

Things that are happening during 2018 at Batavia Post504

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At our February Post meeting we presented Bill Kettering with a plaque and flag for all the service he has provided us in support of our yearly Poppy / Community Day collection. He provides a list of volunteer Senior students that help us collect in May.

He also helps us recruit candidates for the American Legion Boys and Girls State programs each June. Bill recently retired from BHS and has turned these duties over to Joseph Cranston at BHS for our 2018 fund raiser. These funds also are used to provide the Stanley Johnson Scholarship for a senior(s) who will be attending college in the field of nursing.



(RICK KIRK POST COMMANDER PRESENTING AWARD TO BILL KETTERING)

Poppy / Community Day collection was held in May. Money collected goes towards helping Veterans emergency fund, the Boys/Girls State program for juniors & the Stanley Johnson Scholarship. Part of the money collected was used to support Batavia High School programs run by the Batavia American Legion Post 504. This year we sent 2 junior boys to BOYS STATE and 1 junior girl to GIRLS STATE programs run by the American Legion Department of Illinois down at Eastern University in June.

We had three recipients of this years Stanley Johnson \$500 Scholarship for students pursuing a Nursing degree. Certificates were handed out at the Batavia High School award ceremony held mid-May.

Gifts for Yanks (GFY) collections were done on November 9-11 at various Batavia stores and Restaurants. Even though the weather was cold, post members came out and braved the weather and collected over \$4500 from the community patrons at those stores. I would like to thank everyone who gave their time. Their names have been entered into the June 2019 raffle. The money was spent on gifts selected by the officers of the Post and those the gifts were distributed to the veterans living at The Holmstad, Heritage Woods and Batavia Rehab centers on December 8th & 15th, 2018.



Holmstad residents gathered at Town Hall Center



Catered living facility



Heritage Woods facility



This Sweatshirt with hood was the 2018 gift along with a bag of candy.



The Post Commander Rick Kirk attended the Rotolo Middle School assembly on Friday November 9th similar to last years assembly with students and guest speaker. The Post Adjutant John Barrett attended a Veterans Ceremony held at Heritage Woods Senior home along with Montgomery VFW Post director. We had a tribute to MIA/POW table and then thanked all the veterans and family of veterans present at the assembly in the building foyer.