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## HAPPY EASTER

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*Alleluia He Is Risen*



**FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER  
2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Using last months figures we are at 87% Paid and  
13% not paid. As of April, our total membership  
is at a 167 Legionnaires in the Post.

Note, if you have not paid your dues for some reason  
give a call at 708-479-7795 ask for Sal

**FROM THE EDITOR**

We congratulate Mayor McLaughlin and his Orland Park First Team on their recent re-election. We are grateful for the kindness shown to the Veterans of Orland Park and would hope it might continue to evolve, perhaps leading to an open drop-in center for all Orland Park and Township Veterans in addition to those who are members of the Legion and the VFW. We look forward to a productive future.

**ADJUTANT'S CALL**

**PLEASE PAY ANY UNPAID DUES ASAP.**

Department will be sending out renewal forms on July 1, October 1, 2008, January 10, March 15, and May 1 2009. Often times if you have not yet paid your dues you will get one. Please make sure that any notice you get is addressed back to the Post at P.O. Box 413, Orland Park, Il.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Phil Nodine  
Maurice Fernandez  
Sean Kasper  
and family  
Karen McCurdy  
(wife of Ralph)  
Arlene Manring  
(wife of Ray)  
Father Leo Lyons  
Ella Devries  
(wife of Earl)

*R.I.P*

Daniel Kahovec  
Kathy Sharp  
(wife of Victor Sharp)

All our brothers and sisters far from home  
and in harm's way and their  
loved ones.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Legionnaires,

Due to the overwhelmingly negative reaction to his idea to have private insurance companies pay for the wounds suffered in combat by those who stand in honor for this country our commander-in-chief has withdrawn his plan. As I mentioned "Blue Cross/Blue Shield does not send our troops into combat, the government of the United States does and as such is responsible for the healthcare of those who have "stood up" for this nation.

The last 30 days have been very busy. Legionnaires Sal Estrada and Frank Jerz accompanied me to meet with Republican Senate Leader Christine Radogno in her district office. Our itinerary was very simple #1) the 100% funding and staffing of the Manteno VA Long Term Facility, #2) the bringing of a VA outpatient clinic to the Orland area, and #3) the grant of \$6,000 from the Illinois Dept of Veteran Affairs to outfit and supply an honor guard from this post to pick up the slack on Wednesdays at ALNC when their memorial squad is not active.

These requests were also forwarded to Assistant House Leader Renee Kosel by me. We will be meeting with Democratic Senate Assistant Leader Maggie Crotty in the near future to address these concerns with her. Mayor Dan McLaughlin has shown interest in bringing a VA outpatient clinic to Orland in my discussions with him. With over ten thousand Veterans who call Orland Township home it would be quite a "feather in any politicians hat" who could facilitate an accomplishment like that. We also will be scheduling an appointment in the near future with Congressman Judy Biggert to press this agenda.

Next month will be our annual "Poppy Day" fundraising drive. Last year we raised over 2,000 dollars. I hope we will have a strong effort again this year and exceed last years totals. Two of our best in soliciting donations were Earl DeVries and John O'Rourke. They stood strong considering one man is in his late eighties and the other has continuing health problems. I salute the maximum effort that they gave. They are an inspiration for the rest of us.

Finally it has become fashionable with a certain portion of our membership to bash Vietnam Veterans or print the viewpoint of other Veterans who enthusiastically "swiftboat" Veterans John Kerry and John Murtha. You are free to dislike these men or some of their comments. However their military service to this country should not be belittled not their medals questioned. I might add that former Vice President Cheney labeled Vietnam Veteran Max Clelland a "cut and runner" because his policy was different than Mr. Cheney's on Iraq. Max Clelland left both of legs and one of his arms on the battlefield of Vietnam while Mr. Cheney was benefiting from not 1, or 2, but 5 draft deferments during the heaviest fighting in Vietnam. it is very easy to talk about "marching to the sound of the guns" when you are seeking "safety among the baggage train".

Dean Morrell

Post Commander

## CHUCKLES

I was in the express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?'

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

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Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. 'Young man, we're both 90 years old,' the husband said.

'We may not have 45 minutes.' They were seated immediately.

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All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

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Three friends from the local congregation were asked, 'When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?'

Artie said: 'I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man.'

