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Village of Orland Park To Host Veterans Day Ceremony

Observance Includes Bagpipes, Balloon Release and Korean War Memorabilia Display

ORLAND PARK – The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission will hold its annual **Veterans' Day Ceremony** on **Thursday, November 11, 2010** at **11:00 a.m.**

The ceremony will be held at the Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial, Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace, located south of Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

The names of ten area veterans have been added to Orland Park's memorial.

“The village's ceremonies to commemorate Veterans and Memorial Day are always very moving,” said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. “We invite the entire community to join us as we salute the many brave men and women who have served our country,” the mayor said.

Bagpiper Mike Cotiguala, a US Army Vietnam Veteran and member of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad, will escort the honor/color guard comprised of members of the Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond VFW Post #2604 and the American Legion Orland Memorial Post #111. Sisters Frann Carnivele Sidlow and Tina Carnivele Hack will sing the national anthem and Reverend Walter Ledogar, retired pastor of Orland Park's Christ Lutheran Church, will offer the invocation.

“This year, we're proud to honor and recognize the veterans of the Korean War, joining the national commemoration of the war's 60th anniversary,” said Orland Park Veterans Commission Chair Tom Dubelbeis.

The village's ceremony will include a wreath laying by two Orland Junior High School students, Graham Hevel and Kelsey Glascott whose brother is a member of the United States Marine Corps. Students from Orland Junior High School donated the wreath and a number of students are expected to attend the ceremony.

A representative from the Korean War Veterans Association South Suburban Chapter in Tinley Park will speak and orange balloons will be released after the ceremony to remember those affected by Agent Orange.

“Orland Park will be part of a simultaneous national release of balloons, doves and butterflies across the nation at noon, CST on November 11th,” the mayor said.

Veterans Commission Recording Secretary Gail Blummer has coordinated the Korean War Memorabilia Display in the lobby of Orland Park’s Village Hall.

“Area veterans from the Korean War have generously loaned the commission different items to place on display as Orland Park observes the anniversary of what’s been known as ‘the forgotten war’,” Blummer said.

“The Veterans Commission is proud to honor and recognize the veterans of the Korean War and we want them to know that they are not forgotten,” Dubelbeis added.

The Korean War Memorabilia Display will be available for viewing in the lobby of Orland Park’s Village Hall, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. through December 3.

More than 37,000 troops died during the three year Korean War with 6,877 becoming prisoners of war and more than 8,000 remaining unaccounted for.

“We invite everyone to stop in at the Village Hall to see the exhibit as Orland Park pays homage to the heroes in our community who served in the Korean War,” McLaughlin said.

Members of the Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond VFW Post #2604 and the Orland Memorial American Legion Post #111 will provide the honor/color guard for the Village of Orland Park’s Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held at Orland Park’s Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace’ ~ Place of Peace, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.