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POST ORGANIZES WOMEN'S AUXILIARY UNIT

Post 1288 sponsored the chartering of an auxiliary unit for women related by marriage or birth to, or who in their own right are, Legion members, or deceased wartime era veterans. The Auxiliary Unit's organizational meeting was held on October 25th at the Levy Center. Ten non-auxiliary applicants were needed to start a new Unit. Fifteen women submitted first time applications at the meeting, and were approved. They will be listed as charter members. There was also one transfer. Any other new members who join the Unit prior to November 15, 2004, will also be charter members. Call Esther Laffoon at 630.783.2669 for info.

In addition to the women seeking membership, the meeting was attended by the following persons:

Post Commander Elden Laffoon, Sr. and Adjutant Joe Rojek who both signed the enabling paperwork and verified the eligibility of the applicants.

Esther Laffoon, a member of Harwood Auxiliary Unit #5. Esther and Elden have been the driving force behind the effort to organize the Unit.

Teri Miller – the Auxiliary Department (State) President – assisted with the meeting and installed newly elected officers. Others present included Mary Dauma – Department Membership Chairman, Jeanne Brandt – Department Executive Secretary, Nancy York – Will County Vice-President, and John York – 11th District Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman.

Of the fifteen new members, eight are wives of current Post 1288 members or otherwise eligible deceased veterans. Four are daughters, one is a sister and two are granddaughters of members or eligible deceased veterans. One is a current Post member.

For details about the Auxiliary's function and eligibility requirements, see the supplement to your February 2003 Newsletter, beginning on page 2. You may also visit the Post's Newsletter webpage and view or print the supplement there or visit www.legion-aux.org for a full explanation of the Auxiliary and its functions.

COME OUT FOR VETERANS DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11:00 a.m. will be the start of the traditional veteran's observance. This year, in light of the Memorial Day downpour, the program will be at the stage of the Performing Arts Center on the back side of Village Hall. Please arrive at 10:30 a.m. for rehearsal.

At 7:00 p.m. a second observance featuring the Bolingbrook Community Chorus will be held at the Levy Center. The Post and VFW Post 5917 will provide a Color Guard. Please meet at 6:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PROCLAIMS NOV 5-6 "GIFTS TO YANKS TAG DAYS"

At the Village Meeting October 26, Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar proclaimed November 5th and 6th as "Gifts to Yanks Who Gave – Hospitalized Veterans Tag Days." Post Sr. Vice-Commander and GTY Chair Larry Shaver accepted the Proclamation for the Post. In his remarks, he thanked the residents of Bolingbrook for their support which made Bolingbrook the 9th ranked contributor in the state to the program in 2003. He encouraged the residents to help the post do even better this year.

Your participation in with this year's effort is needed. Come out on Nov 5 and /or 6 to help with the collections. Gifts to Yanks start hours are 6:15, 8:30, 1:00, 3:00 and 6:30 on Friday and 9:30, 1:00, 3:00 and 6:30 Saturday. We start from Dunkin' Donuts on Rt. 53 at Beaconridge. Please help as much as you can, and let's stay in the Top 10 in the state. Please use the enclosed form to indicate your availability.

If you cannot volunteer time, please consider a contribution to the Post. Make out a check to the Post annotated for "Gifts to Yanks" in the memo line,

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Legion and VFW provide a Color Guard for the Oakview School's annual Veterans Day Recognition Breakfast opening at 8:00 a.m. (meet at 7:30 a.m.) Then we get a free breakfast and a chance to talk with the children. The school goes all out and has each class make posters that are hung on the gym walls. They also put on a patriotic program at 9:00 a.m. We get to put out a jar for Gifts to Yanks, and everybody has a great time.

POT OF GOLD

If Virgil McCorkle had been at the September meeting, he would have won The Pot of Gold which now stands at \$120.00. David is an active participant who just happened to not be at the September meeting. Each meeting, the members who are present put a quarter in the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn from all the active members. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win.