Eugene commented: 'I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.'

Carl said: 'I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's breathing!'

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Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord... 'God, what does a million years mean to you?'

The Lord replies, 'A minute.'

Smith asks, 'And what does a million dollars mean to you?' The Lord replies, 'A penny.'

'Smith asks, 'Can I have a penny?'

'The Lord replies, 'In a minute.'

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A man goes to a shrink and says, 'Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?'

'Relax,' says the Doctor, 'take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?'

Rules for the Non-Military  
Make sure you read # 13

\*Dear Civilians, ' We know that the current state of affairs in our great nation has many civilians up in arms and excited to join the military.

For those of you who can't join, you can still lend a hand. Here are a few of the areas where we would like your assistance:\*

1. The next time you see any adults talking (or wearing a hat) during the playing of the National Anthem - kick their butt.
2. When you witness, firsthand, someone burning the American Flag in protest - kick their butt.
3. Regardless of the rank they held while they served, pay the highest amount of respect to all veterans. If you see anyone doing otherwise, quietly pull them aside and explain how these veterans fought for the very freedom they bask in every second. Enlighten them on the many sacrifices these veterans made to make this Nation great. Then hold them down while a disabled veteran kicks their butt.
4. (GUYS) If you were never in the military, DO NOT pretend that you were. Wearing battle dress uniforms (BDUs) or Jungle Fatigues, telling others that you used to be ' Special Forces. Collecting GI Joe memorabilia, might have been okay when you were seven years old, now, it will only make you look stupid and get your butt kicked.
5. Next time you come across an \*Air Force\* member, do not ask them, ' Do you fly a jet?' Not everyone in the Air Force is a pilot. Such ignorance deserves an butt-kicking (children are exempt).
6. If you witness someone calling the \*US Coast Guard\* ' non-military ' , inform them of their mistake - and kick their butt.
7. Next time Old Glory (the US flag) passes by during a parade, get on your damn feet and pay homage to her by placing your hand over your heart. Quietly thank the military member or veteran lucky enough to be carrying her - of course, failure to do either of those could earn you a severe butt-kicking.
8. Don ' t try to discuss politics with a military member or veteran. We are Americans, and we all bleed the same, regardless of our party affiliation. Our Chain of Command is to include our Commander-In-Chief (CinC).. The President (for those who didn't know) is our CinC Regardless of political party. We have no inside track on what happens inside those big important buildings where all those representatives meet. All we know is that when those civilian representatives screw up the situation, they call upon the military to go straighten it out. If you

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keep asking us the same stupid questions repeatedly, you will get your butt kicked.

9. ' Your mama wears combat boots ' never made sense to me - stop saying it! If she did, she would most likely be a vet and therefore would kick your butt!

10. Bin Laden and the Taliban are not Communists, so stop saying ' Let ' s go kill those Commies! ' And stop asking us where he is! Crystal balls are not standard issue in the military. That reminds me - if you see anyone calling those damn psychic phone numbers, let me know, so I can go kick their butt!

11. ' Flyboy ' (\*Air Force\*), ' Jarhead ' (\*Marines),\* ' Grunt ' (\*Army\*), ' Squid ' (\*Navy\*), ' Puddle Jumpers ' (\*Coast Guard\*), etc., are terms of endearment we use describing each other. Unless you are a service member or vet, you have not earned the right to use them. Using them could get your butt kicked.

12. Last, but not least, whether or not you become a member of the military, support our troops and their families. Every Thanksgiving and religious holiday that you enjoy with family and friends, please remember that there are literally thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen far from home wishing; they could be with their families.. Thank God for our military and the sacrifices they make every day. Without them, our Country would get it's butt kicked.. '

\* ' It's the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. '

' It's the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. '

' It's the Veteran, **not the community organizer**, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate. '









' It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag. '

\* AND ONE MORE::

13. If you ever see anyone either standing for or singing the national anthem in Spanish - KICK THEIR BUTT.

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**A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life wrote a blank check Made payable to 'The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in This country who no longer understand it.'**

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## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- **May 18 Officers Meeting**  
8:00 PM Veteran's Center
- **May 27 General Membership Meeting** 8:00 PM  
Veteran's Center

Federal Benefits Booklet (2008) for Veterans and Spouses is currently on line at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



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