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Happy Mother's Day

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In America, the second Sunday in May is the day we set aside to honor Mother. One of the most intricate and important duties one can accept is to steer, protect and nurture another's life.

Mothers hardly ever get the credit they deserve in their day-in-day-out dedication to the generations of young people now and forever. They, our Mothers, influence the future of the entire earth; they have for years past and will continue, far into the future.

Thank you to all of the Mothers everywhere for a life's tireless commitment, not always recognized for its true worth.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

IN NORWOOD PARK
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Norwood Park's 95th Memorial Day Parade is May 29th

It's that time of year again! Time to register your community group, girl scout troop, school, non-profit, business, and join us in the honoring of all those who have fought and died for our country.

Please visit the Norwood Park Chamber website, www.norwoodpark.org to register and/or to sponsor the Parade.

The Adler Planetarium

Beth Moses, Chief Astronaut Instructor at World's First Commercial Spaceline to Receive Annual Women in Space Science Award on May 11

Beth Moses, the SpaceShipTwo Interiors Program Manager and Chief Astronaut Instructor at Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline, will be honored at the 15th annual Women in Space Science Award Celebration hosted by the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium. The celebration features a luncheon reception for event attendees and a keynote presentation given by Ms. Moses (full bio below.) Following the luncheon, approximately 250 young women from Chicago-area schools will participate in an afternoon of engaging STEM workshops at the Adler.

For fifteen years, the Women's Board has recognized trailblazing women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with the goal of inspiring young women to pursue careers in these disciplines. The Women in Space Science Award Celebration raises funds to support the Adler's STEM education programs.

Details: Luncheon— Location: The Drake Hotel, Time: 11:30 am
Student Program— Location: Adler Planetarium, Time: 2 pm

For more info, visit: www.adlerplanetarium.org/join-give/fundraising-events/women-in-space-science/
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Bears of Hope Volunteers Appreciated



Bears of Hope's annual Bears Camp honored its volunteers March 25th. The all-volunteer organization has been making handmade fabric bears to comfort sick children and adults for the past ten years. Founder, Carolyn Reiner said, "I love Bears Camp. It's a time when the volunteers come together and I can recognize them for what they do for Bears of Hope. I appreciate their help with the bears." Volunteer Sheila Mozin added, "It's wonderful working with Carolyn and all the volunteers. I'm so proud to be part of Bears of Hope." Reiner gave the volunteers a Certificate of Appreciation, said something good about every one, and thanked them for being part of the Bears team. Bears Camp was held at McCormick & Schmick's Westfield Old Orchard restaurant. Reiner thanked, the restaurant's General Manager, Aaron Torricelli for providing the room and lunch. Torricelli told the volunteers, "McCormick & Schmick's is proud to do what it can for Bears of Hope. What you do for others is amazing!"

Bears of Hope started with two volunteers, Carolyn Reiner and her friend, Joannie Purvin in 2007. When Purvin found out what Reiner was doing, she said, "Count me in!" The first year 60 bears were made. The group now has 30 volunteers and over 2, 200 bears are now being loved and giving 'extra hugs' to help sick people feel better.

Bears are given to specific local social service agencies. They, in turn, give them to those under their care. Journey Care Hospice & Palliative Center wrote, The bears are wonderful! They comfort our patients and brighten their day.

To accomplish all Bears of Hope does for others, they rely on financial gifts from individuals and businesses. All funds received are only used for what's needed for bears.

Bears of Hope volunteers and supporters feel grateful the bears mean so to the children and adults struggling with a difficult time in their life.

To volunteer: Bears@bearssofhope or 847-673-4098
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 Visit the website www.bearssofhope.com.

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Saturday: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM (Live Music & Entertainment)
Sunday: 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Maypole Dance, Ethnic Program)

Brought to you by the May Fest Committee, President Joe Matuschka
 Special thanks to 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar

For more information visit www.mayfestchicago.com
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Community First Medical Center May Health Events



Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, will offer the following health events in May

Sunday, May 7, 14, 21 and 28

Alcoholics Anonymous – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

Alcoholics anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they solve their common problem. If you think you have a drinking problem, please join our free AA Group.

Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Learning Interventions Family Education (LIFE) – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Café Conference Room, Ground Floor.

