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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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**A NEW YEAR!!!**

**A NEW ADMINISTRATION!!!**

**A NEW PRESIDENT!!**

**A NEW DAWNING???**

**WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE  
HOLDS?**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

I hope each and everyone of you and your families had a happy holiday season. Let us hope the new year provides us with good health and the spirit to live up to the ideals of duty, honor, and country that all of us aspire to.

The district, division, and national command of the Legion is asking us to push our membership initiatives. All of us are aware of the unique situation that our Post finds itself in. Therefore it is imperative that we try to involve as many of our eligible Veteran friends and acquaintances in joining our ranks. We cannot expect our Sr. Vice Commander Sal Estrada to shoulder this recruitment responsibility by himself. It takes a group effort to expand our ranks. Although our financial situation is strong thanks to Joe Raftery and each of you who donate your time so generously for our fund raising efforts we could use more men and women of honor to add to our membership.

We have a new commander-in-chief. Although most of us including myself felt that his opponent had more experience, leadership, and shared values our fellow citizens have spoken. Therefore our department must be one of respect and honor. Comments of a personal nature must be confined to e-mails, phone conversations, or communications between yourselves. Jokes and off color remarks about the President should not be a part of our newsletter and official correspondence.

Let me make it absolutely clear. Public policy concerning Veterans funding, initiatives, and programs are always open to scrutiny no matter what the office the elected individual holds or what political party he or she belongs too. It is our obligation to our fellow Veterans to be always diligent on these issues that effect the quality of our lives. I believe no more has to be expressed on this subject and I trust I will not have to revisit this issue in the future.

Finally let me offer my appreciation to to past commander and newspaper editor Bob Lewis for his dedication to duty in making sure that our newsletter was put together this month. Fulfilling one's obligation from the hospital deserves a warm thank you from all of us.

Dean Morrell

Post Commander

### 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

Father Leo Lyons	
Sean Kasper	and family
Karen MCurdy	(wife of Ralph)
Arlene Manring	(wife of Ray)
John O'Rourke	Gene Sinclair
Henry Callahan	Richard Parker
Ralph Bechtold	Eloy Heniff

### R.I.P

Daniel Kahovec	Ray Szara
Albert 'Toots' Morrell	
Kathy Sharp	(wife of Victor Sharp)
All our brothers and sisters far from home and in harm's way and their loved ones.	

## Union Rules & Hookers ! ...

A dedicated Teamsters Union worker was attending a convention in Las Vegas and decided to check out the local brothels. When he got to the first one, he asked the Madam, "Is this a union house?"

"No," she replied, "I'm sorry it isn't."

"Well, if I pay you \$100, what cut do the girls get?"

"The house gets \$80 and the girls get \$20," she answered

Offended at such unfair dealings, the union man stomped off down the street in search of a more equitable, hopefully unionized shop. His search continued until finally he reached a brothel where the Madam responded, "Why yes sir, this is a union house.

We observe all union rules."

The man asked, "And if I pay you \$100, what cut do the girls get?" "The girls get \$80 and the house gets \$20."

"That's more like it!" the union man said.

He handed the Madam \$100, looked around the room, and pointed to a stunningly attractive blonde.

"I'd like her," he said.

"I'm sure you would, sir," said the Madam. Then she gestured to a 92-year old woman in the corner, "but Ethel here has 67 years seniority and according to union rules, she's next."

## **VA Expects to Open Enrollment to More Veterans**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing that it hopes to re-open enrollment to its medical benefits package to veterans whose incomes exceed the current VA means test and geographic means test income thresholds by 10 percent or less. If the regulatory process proceeds smoothly, the change will be implemented by June 30, 2009. These changes do not open enrollment to all Priority 8 veterans.

The proposed changes (defined in Public Law 110-329) provide VA additional funding to allow expanded enrollment opportunity for certain Priority 8 veterans who may have been previously denied enrollment in VA's health care system because their income exceeded VA's means tests thresholds.