Post #1288 meets the 1st Monday of the Month in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane at 7:30 p.m. The Auxiliary Unit will next meet Nov 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Levy Center, and the 3rd Monday thereafter.
American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Nov 1, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane.

TUESDAY, NOV 2, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: VOTE!!

Friday and Saturday, Nov 5 & 6: Gifts To Yanks Drive Days.

Saturday, Nov 6, 7:30 a.m.: Oakview School Veterans Recognition Pancake Breakfast (Honor Guard and free breakfast), on Schmidt north of Briarcliff.

Monday, Nov 8, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Executive Committee Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet. Delegates: W. Horne, W. Macejak.

THURSDAY, NOV 11, - VETERANS DAY

11:00 a.m.: Veterans Day Observance, Village Hall Performing Arts Center. Gather at 10:30 a.m. Fly your flag at home.

7:00 p.m.: Salute to Veterans Observance featuring the Bolingbrook Community Chorus, Levy Center. 1288 & 5917 to provide Color Guard.

Friday, Nov 19, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Manhattan #935, Village Hall, 245 S. State Street (Rt. 52)

Sunday, Nov 21, 2:00 p.m.: County Thanksgiving Service, Peotone #392, 109 W. North Street

Thursday, Nov 25, All Day: Thanksgiving, Fly your flag.

Monday, Dec 6, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Tuesday, Dec 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Your Flag at Half-Staff.

Monday, Dec 13, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Commission Meeting, 128 N. Scott, Joliet. Delegates: W. Horne, W. Macejak.

Friday, Dec 17: NO COUNTY MEETING IN DECEMBER.

POST TO EXPLORE AVENUES TO OBTAINING A POST HOME

At the October meeting, the Post voted to establish a committee to explore possibilities for obtaining a facility to use as a Post home. Larry Shaver, Sr. Vice-Commander, Bettye Carter, Jr. Vice-Commander, Charles Bruce, Wayne Macejak and Mel Hansen were appointed to the committee (other interested members may join). It is anticipated that the committee will work in conjunction with VFW Post 5917 and perhaps a revitalized Bolingbrook Veterans Home committee to investigate possible options.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AT 84

Thank you to the 20 members who submitted their membership dues since the last newsletter. We still have a shot at being 100% (121) by November 11th to receive the Department of Illinois \$100.00 check and a 100% streamer for our flag.

The second renewal notice has been sent by National. Please use that opportunity to send in your renewal, if you have not already done so. If you are not sure if you have renewed already, check the year on your membership card. If it does not say "2005," you need to renew.

DON'T BE A "POKE-MON"



**RE-NEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
NOW!**

Always Remembered



Never Forgotten

THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 21

The Will County Council of the American Legion will conduct its 38th Annual Thanksgiving Service at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 21 at the Peotone American Legion Post, 109 E. North Street. This annual service to thank God for the service and sacrifice of our Nation's veterans is arranged by the County Commander and supported by the County Auxiliary Unit.

What better way can there be to start Thanksgiving week than with such a thanksgiving service? Help keep the real meaning of the time alive and bright in our nation. Take a nice drive to Peotone and give your thanks to God. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Yes, I will help Post 1288 with Gifts to Yanks Tag Days for 2004! I can start on/ work the following shifts:

Fri. – Sat. Nov 5th and 6th > Meet at Dunkin' Donuts – IL 53 & Beaconridge

- 6:15 a.m. for 6:30 – 8:15 rush hour collections at I-55 & Weber, I-55 and IL. 53, etc.
- 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 – Noon streets and stores collections.
 - 7:30 a.m. for 8:00 Pancake Breakfast color guard. **(Meet at Oak View School on Schmidt)**
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- 12:30 p.m. for 1:00 – 3:00 streets and stores collections.
- 3:30 p.m. for 4:00 – 6:00 rush hour streets and stores collections.
- 6:30 p.m. for 7:00 – 9:00 night stores collections.
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