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CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SUMMER 2019



Remembering

D-DAY

75 YEARS LATER

Memorial Day 2019



WORLD WAR II VETERAN! One of only 20 existing D-Day landing craft is on display at the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Arlington, Virginia, as part of an exhibit on wartime innovations.



Members of Kulka Brothers post also visited Stamford High School's Memorial Day assembly and addressed the students about the true meaning of the holiday and the debt they owe veterans.



Officers of the Catholic War Veterans Kulka Brothers Post #1957 join members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a Veterans Memorial Mass in St. Mary's Church in Stamford, Connecticut.



The Kings County Chapter (New York), participated in Brooklyn's 152nd Memorial Day Parade. ~ Thanks to Donna McClellan, Connors & Sullivan



By the By

CONVENTION BY-LAW CHANGES

The constitution is the supreme governing document of the Catholic War Veterans organization. It may be amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the duly registered delegates at the annual convention.

A proposed amendment shall be submitted to the National Department AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE the opening session of the convention.

The National Department shall give notice of any proposed amendment duly submitted to ALL POSTS AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE the opening of the convention.



FROM THE COMMANDER

I trust everyone had a delightful Memorial Day weekend, and that we all did something to commemorate the sacrifices of our Veterans, The coming of summer marks the beginning of a busy time for our organization. Our 84th National Convention is just around the corner in mid-August in San Antonio. I hope to see as many of you as possible as we review the accomplishments of the past year, and plan our agenda for the coming year.

The excitement is also beginning to build as we look ahead to the Catholic War Veterans being the sponsoring organization for this year's Veterans Day ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. Timely registration for hotels and logistics is critical to our planning for a successful event. Further information will be distributed shortly, but our hotel will be the Hampton Inn at 5821 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia. You can start making reservations now. Send in your requests as

soon as possible for tickets to the ceremony at the amphitheater. The CWV will be sponsoring a reception at the Officers Club at Fort Myer. Security forms must be completed in advance for entry onto Fort Myer. State and Post Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents are asked to respond to the letter for reservations as soon as possible.

This event is a major undertaking by the Catholic War Veterans, and so I am soliciting donations to help defray the cost. Checks should be made to the Catholic Veterans Service Foundation and mailed to the National Office. We want to put our best foot forward on the national stage on Veterans Day!

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND 5TH SUNDAY MASS IN DECEMBER HONORS AUXILIARY MEMBER

MARY RITA HUBBEL CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY
and 70 YEARS of MEMBERSHIP in CWVA!



Father reads a special prayer and blessing.



A commemorative cake marks Mary's 70 years in the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary.



Relatives and friends join Mary at the altar to celebrate her faith and her life!

MARLBORO HIGH SCHOOL IN NY REMEMBERS WORLD WAR II

Marlboro High School, in Marlboro, New York hosted its annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, a ceremony in testament to those who lost their lives as a result of the surprise attack in 1941 in its auditorium. Mr. Norman Silverstein U.S. Navy (Retired) emceed the program, which began with the posting of the Colors by the Newburgh Free Academy's Air Force JROTC Unit. The guest speaker was U.S. Navy Veteran Paul Bonfiglio. Mr. Silverstein called out the Naval vessels damaged and/or destroyed during the attack, as a bell was tolled. CWV Sal Foti spoke of his experiences on D-Day on the beaches of Normandy.



Members of CWV Post #386, Newburgh -New Windsor, NY pose for a photo.



CWV's Sal Foti recounts his experiences on the beaches of Normandy, June 4, 1944



Members of CWV Post #386 wish Senator Larkin Godspeed.



Senator Larkin bids farewell.



MSgt Messenger sings the National Anthem

NY STATE SENATOR HONORED FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

More than 700 people attended a celebration to mark the retirement of New York State Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. His service to his country spanned more than seventy years, forty in politics.

Bill Larkin enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 16 and fought in the Philippines at the end of World War II. He then attended Officer Candidates School and was commissioned a 2nd LT. He would fight once again as a platoon leader in the Korean War. In his remaining time in service, he was selected to protect President John F. Kennedy. He returned to the USA on November 22nd, 1963, the day the President was assassinated. He later protected Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on his famous walk to Selma, Alabama.

