



Thank A Vet



By Dr. R. Pletsch

This Saturday is Veterans' Day. It has been a national holiday since 1938. Twenty-seven states had already declared it a state holiday and it was so popular celebrating WWI Vets, now that they were getting old enough to be Dads and Grandpas. At that point, it was considered Armistice Day celebrating the end of fighting in WWI. Later with the enormous number of men and women dying in WWII and the Korean Conflict, Veterans' Day in 1954 was declared to honor all Vets.

Congress moved the holiday to Monday in 1971, but because of the significance of November 11th, many complained and Veterans' Day was turned back to November 11th in 1978. When he helped move the date to Mondays President Ford hoped more could join the "Celebration for the Patriotism, Love of Country, and Willingness to Serve and Sacrifice for the Common Good".

How do you explain the sacrifice and decision to join the military to our present-day students? In our self-centered country, it is hard to explain the draft, since it ended in 1973. Many reading this article won't even know what I'm talking about, but that's for another time. Using government statistics, we see that the military under an all-volunteer status has less internal problems than they did before.

We still have people who think it is easy to enlist that military always needs men and women. The truth is you cannot get into the military today with a criminal record or without a high school diploma. People remember that during Nam, people enlisted to avoid a jail sentence. Later we wondered why there was so much racial tension and such a drug culture in East Asia. Congress

severely restricts the number in the military. This is one reason during the conflicts in Kuwait, Iraq and present day Afghanistan so many serving in the National Guard and the Reserves have been called up to active duty. The people like to blame President Bush but he could not make the military bigger and had to use what was available. I even know a teacher, who was 51 at the time, was sent to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne. Luckily they did not make him jump out of a plane, he helped restore museums. I also knew nine gang members from the Back of the Yards, who enlisted together during Nam on the "Buddy Plan", meaning they picked their unit and dates for basic training. Never heard of them again, I feel sorry for whoever their commanding officer was.

As Veterans' Day does not hold the feeling it once did, the Pew Poll says fewer American people know active military. During WWII 9% of all men were in the service. Now it's less than 1%. It further states that if you are 50 or older there is a 75% chance you know someone in the military. If you are age 30 - 49, only 60% know someone in the military. 73% of Republicans know someone in the military, only 59% Democrats and 56% of Independents know someone in the military.

So if you can't use the military to escape jail and its average enlistment is four years, who signs up? There are people looking forward to careers, both military and non-military with the training they will receive is invaluable. They are the people that most likely fly Old Glory and say a silent prayer at 11:00 on 11/11. Maybe they even cry during Taps and definitely go crazy during the National Anthem before a Blackhawks game and they are feeling a little Country, as 40% of our military come from the 11 down home states.

The military offers a great way to get educated, like ROTC in college, it costs nothing but time and effort. I have a relative who graduated from the University of Michigan and became a nuclear engineer and one that is a medical student that graduated from the University of Virginia. I have numerous students who are taking care of their families with the help of the education they received in the military. So to all you Vets: Thanks for your service.

National Honor Society Inductees At De La Salle Institute



De La Salle Institute welcomed 14 young women and men into the Br. J. Richard Rush, FSC, Chapter of the National Honor society on Nov. 1st. Pictured in front row are: junior Dominica Gallagher, senior Benjamin Tassone, junior Tiffany Pang, junior Cristian Cortez, junior Madison Gagen, senior Elijah Hamilton-Perkin, junior Amaya Utreras and junior Juliana Hernandez. Back row: junior Makenzie Steele, senior Xavier Vicenteno, junior Michael Spurlock-Davis, junior Diego Avila, senior Miriam Madriz and senior Antelma Acosta.

Performance Of Japanese Music



The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will present a performance of Japanese Shamisen music and Taiko Drums on Saturday, Nov. 18th at 1 p.m. The featured performer is Tatsu Aoki, a prolific artist, composer, musician and educator who was born in Tokyo. For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer will conduct a Family Science Night will be held on Thursdays, Nov. 9th and 16th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Come and be part of fun, hands-on engineering challenges from Curiosity Machine. Recommended for children in grades 3-5 and their families.

MSI After School Science Club will feature work in progress: Building with the Engineering Design Cycle on Saturdays, Nov. 11th and 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This program is best suited for children in grades 3 to 5.

Stay & Play, Mondays, through Nov. 27th from 4 to 5 p.m. Get ready for music, games, fun, toys and activities.

Family Story Time will be held on Tuesdays, through Nov. 28th from 6

to 7 p.m. The program of books, stories, poems, songs and simple craft activities is suitable for families with children of all ages.

Preschool Story Time, an early literacy program for pre-school children ages birth to 5 will be held on Wednesdays, through Nov. 29th from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Each program features storytelling, picture books, music and a craft.

Craftnoon with crafts, games and play will be offered Wednesdays, through Nov. 29th from 4 to 5 p.m. Everyone works at their own pace and skill level.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

Rules of Road Review Class

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, will conduct a Rules of the Review Class on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 1:30 p.m. The class is designed to give drivers, especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities, the knowledge to renew or obtain a driver's license. Registration is required at (312) 747-0666.

