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## MEMORIAL DAY 2008 CHRIST LUTHERAN CEMETERY



ORLAND PARK VILLAGE CENTER



## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

I wish to thank those who went to Joe Kelbus's wake. His family was very grateful for our presence.

I wish to thank all those who were at the Civil War reenactment and at Hero's Day.

Our Poppy Days were once again a big success. We may have a final count on the money we received at our meeting next month. Thank you guys for the help in making these poppy days a huge success once again.

Those of us who were at the Air Museum, had a very good time and the tour guide was very good and he took his time with us. We all learned something about the base that was not known. How the base was tied to the history of WW II.

We will also need help in manning the booth at Orland Days. If you can help out come and help us. This event is one of our big fund raisers.

You will be receiving our annual raffle books during the month of June. I hope that you will be able to sell all of your books. This is our main fund raiser. The money raised from selling the books will help keep our post going for another year. So please see how you can help the post.

Thanks to all who participated in Memorial Day activities at Christ Lutheran Cemetery and the Civic Center.

## 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

Donna Koerner

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.

# HOW TO KILL A POST!

DON'T PARTICIPATE

***-THEN-***

COMPLAIN THAT YOU HAVE NO VOICE  
DECLINE BECOMING AN OFFICER OR TAKING  
CHARGE OF A COMMITTEE

***-THEN-***

GIVE ADVICE ON HOW THINGS  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE  
DON'T ATTEND MEETINGS OR  
SUBMIT NEW IDEAS

***-THEN-***

PLAY "DEVIL'S ADVOCATE"  
DON'T VOLUNTEER

***-THEN-***

GRIPE THAT THINGS DON'T GET DONE  
IF BY CHANCE THE POST DOES PROSPER  
IN SPITE OF YOUR NON-HELP

***-BRAG-***

TO ALL THAT WILL HEAR FROM YOU HOW  
HARD IT WAS FOR YOU TO DO IT ALONE

**SPEAK—UP AND PARTICIPATE  
JUST ASK**

***EDITOR'S NOTE: How about stepping up? The same 8-12 people can't front for 120 or so other members***

**Editor's Note:** I received the email below from Finance Officer Joe Raftery. As you can see Joe and Tim spent many hours putting together a Post Everlasting Roster. For that effort they due our great appreciation. However, as you can see despite their tireless efforts they came up a bit short. I have reproduced the roster on the following pages. If you can help fill in any of the gaps please let them know. Joe's email is <[mrjoejr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrjoejr@sbcglobal.net)> and Tim can be reached at [TimKut@hotmail.com](mailto:TimKut@hotmail.com).

**Bob:**

Attached is the completed list of our Post #111 membership roster for those members who have been officially transferred into the Post Everlasting. I will be presenting a framed Memorial plaque of this information to the Post membership present at our next May 2008 meeting. In honor of Memorial Day, I wanted to create a visible reminder to all who enter or use our Post Home of those fellow veterans who once graced this Post. That their names will not be forgotten or hidden in some record file, nor their talents or what they accomplished to help make Post #111 what it is today. We proudly will honor and remember them for being a part of this great Post. The plaque is updateable and new names can be added as each ones' transfer becomes effective.

As you can see however, some of the information is incomplete as to the actual date they died or the Branch of Service that they served within. Tim Kut and I have researched the Post files and records however some records are incomplete. Tim recommended that we post this in the Newsletter for all of the members to see it as well as seek their help and assistance with any of the missing information.

A special thank you to Tim Kut for his research in helping me to make this a reality.

**Joseph Raftery**

**Post Finance Officer**

# Post Everlasting

## Membership Roster

***Members of The American Legion, Orland Memorial Post #111 who have been Transferred to that Great Post Beyond with the Highest of Honors having Duly Served their Country Faithfully***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>
John Lis	*1981	
Sherman Knox Jr.	*1981	
Anthony Link	*1983	
Thomas Cooper	*1983	
Henry Pfordresher	*1984	
Irwin Fisch	*1984	
Thomas Slattery	November , 1984	U.S. Navy
Richard Lawrence	September 17, 1985	U.S. Navy Air Corps
Howard Bashaw	November , 1985	
Horace Gale	December 4, 1985	
Paul Klawans	December 6, 1985	U.S. Army
Paul Sanders	*1987	
Ira Cowan	*1987	
Edward King	January 31, 1988	U.S. Army
Dr. Paul Rosborough	December 25, 1989	
John McCabe	*1990	U.S. Navy
Stephen Klen	*1990	U.S. Army
Richard Kinney	*1990	U.S. Army
Anthony Gattone	*1990	U.S. Army
Walter Banka	*1990	U.S. Army
George Bohentin	July 25, 1990	U.S. Army
Raymond Myrick	July 31, 1990	
Dario Oliosi	August 31, 1990	
Richard Johnson	December 30, 1990	
Charles Green	February 13, 1991	U.S. Army
John Larmon	May 14, 1991	U.S. Navy
Walter Schussler Jr.	*1992	U.S. Army
Fred Nordmeyer	*1992	U.S. Army
Richard Bartolph	*1992	U.S. Army
Robert Settles	*1992	U.S. Air Force
Arlie Hess	*1992	U.S. Army
Albert Doyle	*1992	
Robert Miller	April 18, 1992	
Adam Perminas	September 26, 1992	U.S. Army
Tony Donausky	August 20, 1994	
Ralph Hitz	November 29, 1994	U.S. Army

