



# CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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PLEASE GIVE TO YOUR WELFARE OFFICER

TO: Welfare Officers ALL Echelons

FROM: Janine Kramer— National Welfare Officer  
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## **SUBJECT: 2025-2026 NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER PROGRAM**

What is the definition of WELFARE? Welfare is the financial or other assistance to an individual or family who is in need. plans or work to better the social or economic conditions of various underprivileged individuals. This can also include organizations to which you contribute.

As we begin this New Year, you as Welfare Officers need to plan and encourage your membership to participate in your programs. We are veterans' organizations auxiliaries and many of our veterans need our help. Many are homeless and many are without food or clothing. Assisting our seniors, shut-ins, physically disabled, and expectant mothers can be accomplished in many ways. How can you help in your community?

Please give a detailed explanation of each activity on separate sheets of paper; numbers are meaningless without the story that goes with them.

An instruction sheet has been provided to assist you with each category. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance or have questions.

REMEMBER, all 2025-2026 reports must be sent through echelon. Department Welfare Officers should submit their reports and compilations as soon as their Department Conventions have concluded, giving the National Welfare Officer sufficient time to judge reports. Inclusion items that are not Welfare will eliminate your report from possibly qualifying. DO NOT report VAVS, church functions (i.e. teaching catechism, helping at church during holy days, etc.), or items such as lottery tickets, money spent on conventions, etc. on your Welfare Report. If what you are reporting does not assist someone in need, then it is not **WELFARE**.

**REPORTS WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR  
CONSIDERATION FOR AWARDS.**

**Unit Welfare Officers:** Prepare a yearly report on your Welfare activities. Where there is a Chapter, a monthly/and or quarterly report and the yearly compilation should be sent to the Chapter Welfare Officer by Chapter's deadline date. Where there is no Chapter, these reports (including the yearly report) should be sent to the Department Welfare Officer.

**Chapter Welfare Officer:** Prepare reports of the welfare activities of the Chapter Board including yearly reports. They must compile all Units yearly reports along with the Chapter yearly reports and send the reports AND the compilation to their Department Welfare Officer by the Department's deadline date.

**Department Welfare Officer:** Prepare reports on the welfare activities of the Department Board including a yearly report. They must compile all UNIT reports, all yearly Chapter reports, and the Department's yearly report, and send the reports and the compilation of to:

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DEADLINE DATE—JUNE 30, 2026

(AWARDS will be based on welfare activities described in each echelon's annual report)

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## AWARDS

### UNITS BEST OVERALL PROGRAM

Up to 30 members\*31-75 Members\* 76-120 Members\*Membership of 121& Over

1<sup>st</sup>. Place- \$25 Check and National Citation 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- National Citation

### CHAPTER & DEPARTMENT BEST OVERALL PROGRAM

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NATIONAL CITATION TO WELFARE OFFICER WITH BEST SPECIAL PROJECT  
UNIT, CHAPTER, AND DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL NATIONAL CITATION FOR BEST PROGRAM IN A NON-VA HOSPITAL

## 2025-2026 Welfare Report Form

**Auxiliary Name & No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Members** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Address of Officer** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Charitable donations (food, money, clothing)
2. Aid to Senior Citizens, Shut-in and Physically/Mentally Challenges
3. Assisting Veterans and their dependents
4. Assisting at blood banks or donation of blood
5. Visits, gifts, and/or cards to the ill (members, neighbors, friends, etc.)
6. Assisting expectant mothers who have chosen life for the babies.
7. Special Projects

THROUGH ECHELONS—from UNIT (to CHAPTER IF ANY) TO DEPARTMENT  
TONATIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICERS BY DEADLINE DATE OF JUNE 30, 2025.

EXPLANATIONS-PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND WRITE IN NARRATIVE STYLE.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING NATIONAL AUXILIARY WELFARE OFFICER REPORT FORM

The projects you report should only be those pertaining to Welfare. Do not report activities related to church functions (money donated in church envelopes, activities relating to CCD, etc.) The activity should not be a VA-related activity. Spending money on lotteries, etc., is not Welfare but is general operating expenses.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

A special Project is something you, as an Auxiliary, have adopted. It can be a particular person, family, or cause. It is important that you give the details of your Special Project on a separate sheet of paper. Some examples are bereavement meals, sympathy cards (not Mass Cards) and stamps for wounded warriors, etc.. On the column "Special Project," enter the hours, number of members, money spent or the value of donated items.

### NON-VA HOSPITAL ASSISTANCE

A non-VA hospital can be a State Veterans' home not under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration, local hospitals, nursing homes. Give, in detail, your program on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Donations of food, clothing, furniture, money, etc. to those in need can be made by the Unit or individual members. Donations can be to other charitable organizations or directly to an individual or family in need.
2. Providing for our seniors, shut-ins, and physically disable can be accomplished by providing transportation to medical appointment, shopping, cleaning their home, paying bills, etc.
3. Assisting veterans, servicemen and women, and their dependents can be a vast array of functions: providing assistance to the family while the service member is deployed.
4. Assisting at blood drives, donating blood, platelets, plasma, etc.
5. Visits, phone calls, sending cards, flowers, or gifts to individuals who are ill; can include members.
6. Assisting mothers who have chosen life for their unborn babies. This can be food, clothing, or financial assistance.
7. Assisting your Post with Poppy Drives and Cross of Peace fund raisers.
8. Special Projects are projects the unit or an individual member puts special emphasis on.