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### **Village of Orland Park Special Services to Host Veterans' Fair** *Jobs, Health and Information Top Agenda*

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services is rolling out the red carpet for area veterans. On Monday, March 16, Special Services will host its Veterans' Fair in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The fair, featuring jobs, health and information, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

"We've put together a very informative day for veterans," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "In addition to the thirty employers that the Illinois Department of Employment Security is bringing, we have a number of agencies that will have information specifically of interest to veterans," he added.

Sertoma will conduct free hearing tests the duration of the fair. Other health services include blood pressure screenings provided by the Orland Fire Protection District and Orland Township. Palos Community Hospital will distribute coupons for PSA exams.

"We've lined up a variety of agencies and organizations to come in," said Orland Park Village Clerk Dave Maher. "Groups cover the board with opportunities and services for veterans," Maher added.

Participants, in addition to those conducting the aforementioned health screenings, include Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, American Legion Orland Memorial Post 111, Cook County Treasurer's Office, Hines VA Hospital (Suicide Prevention and Prevention/Management of Disruptive Behavior), Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, Illinois State Treasurer's Office and Moraine Valley Community College.

Also participating are the Orland Park Lions Club, Orland Park Police Department, Orland Park Public Library, Orland Township,

PLOWS Council on Aging, Social Security Administration, United States Department of Labor, Veterans of Foreign Wars Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond Memorial Post 2604 and the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex.

“We want all of our veterans --- regardless of their ages --- to know that we are here to help them find what they need. If they have questions about health, education, jobs --- anything --- we’ve developed the resources for them to find information all in one place,” McLaughlin said. “This is the least we can do as a community to help these men and women who have given so much for our country,” McLaughlin added.

Veterans are encouraged to bring copies of resumes and DD214 or discharge papers to provide to prospective employers that will be at the job fair.

Orland Park’s Veterans’ Fair is open to veterans throughout the region and is not limited to those from Orland Park. Further information about Orland Park’s Veterans’ Fair is available by calling the Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.