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ATTENTION

UNIFORM INSPECTION

Attention Honor Guard: On Thursday Oct 30th Honor Guard (blue shirts) and others who participate in honors ceremonies are asked to gather at the Center at 7PM. Those who have blue shirts please bring them as an inventory will be conducted to determine what is necessary to make them all the same. If you participate and wear a white shirt your presence is also required.

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

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MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

- . 110 MEMBERS PAID
- . 51 MEMBERS UNPAID
- . 1 MEMBER TRANSFERRED IN
- . 162 MEMBERS TOTAL

Note, You to can earn a Recruiter's Hat Pin,

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY FREE DINNER AT GOLDEN CORRAL

As in the past on Monday November 17, from 5PM to 9PM Golden Corral Restaurants will provide dinner to everyone who has served his or her country in uniform. PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING SOME FORM OF MILITARY ID.

There are two relatively nearby:

BOLINGBROOK	381 BROOKVIEW LANE	60440	(630)771-177
JOLIET	2100 WEST JEFFERSON STREET	60435	(815)725-8989

In addition, McCormick and Schmicks is also offering something similar see Milt George

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

Maurice Fernandez

Sean Kasper
and family

Karen McCurdy
(wife of Ralph)

Arlene Manring
(wife of Ray)

Father Leo Lyons

R.I.P

Daniel Kahovec

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.

BEER ECONOMICS

This was written by a college professor that has some sense.

Subject: Our tax system explained in terms of beer

A brilliant explanation of our tax system using actual percentages, the impact of a tax cut, and the public reaction that even Obama should be able to understand.

Suppose that every day, ten men go out for beer and the bill for all ten comes to \$100. If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this:

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing.

The fifth would pay \$1.

The sixth would pay \$3.

The seventh would pay \$7.

The eighth would pay \$12.

The ninth would pay \$18.

The tenth man (the richest) would pay \$59.

So, that's what they decided to do. The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve. 'Since you are all such good customers,' he said, 'I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beer by \$20. 'Drinks for the ten now cost just \$80.

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes, so the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink for free. But what about the other six men - the paying customers? How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his 'fair share?'

They realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would each end up being paid to drink his beer. So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by roughly the same amount, and he proceeded to work out the amounts each should pay.

And so -

The fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100% savings).

The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33% savings).

The seventh now pay \$5 instead of \$7 (28% savings).

The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25% savings).

The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22% savings).

The tenth now paid \$49 instead of \$ 59 (16% savings).

Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink for free. But once outside the restaurant, the men began to compare their savings.

'I only got a dollar out of the \$20,' declared the sixth man. He pointed to the tenth man,' but he got \$10!'

'Yeah, that's right,' exclaimed the fifth man. 'I only saved a dollar, too. It's unfair that he got ten times more than I!'

'That's true!!' shouted the seventh man. 'Why should he get \$10 back when I got only two? The wealthy get all the breaks!'

'Wait a minute,' yelled the first four men in unison. 'We didn't get anything at all. The system exploits the poor!'

The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up. The next night the tenth man didn't show up for drinks, so the nine sat down and had beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill! SEE PAGE 6

CHUCKLES

GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU SMILE... ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S A TRUE STORY. ON JULY 20, 1969, AS COMMANDER OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR MODULE, NEIL ARMSTRONG WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO SET FOOT ON THE MOON. HIS FIRST WORDS AFTER STEPPING ON THE MOON, 'THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND,' WAS TELEVISED TO EARTH AND HEARD BY MILLIONS.

BUT JUST BEFORE HE REENTERED THE LANDER, HE MADE THE ENIGMATIC REMARK 'GOOD LUCK, MR. GORSKY'

MANY PEOPLE AT NASA THOUGH IT WAS A CASUAL REMARK CONCERNING SOME RIVAL SOVIET COSMONAUT. HOWEVER, UPON CHECKING, THERE WAS NO GORSKY IN EITHER THE RUSSIAN OR AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAMS.

OVER THE YEARS MANY PEOPLE QUESTIONED ARMSTRONG AS TO WHAT THE 'GOOD LUCK, MR. GORSKY' STATEMENT MEANT, BUT ARMSTRONG ALWAYS JUST SMILED.

ON JULY 5, 1995, IN TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA, WHILE ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOLLOWING A SPEECH, A REPORTER BROUGHT UP THE 26-YEAR-OLD QUESTION TO ARMSTRONG. THIS TIME HE FINALLY RESPONDED. MR. GORSKY HAD DIED, SO NEIL ARMSTRONG FELT HE COULD ANSWER THE QUESTION.

IN 1938 WHEN HE WAS A KID IN A SMALL MIDWEST TOWN, HE WAS PLAYING BASEBALL WITH A FRIEND IN THE BACKYARD. HIS FRIEND HIT THE BALL, WHICH LANDED IN HIS NEIGHBOR'S YARD BY THE BEDROOM WINDOWS. HIS NEIGHBORS WERE MR. AND MRS. GORSKY. AS HE LEANED DOWN TO PICK UP THE BALL, YOUNG ARMSTRONG HEARD MRS. GORSKY SHOUTING AT MR. GORSKY. 'SEX! YOU WANT SEX?! YOU'LL GET SEX WHEN THE KID NEXT DOOR WALKS ON THE MOON!'

Scotch with two drops of water.

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today.'

The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.' As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.'
'Coming up,' says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy you one, too.'
The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.'
'Coming right up,' the bartender says. As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?' The old woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'

HISTORY CORNER

By gene Sinclair, historian

PURPLE HEART

By order issued at his headquarters at Newburgh, New York, August 7, 1782, General George Washington designated the Purple Heart as the Army's Badge of Military Merit. He presented it to three sergeants, and it was not awarded again.

