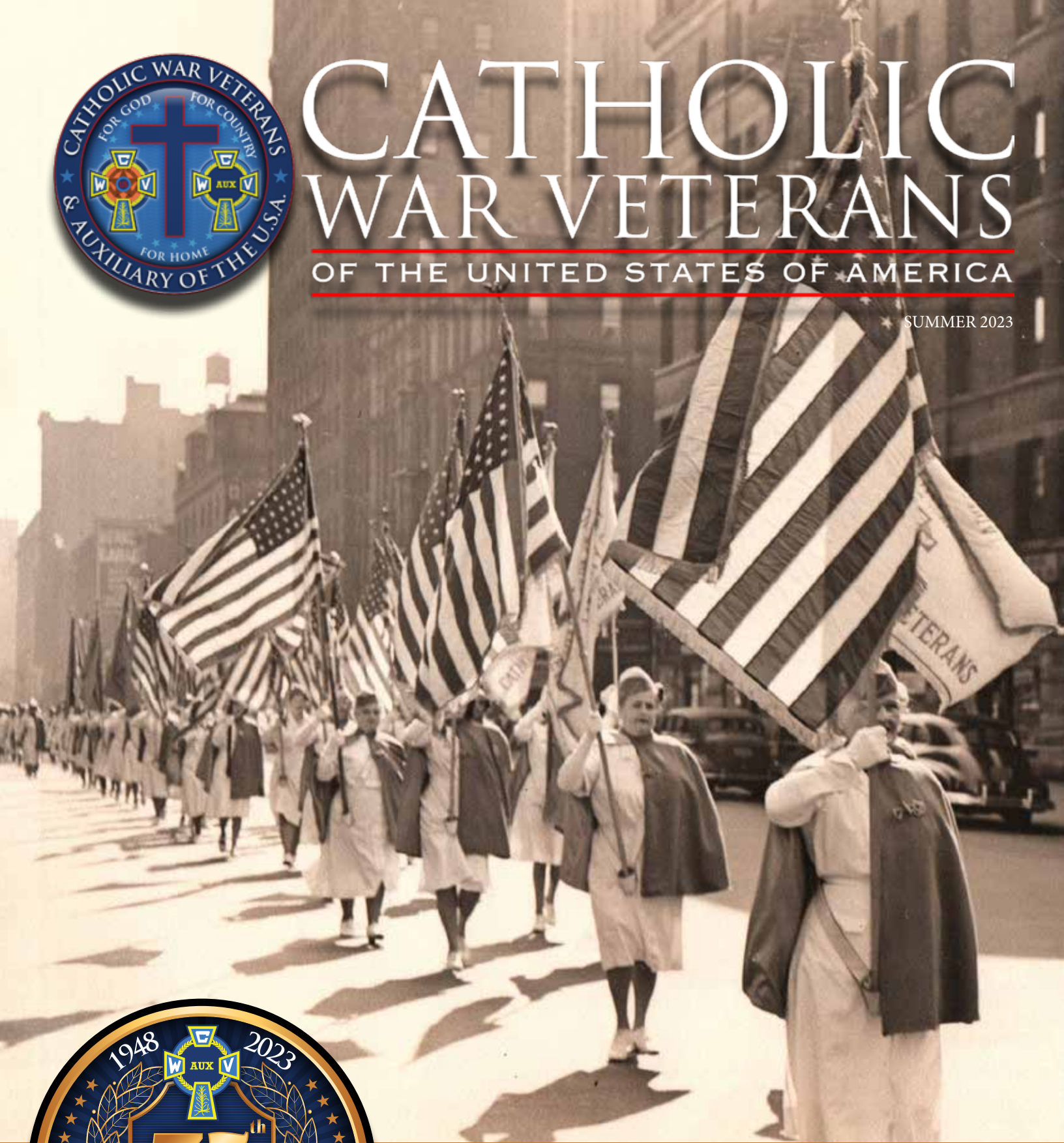




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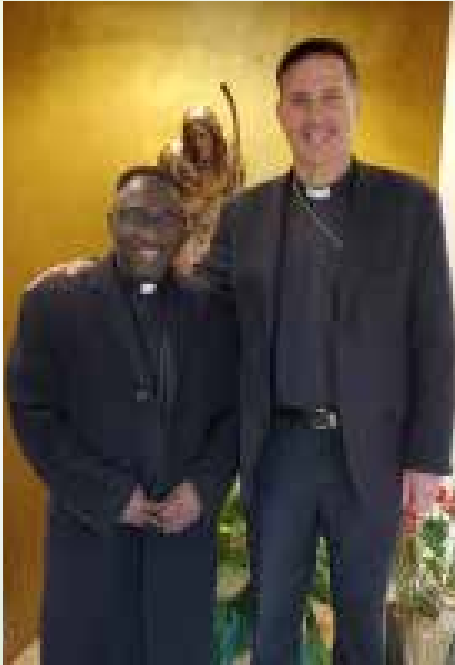


CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS AUXILIARY

Celebrating 75 years

HAIL!

Father Tony Mensah Appointed National Chaplain



Fr. Mensah meets with CWV Bishop Protector Joseph Coffey at the Archdiocese for the Military Presbyteral Council.

