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CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Memorial Day
HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES



MILITARY RETIREES AND VETERANS CAN RENDER A HAND SALUTE

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow non-uniformed service members, military retirees and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering and passing of the U.S. Flag. In a later amendment in 2009, it authorized a hand-salute during the National Anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform personnel. Thus part (b) above was modified to include “members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform.”

PROPER PROTOCOL FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The protocol for the Pledge of Allegiance is laid out in the Flag Code in Sec. 4:

“The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.”

PROPER PROTOCOL FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Proper protocol for the Star-Spangled Banner is found in a separate code under Title 36 of Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies and Organizations, and listed under Section 3, Section 301 on the National Anthem:

“During a rendition of the National Anthem, when the flag is displayed, (a) all present should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart; (b) men not in uniform should remove their head-dress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; (c) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note; and (d) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.”

And I walk up and down,
'Neath the clock,
By the pawnshop,
On a corner in
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania!
~ Bing Crosby, 1952

83RD NATIONAL CONVENTION

Pittsburgh
AUGUST 20-25, 2018

JOIN US!

- Pirates Baseball Game
- Dinner Cruise
- Convention Banquet



**Crown Plaza Pittsburgh
West-Green Tree**
401 Holiday Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

See Program Journal and Advertisement Information on the Next Page.
Submission Deadline is 15 July 2018!

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CWV Convention Chairman
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2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

It is time to gather for the 83rd Catholic War Veterans National Convention on August 20-25 2018.

Location is the **CROWNE PLAZA PITTSBURGH WEST-GREEN TREE, 401 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.**

Finalize your plans now by using this form to reserve your seat on the Dinner Cruise, a Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball game, and the Convention Banquet.



LTC Nick Taylor, USA (Ref.), CWV Convention Chairman
(610) 331-6383 or TAYL7900@yahoo.com
Darby Swope, CWV Auxiliary Convention Chair

PROGRAM JOURNAL & ADVERTISEMENT INFORMATION

Submission Deadline is July 15th 2018

Booklet size is 8.5" x 5.5" (landscape 8.5" x 11" paper folded in half. In most cases, unless you have a high-quality picture, logos do not copy well in black and white. We request you consider a color ad if using this type of graphic. NOTE: Journal ad and page prices are significantly reduced from last year, courtesy of our host, The Department of Pennsylvania!

Size	Black/White	Color
Outside Back Cover*	\$250	\$325
Inside Back Cover*	\$225	\$275
Inside Front Cover*	\$225	\$275
Full Page	\$150	\$175
Half Page	\$75	\$100
Quarter Page	\$50	\$65
Business Card	\$30	\$45
Sponsor(< 75 Characters)	\$15	N/A
Supporter (<30 Characters)	\$10	N/A
Booster (<30 Characters)	\$8	N/A

*Equivalent Full-Page ad will be substituted if cover position is not available

Please CIRCLE the type and price of the ad you are placing. Art work and symbols can be sent electronically to: TAYL7900@yahoo.com

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Post# _____ Phone# _____

Sponsor / Supporter / Booster message: _____

LUNCHEON AND BANQUET INFORMATION

Submission Deadline is July 31st 2018

The cost for the luncheon (National Commander's and National President's) is \$35.00 per person. Please indicate your entrée preference as listed below:

Commander's Luncheon - Thursday, August 23rd

qty	Entrée	total
	Stuffed Breast of Chicken x \$35 Each	\$
	Grilled Salmon x \$35 Each	\$

President's Luncheon - Thursday, August 23rd

qty	Entrée	total
	Stuffed Breast of Chicken x \$35 Each	\$
	Grilled Salmon x \$35 Each	\$

Convention Banquet - Saturday, August 25th

qty	Entrée	total
	NY Strip Steak x \$60 Each	\$
	Roast Pork Loin x \$60 Each	\$
	Grilled Salmon x \$60 each	\$

Total Amount for Food \$

TRIP & ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Reservation Deadline is July 15th 2018

qty	Activity	total
	Pittsburgh Pirates vs Atlanta Braves Baseball Game Wed Aug 22nd 7:05pm Tickets: \$32.00 each	\$
	Gateway Clipper Chicken & Ribs Dinner Cruise Thursday, August 23rd 2018: Boards at 6:15 p.m. - Cruise:7:00-9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$39 each	\$

Total Amount for Activities \$

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservation Deadline is Aug 6th 2018

\$105.00 per night (inclusive) USE GROUP CODE "CWV"
(412) 922-8100 or (800) 227-6963

PAYMENT AND SUBMISSION OPTIONS

All Deadlines are as stated on this flyer. Mail this form and a check or money order to:

CWV Convention Corporation
PO Box 260109 Bellerose, NY 11426

Or if paying by credit card thru the CWV Store, mail this form to the above address AND Go to: cwv-store.org/shop

Add 2% to the total order for processing costs

SERVICE OFFICER

A Note of Thanks...

