



# Bolingbrook Legionnaire

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An Award Winning Newsletter, Again

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## MEMBERSHIP NOW AT 106

As of April 29, our renewals and new memberships now stand at 106 compared to 115 last year. We currently have 2008 cards for 14 members who have yet to renew. If all do, we could reach 120. The books on 2008 will be closing in a few weeks. If you have not renewed and plan to do so, now is the time. If the books close without a renewal, then continuous years of membership revert to 0. 2008 dues were due by December 31, 2007, so this is a long grace period. Please re-up today. Send \$30 to the address above

A hearty thank you to the 98 of you who have renewed and to our new members this year:

Travis Vogt	Craig Ashlaw
Larry Helton	Bruce Jackson
John Walker	Cassandra Dodge
Luis Rivera	Mandy Dodge

## POST SUPPORTS YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Post 1288 will again provide a number of awards for students during May.

We award the ROTC Military Excellence Medal and the ROTC Scholastic Excellence Medal at both the Bolingbrook and Romeoville High Schools. The recipients are selected by the ROTC staff in accordance with the criteria specified in the regulations of the respective branches of service.

We also honor the academic first and second place boy and girl graduating seniors at Bolingbrook High School with the Legion Gold or Silver Scholastic Medal. That is presented on a neck ribbon in a ceremony similar to the awarding of Olympic medals.

In 2004, the Post initiated the American Legion School Award program at B.H.S. This program recognizes one outstanding student who characterizes Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service with a medal, certificate and recognition on "School Award" plaque maintained in the school. The school staff selects four students who each prepare a two page essay on how they believe they exemplify the characteristics. A Post committee has the tough job of selecting "the best of the best." Runner ups receive a recognition certificate, for it is truly and honor just to be nominated.

Two scholarship to the Department of Illinois "Premier Boys State" program are also awarded. These go to two Junior males selected by the school staff on the basis of overall achievement and leadership potential. This provides a week long experience in practical democracy.

## POPPY DAYS MAY 16, 17, 18, 2008

This major collection drive, which provides the Post with funds for Veterans assistance and rehabilitation, is fast approaching. Please volunteer for one or more time slots as indicated on the enclosed sign up form. Bring it to the May Legion meeting or e-mail your choices to [MelHansen@aol.com](mailto:MelHansen@aol.com).

## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, **May 3**, 6:00 p.m.: BHS JROTC Dining Out/ROTC Awards Presentation - Rojek

Monday, **May 5**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.

Monday, **May 12**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Meeting, 128 N. Scott Street, Joliet.

Thursday, **May 15**, 5:30: RHS JROTC Awards Presentation: Rojek/Hansen.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 16, 17, 18 Poppy Days.**

Tuesday, **May 13**, 8:00: Poppy Day Proclamation, Village Board Meeting, 375 W. Briarcliff Rd.

Friday, **May 16**, 8:00 p.m.: Will County Meeting, Lockport Post 18.

Sunday, **May 18**, 1:00: 11<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, Downers Grove Post 80,

Monday, **May 19**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln.

Wednesday, **May 21**, 8:00 a.m.: B.H.S. Honors Recognition Day. Rojek/Hansen – School Award, Scholastic Awards, Boys State Scholarships.

Sunday, **May 25**, 10:10 a.m., Color Guard and Veteran Recognition. First Presbyterian Church of DuPage, 180. N. Weber Rd.

### Monday, May 26, Memorial Day.

5:30 a.m.: Set up flags at Village Hall.

9:00 a.m. Ceremony at Boardman Cemetery,

9:45 a.m., Ceremony at Hill Crest Cemetery,

11:00 a.m., Ceremony at Village Memorial.

Monday, **Jun 2**, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln. – **Election of Officers**

Sunday, **Jun 8**, 1:00 p.m.: 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Meeting, Gurnee, 749 Milwaukee Ave.

Monday, **Jun 9**, 7:30 p.m.: VAC Meeting, 128 Scott St., Joliet

Saturday, **Jun 14, FLAG DAY. FLY YOUR FLAG** also, Flag Retirement Ceremony at Joliet Post 1080 with the Legion Band. About 6:00 p.m.

Monday, **Jun 16**, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 S. Canterbury Ln. **Election of Officers**