



## Legislation Text

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### Title

Honor Tim Lhotak - Army Veteran and Village of Orland Park Resident

### History

On November 15, 2019, a call came into the Orland Park Veterans Commission office from a Korean War Veteran and an Orland Park resident. This resident is an 89-year-old combat Veteran who, due to recent health issues, was not able to drive. He was short on food and he needed to get to the Jewel Food Store, approximately 3 blocks from his home. The Veterans Commission told this resident that they would find help.

Upon hanging up, another call came into the Commission office that there was Veteran in the Village Hall seeking information about adding his "Veteran status" to his driver's license, Tim Lhotak. Mr. Lhotak was invited in the Veterans Commission office for assistance. While Mr. Lhotak was on a business trip to Nashville his jacket and wallet disappeared off the back of his chair while dining in a restaurant.

During this conversation between Darryl Wertheim and Tim Lhotak, the conversation turned to the subject of our Korean War Veteran in need. Tim, without hesitation, said "I will help". After Tim obtained his new driver's license he contacted our 89-year-old veteran and went to his home. Upon arrival, Tim met the combat vet and his wife, drove her to the Jewel Grocery Store where they shopped and he helped her load and unload the groceries.

Tim stated that they were "Two very nice people that just needed a little assistance."

The Orland Park Veterans Commission followed up that afternoon. The 89 year old combat vet also had an application for the Orland Township Senior Transportation but was not able to return it with a picture ID.

On Monday November 18, 2019 the Veterans Commission visited the combat vet and took his Orland Township Senior Transportation application and ID to the Township office. He is now able to use the service as needed.

Follow-up from Tim Lhotak- November 19, 2019

"Sometimes when you do good things for people good things happen to you. I told you that I lost my wallet in Nashville when I was traveling for work. Two days after we met, someone sent my jacket with my wallet still inside by mail to me from Florida, they must have grabbed my jacket by accident "

Mayor Pekau and the Village Board want to thank Mr. Tim Lhotak for your selfishness to assist and help out a fellow Veteran and resident in their time of need.