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POST 111 JACK BATH MEMORIAL PICNIC

Saturday Sept.13th

11:00 AM until 4PM

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Adults \$12.00

Children \$ 9.00
(6 to 11)

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See Sal Estrada for tickets

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

I wish to thank all those who went to Warren Koerner's Mother-in-law's wake. The family was very grateful for those who came.

I wish to thank all those who worked at the Farmer's Market. It was a success once again. Our next big fund raiser is the Taste of Orland. I hope that this too will be a huge success. We do have a booth for this event.

I wish to thank all those who helped at the Veterans Commission book sale. At this time I do not know how successful the sale was at this time. I will let you know next month.

I wish to thank all those who helped make all of our fund raisers a success during my tenure as Commander

IN MEMORIAM

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

DANIEL KAHOVEC

BURR OAK WOODS, PAVILLION #1 AT 135TH & HARLEM

SERVICE AT 11:00AM

REPORT AT 10:00AM

ADJUTANT'S CALL AND CHAPLAINS CORNER

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.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Maurice Fernandez

POST EVERLASTING

Sgt-At-Arms Jack Bath

Bruce Sindewald

Corwin Funkey

Edward Von Clay

R.I.P. fallen brothers

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

From The Senior Vice Commander

As I have gotten older and (not necessarily wiser),I find having to remind myself to resort to the k.i.s.s. method. It has a different meaning now than it did 20 - 30 years ago though. Keep it simple stupid (aka the kiss method) is something I have to remind myself on a regular basis. With that in mind July was a good month for those Veterans and families waiting on a hospital bed at one of our nursing homes. Thanks to a lot of hard work from some of you, some of our elected officials, and a few of our media supporters the governor decided not to veto millions of dollars for Veterans Appropriations as he had in the past. These victories are always short lived and there are many issues that face Veterans in this state. But for now some of our older Veterans will have a hospital bed available giving their families peace of mind and saving them thousands of dollars in the process. Once in a while the good guys still win!

THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS SENT BY GAIL. IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF!!!

This is a guy that used to be in my church - so someone I know personally. He is the father of six and currently serving in Afghanistan. This is his take of Senator Obama visit to 'the troops'. Kind of a different take that what you will see on the news. Make of it what you will.

Hello everyone,

As you know I am not a very political person. I just wanted to pass along that Senator Obama came to Bagram Afghanistan for about an hour on his visit to 'The War Zone'. I wanted to share with you what happened. He got off the plane and got into a bullet proof vehicle, got to the area to meet with the Major General (2 Star) who is the commander here at Bagram. As the Soldiers where lined up to shake his hand he blew them off and didn't say a word as he went into the conference room to meet the General. As he finished, the vehicles took him to the ClamShell (pretty much a big top tent that military personnel can play basketball or work out in with weights) so he could take his publicity pictures playing basketball. He again shunned the opportunity to talk to Soldiers to thank them for their service. So really he was just here to make a showing for the American's back home that he is their candidate for President. I think that if you are going to make an effort to come all the way over here you would thank those that are providing the freedom that they are providing for you. I swear we got more thanks from the NBA Basketball Players or the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders than from one of the Senators, who wants to be the President of the United States. I just don't understand how anyone would want him to be our Commander-and-Chief. It was almost that he was scared to be around those that provide the freedom for him and our great country. If this is blunt and to the point I am sorry but I wanted you all to know what kind of caliber of person he really is. What you see in the news is all fake.

In service,
CPT Jeffrey S. Porter
Battle Captain
TF Wasatch

STIMULUS PACKAGE

IR-2008-80, June 19, 2008

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced a new summer campaign to reach those retirees and disabled veterans who qualify for the economic stimulus payment but have not filed to claim it. New statistics released today indicate about 74 percent in this group are accounted for in the stimulus payments currently being sent, leaving about 5.2 million potential recipients remaining.

For all taxpayers, the IRS has issued 76.1 million payments worth \$63.8 billion based on 2007 tax returns processed so far. The agency expects to issue 124 million payments to Americans by year's end. Eligible individuals are receiving up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples filing joint returns) plus \$300 for eligible children younger than 17.

