


VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ *Waiver of First Requested*
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager 

DATE: February 22, 2011 (B of T) Date: March 3, 2011

TITLE: President's Community Service Award

SUBMITTED BY: The Community Relations Committee

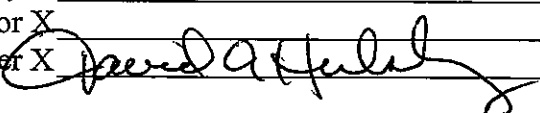
BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Community Relations Committee transmits for presentation its recommendation to present the President's Community Service Award to John P. Meschi recognizing him as "Veteran of the Month" as well as for his involvement in the Toys-for-Tots Program.

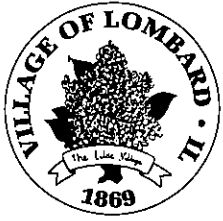
Please place this item on the March 3, 2011 Board of Trustees agenda.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X  _____ Date 2-22-11

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

FROM: Joelyn Kott, Communications Coordinator *Joelyn*

DATE: March 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **President's Community Service Award – John Meschi**

The Community Relations Committee at their April 12, 2010 meeting instituted the President's Community Service Award. The award recognizes those adults that provide special service above and beyond their community.

The Committee selected John Meschi. John was recently honored as "Veteran of the Month" by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for his service to his community as well as to other veterans. He also has been actively involved in the Toys-for-Tots Program.

Please present the President's Community Service Award to John P. Meschi at the March 3, 2011 Village Board of Trustees meeting.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dec. 16, 2010

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Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Honors Lombard Marine John Meschi as December 2010 "Veteran of the Month"

WHEATON – The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) today honored Lombard Marine John Meschi as the December 2010 Veteran of the Month at a ceremony at VFW Post 2164 in Wheaton.

The Illinois Veteran of the Month award is a distinction that is given to military Veterans who give back to their community and continue to serve other Veterans. IDVA Director Dan Grant presented the award to Meschi, 66, a retired construction crane operator, and a Veterans' Assistance Officer and Trustee for the DuPage County Marine Corps League.

As a Marine, Meschi was stationed in the Philippines and in Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, earning the Marine Corp Good Conduct Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal among other achievements. He also served another two years in the Reserves.

Meschi, a native of Oak Park, IL who grew up in Lyons, became active with the Marine Corps League in DuPage County following military service, where he has chaired the *Toys for Tots* program for 12 years. Meschi is credited with substantially increasing toy and monetary donations to *Toys for Tots* during his tenure, and leveraging relationships with other local organizations to provide additional toys and resources for local children.

Meschi was named Marine of the Year by the Illinois Marine Corps League in 1996 and 2001, and was honored by the USO of Illinois for his work on behalf of *Toys for Tots*.

"Marine Meschi served his country with honor and has continued to serve his community honorably by helping children in need through the *Toys for Tots* program," said IDVA Director Dan Grant. "He is an asset to all he has served in DuPage County and statewide through the Marine Corps League."

The "Veteran of the Month" award highlights the work of community activists who are also military Veterans. Each month the Department recognizes a different person or group that contributes to the betterment of communities across the state of Illinois. To nominate a "Veteran of the Month," please visit IDVA's website at veterans.illinois.gov to obtain a list of guidelines and a nomination form.



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December 15, 2010

Mr. John Meschi
19W676 13th Place
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Dear John,

I am very sorry that I am not able to be in attendance today to personally take part in the celebration of your award as the December 2010 Illinois Veteran of the Month. As I looked over the information sent to me by the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League, I want you to know how extremely impressed I am with your many accomplishments over the years and your sincere devotion in helping your fellow servicemen and women. No doubt you have set an exemplary example for others to follow and I am very pleased that you have been chosen to receive this award. It is well deserved!

In recognition of your work and unwavering commitment, I would like you to know that I have written and will be filing an Illinois State Resolution in your honor during the upcoming session in Springfield. I am pleased to be able to publicly acknowledge your actions and good deeds, and to officially make you a part of Illinois State history. I have enclosed a copy of the resolution to be filed and you will be receiving shortly the original document for your keeping.

I wish you and your family a very happy holiday season, along with good health and peace in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Sandra Pihos
Sandra Pihos
State Representative
District 42

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate John P. Meschi of Lombard on the occasion of being named the December 2010 Illinois Veteran of the Month by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Veteran of the Month award is given by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans who contribute to the betterment of communities throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, John Meschi served in the United States Marine Corps for 6 years; during his service, he served as a military policeman in the Philippines; he then served in Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis; he subsequently served in an infantry company at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, followed by a return to Cuba; toward the end of his tour, he served with an artillery unit as a driver; he then spent the last few months of service back at Camp Lejeune, where he served as a vehicle instructor; and

WHEREAS, John Meschi has been a member of the Marine Corps League for 24 years; he has served as Chairman of the group's Fundraising committee and is instrumental in the execution of the League's many fundraising efforts; he also serves as the Veterans' Assistance Officer for his detachment and helps to organize many of the organization's charity events, such as monthly parties at the Hines V. A. Hospital and DuPage County Convalescent Center, Eagle Scout ceremonies, and food delivery programs; and

WHEREAS, John Meschi served as Chairman of the Marine Corps League's Toys-for-Tots committee for 12 years; during that time, annual toy collection rose from 3,000 to a high of 100,000; he also spoke at numerous gatherings of donators and arranged numerous appearances of Reserve Marines for the program; he is also involved with the Sharing Connection, a local charity group that distributes toys in the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, John Meschi was designated Marine of the Year by the Marine Corps League in 1996 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, John Meschi serves as a model for hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate John P. Meschi on the occasion of being named the December 2010 Illinois Veteran of the Month and wish him continued success and happiness in the future, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to John Meschi as a symbol of our esteem and respect.