Stationed at Stewart Field at his retirement from the Army, he enjoyed the area so much he chose to settle his family close by. Soon after, he was elected to office as State Senator. He was the type of person who would go to any extreme when asked for help and many came to offer their congratulations and thanks for his efforts in their behalf.

Catholic War Veterans Post #386 Newburgh, New York, presented the Colors. MSgt Mary Kay Messenger, USMA West Point Band Soloist, opened the program with the National Anthem and sang God Bless America to close the program. Senator Larkin concluded his remarks by saying, "Remember, I am only a phone call away!"





The inductees from St. John The Evangelist Parish in Loogootee are (left to right) Annette Taylor, and Ed & Rebecca Summers.

Indiana Post Hosts Simon Brute Society Induction Ceremony

Submitted by George Erler, Commander, Post 1976

Bishop Simon Brute,' Servant of God Memorial Post #1976 in Loogootee, Indiana hosted the annual Mass and Induction Ceremony for of the Brute' Society at Good Shepherd Church in Evansville. It is a celebration of Unity and Stewardship for the Catholic Church of Southwest Indiana. The Award presented is a medal depicting three stewardship "T's" (Time, Treasure and Talent) and the Cross representing the core of our Christian faith. It was John Quincy Adams who called Bishop Brute' "the most learned man of his day in America."

REMEMBER THE MAINE! REMEMBER THE MAN!

CWV: HELPING OUR VETERANS OF PRIOR WARS

The headstone of Spanish-American War Veteran PVT Stephen Annabel, U.S. Army (1829-1928) was delivered to his next-of-kin, Ms. Lily Dixon, on Wilbur Street in Bay Shore, New York in 1935. It was to be set on the Private's grave in St. Patrick Cemetery. The elements were not kind to the headstone and, with time, the inscription became illegible.

Bill Lindner, the Cemetery Administrator, himself a retired Navy veteran and a 3V/C of the Catholic War Veterans, queried various databases and found the original headstone order. He requested the VA Cemetery Administration replace the stone. The request was approved, and local merchant, Nagy's Memorial Studio, volunteered to reset the stone at no cost.

Private Annabel now has a new stone, which commemorates his service to his country in the oft-forgotten Spanish-American War!



Bill Lindner of Post #1938 Bethpage, NY celebrates a job Well Done to preserve the memory of a Spanish-American War Vet!



HONORS BY ASSUMPTION BVM POST 1897, CENTEREACH, NY

The Post Honor Guard proudly participated in annual Veterans Day ceremonies at Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island, New York.

Presenting the Colors on behalf of the Catholic War Veterans are (from left to right) Peter Witkowsky, Salvatore Defillipo, Frank Raffaele and Post Commander Richard Gallagher.



Florida Post Recognizes "Runner of the Year!"



Commander Ross Cormican of Catholic War Veterans Post 1944, in Volusia County, Florida presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mary Peck, the News Journal's "Girl Runner of the Year" for Volusia and Flagler Counties. Mary is a Freshman at Father Lopez high School in Daytona Beach.

The loneliness of the long distance runner!



CWV POST MAKES PRESENTATION TO

PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR



The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, New York, is the only one of its kind in the United States located, appropriately, on Freedom Road. Newburgh Post 386 presented a permanent plaque to honor what is known locally as the "Genesis Group." The title refers to four local men who came together to establish this center as a way to honor the thousands of men and women who were, are, and will be awarded the Purple Heart. The award was established by President George Washington and is the symbol of our nation's recognition of those injured in combat situations.

The group includes LTGEN James Hughes, USAF (Ret.), New York State Senator William J. Larkin, Jr., Joseph Farina (who was the personal radio operator for General Douglas McArthur in the Philippines in World War II), and Everett Smith, owner and publisher of the Sentinel newspaper, now known as the Orange County Post. The brass plaque commemorates their contributions to establishing the Hall in 2006.



WITH HONORS!

FROM KULKA BROTHERS POST 1957

ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT



State Senator Carlo Leone presents Post 1957 member Peter Mason with Senior Center Veteran of the Year Award.