A Compassionate Recovery Education curriculum specializing in “Helping Family and Individuals Navigate the Recovery System”. This free training will provide education to family members to help them improve their personal understanding of the recovery process. To register, please call 708-536-8775.

Thursday, May 4, 11, 18 and 25

Overeaters Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Café Meeting Room

A fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from compulsive eating. If you think you may be a compulsive eater, please feel free to attend our free meetings.

Thursday, May 4

Diabetes Support Group - 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Nutritionist will be on site to answer any questions. This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education.

Thursday, May 4 and 18

Arthritis and Total Joint Replacement – Taking the Right Steps, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with staff from rehabilitation services. Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. To register, please call 773-794-4640

Wednesday, May 10

Chicago Police Department 25th District –Grand and Central Commander Anthony

J. Escamilla & Domestic Violence Subcommittee invites you to join us at the Health Fair and Mother’s Day Spa. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., GAP Community Center, 2100 N. Kildare, Chicago.

Amy Loria, RD, Community First Medical Center will provide Nutritional Information, answer questions and provide BMI.

Friday, May 12

Free Healthy Aging Program - 12:00 -1:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor.

This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guest’s lectures. Come for fun and games.

Friday, May 12

Turning 65 or new to Medicare and have questions? Let’s Talk - 1:00 -2:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A & B, 7th Floor.

Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday, May 21

Friends of Vaughn Occupational High School Vendor Fair - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 4355 N. Linder Avenue, Chicago.

Amy Loria, RD, Community First Medical Center will provide Nutritional Information, answer questions and provide BMI.

Monday, May 22

Montclare Senior Resident – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., 6650 W. Belden Avenue, Chicago.

Amy Loria, RD, Community First Medical Center will do a presentation on Healthy Eating For Seniors.

Tuesday, May 23

May is Melanoma Skin Cancer Prevention Month – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison, Chicago, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Dr. Belmina Michael, Dermatologist will be providing free skin screens. To register, please call 773-282-7000.

Wednesday, May 24

Courage to Quit Smoking - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Faisal Master, RRT, Advanced Respiratory Care Practitioner will provide sessions on how to have enough courage to quit smoking.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service hosts Call-A-Lawyer on the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will give free legal advice over the phone to Chicagoland residents who call (312) 554-2001.

Attorneys will be available to answer general questions on a variety of legal issues including (but not limited to) bankruptcy, domestic relations, immigration, personal injury and Social Security. Callers can explain their situations to attorneys who will suggest self-help strategies to resolve their legal issues. If callers need further legal services, they will be advised to see their attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

The CBA Lawyer Referral Service is one of few bar associations in the country to meet the American Bar Association Standards for lawyer referral and approved to use its logo and slogan, “The Right Call for the Right Lawyer™.” For referral to an experienced attorney, the public can contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service at 312-554-2001 during business hours or through the Web site at www.chicagobar.org.

“Making Your Car Last” Is Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On May 17

Keeping a vehicle drivable is dependent upon the quality of care given by its owner. Driving a car for 100,000 miles or more is a target for the most practical car owner, and certainly is feasible, but all vehicles require regular automotive maintenance. Steve Ek, owner of Ek Automotive in Edison Park, will explain how this can be accomplished in his Timely Talk, “Making Your Car Last.” The event will be held at 2:00 p.m., on May 17, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Steve will discuss how to maintain a car, the signs to watch for in recognizing potential problems and how to get the most out of your mechanic. He opened his auto repair business in 1991 in nearby Edison Park. A question and answer session, raffle and light refreshments will follow the talk.

Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or emailing info@norwoodcrossing.org.



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Ready, Set...Strut For Strays

The Strut for Strays, C.A.R.E.'s 22nd annual spring fund-raising dogs-plus-people walkathon, will step off from the Evanston Subaru in Skokie, 3340 Oakton Street, Skokie, the morning of Saturday, May 13. The Strut will be led by Grand Marshal Christian Stolte, a Skokie-based animal lover who also stars in the popular TV show Chicago Fire.



Strut For Strays donations help pay for the care of the dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies that are being rescued and rehomed by Community Animal Rescue Effort volunteers. "C.A.R.E. spends about \$300 on veterinary care and checkups for each dog or cat we rehome, while puppies and kittens average \$500 per animal," says C.A.R.E. President Linda Gelb. "We hope each Strut participant will raise enough money to sponsor at least one of our animals."