"I want to express my appreciation to Mr. MIKE DAY with the Catholic War Veterans. It is my goal for the Veterans Administration to know of his kindness, knowledge and desire to assist the U.S. Veterans of our area. As a Viet Nam veteran who had long ago given up on the VA system and my government, since my association with Mr. Day each week that goes by I am starting to feel like I have come home. His help with my claims, and just his willingness to speak with me, has caused me to second guess my feelings. He should be recognized by the VA as an asset. Thank you for allowing me this time to express my feelings."

~ Mr. Frank Kent



Veterans Day Parade in Stamford, CT. MAJ Cortland Mehl, Commander, Kulka Post #1957, with Beetle Bailey and Sarge!

Honoring Our Veterans and Our Future in Connecticut



Members of Kulka Brothers Post attend the Veterans Assembly at the Academy of Information Technology and Engineering in Stamford. CWV members (center, left) include Peter Mason, Commander Edward Mehl and Jim Dudley with teacher Michelle Posser (far right).



Students show their appreciation for our nation's veterans at the school assembly. Center (left to right): John Smerillio, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Alan Philips (VFW); Cortland Mehl, Commander, Catholic War Veterans; and James Dudley (CWV).



You may now address him as “MR. MAYOR!”

Post 1562 in Derby, Connecticut had plenty to celebrate on election night as Past Commander Richard “Zeke” Dziekan became the first Catholic Polish Mayor of the town of Derby!

Congratulations are offered by Post members (from left) Tom Gabinelli; Thomas Voytek, Post Commander, “Mayor Zeke,” Evelyn Browning, Auxiliary President, David Browning and Michael Kasinskas.



WORLD WAR II VETERAN IS FRONT AND CENTER AT MEMORIAL MASS IN ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS!

The monthly memorial Mass of the Catholic War Veterans at St Jude in Rochester. It was nice to see Kathy Smith, a WW2 veteran, since she doesn't get to many of our gatherings but St. Jude is her home parish.



USEFUL RESOURCES TO HELP A HOMELESS VETERAN

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS
NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER**
JOSE GARCIA
(512) 447-4697

VETERANS CRISIS LINE
1-800-273-8255, Press 1

VA PTSD INFORMATION
(802) 296-6300 / ncptsd@va.gov

VA CAREGIVER SUPPORT
(855) 260-3274

It Don't Mean A Thing if It Ain't Got That SWING!



Msgr. Philip Thoni (LTC, Retired) Post 1973 in Alcoa, Tennessee, chartered in 2015, is proud to boast of a big project their members worked on over a two-year period. Recalling the Post's mission statement of "Veterans Helping Veterans," a fundraising effort was begun to provide a glider for fellow veterans at the Ben Atchley Home in Knoxville, Tennessee. It can be used by wheelchair veterans (they glide up on the ramp in their wheelchair), and their families sit on the bench on the glider.



Celebrating a job well done.
This is one reason why they call it the Volunteer State!

Fundraising events included an Oktoberfest Party, BBQ Dinner, Hearts for Heroes and Poppy donations. Once the money was raised, the Post purchased the glider and assisted in installation.



It all starts with a good foundation!



Flange B goes into Tab A?



Swingtime!

A Tribute from a

BRIT!

Ladies and Gentlemen of various American Veterans organizations (with apologies to those for which I can find no address.)

Greetings from across the pond from a Brit! The purpose of this message is to send my respect and gratitude for America's contribution to the freedom enjoyed by my country and family.

This morning, one of my old poems surfaced when I was looking for something else. It immediately struck me that it could be a belated message from the old world to the new. (It's never too late to say "Thank you.") Several of my poems are on similar themes, but this one seems the most appropriate.

The man I saw die on a newsreel of the Normandy landings may have been either a Soldier or a Marine, but I used G.I. in the poem.

I waive my copyright so that you may feel free, if you wish, to promulgate the poem to your members. It comes with thankfulness for the blessings I have enjoyed since your colleague died.