Veterans Day At Rhine VFW

Rhine Post VFW 2729 and Auxiliary will conduct a Veterans Day Observance at the memorial, 5858 S. Archer ave. on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 11 a.m. Parking is available across Archer.

Students and faculty from Gloria Dei School will attend a Veteran's Day service at the post on Monday, Nov. 13th at 11 a.m.

14th Ward Alderman Edward Burke provided transportation for post and auxiliary members to attend a Bingo Party at Manteno Veterans Nursing Home on Oct. 23rd.

For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

Sr. Center Plans New Years Party

The Garfield Ridge Satellite Senior Center, 5674 S. Archer, will sponsor a New Year's Party at the Mayfield Banquet Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 27th. The event will feature a family style dinner.

For ticket information, call (312) 745-4255.

Veterans Week at Art Museum

In recognition of Veterans Day 2017, The National Veterans Art Museum, 4041 N. Milwaukee ave., will extend the holiday into a week-long series of events. Beginning Friday, Nov. 10th, its newest exhibit "Vietnam: The Defining Moment" will mark the 50th anniversary of the height of the Vietnam War.

On Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11th, NVAM will team up with the Ed Paschke Art Center in Jefferson Park to co-host the monthly program Words and Music will feature music from guitarist Willy Porter and discussion with Nicholas Tremulis.

That evening NVAM will open the exhibit, 100 Faces of War Experiences by artist Matt Mitchell at the Ed Paschke Art Center. On Nov. 17th, coinciding with the Zhou B Art Center's 3rd Friday open studio event, NVAM will open "Vietnam Transformed: The Art of Richard J. Olsen" on the second floor of the art center.

The National Veterans Art Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and exhibit of art inspired by combat and created by veterans. It is home to more than 2,500 works of art by more than 270 artists.

Personal narratives and artistic representations of war (including paintings, photographs, sculptures, poetry, and music) provide transformative learning opportunities in art, history and civics.

For further details, visit www.nvam.org.

Programs At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct a WEEF Chicago Interactive STEM Workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th from 3 to 5 p.m. Come prepared to actively participate in scientific experiments, logic challenges, engineering projects and mathematical games with tutors and education facilitators from the Woods Education Enrichment Foundation. This partnership is designed to expose teens to technical professionals and hands on experiences with STEM topics and programs.

Family Games Night for all ages be held on Monday, Nov. 13th from 6 to 7 p.m. Play your favorite board games or interactive activities.

The Adult Polish Book Discussion Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Storytelling with Andrea Perkins: Native American Tales will be featured on Saturday, Nov. 25th from 2 to 3 p.m. *Salmon Boy*: A story about how a young Haida boy learns a hard lesson in respect is suitable for kids and preschoolers.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Fall Festival At Nathan Davis School



Mr. Joe Ongtengo & Ms. Judy Gonzalez with kindergarten students.

On Oct. 31st, Pre-School - 1st grade students at Nathan David School, 3014 W. 34th place, participated in a Fall Festival and Costume Parade which was sponsored by parent volunteers, teachers and staff. Activities included crafts, Read Aloud, Fortune Telling, and staff.

Parents of three and four year old children are invited to register for preschool. There is availability in bilingual or English classrooms. For additional information, call (773) 535-4540.

Seminar For Home Buyers

Marquette Bank will host a free Home Buyer Seminar at 15959 S. 108th Ave, Orland Park, on Saturday, Nov. 18th from 10 to 11 a.m. Topics will cover home buying basics owning vs. renting, the benefits of using a real estate agent, mortgage options, the benefits of a home inspection, and other financial options including free grants and down payment assistance for qualified buyers.

To register, call (708) 243-8980.

Veterans Day At Wm. McKinley Post

William McKinley Post 231, The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Dedication at the Post Hill, 1956 W. 35th st. on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11th at 11 a.m.

The public is invited, a reception will follow.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!



Ms. Carmen Lopez, Julio Gonzalez & Ms. Irma Astudillo with Pre-K students.

Rummikub Events At Libraries

The Chicago Toy and Game Fair will sponsor a Family Rummikub Day at the Thomas Hughes Children's Library, 400 S. State st. on Sunday, Nov. 12th from 2 to 4 p.m.

The tournament is suitable for children, caregivers, parents and

grandparents. A Rummikub After School tournament will be staged at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Monday, Nov. 13th from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Event participants will be eligible for giveaways.

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Brookfield Zoo Loses Matriarchal Giraffe

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is saddened to announce the loss of its matriarchal giraffe, Mithra. At 27, she was one of the oldest giraffes in a North American accredited zoo and surpassed the median life expectancy for the species in professional care.

She was affected by degenerative changes in her joints and physical condition encountered by all species as they get older.