As special incentive, the 2017 Strut's top fundraiser will win a new bicycle from The Pony Shop, a bicycle store in Evanston.

Who should 'Strut'? We're seeking fun-loving people, with or without canine companions, who want to be part of saving and finding forever homes for stray and unwanted dogs and cats. Although cats and other pets are not allowed, participants are encouraged to run or walk in honor of a favorite animal friend.

People who want to support C.A.R.E., but cannot participate in the actual Strut for Strays event can fundraise as a Struttin' Sponsor from the comfort of their own homes.

The Strut's \$35 advance registration donation (\$40 on event day) qualifies participants for entry plus a Strut for Strays Goodie Bag. A \$50 or higher donation qualifies for entry to event, the Strut for Strays T-shirt and Goodie Bag.

The Strut registration booth will open at 8:45 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., people and dogs will begin the 2.5-mile course north along McCormick Boulevard to Dempster and back. The route will take Strutters past the colorful artwork dotting the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park.

Because of Chicago's unpredictable weather, participants are encouraged to bundle up accordingly. The Strut will take place rain or shine. Plenty of refreshments will be provided for both people and pups.

Sponsors of C.A.R.E.'s 2017 Strut For Strays include Dog Obedience Group, Evanston Subaru in Skokie, Hub's Restaurant, The Pony Shop, Tails Pet Magazine, Village Inn Pizzeria Sports Bar & Grill as well as first-time sponsors Golf-Mil Veterinary Hospital and Bill's

Plumbing & Sewer.

Strut 2017 participants are encouraged to pre-register online and create a personalized fund-raising page on C.A.R.E.'s First Giving site, firstgiving.com/CAREevanston/Strut2017. Strut registration forms can also be downloaded from C.A.R.E.'s website, CARENorthshore.org/strut.

ABOUT C.A.R.E.

Community Animal Rescue Effort is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization founded in 1987. C.A.R.E. places companion pets into safe, healthy, lifelong homes; serves as an educational and counseling resource; and works to reduce pet overpopulation. More information about C.A.R.E. can be found at CARENorthshore.org.



Musical Revue And Spring Art Show Opening To Be Held At Norwood Crossing On May 13

The public is invited to turn back the clock 50 years and attend the musical, "The 1960s," featuring old time favorites sung by Norwood Crossing residents and made famous earlier by Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, Bobby Darrin, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Johnny Cash, Louis Armstrong, and the Beatles. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m., on May 13, in the Norwegian Heritage Room at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Afterward, the Norwood Crossing Spring Art Show will open, enabling visitors to stroll through the first and lower floors to view the creative artwork of residents and meet the artists. The artwork, which is an outgrowth of months of Expressive Art group sessions, will be displayed through August 31.

The musical, produced and coordinated by music therapists, Jessica Georgi and Joan Lin, and art therapist, Katie Reagan, will include a cast of Norwood Crossing residents, performing songs with piano accompaniment by Norwood Park resident Dan Collins. Light refreshments will be served following the performance at a reception in the Wellness Center.

For more information, call (773) 577-5377, email info@norwoodcrossing.org or visit norwoodcrossing.org/artshow.

The 27th Annual Festival of Cultures

The 27th annual Skokie Festival of Cultures takes place on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Oakton Park, 4701 West Oakton Street, (southeast corner of Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard). Admission is free.

This exciting outdoor event includes two days of ethnic folk music and dance, a wide range of international cuisine, unique arts and crafts, international children's games, a merchandise bazaar, delicious food for purchase and more than 30 cultural booths and displays. International Beer Tasting will also be featured at the Skokie Festival of Cultures.

Stop by the Village of Skokie booth in the community tent and spin the "Wheel of Skokie" to win fun prizes, all designed to promote Downtown Skokie. For more information on the Skokie Festival of Cultures, visit www.skokieculturefest.org.



**Earth Day
April 22**



On April 22 we commemorated Earth Day. But actually, we should do it EVERYDAY. It's very simple: BY DOING OUR BEST TO RECYCLE. Everyone in Chicago received a post card from the City which specified which items should be placed in the trash can or into the blue bin. Mother Nature has been very good to us, but now it's our turn to be good to Mother Nature. So let's all work together on this important project. Thank you, thank you. (Submitted by Maria Bappert)

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We Pay Tribute to All of Our Wonderful Mothers on their Special Day and Every Day of the Year

The second Sunday in May has been set aside in the United States as an annual national observance since 1915. Many people follow the custom of wearing a carnation on Mothers' Day. A colored carnation means that a person's mother is living. A white carnation indicates that

a person's mother is deceased.