“The IRS has delivered. Only 70 days after the legislation became law, the IRS started putting the money in the hands of tens of millions of Americans. This summer, we will go the extra mile to help the remaining retirees and disabled veterans get their payments,” said Doug Shulman, IRS Commissioner.

A special stimulus category includes recipients of certain benefits from Social Security and Veterans Affairs who do not normally have a requirement to file a tax return. However, these individuals must file a tax return before Oct. 15 this year to receive their economic stimulus payments. The IRS has accounted for 74 percent of Social Security and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries out of about 20 million initially identified as being potential stimulus recipients. All but 5.2 million of those have been accounted for as either having filed a return, having filed a joint return, or as not being eligible for a stimulus payment (for example, they were claimed as a dependent on another's return).

Most people only need to file a tax return as they normally do. The IRS will calculate eligibility and the payment amount. However, many retirees and veterans do not normally file a tax return because their benefits are not taxable. This year, they must file in order to receive an economic stimulus payment.

Shulman also stressed to retirees that receiving the stimulus payment should have no impact on other federal benefits currently being received. The stimulus payment is not taxable. Absent any other filing requirements, filing a tax return to receive a stimulus payment does not mean that retirees will have to start filing tax returns again.

The IRS has identified 5.2 million retirees and veterans' beneficiaries who potentially are eligible for the stimulus payments. Later this summer, the agency will send them a special letter that explains stimulus payment eligibility and how to claim it. The letter will include a sample tax form and an actual tax form that people can complete and mail to the IRS. This will be the second special mailing to reach those individuals.

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The IRS also is working with members of Congress, state and local officials and national partners such as AARP, the National Council on Aging, United Way of America, National Disability Institute and others to continue its extensive outreach efforts to the retiree and veterans' communities through the summer. The IRS will take the lead in coordinating face-to-face free tax preparation sessions with the help of local community partners at locations where

these individuals live, work and socialize such as senior housing, Veterans Affairs hospitals and assisted living facilities.

The agency also reminded people that it has more than 400 local Taxpayer Assistance Centers operating normal business hours Monday through Friday. These centers can provide assistance to retirees and veterans trying to receive their payments. A list for addresses and office hours can be found at ["Contact My Local Office."](#)

"Some retirees and others who normally do not file a tax return may be eligible and not know it. And, that's where we could use the public's help as well. If you know of a retiree or a disabled veteran who might qualify, please pass along the information to them," said Shulman. The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 generally provided for payments of \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples filing joint returns or the amount equal to the 2007 net income tax liability, whichever is less,), plus \$300 for each qualifying child. Payments also begin to phase out for individuals with adjusted gross incomes greater than \$75,000 (\$150,000 married couples filing jointly). For people who have no tax liability or no tax filing requirement, there is a minimum payment of \$300 (\$600 for married couples), plus the \$300 for each qualifying child. To be eligible for the minimum payment, individuals must have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income. Qualifying income includes any combination of earned income, nontaxable combat pay and certain benefit payments from Social Security, Veterans Affairs and Railroad Retirement. People not otherwise required to file an income tax return should file Form 1040A with basic information to ensure they receive the economic stimulus payment. This information includes name; address; dependents, if any; amount of qualifying income (which must be \$3,000 or more); direct deposit information and signatures. [Forms 1040A and instructions](#) are available at the IRS Web site.

Although, your payment can be made by check, the IRS urges people to use direct deposit to ensure a speedy delivery.

The types of Social Security benefits that are considered qualifying income include retirement, disability and survivor payments. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is not qualifying income. The types of Veterans Affairs benefits that are considered qualifying income include disability compensation, disability pension and survivor payments. Qualifying Railroad Retirement payments include the social security equivalent portion of Tier 1 benefits.

Eligible individuals including their qualifying children, must have valid Social Security numbers. Also, people cannot be claimed or be eligible to be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return. People with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, except for the spouses and qualifying children of military personnel, are not eligible.

Subject: Jesus and the Democrat.

A Republican in a wheelchair entered a restaurant one afternoon and asked the waitress for a cup of coffee. The Republican looked across the restaurant and asked, 'Is that Jesus sitting over there?' The waitress nodded 'yes,' so the Republican requested that she give Jesus a cup of coffee, on him.

