available for high school juniors who participate in the current session of Boys State or Girls State and are direct descendants (or legally adopted children) of wartime veterans eligible for American Legion membership. The Samsung scholarship awards up to \$20,000 for undergraduate studies (e.g., room and board, tuition and books), and each applicant is selected according to his or her involvement in school and community activities, academic record and financial need.

For more information about this and other Legion programs, please visit the American Legion website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

## Thanks for a great fish fry season

Post 1288 wrapped up another fish fry season. Each Friday during Lent, Post 1288 held Fish Fry's at Tailgaters. Thanks to all who came out to support the Post. Special thanks to the folks at Tailgaters at 431 W. Boughton Rd in Bolingbrook who helped to make this year's Fish Fry's possible.

## Nomination of 2014-2015 Post 1288 Officers

Nomination of Post 1288 Officers for the 2014-2015 Legion year will be held at our April Post meeting. Nominations will be accepted for:

Commander  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Finance Officer  
Adjutant  
Service Officer  
Chaplain  
Sergeant-At-Arms

A number of Committee Chairs are also available including Americanism, Boys State, Education, Legislative, and Technology among many others. The success of our Post and our service to fellow veterans and the community is dependent on committed volunteers to help fill these important roles. Please consider helping out and stepping up to one of these offices. Meeting time and location is as follows:

Post 1288 Monthly Meeting / Nomination of Officers

Monday, April 21, 2014

7:30 PM

201 Canterbury Lane "B"

Bolingbrook, IL 60440

## 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.

**April 21, 2014** – 7:30 PM. Post 1288 meeting  
– nomination of Officers

## 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.

## The Veterans History Project

Submitted by Quinn Kelley.

The National Archives wants to document your story for future generations. I am Quinn Kelley, president of Naperville Central High School's history club. I am eager to preserve the history of area veterans by recording oral history interviews.

Q: How can I get involved?

A: Contact me by email: ([quinnckelley@gmail.com](mailto:quinnckelley@gmail.com)) or by phone: 630-770-3487 and I will get in touch with you to schedule a time for your interview.

Q: What can I expect at the interview?

A: The 10 to 40 minute recorded interview will focus on your experience as a veteran. You may share whatever experiences you are comfortable discussing. If desired, you are welcome to bring pictures or mementos you may want to speak about.

Q: When will these interviews take place?

A: An interview time will be scheduled according to mutual availability.

Q: Where will interviews take place?

A: If space is available, interviews will take place at the Bolingbrook American Legion. Special arrangements can be made for veterans unable to get to the center.

Q: What will happen to the recording of the interview?

A: A copy of the interview can be given to you and with your permission another can be given to the American Legion.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

I would be honored to document your story.