A day for honoring mothers was observed many years ago in England. It was called Mothering Sunday and came in mid-Lent. People in other nations have observed similar days throughout history beginning in ancient Greece in

honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods.

No matter what the tradition, Mothers' Day should be celebrated each and every day of the year - afterall, if it weren't for our Mothers, none of us would be here to celebrate anything.



Mother's Day

The second Sunday in May is the day set aside to honor our Mothers in America. Mother's Day started in England many years ago. When begun it was called Mothering Sunday. Many other countries have a similar day to pay tribute to Mothers. Mother's Day was started in America in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe in Boston.

Although Mother's Day is celebrated every year on one

specific day, our Mother's should be recognized each day for the devotion and sacrifice they give to us throughout their entire lives.

We may not always agree with her but her decisions are always made with her best intentions to do what is best for us. Her love is unconditional, and, in most cases, she is our best friend.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers.

- The Editor

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**Ravenswood Community Orchestra Features
Tangleweed: American Tunes ~ Saturday, May 20, 7:30 pm**



In this unique collaboration, the Ravenswood Community Orchestra teams up with bluegrass ensemble Tangleweed, and special guests to present an evening of iconic American music. Among the performances will be Renaissance by Chicago-based composer Lita Grier, Samuel Barber's classic Knoxville, Summer of 1915, a premiere of Meditation by Kelsey Green, and a special performance of Rodeo by the great Aaron Copland. If you want to know what America sounds like, this is the place to find out! Free Admission - Free Will Donations At Door.

**Deutsch-Amerikanischer Kinder- u. Jugendchor &
German American Singers: 82nd Mother's Day Concert**

Sunday, May 21, 2:30 pm

Bring your mother, your children, and the whole family to this lovely Mother's Day tradition! Der Deutsch-Amerikanische Kinder- & Jugendchor under the direction of Carol Himmel, and the German-American Singers of Chicago under the direction of Glen Sorgatz will all be performing. The German-American Children's Chorus consists of sixty-some children and has celebrated German culture and song for over eighty years.



Tickets are \$15 dollars at the door. Children age 12 and under are free.

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**White Eagle's
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Bottomless Champagne for Moms
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Sunday, May 14th**

Family Style Menu

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Everyone, far and near, seems to know this place, but does everyone know how it all began and continues to this day?

First, and most importantly,

Harry and Guenter Kempf are, of course, the Chicago Brauhaus. We know them as consummate business men and leaders of the community in Lincoln Square. Their contribution to the preservation of their ethnic heritage is appreciated by, not only their fellow German-Americans, but by all who relish in the diversity of Chicago's neighborhoods.

It wasn't always, however, the Chicago Brauhaus as we know it today and Harry and Guenter Kempf weren't always as well known and heralded as they are now. In fact, Lincoln Square was at one time, only an idea.

Since all great ideas require great people to make them a reality the Kempf brothers were the perfect people, in the perfect place, at the perfect time.

The Kempf family has had a long musical tradition. Their Father was a gifted, though no formally trained piano and bass player. Since the time of their youth, Harry, Guenter and their Dad played music together, mastering many different instruments along with singing.

Harry's journey to American began in 1956 when he was only 19 years old. He came to Chicago, bought a bass fiddle at Lyon and Healy, and used his talents by acquiring a job singing at Zum Deutchen Eck. He was soon playing his bass as well. He eventually formed a trio which performed at Little Hawaii at 5100 N. Western Avenue. He then went on to gather nine other musicians to play in a 10 piece band called The Continental Ensemble.

In 1963 Harry opened Zum Lieben Augustin next to the German Theatre (which is now the Davis) on Lincoln Avenue, and offered lunch, dinner and music, of course, to his patrons.

Guenter arrived in Chicago in 1965 leaving behind a prosperous job in an appliance manufacturing company in Stuttgart. After serving in the army into which he was drafted, he decided to spend a year in America with a promise from his old boss in Stuttgart that he was welcome to his previous job when he returned.