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u>
Henry Sukiennik	December 9, 1994	U.S. Army Air Corps
Herbert Lucas	December 31, 1994	U.S. Navy
Francis Finnegan Sr.	*1995	U.S. Marine Corps
Robert Geisler Jr.	February 26, 1995	U.S. Navy
Anthony Perusina	June 25, 1995	U.S. Navy
Robert Steele	November 2, 1995	
Bryce Bryar	March 6, 1996	U.S. Army
Earl Moore	July 6, 1996	U.S. Navy
Neal Lott	November 12, 1996	
Arthur Melville	November 25, 1996	U.S. Army
Joseph Salva	December 4, 1996	U.S. Army
James Grabs	January 16, 1997	
Charles Behrendt	February 11, 1997	U.S. Army
Landolin Bumann	April 16, 1997	U.S. Army
Mitchell Nurczyk	July 27, 1997	
Anthony Gwozdz	October 27, 1997	
Edward Mroz	June 22, 1998	U.S. Army
Donald May	June 26, 1998	
George Contes	September 20, 1998	U.S. Army
Edward Shirley	October 15, 1998	U.S. Army
Earl Kislowski	February 27, 1999	
Harry Steinfatt	March 16, 1999	U.S. Army Air Corps
Rueben Simonen	June 24, 1999	U.S. Army
Edward Jarosz	October 14, 1999	U.S. Army
Peter Dalaly	December 31, 1999	U.S. Army
Arthur Granat Sr.	January 24, 2000	
Beverly Anderson	January 22, 2001	U.S. Marine Corps
Edward Flaherty	March 9, 2001	U.S. Army
John Galminas	April 2, 2001	U.S. Army
Bernard Bergmann	April 26, 2001	U.S. Navy
Frank Guetter	July 21, 2001	U.S. Navy
Chester Latek	September 13, 2001	U.S. Army
Leroy Marshall	November 13, 2001	U.S. Army
Robert J. Walczak	December 16, 2001	U.S. Army
Edward Budzyn	June 29, 2002	
Norbert Pordugal	October 22, 2002	
Charles Wilson	March 10, 2003	U.S. Navy
John Wagner	April 10, 2003	U.S. Army
Thomas Rice	April 13, 2003	
Edward Rybicki	August 31, 2003	U.S. Army
Robert Kloess	September 2, 2003	
Owen Nicolai	September 10, 2003	U.S. Air Force
Edward Bauch	October 31, 2003	U.S. Navy
Rudolph Rodriguez	May 3, 2004	U.S. Army
Vncent Leben	June 11, 2004	U.S. Army
Steve Martinez	August 10, 2004	U.S. Marine Corps
John Burke	August 20, 2004	U.S. Army
Chester Pilarczyk	September 29, 2004	
Leo Tandyk	October 14, 2004	U.S. Army
Madest Rawot	December 23, 2004	U.S. Army

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>
Paul Kinney	January 2, 2005	U.S. Navy
Robert Bartels	March 5, 2005	U.S. Army
John Albin	June 6, 2005	U.S. Army
Thomas Bohan	July 18, 2005	U.S. Army
Peter Vandercook	February 5, 2006	U.S. Army
Arthur Mitchell	February 10, 2006	
Roy Benson	February 23, 2006	U.S. Navy
Haward Braasch	May 11, 2006	U.S. Army
Osborne Arnes	June 21, 2006	U.S. Army
George Merle Cooper	August 2, 2006	U.S. Army Air Corps
Horst Tobleck	October 16, 2006	
Clarence Creer	February 12, 2007	
Frank Janard	February 17, 2007	U.S. Army
John Campbell Jr.	March 12, 2007	U.S. Army
Robert Johnson	May 2, 2007	U.S. Army Air Corps
Robert Sommers	May 22, 2007	U.S. Army
Glenn Greene	August 13, 2007	U.S. Navy
Bruce Sindewald	December 16, 2007	U.S. Marine Corps
Ronald Arend	December 18, 2007	U.S. Navy
Jack Bath	January 22, 2008	U.S. Army
Corwin Funkey	February 26, 2008	U.S. Air Force
Edward Van Clay	March 16, 2008	U.S. Marine Corps

### **FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

After vigorously addressing Veterans issues during the past two years I will share some thoughts with you. Upon meeting with some of our elected officials I can tell you that some are hard working and interested in solving some of the problems that confront us in this state. Yes there are some who give perfunctory lip service and are just there to collect a pay check at the taxpayers expense. Now that interest is ramping up to see who will become our next commander-in-chief these are my observations.