The next patron to come in was a Libertarian with a hunched back. He shuffled over to a booth, painfully sat down, and asked the waitress for a cup of hot tea. He also glanced across the restaurant and asked, 'Is that Jesus over there?' The waitress nodded, so the Libertarian asked her to give Jesus a cup of hot tea, 'My treat.'

The third patron to come into the restaurant was a Democrat on crutches. He hobbled over to a booth, sat down and hollered, 'Hey there, honey! How's about gettin' me a cold glass of Miller Light?' He, too, looked across the restaurant and asked, 'Is that God's boy over there?' The waitress once more nodded, so the Democrat directed her to give Jesus a cold glass of beer. 'On my bill,' he said

As Jesus got up to leave, he passed by the Republican, touched him and said, 'For your kindness, you are healed.' The Republican felt the strength come back into his legs, got up, and danced a jig out the door.

Jesus also passed by the Libertarian, touched him and said, 'For your kindness, you are healed.' The Libertarian felt his back straightening up, and he raised his hands, praised the Lord and did a series of back flips out the door.

Then Jesus walked towards the Democrat. The Democrat jumped up and yelled, 'Don't touch me... I'm collecting disability.'

I saw a billboard sign that said:

**NEED HELP?
CALL JESUS
1-800-555-3787**

Out of curiosity, I did.

A Mexican showed up with a lawnmower

COMMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR 1955!

'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00."Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000.00 will only buy a used one.' 'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous. 'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter? "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.'

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.'

'Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.'

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.'

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.'

'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.'

'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.' 'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.' 'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.'

'Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more, those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat.'

'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.'

'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress.'

'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.'

'There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend, it costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel.'

'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$35.00 a day in the hospital it's too rich for my blood.'

'If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it.'...

Post Historian Sinclair offers information about the legion in Orland Park**HISTORY CORNER**

By Gene Sinclair, historian

With the consolidation of the Eaton-Priddy Post 111 of Chatham in Chicago and Orland Park Post 526 on August 2nd 1974 we became Orland Memorial Post 111. Since we retained the original charter of Eaton-Priddy our Post Charter dates back to September 2, 1919.

Now this story is not about Post 111 but Orland Park Post 526 and the 40 and Eight division of the American Legion. I am not sure when Post 526 received its charter but in 1932 Herman Kruspe was Commander and Harold J. Ferrin was the Adjutant. Mr. Ferrin's telephone number was Worth 18W2. The annual dues were an overbearing \$2.00.

Members of the 40 and Eight were the wild fun makers at the American Legion Conventions. They were also the supporters of a veteran's rehabilitation camp located north of 143rd Street and LaGrange Road near McGinnis Slough. It was also supported by Col. Robert McCormick owner of the Chicago Tribune and to a lesser degree Post 526. There may have been members of Post 526 who were also members of the 40 and Eight.

The name 40 and 8 comes from the boxcars used to transport either 40 men or 8 horses to the front during WW I.

This camp was started in the 1920's and early on known as the Tribune Camp but by 1948 was referred to as the Orland Park Convalescent Center. It closed in the 1950's. It was for WW I veterans who were quite disabled or disfigured. I am sure many of them were men who had also been gassed in the war. It was for men who did not have a chance to survive in the outside world, but given an opportunity to live in another way. This created an atmosphere where disabled soldiers found comradeship with men who suffered similar experiences and allowed them to function as men among each other.

It was not until after WW II that the U. S. Government did much in the way vocational and rehabilitation services for its service men and women. I am sure the American Legion had a voice in this as they did in the G I Bill.

For the most part before WW II it was service organizations like the American Legion, VFW or employers with a kind heart and a day labor job that kept these veterans working. My father had a business on 74th and Cottage Grove Ave. He had a gassed veteran who washed his store front windows.

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EVENTS ON THE HORIZON.

EVENTS TO COME

- Aug 1 to 3 Taste of Orland at Civic Center
- Aug 10 Memorial Service
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- Aug 10 Annual Steak Fry 1PM
Orland Park Civic Center
Tickets \$9.00 each @ Village Cashier
- Aug 18 Officers Meeting 8PM
Veterans Center
- Aug 27 General Meeting 8PM
Veterans Center
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Sep 13 Post Picnic Time: TBA
Illinois Live Steamers

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



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