On the effective date of the regulation, a veteran who applies for enrollment, who does not qualify for a higher priority group and whose income exceeds VA's means test thresholds by 10% or less will be placed in a priority group that allows the veteran to be enrolled in VA's health care system

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## **Village Unveils Pothole Hotline**

**Motorists in the Village of Orland Park can join forces with village's Public Works Department in the continuing battle against potholes.**

**The brainchild of Trustee Brad O'Halloran, the village's Pothole Hotline invites drivers to call in or report pothole locations on-line.**

**"The phone calls and on-line reports will help our Public Works crews," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "We have more than 300 miles of roads in the village and our staff may not know about a problem unless it's reported," the mayor added.**

**Potholes are common in areas known for ice, snow and below freezing temperatures. The freezing and thawing cycles allow moisture to seep into voids in the road surface, causing the road to crumble.**

**To report a pothole in the Village of Orland Park, drivers may call 708/403-5010 or sign onto the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us). A link to the Public Works Department's pothole reporting option appears on the opening page. Callers are asked to give their names, addresses and phone numbers as well as the locations of the potholes, including the nearest cross streets.**

**O'Halloran noted, "If the pothole isn't within the village's jurisdiction, Public Works staff will notify the responsible agency --- Orland or Palos Township, Cook or Will County or the State of Illinois. We'll also get back to the callers, letting them know that their report has been forwarded."**

**Potholes in the village are filled by the Streets Division of the Public Works Department. "Weather permitting, we're planning a one business day turn around," said Public Works Director Peter Casey.**

**"If our crews aren't able to repair a hole within one business day, our staff will call the reporting motorist to let them know the status of the repairs," Casey said.**

**"With the community's help, village crews can stay on top of pothole locations and quickly repair them," the mayor added.**

## JOB FAIR

The military-to-civilian recruiting firm RecruitMilitary will present a free hiring event for veterans on Thursday, Jan. 29, at LP Field (Home of the Tennessee Titans). This event, the RecruitMilitary Career Fair, will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at LP Field, One Titans Way - Nashville, TN 37213. RecruitMilitary urges all job seekers who have military backgrounds to attend--veterans who already have civilian work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and reserves, and military spouses.

Veteran-friendly organizations will conduct one-on-one interviews with the job seekers--organizations that will include corporate employers, law-enforcement agencies and other government employers, educational institutions, veterans service agencies, and veterans associations.

RecruitMilitary will produce the career fair in cooperation with The American Legion and HireVets-First, a unit of the United States Department of Labor.

More than 500 organizations attended 45 RecruitMilitary Career Fairs in 2007. At those events, an average of 30-plus organizations interviewed an average of over 350 job seekers. RecruitMilitary Career Fairs conducted in 2006 and 2007 generated television coverage by CNBC, ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN; radio coverage by ESPN and numerous regional stations; and articles in metropolitan and local newspapers.

RecruitMilitary, based in Cincinnati, connects employers with job seekers who have military backgrounds. All of the company's owners, officers, account executives, and retained search consultants are either veterans or active or former reservists. In addition to participation in career fairs, RecruitMilitary offers subscriptions to its database of self-registered job seekers who have military backgrounds, currently numbering more than 185,000, at its Web site, [www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com), advertising in online and print media, and retained hiring services. The company mails more than 54,000 copies of a quarterly, print newsletter called Incoming! to over 230 military bases throughout the world for distribution to transitioning personnel; employers advertise their job openings in Incoming!

### FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As you noticed I am the newsletter editor not the Post reporter. That means I must count on you for your input which I then put together in the form of a newsletter. Legionnaire Hennessy has been particularly helpful in this area. Also, I typically try to include items I think might be of interest from other sites. This month's items are from Orland Park, the VA and I believe the Legion. I also try to be where we are appearing for the purposes of pictures, etc. As you can imagine, this can become quite difficult with Mary and I in Florida part of the year. Those who have email can forward things to me at my email address: [bob@newlewis.net](mailto:bob@newlewis.net). Those that do not have email can forward by "snail mail" (Post Office) to me at 89 Laurelwood Dr. Safety Harbor, Florida. Pictures can be forwarded by snail mail although email is a much faster route to publication. When I return we will examine the Internet, email and how to forward pictures by attaching to an email. With your help we may continue to have a newsletter containing interesting and informative items.

