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VETERANS DAY



FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMANDER

" SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER AND GET A HAT PIN "

Any current member who signs up a NEW MEMBER, for 2010, will receive a 2010 Membership Pin.

Note, a new member is someone who has not belonged to any Legion Post for two or more years.

Call or see me for more info, Sal

ORLAND PARK VETERANS COMMISSION

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday Nov. 11 @ 1PM

Orland Park Village Center

ADJUTANT'S CALL

PLEASE PAY ANY UNPAID DUES ASAP.

Department has sent out renewal forms on July 1, They will be sending them out on October 1, 2009, January 10, March 15, and May 1 2010. Some times even if you have 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	John Cranston
Sean Kasper	and family
Arlene Manring	(wife of Ray)
John O'Rourke	Richard Parker
Gene Sinclair	Bob Lewis

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

R.I.P

Albert 'Toots' Morrell	Robert Suhs Jr.
Kathy Sharp	(wife of Victor Sharp)
Harold Moss	Eugene Pertile
John Hennessy	

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Legionnaires,

I want to thank each of you who courageously (if not foolishly) sent my loving wife Sue a "sympathy" card on being married to me for 30 years. It was a nice anniversary touch and be advised to those who tried to disguise their signatures I got a handwriting expert to decipher your scribbling. There will be outdoor calisthenics this upcoming winter for you individuals. I readily admit that I got the better of that deal 30 years ago. However long marriages are the rule and not the exception within the membership of our post. There are so many whose unions have lasted for so much longer than Sue and I's 30 years within our ranks.

Time and space does not permit naming everyone however just a few are Earl DeVries and his lovely bride Ella recently celebrated 69 years of bliss. I am sure some of our spouses in reflection wondered how they made it through 69 minutes with us more less that amount of years. Hank and Gloria Callahan, John and Beverly Ferraro, Sal and Marge Estrada (now there's a woman who deserves a sympathy card), Ted and Beverly Gronczewski, Frank and Sandy Jerz, Jerry and Vicki Junkas, Dave and Bernadette Kemp, Ray and Arlene Manning, Bob and Ceil Palucki (that woman should be nominated for sainthood), Mike and Jean Kolessar, Tim and Sue Kut, John and Mary O'Rourke and Bob and Mary Lewis are just a tip of the iceberg of the many members within our ranks who have celebrated 40, 50 and even more years of marriage.

Hell this list could go on and on, Ralph and Sara Bechtold, Ron and Bernadine Jacobs, Ralph and Karen McCurdy, Dave and Geri Oberg, Pat and Bonnie Rafferty, Rich and Marge Parker, Ferdinand and Phyllis Schrank, Ray and Bernice Wojewnik. Plus that doesn't include those who sadly lost a long time partner like Warren and his late wife Donna Koerner, Tony and the late Rose Cimo and vice versa like John and Kathleen Hennessy or Jack and Phyllis Bath.

Needless to say most can readily admit that we have been blessed with the partners we have. Of course those women who married a Navy man were fortunate to have someone who could handle a mop or those who ended up with an Army man had someone who was proficient in peeling produce. We shall leave the comments about the Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard to future reference.

Although Air Force Veteran Gene Montalbano did inform me when I told him that Sue and I were seeing "Jersey Boys" on my birthday that we would enjoy it "seeing it was a story about a group of Air Force guys who purchase some Jersey cows and go into the dairy business".

Finally the Commanders Veterans Day Recognition Dinner will take place on the evening of Nov 10th. This dinner will honor those legionnaires who during the past year who have exemplified the Legion creed of Duty, Service, Courage, and Loyalty. The recipients will be announced at the general meeting this Oct 28th. To those chosen all I can say is bring your appetite and I am not legally liable for any food shrapnel sent your way by legionnaire Koerner.

Dean Morrell

Post Commander

Catherine has shared the information below from a pamphlet she was able to get from Department. We will investigate getting more but for now here is a brief list of Legion benefits. For those of you who have computers you may get information from www.legion.org/benefits.

Save 10% off the Best Available Rate at thousands of participating locations throughout the world among which are:

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Your American Legion ID NUMBER IS 20204

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Call **1-800-GOALAMO(462-5266)** or visit www.alamo.com

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Hertz operates in over 147 countries from approximately 8,100 locations worldwide. By using your American Legion discount CDP# 1821951 each time you place a reservation, you instantly qualify for member discounts in the U.S. and around the world. And if you're in the neighborhood of a Hertz Local Edition location, we can offer "come and get you" service too.

For low web rates, special offers and free membership to our Hertz #1 Club, visit hertz.com or call **1-800-654-2200**.

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Website: www.superiorrelo.com

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MORE NEXT MONTH

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.'

'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?'

'The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service .