When I plunged into this issue of open and unfunded beds at our 4 VA nursing facilities the main trail of this neglect led to the Illinois State Senate. One of the most powerful men in the state, Sen. Pres Emil Jones and his close associates, the Rev James Meeks, Donne Trotter, Rickey Hendon, Kwame Raoul, Jacqueline Collins, and Iris Martinez to name a few. All state senators from the city of Chicago who seemed more interested in transferring monies appropriated for Veterans into their own political pet projects or blocking funding to alleviate the problems Veterans encounter in this state.

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER (cont)

After identifying what I believed to be the obstacles we are facing I proceeded to contact the downtown office of what is now the likely democratic nominee for president Senator Barack Obama. I communicated with the Senators office 3 times during the summer and fall of 2006 and each time I was treated with courtesy. The individual I talked with was the senator's Veterans legislative aide Scott Hooks. I explained to him the problem facing our aging Veteran population, only 1200 beds available for long term care with up to 300 open at any given time with over hundreds of men who had served their country with honor patiently waiting for one of these beds. While these beds lay empty and unfunded men who had served their country with pride were dying on these lists. Each time I explained that I needed Senator Obama who was basking in the zenith of his popularity to call and talk to his former friends and associates in the Illinois State Senate to return the over 5 million dollars they had taken away from these nursing homes and return that funding where it was badly needed. Mr. Hooks always listened patiently and replied that Senator Obama was on the federal level now and I always countered that with Senator Obama's influence and prestige surely a well placed phone call could facilitate a resolution of such a important Veterans issue.

To my knowledge that phone call was never made. On a personal note I voted for Mr. Obama in 2004. Of course he did not have much competition. Since then I have found out his association with one of the most race baiting preachers to grace the pulpit of a church the Rev. "God Damn America" Wright who gave an humanitarian of the year award to the leader of the nation of Islam Louis Farrakhan who has made a career preaching of the "evils of the white man". In fact when hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans it was Farrakhan who blamed it on "a conspiracy of white people against the black man". Plus Mr. Obama has held fund raisers at the home of the noted domestic terrorist William Ayers, a weatherman underground radical who reveled in bombing police stations and govt. bldgs. during the 60's and 70's and who only escaped incarceration do the fact the evidence gathered against him was ruled inadmissible. That has not stopped Ayers from going g around the country trumpeting these abhorrent activities or landing a job as a college professor. Finally we have Mr. Obama going to San Francisco for a fund raiser and blurting out to the "well heeled hoi polloi in attendance" that working people turn to God and Guns when they become bitter. It was in San Francisco that while wearing my class A uniform that I was spit on and called " a baby killer and excess fornicator of barnyard animals." There is no doubt in my mind that Obama's message would resonate with that crowd. All I wanted was one phone call to restore funding to our nursing facilities so dignity and compassion could help those less fortunate than ourselves who desperately need this assistance. That phone call was never made. Our charter does not allow us the liberty of political endorsements. I expect every man and woman to vote their conscience and pay those back with interest who would forsake us and our service to this country which we love and honor.

### 2008 American Legion School Awards

Tuesday	May 20, 2008	6:30pm	Christian Hills Church School
Wednesday	May 28, 2008	5:15pm	Cardinal Joseph Bernadin Grade School
Thursday	May 29, 2008	7:30pm	Century Junior High School
Monday	June 02, 2008	7:30pm	Orland Junior High School
Tuesday	June 03, 2008	7:30pm	Norbert Jerling Junior High School
Thursday	June 05, 2008	6:30pm	St. Michael Catholic Grade School

Above is Joe's schedule for this years presentation of school awards. Joe has assumed this responsibility for years for which we should be extra if you can be of help? I'm sure he would welcome some help and be pleased with any help you can give.

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**EVENTS ON THE HORIZON.**

- **May 28 to June 1 Orland Days**  
153rd METRA Station Centennial  
Park
- **June 1 Orland Days Parade**  
Form up on West Ave near Orland  
Junior High between 12 and 12:30
- **June 16 Officers Meeting**  
8 PM Veterans Center
- **June 25 General Membership**  
Meeting 8 PM Veterans Center

**EVENTS TO COME**

- **July 11 and 18 Farmer's Market**
- **Aug 1 to 3 Taste of Orland at Civic Center**

**THANKS**

To Matt and Tim for representing the Post at the Veterans Job Fair on May 23 at the Civic Center. They posted colors and provided visibility.

To the generous person who presented us with \$100 after the ceremony at Christ Lutheran Cemetery. Your generous gift is most appreciated.

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



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