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## Jack Bath Memorial Picnic

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**September 13, 2008**

Jack Bath doing what he loved, giving rides around the grounds of the Illinois Live Steamers.

The picnic was held on an unbelievably rainy weekend. See details on page 3

## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Our annual Post picnic was on Saturday Sept. 13th. Coincidentally the rainfall for that weekend exceeded 10 inches in some parts of the metro Chicagoland area. When I talked to the Sr. Vice Commander Sal Estrada that morning and inquired as to perhaps it might be better to reschedule the affair he stated in the fine tradition of a ringmaster at the Barnum & Bailey circus "that the show must go on".

Come Hell and High water it did. People arrived by automobile and rumor has it that some left by rowboat, gondola, and even had to be airlifted by helicopter from the Illinois Live Steamer grounds. However putting all that aside a salute must go to Sal for organizing the affair, collecting the money, ordering the food, and putting the memorial program together to honor our deceased Sergeant of Arms Jack Bath. In the true spirit of leadership he even waited for everyone to be served their food before he grabbed a plate. He even ate without his legion cap on. I was hoping to fine him another dollar for the post kitty! All that rain did for me was to bring nightmares back of basic training at Ft. Lewis in the state of Washington during the winter of 1971. In fact Legionnaire Palucki stated " that the last time I saw this much water is when ( Oops, this is a family publication and unfortunately I can't go there).

## From The Senior Vice Commander

### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008-2009

- . 99 Members paid as of 08-18-08
  - . 61 Members Unpaid "Hey Guys & Gals - We need you "
  - . 160 Members Total
- Note, Sign Up a New Member - Get a Pin

Sal, Senior Vice 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

Maurice Fernandez

Sean Kasper

and family

Karen McCurdy

(wife of Ralph)

Arlene Manning

(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.

On what would turn out to be the historically biggest weekend rain 90 plus people gathered at the grounds of the Illinois Live Steamers for the annual Post 111 picnic. Arranged by Senior Vice Commander Sal Estrada the menu consisted of beef, sausage, chicken, potatoes and pasta salad. The Steamers made one of their work sheds available to shelter the crowd and during a lull in the weather many were able to grab a ride with one of the club members to tour the lovely grounds. Jack had arranged the annual picnic every year for the past few and in the wonderful giving spirit of the Bath family Jack's wife Phyllis asked Sal if we wanted to hold it there again this year. Since this was the Jack Bath Memorial Picnic Senior Vice Commander Sal Estrada led a short Memorial Service consisting of a prayer offered by Legionnaire Warren Koerner filling in for the Post Chaplain. This was followed by a poem read by Post Historian Gene Sinclair. During a short period of Eulogies, Warren's son Jeff an Eagle Scout spoke glowingly of Jack as his Scoutmaster especially how Jack taught Jeff real life camping skills. Following the eulogies, TAPS was "played" by Bugler John Hennessy and Sr. Vice and Past Commander Estrada presented the Americanism Medal posthumously. The service closed with a benediction by Legionnaire Koerner filling in for the Chaplain.

**DEAN MORRELL  
COMMANDER  
O.M. POST 111**

**OIC: SAL ESTRADA  
1ST VICE-COMMANDER  
PAST COMMANDER  
2001-2005**

**"ILLINOIS LIVE STEAMERS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT O.M. POST 111"**

## **FAREWELL TO A FRIEND**

**REPRODUCED FROM JANUARY POST:** You probably noticed a face missing as you signed in tonight. Our dear friend and Sgt-At-Arms Jack Bath was called to Post Everlasting. Jack was a dear friend and a lynch pin of our activities, He faithfully opened the center every Monday and Friday for as long as we have been in the building. He has served three Commanders that I know of and when he was in town was ALWAYS available to pitch in. Jack sold his long time property in Orland Park and moved to a lovely home in New Lenox. Jack, like a few of us, had mobility problems but his new home had a basement in which he had a wonderful G-Scale layout. He felt he could handle the stairs occasionally to "play" with the trains. Jack had played with HO for years but now had the space to play with in a larger scale. In addition, he was a member of the Illinois Live Steamers where he owned larger scale equipment. When the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club opened a new clubhouse in New Lenox, Jack accepted my invitation to an Open House and decided to join the club. For the past few years Jack arranged for us to have the Post picnic at the Live Steamer's grounds. Jack was more than just a Legion member, he was more than just a Sgt-At-Arms, he epitomized all that the Legion stands for, reaching out not only to his Legion comrades but to anyone with whom he came in contact. We will miss him greatly and offer our condolences to Phyllis and the rest of the family.

**FAREWELL DEAR FRIEND**

## CHUCKLES

**Subject: Depression hurts...**

Last night I was depressed, so I called the Depression Hotline. I was routed to a call center in Pakistan. I told them I was suicidal. They got all excited and asked if I could drive a truck!

**AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED...**

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive... so, I took her to a gas station...

**And then the fight started....**

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'you should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

**And then the fight started.....**

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago o, a and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

**And then the fight started....**

I rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny?

Yeah, well I couldn't believe it... he was a DWARF!!!

He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!!!'

So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, then which one are you?'

**And then the fight started...**

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August 2, 2008

Dear Friends:

In August of 2005, U.S.M.C. Corporal Sean Kaspar entered the Marine Corps at the age of 18. Since that time, he has participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In November of 2007, after returning home from his first deployment, Sean married his loving and supportive girlfriend Krista. Prior to his second deployment in April of 2008, the couple found out they were expecting their first child, which they are currently awaiting the birth of in November of 2008.

