



Bolingbrook Legionnaire



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WE'RE BACK..... DID YOU MISS US?????????

It's been a while since the last issue of the Bolingbrook Legionnaire. Due to popular demand, we are back with the July 2015 issue. Please remember that anyone from the Post can contribute to these newsletters. So if you have any interesting stories, any updates, or would like to contribute putting the newsletter together please let us know.

Veteran's Appreciation Day

Post 1288 and VFW Post 5917 will be hosting Veteran's Appreciation Day on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 at the Bolingbrook Town Center. This event is the first-ever Veteran's Appreciation Day event in Bolingbrook. The event is open to the public and all are invited. The day will include music, entertainment, food, vendors, and veteran's resources. Please help us spread the word on this event. For more information, please see page three of this newsletter or contact the Post.

Membership Renewals are Underway

Membership renewals for the 2015-2016 legion year are underway. The quickest Posts to reach 100% membership renewal get awards. If you haven't already done so, please get your renewals in. Renewing your membership is easy. Current members will receive a renewal stub via U.S. Mail. Or you can renew on-line at www.legion.org. If you are a veteran that would like to join the Legion please call us at 630-226-8484.

On Behalf of a Grateful Nation

Post 1288 joins all Americans across our great country in remembering the victims of the Chattanooga, TN shooting.

GySgt. Thomas Sullivan – USMC

SSgt. David Wyatt – USMC

Sgt. Carson Holmquist – USMC

LCpl. Squire "Skip" Wells – USMC

Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith – USN

We Card Hard!!!! Post 1288 at the Taste of Bolingbrook



Post 1288 member Roy Pura and VFW 5917 Commander, Bob Adame, man their post and check ID's at the Taste of Bolingbrook.

Bolingbrook Post 1288 once again helped out our wonderful community by participating at the recent Taste of Bolingbrook which took place at the Promenade Mall on July 18. Post 1288 teamed up with VFW 5917 to staff three booths at the Taste to check the ID's of attendees. If you wanted to consume an adult beverage at the Taste, you needed to obtain a wristband from one of our booths. The Post was there from open to close. This year's Taste of Bolingbrook was well attended and was undoubtedly a huge success for our community.

Post 1288 and Auxiliary Unit 1288 Install 2015-2016 Officers



Former Post Commander Virgil Banker led the ceremony to install the 2015-2016 Post 1288 Officers.

Bolingbrook Post 1288 and the Ladies Auxiliary Unit 1288 held their installation dinner on July 20. Officers for both the Post and the Auxiliary were sworn in for the 2015-2016 Legion year. It has become somewhat of a tradition for Virgil Banker to recite his patriotic poem during the annual installation. If you missed it during the July installation, Virgil will be reciting it again at the upcoming Veteran's Appreciation Day (see page 3)!!! Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers and best wishes for a successful year!

Veterans Appreciation Day

Thank
You



September 5 2015
11:00 am to 10:30 pm
The pond grounds and
performing arts theater
behind the Bolingbrook
Town Center

A special day to say thanks to ALL of our Veterans
and their families who supported their service.

"In The House"
The Fort Awesome Band
Brainwashed
Faded Ink
Bolingbrook HS ROTC
Band & Singers

Contributing Food Vendors
Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill
Montana Ted's Grill
Nancy's Pizza
Chick-fil-A
N'Aulins Edibles
Culvers,and More

Free Admission ~ ~ Veterans, bring your DD214, Military ID, or Veteran Organization Member Card to get a wristband for one free selection of your choice from our food vendors, and 2 free beverages.

Brought to you by the Bolingbrook VFW and American Legion and our wonderful sponsors:



McBroom's
Cleaning Services
"Make a Clean Sweep"



..... and many more.

“VETERAN” Designation Now Available for Illinois Driver’s License and ID Cards.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that beginning July 1, 2015, veterans will be able to get an updated driver's license/ID card with the designation "VETERAN" under the signature on the front of the card.

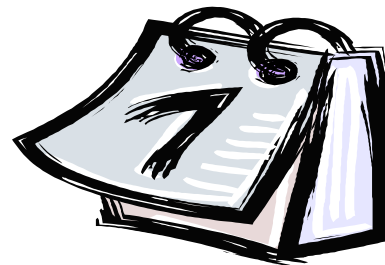
Under Public Act 97-0739, veterans who have received an Honorable or General under Honorable Conditions Discharge can obtain the designation on their Illinois driver's license or ID cards.

Obtaining the designation is simple. First official verification is required from the Illinois Dept. of Veteran Affairs (DD-214 or Certification of Military Service is required). Once certification is obtained, the veteran may apply for new, renewal, or updated driver's license or ID card at any Secretary of State Driver Services facility.

To make this process easier, the Post would like to arrange for a representative from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs to come to the Post to certify DD-214s. Therefore we need to know who would be interested. If you are interested, and would like to obtain certification at the Post, please contact Herschel Nelson at 630-226-8484 in order to get on the list.

For more info, please visit <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2015/june/150630d1.pdf>

Calendar of Events



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

July 15, 2015 - Wednesday Concert

July 18, 2015 - Taste of Bolingbrook

July 20, 2015 – 7:30 PM Post Meeting

July 22, 2015 - Wednesday Concert

July 29, 2015 - Wednesday Concert

August 5, 2015 - Wednesday Concert

August 12, 2015 - Wednesday Concert

August 17, 2015 - 7:30 PM Post Meeting

August 19, 2015 - Wednesday Concert

September 5, 2015 - Veteran's Appreciation Day
@ Town Center

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