President Herbert Hoover revived it on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of General Washington birth. Soldiers who had been awarded the Meritorious Service Citation Certificate or who had received wound chevrons after April 5, 1917 could request the Purple Heart.

Then Executive Order 9277, dated December 3, 1942 and signed by President Franklyn D. Roosevelt, authorized the Purple Heart only for wounds but extended the applicability to all services. Where wounds result in death, the award is posthumously presented to the recipient's next of kin. *

* The National D-Day

Memorial

Bedford, Virginia

Orland Days Post Raffle winner names drawn at meeting Sept 24th 2008

Winners of the drawing are as follows

1st Prize - David Monday, Orland Park, IL 60462

2nd Prize - David Gungoll, Homer Glen, IL 60491

3rd Prize - Richard Doman, Orland Park, IL 60467

4th Prize - Robert Suhs Sr, Orland Park, IL 60467

5th Prize - Timothy Kut, Orland Park, IL 60462

Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Please share this with anyone who's had active duty service prior to January 2002 and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this: You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service, for active duty any time from 1940 through 2001 (the program was done away with in January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office - and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! Soc Sec website:

<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty prior to January 2002. FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it!

Ed Note: I have nothing else other than this shared email. However, you might want to check to make sure you are receiving all you have coming.

CONTIUED FROM PAGE 4

And that, boys and girls, journalists and college professors, is how our tax system works. The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might start drinking overseas where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

David R. Kamerschen, Ph.D.
Professor of Economics
University of Georgia

The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it.

~ Epicurus

It is neither wealth or splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.

~ Thomas Jefferson

ANOTHER CHUCKLE

An extremely modest man was in the hospital for a series of tests, the last of which had left his bodily systems extremely upset. Upon making several false alarm trips to the bathroom, he decided the latest episode was another and stayed put. He suddenly filled his bed with diarrhea and was embarrassed beyond his ability to remain rational.

In a complete loss of composure he jumped out of bed, gathered up the bed sheets, and threw them out the hospital window.

A drunk was walking by the hospital when the sheets landed on him. He started yelling, cursing, and swinging his arms violently trying to get the unknown thing off, and ended up with the soiled sheets in a tangled pile at his feet. As the drunk stood there, unsteady on his feet, staring down at the sheets, a hospital security guard, (barely containing his laughter), and who had watched the whole incident, walked up and asked,

"What the heck is going on here?" The drunk, still staring down replied: "I think I just beat the shit out of a ghost!"

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

From The Desk of the Commander

In the 1960's the singer and songwriter Bob Dylan stated "that the times they are a changing". 40 years later the dramatic shift of that seems very evident. My father came from an Italian immigrant family of eleven. At a young age I asked him why he spoke so little if any Italian. He stated that my grandfather insisted that English be spoken at the dinner table, that the customs of this country be learned and observed, and if the time should come to make a contribution they would be expected to do so. When World War 11 dawned 6 of my uncles would honor their father's wishes by serving in that conflict.

Now things are a little bit different. We expect government to solve our problems, individual responsibility is excused, and political correctness is the etiquette of the day. I find it a bit ironic that we live in a society that domestic terrorists like Bill Ayers and his wife can bomb buildings, put lives at risk, denigrate the flag and country, show no remorse and give no apologies and yet land cushy jobs at universities while those who served with honor cannot find employment or receive the proper medical care they deserve.

Veterans are passing on at record numbers. For most it is the natural moving of the sands of time. When you read this newsletter I will have just turned 57. I always knew that my age would catch up to my IQ at some point in time. Most of you are older than myself. I notice little things. When we march in parades not everyone stands or respects the flag when it passes. An elected official I was pressing for Veteran's funding look puzzled when I mentioned a good man who survived 25 combat missions in a B17. (That individual didn't know what B17 signified).

In the next 10 to 20 years most of us will have passed on. It is only the laws of nature and probability taking hold. Perhaps that is a good thing. Only in America could a man who gave over 20 years of military service with almost 6 of them being spent tortured, beaten, and starved be called a "genuine American hero" give another 25 years of public service be the underdog against a man whose limitations and liabilities are widely known but to address them opens the labeling of racism against you.

In some neighborhoods across our country a hero is referred to being as nothing but a sandwich. Sometimes I guess in the slang vernacular "it just be that way".

CHANGE CHICAGO STYLE'

Body count. In the last six months **292** killed (murdered) in Chicago, **221** killed in Iraq .

**Sens. Barack Obama & Dick Durbin,
Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.,
Gov. Rod Blagojevich,
House leader Mike Madigan,
Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan (daughter of Mike),
Mayor Richard M. Daley (son of former Mayor Richard J. Daley).....**

The leadership in Illinois...all Democrats

Chicago is a combat zone. Of course they're all blaming each other.

You Can't blame Republicans, there aren't any!

State pension fund \$44 Billion in debt, worst in country. Cook County (Chicago) sales tax is 10.25%. The highest in country. (Look'em up if you want). Chicago school system one of the worst in country.

This is the political culture that Obama comes from in Illinois .

He's gonna **'fix'** Washington politics?

Yeah!, Right...

Change should begin at Home..

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EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- Nov 4 **ELECTION DAY**
VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!
- Nov 7 **Veterans Celebration**
Park School 8:00 AM
- Nov 10 **St Michaels School**
Veterans Celebration
7:30 AM
- Nov 11 **Veterans Day Observance**
Orland Park Village Center
10AM
- Nov 14 **Veterans Breakfast**
Century School 8:45 AM
- Nov 17 **Post Officers Meeting**
Veterans Center 8PM
- Nov 26 **General Membership Meeting**
Veterans Center 8PM

FUTURE

- Dec 10 **Post Christmas Party**
Orland Chateau
More Details forthcoming

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



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