



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY

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PLEASE GIVE TO YOUR RITUAL OFFICER

TO: Ritual Officers, **ALL** Echelons

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SUBJECT: 2025-2026 NATIONAL RITUAL OFFICER PROGRAM

The Ritual Officer is entrusted with the proper setting of the altar and other duties as prescribed according to the Ritual Book. Study these instructions well as they are invaluable sources as to proper ceremonies. The Auxiliary Ritual Book is available from National Headquarters.

Use the current Ritual Report Form. Please be sure to send all reports **THROUGH ECHELONS – UNIT to CHAPTER, CHAPTER to DEPARTMENT RITUAL OFFICER WHO WILL FORWARD THE REPORT TO ME.** Activities such as members attending Mass during Lent or on First Saturdays or saying the Rosary, **unless you were in uniform and acting as the Ritual Officer**, would not be reported under Ritual. Helping cook, writing letters, giving canned goods, money, or clothing to the needy should also not be included. These would be more appropriately reported under other offices. **All reports are due by JUNE 30, 2026.** Fill out the report form and attach a separate sheet for explanations.

AWARDS

Units

Up to 30

31-75

76-120

121 & Over

CHAPTER & DEPARTMENT

First Place: \$25 check and National Citation

Second Place: National Citation

EXPLANATION AND EXAMPLE OF DIARY FORMAT

During your term as Ritual Officer, always have the Officer's Manual and Ritual Book on hand for reference. Keep your Unit, Chapter, or Department informed as to proper procedure as prescribed in these two books.

On the Diary format of the report, an example would be:

DATE	ACTIVITY	NO. MEMBERS PARTICIPATING	DESCRIPTION
09/01/16	Auxiliary Meeting	24	Opened and closed meeting according to the Ritual. Gave a five-minute report on "No Man's Land."
09/01/16	Color Guard Instruction	4	Met with Color Guard and ran a practice session on conduct and presentation in Church.

Document what you have done, practice, and instructed. List all activities individual and in date order. **Describe fully your presentations and instructions on procedure, protocol, and proper dress.** If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

2025-2026 REPORT FORM

RITUAL

Auxiliary Name and No. _____

No. of Members: _____ Department: _____

Name and Address of Officer: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

	Yes	No
1. Do you and all Officers have a copy of the Ritual Book?	_____	_____
2. Do you have a formal Installation of Officers?	_____	_____
3. Do you have a formal Introduction of New Members?	_____	_____
4. Ritual at your meetings (in detail below)?	_____	_____
5. Do you and all Officers have Officers Manuals?	_____	_____

*****NEW*****

In Narrative Form, please list all activities and instructions that you, as Ritual Officer, have completed. Please use a separate sheet of Paper

THROUGH ECHELONS – from UNIT (to CHAPTER, if any), to DEPARTMENT, to NATIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICER. DEADLINE DATE OF JUNE 30, 2026

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