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

Which Service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?

ORLAND PARK VETERANS COMMISSION

ANNUAL VETERANS STEAK FRY

SUNDAY November 8, 2009 AT 1:00 PM

Orland Park Civic Center

Tickets Available at Village Hall Cashiers Office

APPLEBEES SALUTE TO VETERANS DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

**ALL VETERANS (INCLUDING RETIREES) AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY INVITED
TO EAT FREE ON VETERANS DAY**

PROOF OF SERVICE INCLUDES:

U.S. Uniform Services ID Card
U.S. Uniform Services Retired ID Card
Current Leave and Earnings Statement
Veterans Organization Card
photograph in uniform or wearing uniform

Choose from Applebees selected menu items

The American Legion's national commander says he is pleased by the Department of Veterans Affairs' just announced recognition of the herbicide Agent Orange as a culprit in three more illnesses plaguing Vietnam veterans. The VA's decision was in reaction to the latest in a series of "Veterans and Agent Orange" reports from the Institute of Medicine (IOM).

"The VA's establishment of exposure to Agent Orange as a contributor to hairy cell leukemia (HCL) -- a rare form of cancer -- Parkinson's disease and ischemic heart disease (IHD) is perhaps overdue, but welcome, said Clarence E. Hill. "It means many more Vietnam veterans will be afforded the VA health care and benefits they deserve. I offer sincere thanks to Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki for this action. As a Vietnam veteran himself, I am sure General Shinseki's interest in this matter was intense and personal."

Agent Orange is a herbicide that was employed during the Vietnam war to defoliate heavily forested areas and thus remove concealment for enemy troops. It is estimated that more than 21-million gallons of the highly toxic chemical were sprayed over rural areas of South Vietnam from 1962 to 1971. Its poisonous effects were not restricted to vegetation, as intended, but sickened and killed humans as well.

American troops exposed to Agent Orange began showing various symptoms of illness early on, but the military service connection to defoliant-caused disease was not readily made. The American Legion played a significant role in making that connection and lobbying for its official recognition by the Department of Veterans Affairs. HCL, IHD and Parkinson's disease will soon join a long list of illnesses thought to plague Vietnam veterans who came in contact with Agent Orange.

"While we are happy with the announcement, we will continue to work with medical experts to explore connections between Agent Orange and respiratory disorders such as asthma, pleurisy, pneumonia and tuberculosis as well as gastrointestinal diseases, liver toxicity, thyroid disease, homeostasis, endometriosis and others," Hill said. "We will also be anxiously awaiting VA's long overdue official decision on the suspected connection between herbicides and hypertension - the harbinger of so many other serious disorders.

"It should be remembered that Agent Orange exposure was not limited to just 'boots on the ground' in country," Hill continued. "Veterans exposed to Agent Orange included blue water Navy sailors, among others. They, too, deserve the care and benefits to be afforded other victims.

"There are 900-thousand Vietnam-era veterans in Legion ranks alone, so we have a huge stake in this," Hill said.

With a current membership of 2.5-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

VA Health Care Eligibility & Enrollment

VA provides a [Medical Benefits Package](#) to all enrolled Veterans. This comprehensive plan provides a full range of preventive outpatient and inpatient services within VA health care system. Also, once you enroll in the VA's health care system, you can be seen at any VA facility across the country.

VA operates an annual enrollment system that helps to manage the provision of health care by providing an overall population of beneficiaries. Additionally, the enrollment system ensures that Veterans who are eligible can get care and ensures that care is given to Veterans who are eligible. VA applies a variety of factors in determining Veterans' eligibility for enrollment, but once a Veteran is enrolled, that Veteran remains enrolled in the VA health care system.

With the recent Priority Group 8 Enrollment Relaxation, and other ongoing evaluation and changes by VA, you may now be eligible to enroll with VA for health care services. You can apply for care by completing [VA Form 10-10EZ, Application for Health Benefits](#), and VA will let you know what health care benefits you may qualify for. You can find more information at [Applying for Care](#).

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EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- Nov 8 Veterans Commission
Steak Fry 1 pm Civic Center
- Nov 11 Orland Park Veterans Day Observance
11 AM Civic Center
- Nov 16 Officer's Meeting 8 PM
Veteran's Center
- Nov 25 General Membership Meeting 8 PM
Veteran's Center

Dec 9 Post Christmas Party
Orland Chateau
Cost Approximately \$25.00
Details forthcoming

- **Jan 24 2010 Trip to Wolves Game**
Where: Allstate Arena
Time: Puck drops at 3PM
Cost: \$30.00 includes ticket and transportation

PAYMENT DEADLINE DEC 31st
FAMILIES WELCOME
SEE MATT FOR TICKETS

OPPONENT: Grand Rapids

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



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