Post Commander Cortland Mehl with a Major of the Connecticut Governor's Foot Guard.



Commander Mehl joins Principal Jim Dudley of Stamford H.S.



Guests render honors as Post 1957 Treasurer Giuseppe Pampena raises the Flag at Veterans Memorial Park



The Armed forces Day luncheon, sponsored by the Connecticut National Guard, drew Peter Pozuceks, Post 1677; Sue Ranno, CWV Auxiliary; Mike Ranno and Mike Kasinskas, Post 1567; as well as Jim Santangelo of Kulka Brothers Post.



Post members, active duty military, Jewish War Veterans and teacher veterans gave presentations to students.

2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

It is time to gather for the 84th Catholic War Veterans National Convention on August 11th-18th 2019.



Location is the **HISTORIC MENGER HOTEL**
204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

Finalize your plans now by using this form to reserve your rooms, Commanders and Presidents luncheons, Convention Banquet and a special tour of the Alamo

PROGRAM JOURNAL & ADVERTISEMENT INFORMATION

Submission Deadline is July 15th 2019

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.

Size	Black/White	Color
Outside Back Cover*	\$250	\$325
Inside Back Cover*	\$225	\$275
Inside Front Cover*	\$225	\$275
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Supporter (<30 Characters)	\$10	N/A
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LUNCHEON AND BANQUET INFORMATION

Submission Deadline is July 15th 2019

The cost for the luncheon (National Commander's and National President's) is \$45.00 per person. Please indicate your entrée preference as listed below:

Commander's Luncheon - Thursday, August 15th

qty	Entrée	total
	Fiesta Buffet x \$45 Each	\$

President's Luncheon - Thursday, August 15th

qty	Entrée	total
	Fiesta Buffet x \$45 Each	\$

Convention Banquet - Saturday, August 17th

qty	Entrée	total
	Prime Rib x \$60 Each	\$
	Grilled Salmon x \$60 each	\$

Total Amount for Food \$

TRIP & ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Reservation Deadline is July 15th 2019

qty	Activity	total
	Special Tour of the Alamo 7:00 PM Thursday, August 15th 2019 Price per person \$30.00	\$

Total Amount for Activities \$

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservation Deadline is July 10th 2019

\$129.00 plus local taxes per night
(800) 345-9285
or visit

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/75799?groupID=2391957>

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

237-20 92nd Rd., Bellerose, NY 11426

Or if paying by credit card thru the CWV Store, mail this form to the above address AND Go to: cwvstore.org

An additional 2% will be added to the total order for processing costs.

Rev. Emeric Szlezak, OFM

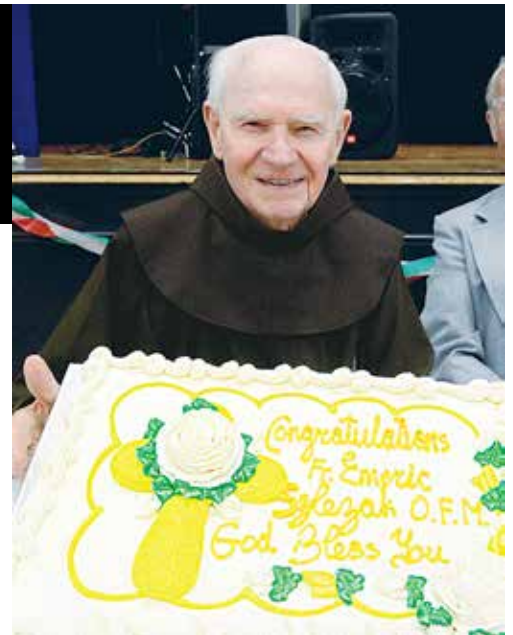
Past CWV New York Department
and Past National Chaplain
Passes On at 101 Years

Reverend Father Emeric Szlezak, OFM passed away peacefully on March 16th in St. Petersburg, Florida where he had been living since 2005. His Hungarian roots served him well in his 78 years as a friar. He had a long ministry serving Hungarian parishioners in New York, Connecticut and Florida. The Budapest native came to the United States on Thanksgiving Day in 1923, and the family settled in Brooklyn, New York.