Bob

The material below is shared by Legionnaire Gene Sinclair.

### **The Redhead**

A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back.

'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman says as she pops her eye back in place.

'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you,' she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens.

After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! 'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?'

'No,' she replies. . .

Wait for it. .

It's coming. .

The suspense is killing you, isn't it?

She says:

**'You just happened to catch my eye.'**

## PROPERTY TAX SEMINAR

On Jan 29, the Village of Orland Park will host its Property Tax Appeal Seminar with the Cook County Board of Review. The 7:00 p.m. program is being hosted by Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin and the Village Clerk's office.

"Residents who weren't able to file an appeal or those who wish to file another appeal are encouraged to bring their reassessment notices or tax bills to the Orland Park Civic Center on Jan 29," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

Staff from the Cook County Board of Review will be present to answer taxpayers' questions about how to file an appeal and explain when appeals are granted.

The program will include a short presentation, followed by questions and answers with Board of Review staff who will help residents complete appeal forms.

"We want to be sure that residents in Orland Park have been fairly assessed," said Orland Park Clerk Dave Maher.

"This seminar brings county officials to the residents of Orland Park, saving a trip to the county office. Residents will be able to file their appeals with the Board of Review staff at the seminar," McLaughlin said.

The Orland Park Civic Center is located at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, call Commissioner Houlihan's office at 1-312-603-3644 or visit the Cook County Board of Review on line at [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com).

## A BIT OF WORLD WAR II NOSTALGIA



## WINTER POEM

**It's winter in Illinois**

And the gentle breezes blow  
Seventy miles an hour  
At twenty-five below.

**Oh, how I love Illinois**

When the snow's up to your butt  
You take a breath of winter  
And your nose gets frozen shut.

**Yes, the weather here is wonderful**

So I guess I'll hang around  
I could never leave Illinois  
I'm frozen to the freakin' ground!

**FROM THE SENIOR VICE  
COMMANDER**

MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER  
2008:

- . 129 PAID
- . 34 UNPAID
- . 1 TRANSFERED IN
- . 1 DECEASED
- . 163 TOTAL MEMBERS

Note, Strength in , Bring an Eligible  
Veteran to a Monday or Friday Coffee or  
a Post Meeting, for more info call Sal at  
1-708-479-7795

**AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES**

1. AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THE VEGETABLES WHILE YOU CHOP.
2. AVOID ARGUMENTS WITH THE FEMALES ABOUT LIFTING THE TOILET SEAT BY USING THE SINK.
3. FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SUFFERERS ~ SIMPLY CUT YOURSELF AND BLEED FOR A FEW MINUTES, THUS REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON YOUR VEINS. REMEMBER TO USE A TIMER.
4. A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.
5. IF YOU HAVE A BAD COUGH, TAKE A LARGE DOSE OF LAXATIVES. THEN YOU'LL BE AFRAID TO COUGH.
6. YOU ONLY NEED TWO TOOLS IN LIFE - WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE. IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD, USE THE WD-40. IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES, USE THE DUCT TAPE.
7. IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT WITH A HAMMER, YOU'VE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM.

DAILY THOUGHT: SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES - NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THEY BRING

# ATTA BOY!!!

Thank You and congratulations to the volunteer bell ringers for a job well done on Saturday 28 November 2008. The Salvation Army Christmas Fund is \$895.55 richer due to their efforts and the skilful ringing of the bells at the Jewel/Osco. I believe that was the last fair day we had so we will have to give some credit to the Old Farmers Almanac (my Bible) for choosing that day.

Thank you for the help and WELL DONE - John Hennessy OIC

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## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- Feb 16 Officer's Meeting  
Veteran's Center 2000Hrs.
- Feb 25 General Membership  
Meeting Veteran's Center  
2000Hrs

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



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