He, as we all know now, did not return to Germany, instead, joining his brother Harry to open Treffpunkt restaurant on Lincoln Avenue in 1965. There they played music, with Harry on his bass, Guenter on the drums and Max on the accordion. They served German traditional foods and developed quite a following.

In 1965 Lincoln Avenue consisted of Meyers Deli (now Gene's), the Treffpunkt and various storefronts. The street was unfinished and a bridge connected one side with the other. The Chamber of Commerce had an idea to create an ethnic center with businesses being established around that area, but with no streets and no businesses, the hope seemed distant.

Enter Harry and Guenter.

To bring the people there, Harry and Guenter decided to run an Oktoberfest. They had a tent set up from Lawrence Avenue to Giddings (on Lincoln Avenue) and on their own, orchestrated what has become an eagerly anticipated event which thrives to this day.

Even though it was mid-November by then, they decided to set a time for a Friday and Saturday, and hoped the weather would cooperate. Mrs. Ed Kelly invited all the senior citizens in the area for brats and coffee and Bingo on Saturday afternoon to kick off the Fest.

The evening on Saturday and all day Sunday were a rousing success. The temperature was 60 outside and inside the tent the warmth and fun made it seem even toasty. On Sunday night, after the party finished, a heavy rain began to fall - holding off just long enough for everyone to finish enjoying themselves.

The current German Day Fest is, of course, the offshoot of this original Oktoberfest and now is held every September in Lincoln Square at Leland and Western Avenues.

There are now many more tents, more people and more food and music and cultural activities and performances to delight young and old alike, and the senior citizens still kick



The Kempf brothers, Harry (left) and Guenter (right) flank their iconic emblem of the Chicago Brauhaus as they overlook Kempf Plaza.

off the festivities with a luncheon on Friday afternoon before the 2-day/3-night event begins.

As a result of all of the hard work and planning and hoping, people began to come back to Lincoln Square to shop, dine and congregate. The streets were finished and everything looked like it was only going to improve.

Then in 1985 there was a fire at Witzel's shoe store, right next door to the Treffpunkt restaurant. The area was once again in ruin.

As though they had a premonition, the year before Harry and Guenter had purchased Roerich's furniture store just across Lincoln Avenue from the Kempf's Treffpunkt. They planned to remodel the building to eventually house banquets, weddings, and large events. When the fire hit, Treffpunkt was destroyed along with a lot of the area businesses.

Within 60 hours, the old Treffpunkt would become the current Chicago Brauhaus. Like a Phoenix, the Kempfs built their dream of a rendition of Munich's Hoffbrauhaus. Little by little, while still remaining open for business, they remodeled from the ground up.

The original lamps from Henrici's Restaurant still hang from the ceilings, and the bar stools from Rush Street are still in place.

Harry, who played music all the time at the Treffpunkt, now jumped in and became Chicago Brauhaus' chef. The nightly music still continued with Guenter at the helm.

Through these many years, Harry and Guenter Kempf have managed to remain an institution in Chicago. People still come from far and wide, and from just down the street, to experience the togetherness and friendly ambience of this one-of-a-kind place. The family Kempf has always stuck together, continuing with Alfred (Freddie) Kempf, Harry's son, who represents the next generation. The basic, strong work ethic, talent and perseverance nurtured by their parents and upbringing, have made them a success in every way.

Generations of Chicagoans and visitors alike have been drawn to Chicago Brauhaus which has served as an anchor to the German-American culture and traditions. Just as the extraordinary staff and musicians have been there for what seems, always, so have the families who look to this icon as a place for special celebrations and events, or to join in anytime with festivities which are constantly going on. In one visit, you will feel a part of the Chicago Brauhaus family, all ages, always welcome, enjoying the good clean fun while dining on German traditional favorites, topped off with a beer, wine or cocktail.

Live music six days a week invite dancing on the central dance floor or listening and enjoyment of German and English standards. You will see couples, children or groups dancing to German and American favorites including the chicken dance.

Seasons bring the special events which have become a tradition for the generation of families who have been enjoying Brauhaus hospitality. There is always a party going on, whether it's Oktoberfest in September/October, a 5-week long celebration of fun, music, food and drinks, the Summer Concert Series in Lincoln Square, or special bands and entertainers from Europe, make Chicago Brauhaus a yearly stop.