On June 17, 2008, while Cpl. Kaspar was participating in Operation Enduring Freedom on a joint mission with British troops, a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) was fired at the convoy Cpl. Kaspar and his fellow Marines were traveling in. This RPG exploded approximately 30 feet from Cpl. Kaspar, injuring him and three fellow Marines. Cpl. Kaspar was air-lifted to a nearby hospital in Afghanistan where he was stabilized before beginning the long journey back to the United States. He is currently hospitalized at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego California.

Cpl. Kaspar suffered many wounds during the explosion, some superficial and others much more severe. Shrapnel entered his body at the hip and ankle severing major nerves. As a result, he has limited to no nerve sensation in areas of his right leg. The wound to his ankle has required treatment for infection and will also require a skin graft from his thigh to help close the wound. In addition, he suffered a serious wound to the top of his right forearm which has also become infected several times over the course of his treatment. Because of these infections and other medical setbacks, Cpl. Kaspar has endured fourteen surgeries to date and has not been able to walk. It was also recently discovered that he has a piece of shrapnel lodged in his left eye, which has yet to be removed and is causing a cataract to form. Despite all that Sean has endured, his spirits have remained high and his commitment to his fellow Marines has remained strong, even stating that he would return to Afghanistan to complete his tour of duty, if he were able.

The injuries sustained by Cpl. Kaspar will require many months of intense therapy and rehabilitation, and have forever changed the course of this brave young Marine's life. Cpl. Kaspar has a long battle ahead in his healing and recovery process, but overall is expected to make a good recovery. It is for these many reasons that the Kaspar family has started this foundation. It is the mission of the foundation to see that Cpl. Kaspar and his family receive the necessary financial support to and deal with the upcoming battles they will now face. We are asking for your help in the form of donations for our scheduled fundraiser October 4, 2008. We are specifically seeking raffle prizes and auction items; however cash donations can also be made directly to Founders Bank, 6825 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St Worth, IL 60482, 708-448-6500. Donations can be made via telephone, in person to any bank branch location, or by mail to the above address in care of the **Coming Together for Corporal Kaspar Foundation**. One hundred percent of donations received will go directly to Cpl. Kaspar's family and will show your appreciation for his dedicated service to our country.

On a personal note, we are extremely proud of the role Sean plays in our lives as a brother and a son. We would like to thank you in advance for your support of Sean, who is definitely our hero, and who has sacrificed so much for the United States of America. It should also be noted, that Sean will be receiving the "Purple Heart" medal for his actions in combat, which will be awarded to him in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

*The Kaspar Family*

The Kaspar Family



# Coming Together for Corporal Kaspar Benefit

**Saturday, October 4th, 2008**  
**Kerry Piper**  
**7900 Joliet Road, Willowbrook, IL 60527**  
**1pm-4pm**

**Raffle Prizes, Silent Auctions, Live Entertainment, and More**

Pre-sale tickets available for \$30.00 each  
Includes: 3 hours of open bar, food, and cash raffle

Tickets for children ages 2-12 will be available at the door for \$10.00  
Adult tickets will also be available at the door but will not include cash raffle

For tickets and information contact  
Eric Kaspar (708)372-7463 or Michael Kaspar (708)878-3195  
Or by email at [coming2gether4cpl\\_kaspar@yahoo.com](mailto:coming2gether4cpl_kaspar@yahoo.com)

All proceeds will go to benefit U.S.M.C. Cpl. Sean Kaspar  
Who was injured in Afghanistan on June 17th, 2008.



Cash donations to the foundation can also be made directly to  
Founders Bank at any bank branch location, via telephone, or  
by mail to the address listed below in care of the  
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## Largest Reenlistment in History



### As usual, the good news goes unreported.

Tremendous re-enlistment in Baghdad.....never made main stream media...guess it doesn't fit with their reporting of the hollow force, poor morale, etc. For those who have been in the Al Faw Palace you'll have a better estimation of the number of people crammed in the rotunda.

Here is a reenlistment ceremony from Baghdad on the 4th of July. Somehow this did not make it onto network news broadcasts. Attached are pictures of what is reputedly the 'largest re-enlistment ceremony ever held in military history'.

The ceremony was held July 4, 2008 at Al Faw Palace, Baghdad, Iraq. General Petraeus officiated.

A pizzeria in Chicago donated 2000 pizzas that were made (frozen), shipped on Sunday, arrived in Baghdad Wednesday and were fed to the troops on the 4th. Oh, by the way, the media did report on the 2000 pizzas...just not what they were for.

## Catching Wild Pigs!

There was a Chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab the Professor noticed one young man (exchange student) who kept rubbing his back, and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a communist government.

In the midst of his story he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked, 'Do you know how to catch wild pigs?'

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said this was no joke.

'You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come everyday to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side. The pigs that are used to the free corn start to come through the gate to eat, and then you slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity.

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America . The government keeps pushing us toward socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare, medicine, drugs, etc, etc, etc. While we continue to lose our freedoms - just a little at a time.

One should always remember: There is no such thing as a free Lunch! Also, a politician will never provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

In this 'very important' election year, listen closely to what the candidates are promising you - just maybe, you will be able to tell who is about to slam the gate on America .

'A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have.'

-Thomas Jefferson

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## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

Oct 4 OPACC Community Expo  
9AM to 1PM  
We will participate

Dec 10 Post Christmas Party  
Details forthcoming

Oct 20 Post Officers Meeting  
8PM Veterans Center

Oct 29 General Membership Meeting  
8PM Veterans Center

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



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