



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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## Commander's Corner

I know that this update is late and some of the events have already taken place. We had a good time at Hines VA Blind Center with the veterans there. They enjoyed the BBQ which was cooked by our very own Herschel Nelson and the Post 1288 Auxiliary. Thanks to all who helped out. The Post contributed \$100.00 and the VFW Post 5917 contributed \$50.00 to the veterans there. We played some trivia with them. One of the veterans was on the USS MISSOURI and witnessed the surrender of JAPAN. We also met the wife of a veteran who was having surgery at the hospital and who belongs to American Legion Post 9 in Alaska above the Arctic Circle. We also had Coco, the singing parrot, entertain everyone. Our next event is our meeting on the 16th of June at our Post home. I hope to see all members who can attend. On June 29th Bolingbrook will be having the village picnic behind village hall and the Post will have a tent and will be selling food. If you can attend this event and help us out, please sign up at our meeting or call one of the post officers. The next second Saturday breakfast will be in August. We decided to hold off on the second Saturday breakfast because of all the activities we have this summer. They will resume again in August. Finally, thanks to all of you for supporting me the last two years. I will not be able to be Commander again due to some health reasons.

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

## Post 1288 Observes Memorial Day at Bolingbrook Ceremonies



Post 1288 and the VFW Post 5917 observed Memorial Day by participating in area ceremonies.

On Memorial Day, May 26, 2014 Bolingbrook Post 1288 and the VFW Post 5917 participated in Bolingbrook-area ceremonies in observance of Memorial Day. Observances started at Boardman Cemetery where the Post and VFW provided the firing detail, the honor guard, and the wreath laying. Following Boardman was the ceremony at Hillcrest cemetery. The morning and Memorial Day observances concluded at the Village Memorial. Thanks to all who participated in helping remember our veterans.

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The New Ladies Auxiliary Section! See pg. 3

## Look Sharp in a Post Hat



Bolingbrook Post 1288 caps are available for purchase. Show your pride in the Post by picking-up one of these caps today. Contact the Post at (630) 226-8484 or drop us a line at [ilam1288@yahoo.com](mailto:ilam1288@yahoo.com). These adjustable caps fit most sizes.

## Summer Concerts are back

The Bolingbrook Summer Concert Series is back and once again Post 1288 will have a table selling items. The concerts will run on Wednesday evenings in the summer at the Village Stage. Proceeds from all sales go to support area veterans and programs.

## Did you know

In the American Legion we have a tradition that no one “breaks the colors.” That is, that nothing passes between the American Flag and Legion or Auxiliary Flag at a meeting. No one walks between them. Nothing is passed from someone standing in front of the table flanked by the flags to place an item on the table or give it to someone seated at the table. We always go around the Flags to the table. We avoid the space in between the flags if there is no table. The only exception to this is when the American Flag and a Legion or Auxiliary Flag are used in at funeral to honor one of our own. Then the casket or memorial table *is* between the flags. But as you will see, that is in keeping with the purpose of the tradition:

### **This is Hallowed Ground**

Between these flags that proudly fly  
 Let no man dare to stand,  
 For here our fallen comrades lie;  
 We call it Hallowed Ground.  
 A symbol, yes, but mark it well;  
 Here let use ever humbly pause  
 In memory of the lad who fell  
 In fighting for our sacred cause.  
 On Sea or Land these buddies died.  
 Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
 In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
 In spots unknown to all but God  
 And so, this place is Hallowed Ground.  
 And it shall be forever blessed  
 As tho it were a grassy mound  
 Beneath which gallant heroes rest.  
 Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,  
 Of those two flags which signify  
 That we should guard this spot with care  
 Where our departed comrades lie.  
 And, if a man should dare to tread  
 This spot where lie our gallant brave.  
 He desecrates those noble dead  
 As tho he walked upon their grave.



## News From Auxiliary Unit Post 1288

A new feature to our Post Newsletter will be a section devoted to the Auxiliary Unit Post 1288. Please submit any Auxiliary Unit Post 1288 newsletter items to Linda Wojdyla at [zippyw9@yahoo.com](mailto:zippyw9@yahoo.com) or directly to the Post at [ilam1288@yahoo.com](mailto:ilam1288@yahoo.com).

### Auxiliary Post 1288 Nominates Officers for 2014-2015

The Auxiliary has nominated its officers for the 2014-2015 year. Congratulations to the following Officers-elect:

President - Linda M. Wojdyla  
Sr. Vice - Esther Lafoon  
Historian - Marie Kotoulas  
Treasurer/Secretary - Kay Pasternik  
Chaplain - Norma Miller  
Sgt at Arms - Irene Wojtal

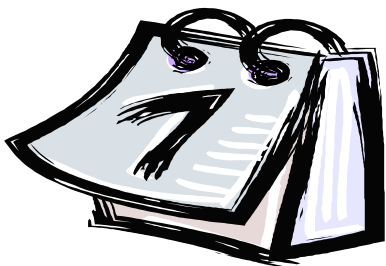
### Auxiliary Post 1288 is On-The-Move

Already Auxiliary Post 1288 has recruited approximately 10 new members!! The Auxiliary will also be very visible this summer. In addition to helping out at the Blind Center two weeks ago, the Auxiliary will have a table at the Wednesday night concerts starting in June. Come by and check them out. Kay will be making balloon animals and they will be collecting donations for Veteran's with small gifts being offered for different denominations of donations.

### A Busy Summer Planned for the Post

It will be a busy summer for Post 1288. The Post will be participating in numerous activities and events throughout the summer months including: Poppy Days, Memorial Day Observances, Flag Day, Hines VA Blind Center, Village Picnic, Summer Concert Series, Fourth of July ceremonies, and much, much more. Be sure to sign up to help out at one or more of our many activities and events this summer. Please consult the Post calendar and website for additional information.

## Calendar of Events



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

**May 23, 2014** – 11:30 AM. Levy Center Luncheon for Veterans

**May 26, 2014** – Memorial Day Ceremonies

**June 5, 2014** – Hines VA Blind Center

**June 7-8, 2014** – Cavalcade of Planes at Bolingbrook Clow Airport.

**June 10, 2014** – Flag Day Proclamation

**June 11, 2014** – Summer concert series

**June 16, 2014** – Monthly meeting at 7:30 PM

**June 18, 2014** – Summer concert series

**June 25, 2014** – Summer concert series

**June 29, 2014** – 12:00 – 6:00 PM - Village Picnic

**July 2, 2014** – Summer concert series

**July 4, 2014** – Independence Day – Activities TBA

**July 9, 2014** – Summer concert series

**July 16, 2014** – Summer concert series

**July 21, 2014** – Monthly meeting at 7:30 PM

## Honor Guard at Levy



Members of American Legion Post 1288 and VFW 5917 provide the honor guard at a luncheon for veterans at the Levy Center on May 23, 2014 – Photo courtesy of Legion member Jorge Fonseca.

Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 provided the honor guard at the Luncheon for veterans at the Levy Center on May 23, 2014. Thanks to all who helped out.

## Pot-Of-Gold and 50-50

At our monthly meeting in May, Stanley Liszka's name was drawn for the Pot-Of-Gold. Since Stanley was not present at the May meeting the Pot-Of-Gold rolls over into June.

Bob Wojdyla, aka "Scooter Bob" was present during the May meeting and held the winning 50-50 ticket. This was Bob's first meeting back after recovering from surgery. Good to have you back Bob and Congratulations!