In 2000, the City of Chicago honored Harry and Guenter Kempf by naming Giddings Plaza the "Kempf Plaza." The plaza, which sits directly across the street from Brauhaus, hosts band concerts in the warm weather and is a lovely spot for sitting and relaxing in front of the fountain. It is a true European setting which befits its location and deserves the respected name it so proudly bears.

A little extra note:

A friend recently returned to Chicago after being away for quite a few years. One of the very first outings she had with her Family was to Chicago Brauhaus. She remarked that it was "like truly coming home again". Everything was as she remembered; the same wonderful food, the same lively and fun entertainment and the same contagious feeling of warmth that has continued for, now generations of families, old and new.

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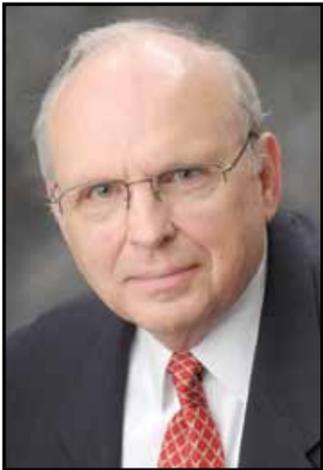
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Combat Pay, Taxes, and Retirement – What Veterans Need to Know



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If you are a member of the United States military, you likely have more important things on your mind than taxes and retirement planning. You should, however, take a moment to learn how your combat pay is treated by Uncle Sam to ensure you receive the benefits to which you are entitled for your service to your country.

Military Compensation

As a member of the military, your compensation is more complicated than the average civilian. The reason for this is that your pay is composed of several different components, including base pay, a housing and food allowance, bonuses, and special pay, if you qualify. To ensure your taxes are computed correctly, it is important to understand how your compensation is treated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), particularly your combat pay.

Is Combat Pay Taxable?

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces do not pay taxes on all of the compensation they receive, effectively increasing their take-home pay amount. Like most

members of the military, you are probably aware that your food and housing allowance is not taxed. This portion of your pay likely accounts for 20-30 percent of your total compensation, meaning a quarter to a third of your compensation may be tax-free. If you served in a combat zone during the pay period in question, you may be entitled to additional tax-free income of which you may be unaware.

The IRS rules state that if a member of the military served in an area designated by the Department of Defense as a combat zone or served in direct support of military operations in the combat zone, the portion of his/her compensation that was earned while in a combat zone is excluded from income tax. Moreover, the exclusion from taxation applies to the entire month as long as you spent at least one day serving in a combat zone that month.

The amount of income you may exclude for purposes of calculating your taxable income is unlimited for enlisted personnel. If you are an officer, you may still make use of the exclusion. However, an officer's exclusion is capped at the maximum of the corresponding enlisted pay for the time period in question.

Other Potential Exclusions from Your Taxable Income

Along with exclusions for combat pay and your food and clothing allowance, you may also be entitled to a number of other exclusions when calculating your taxable income, including, but not limited to:

- Imminent danger/hostile fire pay
- A reenlistment bonus if the voluntary extension or reenlistment occurs in a month you served in a combat zone
- Pay for accrued leave earned in any month you served in a combat zone
- Pay received for duties as a member of the Armed Forces in clubs, messes, post and station theaters, and other related activities, as long as earned in a month you served in a combat zone
- Awards for suggestions, inventions, or scientific achievements you are entitled to because of a submission you made in a month you served in a combat zone

Combat Pay and Retirement Planning

While it is clearly advantageous to be able to exclude combat pay from your taxable income, you also need to understand how excluding combat pay could impact your retirement planning.

One of the most popular retirement planning tools is an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Contributions to an IRA, however, must be made using "earned income," meaning income from working. Since combat zone pay is excluded from your gross income, it does not qualify as earned income. Without anything further, it would appear as though the combat pay exclusion puts members of the military at a significant disadvantage when it comes to retirement planning.

Fortunately, Congress recognized this unintended consequence of excluding combat pay from taxable income, and passed the Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities ("HEROs") Act to rectify the situation. The HERO Act allows combat-zone pay to be considered part of earned income, for purposes of figuring eligibility for contributing to an IRA (or Roth IRA).