He originally planned to become a missionary in China but, since World War II was underway, he was asked to go to St. Stephen of Hungary Church in Manhattan because he spoke Hungarian. For the next 41 years, he ministered there as an associate pastor, a role he relished.

He helped displaced persons, refugees and struggling immigrants, assisting them in getting jobs and apartments. In 1956, a New York radio station started a Hungarian broadcast and he was asked to give a sermon in his native language. He did this weekly for 30 years.

He took a yearlong sabbatical in 1985 at Washington Theological Union while residing at Holy Name College in Silver Spring, Maryland. In 1986, he was asked to serve at St. Emery Church in Fairfield, Connecticut, to replace an ailing Hungarian priest. He went on to serve as Chaplain to Catholic War Veterans on both the state and national levels.



MEMORIAL DAY 2019

As you and your family prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, remember the true meaning behind the day. Memorial Day is the day that we've set aside to pay tribute to our heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, and all those who have served our Nation.

These heroes are not the only ones who have sacrificed. Behind each of these brave men and women are the families that shared their loved ones with us. They gave up holidays, milestones and achievements with their Veteran so that we can sleep soundly at night.

In view of this, the VA National Cemetery Administration has installed "Tribute to the Fallen and Their Families" plaques within its cemeteries. These plaques are but a small remembrance of incredible service, but also a gentle reminder of how appreciative our Nation is for the sacrifices of not only our Veterans, but their families as well.

The National Cemeteries have one sacred mission, to ensure that no Veteran ever dies. It is said that we all die two deaths, the first when breath leaves you for the last time, the second, the last time someone speaks your name or tells your story. VA Cemeteries are committed to the second. It is up to all of us to ensure that never happens.

To better share these stories with the public and to memorialize Veterans in its care, the Administration is creating a new site, the Veterans Legacy Memorial, to provide a platform to discover information about those buried in VA cemeteries. Later this year, it will allow online visitors to pay their respects to Veterans interred at a National Cemetery and upload historical information about their service.

~ Thanx and a tip of the cap to Jim Formato





SUPPORTING THE 1st VICE COMMANDER'S PROGRAM ~ The Kings County Chapter (Brooklyn, New York) held a rosary collection to support this program. Over 600 rosaries were collected.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK MEETS AT RE-NAMED POST

The former Newburgh Post #386 hosted the April meeting of the Department of New York at its home in New Windsor, New York. State Commander Marvin Jeffcoat conducted the meeting, assisted by NYS 1st Vice Commander Bruce Lubkeman, a member of the Post. State 2nd V/C Paul Cuskley traveled from New York City and Former CWV Kansas Commander, Joseph Keary, now living in Buffalo, New York, drove 5 hours to represent his new home community.

Post 386 Commander, Robert Schiela provide breakfast for all. At the conclusion of the meeting, members of Post 386 displayed its new flag for the Joseph R. Farina Memorial Post #386, renamed in memory and honor of one of its deceased members.



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NY Dept Commander Marvin Jeffcoat presides at the meeting.

Venerable Aircraft Flies off into the Sunset!



*A Sundown Ceremony for the EA-6B Prowler Aircraft was held at Marine Corps Base Cherry Point, North Carolina. Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VMAQ) 2 conducted the ceremony to render a final farewell to the aircraft. The Prowler has been active since 1977, flying operations in support of NATO, Southeast Asia, Operation Desert Storm, operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve. The aircraft has been assigned to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.
(Photo by LCPL Liam Higgins)*



Our members show our banner and march proudly down New York's 5th Avenue as they participate in the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade.



OF THE VETERANS BY THE VETERANS FOR THE VETERANS

FIRST EMPLOYMENT TV PROGRAM FOR RETURNING VETERANS!

HIRING AMERICA, the first and only, national TV program devoted entirely to helping transitioning veterans prepare for and find good careers in the civilian work force is entering its second season. Shows will focus on the hows, whys and opportunities for becoming a successful entrepreneur and small business owner.

There are 12 million U.S. veterans in the labor market. 3.8 million are small business owners — nearly one out of every three — according to the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Veteran Business Development.