Yours sincerely,

CDR CHARLES WILEY, OBE FCMJ

Royal Navy (retired)

Member of the Royal British Legion

Veteran of WWII (as a child),

& the Korean War

An Englishman On Utah Beach

I went to the D Day museum and reflected on tales that are told, in the film that's concocted from newsreels that mirror the dark days of old. Of all the American heroes who were launched on that Normandy coast, there's just one I should like you to notice of all that formidable host.

He had trained for this day, back in England, where his sergeant had given him hell. He'd surpassed the efficiency standard and was fit as a fiddle as well. When Ike gave the order that sent him, in the name of the great USA, he could not have thought we'd remember what treasure he gave us that day.

His name is unknown to his nation; he was just yet another G.I. who was landed with thousands of others, who knew not if they'd live or they'd die. It's as plain as can be on the newsreel; the moment he steps on the shore, he then drops like a log as a bullet snuffs his life—we see him no more.

That soldier contributed nothing, or so wise pundits might say, for he died without using his weapon, and added no more to the day. But six decades later I'm grateful for the precious sweet freedom he bought, so that I could be blessed with grandchildren, and at school the Queen's English is still taught.

A Note From the National Office

Let's All Work Together for a More Efficient Catholic War Veterans!

The National Office has just completed a mailing to update our membership records. As expected, a large number of envelopes have been returned due to incorrect addresses. Unfortunately, some have been returned advising that the member is deceased. We have received notes advising of changes of address, even to different states. Some members are asking to be assigned to different or local posts or to the National Headquarter Post #4.

Many members have submitted documentation of dues paid on the local level that were not entered into the national database. Needless to say, some of these problems are embarrassing to everyone involved. National is working hard to make the database current, based on feedback received. However, each and everyone of us can assist in keeping the organization's records up-to-date with very little effort on each officer and member's part! Paperwork is important!

MEMBERS: Please assist us by keeping your address current. Please note any corrections to be made on the dues notice you receive. Please update your telephone number and E-mail address (we can notify you faster if you win a raffle!)

POSTS: Please process new or life applications promptly. Please check for complete required information. Don't forget to forward accompanying payment. It is essential that Posts update member records immediately upon receipt. Notify the national office if there are any discrepancies in member records. While it's unpleasant to speak about, the death of a member needs to be annotated/reported immediately so the member can be removed from the roles and entered into the memorial listing so other members will know of their passing. The savings in printing and postage costs alone will benefit the organization. The cooperation on everyone's part is sincerely appreciated!



Guess Who Came to Our Memorial Mass?

Members of Bishop John McNicholas Post #1916 in Springfield, Illinois pose with a cutout figure of His Holiness, Pope Francis, following their annual Memorial Mass.



The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is rolling out a new truck design to honor Vietnam War Veterans during the 50th anniversary of the war. The three trucks also highlight the Veteran online shopping benefit, launched in November, which authorizes all Veterans who served honorably to enjoy tax-free shopping at ShopMyExchange.com. All our members should take advantage of this benefit!

WE OBSERVE WE REMEMBER WE RESPECT!



100 Years Ago

WORLD WAR I Welcome Home Parade in Washington, D.C.



50 Years Ago

The Tet Offensive in Vietnam.



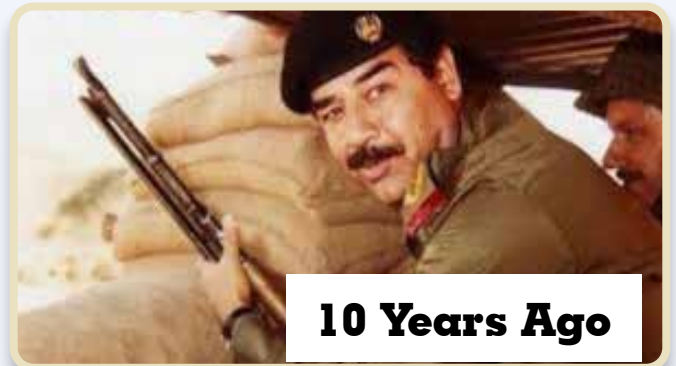
15 Years Ago

American Flag covers statue of Saddam Hussein before it is toppled by U.S. Marines in Baghdad.



50 Years Ago

Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassinated in Memphis,
Robert F. Kennedy Assassinated in Los Angeles.



10 Years Ago

Saddam Hussein defeated by U.S. Forces in Iraq.

DEACON IS NAMED VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



The CWV is also proud of this well-deserved award!

“Veteran of the Year,” Deacon Leo Ferguson is congratulated by Post 1058 Commander Stanley Mroz, Jr.