If you have additional questions or concerns relating to combat pay and how it affects your income taxes and retirement planning, be sure to consult with an experienced estate planning attorney near you.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

ASK THE EXPERT

Dear Dr. Marie Vetter: I recently was diagnosed with a hearing loss. I know I need amplification but feel overwhelmed. What are some things I should consider before choosing amplification? Sincerely, Overwhelmed Consumer

Dear Overwhelmed Consumer,

Being diagnosed with hearing loss can seem daunting and overwhelming. There is a lot of information out there, but we are here to make that process easier for you. Here are some things to consider when choosing amplification.

1. Why does the right professional matter? Choosing a Doctor of Audiology (AuD) is an important first step in your journey. They are the best qualified to diagnose your hearing loss and providing you the help you need. Audiologists are uniquely qualified to diagnose and non-medically treat hearing loss. When calling a business regarding hearing and hearing loss, make sure you will be seeing a Doctor of Audiology such as Dr. Marie Vetter. The expert you will work with is much like choosing your primary care physician. It will be an ongoing long-standing relationship. Be wary of those offering "free hearing tests" as they are dispensaries that make their cost up in the final price of the hearing aid.

2. Why do I need to see a professional? In the age of the internet, many people turn first to the internet for research and information. Yes, hearing aids can be purchased online. However, it is missing one important component, which is the expert of hearing and hearing care. Just like you can choose to have your taxes done online or professionally done by an accountant, hearing aids work the same way. An audiologist knows about hearing and hearing loss and how best to adjust the hearing devices for each unique patient. This ensures the patient can communicate at their best. A process called "real ear measurement" is the only way you can know if your hearing aids are set appropriately for your hearing loss. Choosing an expert that listens to your needs will be the important puzzle piece to ensure you are hearing optimally.

3. Does service matter? Choosing the proper amplification is just one component in receiving hearing help. Hearing aids need adjustments and personalization. Once you have utilized amplification for some time, fine tuning adjustments or repairs will also have to be made. The service provided by the office will play a vital role in that ongoing process. Here at Chicago Hearing Services, we have different service plans to best meet all of our patient's needs. Some additional things to consider include what their office hours are, do they provide loaners when your hearing aids go for repair, and can they see you within a short amount of time.

4. Does lifestyle matter? Your hearing is important—it allows you to experience your life! Because of this, choosing a hearing aid that is right for your lifestyle, not only your hearing loss, is important. A trustworthy professional will work with you to recommend and provide you the best hearing devices for your hearing loss, lifestyle, and budget.

5. Does it matter what technology I receive? The technology of the computer chip is important when choosing a hearing device. Better computer chips do much better in complex noise environments such as church, restaurants, and meetings. All major hearing aid brands have hearing devices that are able to do this. The audiologist will work with you to choose what brand and technology level is most appropriate. However, one thing to be careful of is the branding limitations that may accompany hearing aids. Some companies may "lock" their hearing aids in which, you, the patient is unable to go elsewhere for adjustments. This can become a headache if the business closes, you move or are traveling, or you are dissatisfied with the care provided. When making a decision, choose an office that works with several manufacturers and is able to make adjustments as well.

Good luck on your hearing journey! You will be happy you are hearing better again! Sincerely, Dr. Marie Vetter

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Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD is the owner and audiologist of Chicago Hearing Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and her Doctorate of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Dr. Vetter-Toalson is involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and Big Shoulders Fund Chairman's Advisory Council. Chicago Hearing Services has served northwest Chicago since 1990.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

at 5801 N Natoma Chicago meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We play pinochle and baingo, have parties on special occasions. Meetings start at 10:30 with coffee and a sweet roll. Call Joan at 773-774-7075.

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Chicago City Markets Open For The Summer Season On Thursday, May 11, At Daley Plaza And Sunday, May 14, At Maxwell Street Market

The winner of the **COUNTRY Financial® 10th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest** will be announced on May 11 at Daley Plaza

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events is pleased to kick off summer with the Chicago City Markets presented by COUNTRY Financial® at celebrations on Thursday, May 11, at the Daley Plaza Market, and Sunday, May 14, at the Maxwell Street Market. Residents are encouraged to visit their neighborhood market this season to shop local and shop fresh. A complete list of city-run markets, along with dates and times are listed below and at chicagofarmersmarkets.us and maxwellstreetmarket.us.

