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### **Vietnam Veteran Wins \$30,000 Playing Hot Lotto**

TOPEKA, KAN. – It was a month ago that David McLaughlin won \$30,000 playing Hot Lotto, but he didn't know about it until just today!

“I make sure I have tickets for all the Powerball, Mega Millions, Super Kansas Cash, 2by2 and Hot Lotto drawings, but I don't check my tickets right away,” the 68-year-old Shawnee Mission resident told Lottery officials. “I put all my tickets in a little pile, sort them by game, and eventually check them on the Check-a-Ticket machine.”

When McLaughlin checked his Hot Lotto ticket from the June 22 drawing this week, he found out he had won a prize that was too big to claim at the store, but he didn't know how much he'd won until he claimed the ticket today at Lottery headquarters.

“I thought I had maybe won \$1,000 or something. I was totally surprised when I found out my ticket was a \$30,000 winner!” he said. McLaughlin matched the first five numbers but not the Hot Ball on the second play of his \$2 Quick Pick ticket. The winning numbers were 03-07-12-28-37 Hot Ball 14. McLaughlin missed the Hot Ball (and hitting a multi-million dollar Hot Lotto jackpot) by two numbers. His Hot Ball was 16.

McLaughlin is a proud Vietnam Veteran who served in the Marine Corps. He was wounded in action in Vietnam, with his most serious permanent injury caused by a bullet that hit right under his eye and came out by his ear.

McLaughlin retired four years ago from a job in which he delivered medical supplies. He and his wife Jocelyn have been married for 27 years. They plan to use their prize money for a trip to the Philippines later this summer.

The lucky Quick Pick Hot Lotto ticket was purchased at QuikTrip 185R, located at 10301 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street in Shawnee.

Any ticket that matches all numbers in [Hot Lotto](#) tomorrow night will win or share a jackpot estimated at \$4.38 million dollars!