The United Veterans Council of Kent County, Grand Rapids, Michigan elected Deacon Leo Ferguson as 2017-2018 Veteran of the Year for his leadership and devoted work with all local Veterans. A member of St. Anthony’s Church and St. Adalbert Post #1058, he was honored for his activities with the Boy Scouts, Veterans and the Church. He is the first Catholic War Veteran to be so honored and demonstrates that the CWV is becoming a presence in the community!



New York CWV Members Pose for Portrait in Brooklyn!

CWV members took advantage of a professional photographer attending a parade to sit for a formal portrait!

Photo courtesy of Bill Wadman



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WE ARE “IN HIS HANDS!”

Thanks and a tip of the hat to James Formato



COMMANDER'S / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Both Bonnie and I hope you and your families had a happy and blessed Easter. We hope everyone made it through the cold and snowy weather we have had the past few months. Here in New Jersey we had three nor'easters in three consecutive weeks. Now that it's all gone, hopefully, we can enjoy some nice weather and do some spring cleaning.

Our organizations is now moving forward. We are doing our own spring cleaning at our Headquarters. All of our equipment rental and lease agreements have been canceled and the leased equipment has been returned to the vendors. We now own our equipment. We are using stamps.com instead of Pitney Bowes for our everyday mailings giving us a cost savings of over \$300.00 a month.

We sent out over 4500 delinquent member notices which are helping us with membership retention. We have made arrangements with our preferred printer to have our 2019 membership cards, both veteran and auxiliary, printed for free. These will be handed out to those departments and posts attending our 2018 National Convention.

We are currently taking inventory and ordering supplies to keep HQ and our store stocked. We are also developing recruitment materials to help our 2nd Vice Commanders with membership recruitment.

REMEMBER: Our National Convention is coming in August in Pittsburgh, PA. Our Convention Committee is working hard so you can have a great time. All the convention information is in this issue. Please make your reservations early.

ALSO REMEMBER: We are hosting Veterans Day in 2019 at Arlington National Cemetery and we need your support. Please send a tax deductible donation, whatever you can afford, to help defray the cost of this event. Make your check or money order payable to: the Catholic Veterans Service Foundation, Inc., 237-20 92nd Road. Bellerose, NY 11426. You will receive a return letter to verify your donation for tax purposes.

We are currently visiting different states to attend their State Conventions. Hopefully, we'll be seeing you on our visits.

Please continue to pray for our military and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Until next time, your Commander and President.

Frank & Bonnie





A REFLECTION FROM OUR NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

REV. MSGR. EDWARD COYLE

For our country Memorial Day is the most solemn day of the year.

July 4 celebrates Freedom; November 11 honors Veterans---but in the month of May our nation stops to remember and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and died in the service of our country.

In recent years, the last weekend of May has taken on many other meanings. For some, the last weekend marks the beginning of the summer. For others, it's a four-day weekend when many people participate in picnics and barbecues. For young people, it's almost the end of another school year.

For Veterans and for all Americans, Memorial Day is solemn. It's remembering. It's challenging.

As a Catholic War Veteran, what are your plans for Memorial Day?

This Memorial Day take time to remember. Remember those who have died in war, and remember their families who bear that loss each day. Make a special effort to attend Mass at your local church on Memorial Day. Attend a local memorial service or parade in your community. Contact your local Catholic War Veterans Post and volunteer to help make this day a truly solemn occasion.

If you have served in war and lost a comrade in arms, take time to tell their story. Keep the memory of their sacrifice alive just as the Catholic War Veterans keeps alive the memory of Father Vincent Capodanno who died in Quang Tin Province in South Vietnam, Father Emil Kapaun who died in Korea, and the four Chaplains who went down with the USS DORCHESTER in World War II, Chaplains who died ministering to their fellow soldiers in war. This Memorial Day, keep the memory alive! Let's make this day a day to remember!





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Dear Lady

A POEM BY JIM MULLARKEY
COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

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DEAR LADY STANDING BY THE SEA
YOU ARE A WELCOME SIGHT TO SEE
I HAVE LEFT THE WALLS AND SHORES OF TYRANNY
AND NOW I GAZE AT THEE
YOU STAND SO TALL FOR ALL TO SEE
YOUR BURNING TORCH LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT
SO ALL CAN SEE OUR CROWN OF LIBERTY
WE WHO HAVE COME FROM ACROSS THE SEA
STAND ON CROWDED DECKS TO GAZE AT THEE
I KNOW THAT IF BY CHANCE YOU GAZE AT ME
MY ONLY WISH IS TO BE FREE
DEAR LADY STANDING BY THE SEA

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