"Chicago City Markets are farmers markets and much more," said Mark Kelly, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. "With markets like Daley Plaza and Maxwell Street, the city provides residents with access to fresh and healthy produce, unique Chicago-made products, eclectic street food, unique finds and cultural experiences that bring communities together, many offering live music and other cultural activities."

Chicago City Markets Open on Daley Plaza - Thursday, May 11 Among the activities starting at 11:30 a.m., COUNTRY Financial® will announce the winner of the 10th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest and

then provide free, reusable bags to shoppers. This year's winning design will be based on the theme "Give, Grow and Be Green" and will be featured on thousands of reusable bags distributed throughout the season. The 2017 finalists are: Iveth Crisoforo, a junior at Mather High School; Lizbeth Garcia, a senior at Mather High School, and Wajeaha Gulzar, a freshman at Mather High School. The winning artist will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the first and second runners up will each receive a \$500 scholarship as a financial start to their future. "COUNTRY Financial is thrilled to be sponsoring our 10th annual bag design contest," said Mike Fisher, Agency Vice President of Community Business Development at COUNTRY Financial. "It's the best time of the year when our vendors and friends are back at the market with farm-fresh products, and we can fill up our newly designed reusable bag. It's a special feeling."

For additional information on Chicago City Markets' downtown and community farmers markets, visit chicagofarmersmarkets.us. Join the conversation on Facebook at Chicago Farmers Markets, Chicago City markets on Instagram @ChicagoCityMarkets and on Twitter @ChicagoDCASE (#ChicagoCityMarkets).

The following local markets will begin in May. Pick up the Our Village next time for complete list for those that begin in June and July.

WEDNESDAYS
Andersonville Farmers Market (Link)
1500 W. Berwyn Ave.
May 10–October 18, 3–8 p.m. (3–7 p.m. September & October dates)

SATURDAYS
Cyrano's Riverwalk Farmer's Market
233 E. South Riverwalk
May 6–October 28, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

SUNDAYS
Logan Square Farmers Market (Link)
3107 W. Logan Blvd.
May 14–October 29, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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The Lure & Lore of Spices Tues., May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The history of the spice trade is filled with fascinating tales of adventures, piracy and war. Through the centuries, battles were fought and empires destroyed in attempts to control access to these elusive treasures. Patty and Tom Erd, owners of The Spice House, will share interesting historical facts, anecdotes and entertaining tales about their adventures as spice merchants in pursuit of the highest quality spices from locations all over the globe. You will take home some spicy goodies! Register online or call 312-744-1478.



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Northtown Garden Society May Meeting

Northtown Garden Society will meet on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 1:00 at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Our first guest, John Swenson has been fascinated by seeds since he planted his first garden at age 5. He started collecting shallots and garlic in the 1970s and joined Seed Savers Exchange in 1984. Then he began serious collecting and research while swapping Alliums with government agencies in East Germany, Japan, the Netherlands and Malaysia. The height of his collecting was reached with his participation in the three-nation Allium Expedition to Central Asia in 1989. He has since been searching out and obtaining seed of rare peppers, tomatoes, eggplants and others and has donated many of them to the Chicago Botanic Garden, where he volunteers as an interpreter in the Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden.

Our second guest will be Wen - Yi Stark, organic urban chicken keeper. Wen - Yi is raising 14 chickens in a coop her husband has built in her Rogers Park backyard. She will share with us the joys and challenges of raising chickens in the city.

Also, of Great importance is the NGS plant sale, Saturday, May 20.

Begin getting your donated plants ready to deliver to Warren Park on Friday, May 19.

Make sure the plants are labeled as to species and color.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-NGS members and refreshments will be served.

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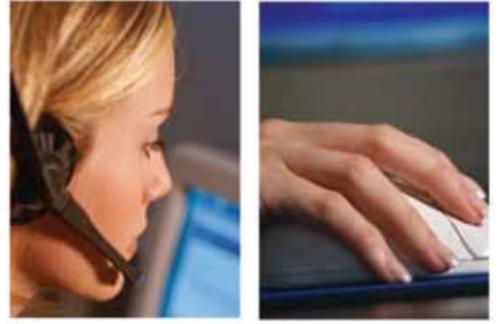
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