

## Discover Tinley

An exhibit table is sponsored by the Veterans Commission to assist veterans in preserving their rights in obtaining benefits from various governmental agencies by cooperating with the agencies for the benefit of the veterans; and to educate the citizenry as to the accomplishments and contributions of veterans.

## Loyalty Day

The service organizations and the Commission co-sponsor an activity on May 1 each year to honor the memory of deceased veterans. Members visit three cemeteries within the Village of Tinley Park, placing markers and American flags on the graves of veterans. Those cemeteries are Trinity Lutheran, 15800 S. Oak Park Avenue; Tinley Park Memorial, 8400 W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street; and Zion Lutheran, 6000 W. 167<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Memorial Day

The day begins when the Commission provides a bus so that members of the veterans organizations can perform ceremonies at the three village cemeteries and at Veterans Park located at 160th and Ozark. At 10 a.m. the Commission conducts ceremonies at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza at the 80th Avenue Train Station. Activities include patriotic music played by members of the Andrew High School Band, speeches by Village officials and visiting dignitaries, a Battlefield Cross Ceremony and the presentation of a wreath honoring those who sacrificed for our Nation. Ceremonies conclude with the playing of Taps and the firing of a rifle salute. Following all ceremonies, a light lunch is served to those who have participated.

## Veterans Day

Ceremonies at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza at the 80th Avenue Train Station begin at 10 a.m. and include patriotic music, speeches by officials and dignitaries, and participation by members of the local service organizations. A flag raising ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. to commemorate the signing of the armistice ending WWI at 11 a.m. on 11/11/1918. A light lunch follows at one of the Post homes.