

Greetings Hammer,

The Post, Unit, and Squadron of Glenn Maker 1160 in Chicago Ridge, IL along with the tireless efforts of Chicago Ridge Chief of Police spent their Thanksgiving Day hosting Seaman Recruits from Great Lakes Naval Training Center in North Chicago to a holiday with a different, although very loving, family. Eight years ago, Police Chief Rob Pyznarski, and his wife Debbie, heard from their son, who was a Seaman Recruit at the time in California, how great he was treated at a local Post at Thanksgiving and vowed to repay the joy their son experienced by teaming with American Legion Glenn Maker 1160 to co-host this annual event. The 1160 Family transported 36 recruits over the 50-mile journey from/to the base for a day of home-cooked meals, television, private communications with family, video games, countless snacks, and so much more. For almost all of the recruits, this was their first chance to contact their families and loved ones since signing up with the Navy to defend our freedoms, we hope it will be a memorable day for those recruits and pray for a blessed Naval career.

Jim Borgman Vice Chairman National Americanism Commission

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- 2017-18 National Commander, Danny Smit