Mithra had been at Brookfield Zoo for the past 25 years, arriving in September 1992. Guests first saw her in the



Giraffe House before the herd moved to their current home at Habitat Africa! The Savannah! in 1993. The following year, she gave birth to a male offspring, who went on to sire several of his own calves, continuing her legacy and genetic line with a grandson, two granddaughters, and four great-grandsons.

The current herd at Brookfield Zoo includes Jasiri, 12; Arnieta, 10; Potoka, 4; and Ato, 2.

Veterans Day At Brookfield Zoo

To honor the men and women who have served our nation, the Chicago Zoological Society invites the public to a special Veterans Day ceremony at Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, Nov. 11th. On Veterans Day, admission to the zoo is free for all guests (parking fees still apply.)

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., guests can view an array of military memorabilia, including uniforms and documents, from the Revolutionary War to the present. Additionally, a military vehicle will be on display on the Discovery Center Plaza.

Greeting guests from 11 to 11:30 a.m. will be one of the zoo's birds of

prey, accompanied by animal care staff. From noon to 12:45 p.m., zoogoers can enjoy the Legacy Girls as they sing hits of the Andrew Sisters.

The ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m. in the Discovery Center with the posting of colors performed by members of Joliet Township High School's ROTC, followed by singing of the National Anthem. The event will be attended by a number of veterans, retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Steve Coccoran, members of Wounded Warriors, and the Riverside-Brookfield High School Marching Band. After the ceremony, guests are invited to stay

for an entertaining routine by the Jesse White Tumblers.

Karen Yarbrough and her staff from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds will enroll those interested in the Cook County Military and Veterans Discount Program (military identification required). For more information about the program, visit cookrecorder.com/militarydiscount.

The Chicago Zoological Society offers free general admission to Brookfield Zoo year-round to active, reserve, and retired members of the Armed Forces when a valid military ID is presented.

Raffle For PJIPII School



Pope John Paul II School chose the winners for their Mon\$ter Ca\$h Raffle during a Halloween Party on Oct. 27th. Paul Hiotis, owner of Huck Finn Donuts, was the winner of the second place prize of \$2,000 which he donated back to the school. All profits from the raffle will be used to provide financial assistance, technology updates and building improvements for the school. Pictured are school board member Casey Nidos, Paul Hiotis, Demetri Hiotis and longtime PJIPII supporter Larry Kulik.

CAPS Beat 821 Plans Meetings

8th District CAPS Beat 21 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7 p.m.

Residents are urged to meet with beat officers and express their concerns.

Pre-School Classes At Davis School

Nathan Davis Elementary School, 3014 W. 39th place, is offering pre-school classes.

Features are full and half placement, English and bilingual classes, universal pre-school curriculum, learn through play and small class sizes.

For more information, call (773) 535-4540.

Beat Meeting For 911 & 921

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 921 will meet at Davis School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7 p.m.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

Meteors Of Month At De La Salle



G. HOPKINS



S. HOSKINS

De La Salle Institute has announced its Meteors of the Month for the first three months of the 2017-18 school year. Lauded were seniors Gerald Hopkins (September), Siobhan Hoskins (October) and Gabriel Utreras (November).

Nominations are received from faculty and staff highlighting students who are motivated about the school's Lasallian mission of Faith, Community, Service, Social Justice and/or Association.



G. UTRERAS

Hair Cuttery Supports Veterans

Hair Cuttery will donate haircuts to former military in recognition of Veterans Day through its Share-A-Haircut program. For every haircut purchased by Hair Cuttery patrons on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, a free haircut certificate will be donated back to a veteran in the same community. Distribution is handled by the American Red Cross, Operation Sacerd Housing and regional Veterans Affairs offices.

Hair Cuttery also supports a range of local and national causes including, St. Baldrick's Foundation, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Girls on the Run and The National Network to End Domestic Violence. The local facility is at Pulaski Promenade, 4114 S. Pulaski, (773) 847-5040.

Application For LIHEAP Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer is an authorized PY2017 CEDA Energy Partner site.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now open for households with a senior member (60+); with a person receiving Social Security Disability Benefits; with one or more disconnected utilities; with children age 5 and under; and for the furnace program.

For more information, call (773) 523-7110.

Chess Games At McKinley Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct chess games for ages 14 & up on Friday, Nov. 10th at 2 p.m. All levels are welcome. For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

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City Unveils Public Art Plan

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced Chicago's first Public Art Plan which can be downloaded at cityofchicago.org/yoopa.

Public art has long been incorporated into projects at a variety of City departments - including DCASE as well as the Department of Transportation, Part District Public Library and Transit Authority. As part of the Year of Public Art, installations, exhibits and

events were present in all neighborhoods during 2017. These projects ranged from installations on the Riverwalk this summer to the addition of 15 new Cultural Center Sculptures at each of the Park District Cultural Centers, this winter. CTA partnered with DCASE to install illuminated light boxes later at select rail stations, expanding on its collection of public art, which includes more than 60 mosaics, art glass and sculptures on all eight rail lines.

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Wishing all Veterans a happy Veteran Day, Thank you for your service. And Happy Birthday to the United States Marines.

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