Hiring America was created and is dedicated to giving transitioning veterans the tools, information and direction to participate in the American dream, which their sacrifices have made possible. People don't know that most companies are required by law to give 3% of their government related contracts to veterans who own and operate small businesses.

The show is seen weekly on nearly 200 stations nationwide and the American Forces Network. Creator and Executive Producer Bill Deutch says: "We're going to offer some great content for our upcoming shows. For example, we plan on focusing on small business success stories, provide experts with vital information on financing, where and how to find comprehensive business training and counseling from professionals, and the ins and outs of access to federal contracts. It's all pertinent information for veterans, families and friends - their entire ecosystem of contacts and support." For more information, visit www.hiringamerica.net.



Veterans Can Now Shop Online at ShopMyExchange.com

The Department of Defense has approved a benefit that Veterans earned by serving our great nation. It's a way of giving back to those who served. Honorably discharged Veterans can now shop online at the website ShopMyExchange.com, which gives them access to exclusive military pricing and offers, tax-free shopping and more. This is a lifelong benefit, but does not grant on-base access. There are over 15 million veterans that are eligible, but most are unaware of the benefit. To verify eligibility to shop, visit the website <http://bit.ly/VetForLife>.



MAY CROWNING AT AUXILIARY MEETING



The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Sebastian Post #870 in Woodside, NY held a May Crowning during their meeting. (Thanks to Helen Olt!)

NEWS FROM SASEBO, JAPAN!



CMDR Jeff Cizek, USN (Ret.), Senior Naval Science Instructor at E.J. King High School in Sasebo, presents CWV Medals at the school's annual NJROTC Student Awards Banquet. Above, PO1 Howell Trinidad receives the Gold Medal. Below, PO1 Sophia Torres receives the Silver.

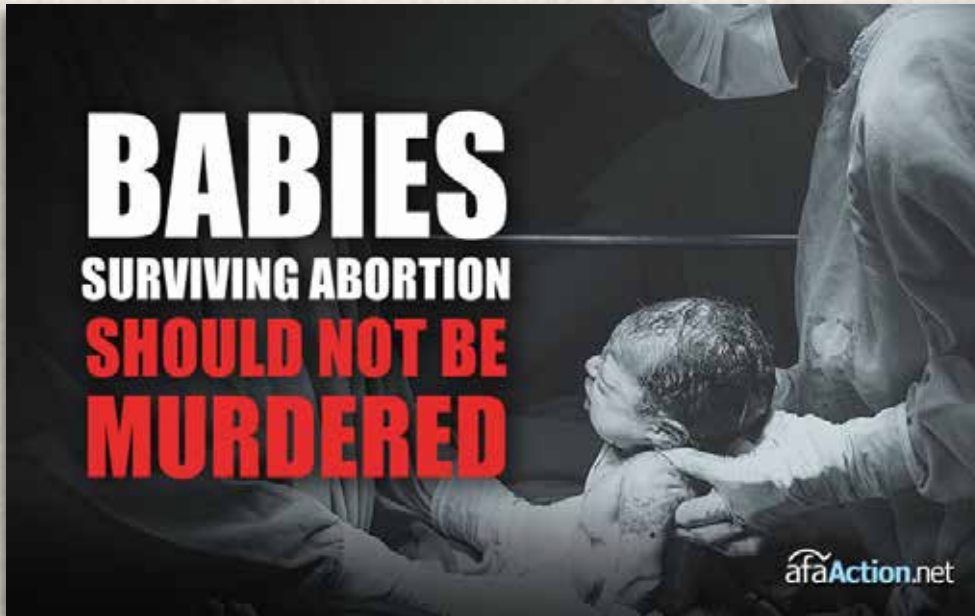
The Goodbye Girls? No, the "Hello Girls!"



Congress is considering the Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019, a bipartisan bill that would serve to honor the heroism and patriotism of more than 200 women who served our country as battlefield telephone operators in WWI.

Unfortunately, Today's Baby Pictures!

When someone is pregnant, she is not "expecting a child" - she already has one. She is not "going to be a mother" - she already is a mother. The baby is not "on the way," the baby has arrived. If we are going to change the way society treats unborn children, we have to change the way we talk about them.



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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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