National Commander Dave Crum is pleased to announce the appointment of Father Tony Mensah as our new National Chaplain. Fr. Mensah is a native of Ghana and graduated from St. Peter's Regional Seminary in Cape Coast. He was ordained by Archbishop Peter Sarpong of Kumasi, Ghana in 1983. After three years of ministry in Ghana, he was sent to London and obtained a Diploma in Business and Secretarial Studies. Returning to Ghana, he was appointed the Bishop's Private Secretary. After six years, he was granted a two-year sabbatical leave to serve the Native Innu People of Labrador, Upper Canada, as a missionary.

He then came to the U.S. for studies at Fordham University, graduating with an M.A. in Religion and Religious Education. He then filled ministry placements in pastoral care and counseling in parishes in Queens and Long Island, New York.

Fr. Mensah was board certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains in 2003. He served in a health-care chaplaincy for six years at Bay State Medical Center in Springfield, and Mass General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. During that time, he obtained U.S. citizenship. In 2009, he received the endorsement of the Archdiocese for Military Services and was assigned to VA Central Iowa Healthcare System. In 2013, he was transferred to the Bronx (NY) VA Medical Center. During his time there, he joined the Knights of Columbus in Astoria NY, and the Catholic War Veterans Post #222 in the Bronx.. Father

Mensah is currently assigned as Parochial Vicar at the parish of Saint Joseph in Bronxville in Westchester County, NY. We are pleased to welcome him aboard and look forward to his spiritual guidance to our membership.

FAREWELL

Reverend James Redstone

Husband, Father, Deacon, Priest, Former National CWV Chaplain!

Reverend James Redstone, of Brick Township, New Jersey, has passed away at age 87. He was born in New York City and grew up on the West Side of Manhattan in (ironically), "Hell's Kitchen" until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving from 1955-1959. He married Ellen Cashen in 1957 and they settled in West New York, New Jersey. They had two children, Ellen and James.

In his secular life, he worked as a motion picture film technician. Due to his deep faith, he decided to enroll in the first class of the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Newark. Prior to his ordination in December, 1975, his wife Ellen was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in February, 1975. He served as a Deacon in St. Mary's Church, West New York, until entering Immaculate Conception Seminary full time in 1988.

He was ordained to the Priesthood in November, 1990 by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and served as parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier Church, Newark from 1991-1998. He then served as parochial vicar at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Cedar Grove, from 1998 until his retirement from active ministry on July 1, 2005, after which he served as a weekend assistant at St. William the Abbot Church in Howell, New Jersey.



The 88th National Convention Is Almost Here! **Tentative Program of Events**

Mass will be offered every morning at 7:30 A.M.

No Host Breakfast each morning between 8:00—9:30 A.M.

Attendees will enjoy lunch and dinner at local restaurants during the week.

Registration begins on Tuesday, August 1st through Thursday, August 3rd.

Various officer meetings will be held on Tuesday, as needed.

Enjoy the minor league Tincaps Baseball Game on Tuesday evening.

The Convention will open on Wednesday Afternoon with Special Guests.

Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum Visit on Wednesday, August 2, with BBQ dinner.

Commander's, President's and Chaplains' Luncheons on Thursday afternoon.

Convention Memorial Service on Friday at 1:30 P.M.

The Auxiliary will sponsor its MEATO fundraiser on Friday evening.

Elections and Installations of Officers will take place on Saturday.

The Closing Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 5:00 P.M. at Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

St. Agnes and St. Sebastian Awards presentations will take place at the Mass.

Cocktails and a Banquet will follow at the Grand Wayne Convention Center Saturday Night.

To Register for the Convention, go to CWVStore.org!



Closing Banquet Will Feature Good Shepherd House Speaker!

Shepherd's House is a long-term, residential/transitional housing center whose mission is to rebuild the lives of Veterans who society views as hopeless into sober and productive assets to the community. Their vision is to return Veterans to self-sufficiency, employed and empowered with hope for the future. The program provides a variety of services designed to assist individuals into permanent housing. They are transformed with hard work, motivation, accountability and support from staff. It is a faith-based, non-profit that treats all men with dignity and respect for the belief systems of all clients and encourages all men in their faith journey in recovery from addictions. The majority of these Veterans are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression and other mental health issues.

HER NAVAL CAREER REFLECTS WOMEN'S MILITARY PROGRESS CWV MOURNS THE PASSING OF CMDR SUE ANN RICE, USN

Longtime CWV member Sue Ann Rice recently passed away in her home state of Oklahoma. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Ponca City, and attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri for a year. She would graduate from the University of Oklahoma. Sue Ann joined the Naval Reserve in 1954 and completed Navy's Officer Candidate School for Women (OCSW) in Newport, RI., commissioned as an Ensign in 1956. Her initial assignment was to the Naval Officer Procurement Office in Dallas, TX. She then saw duty at the Naval Reserve and Training Division, administering all tests for advancement of enlisted Naval Reservists in thirteen states, while managing training programs for officers and enlisted. Subsequently, she served as an administrative assistant at the Headquarters, Pacific Fleet in Honolulu, HI. After a tour at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA, she reported to the Military Justice School in Newport, RI, before returning to the OCSW as an instructor and then, as Academic Director.



A chance encounter with the UNIVAC II computer sparked her ongoing professional interest in computers. Ms. Rice immersed herself in computer courses prior to being assigned to teach computer courses at the Naval Command Systems Support Activity in Washington, DC. As a programmer and systems analyst for anti-submarine warfare computer programs, she became Head of the Training Division, which saw approximately 2,000 students a year. She then joined the staff of Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, VA where she performed operational analysis of Russian nuclear-powered submarines.

Commander Rice helped design software for the World Wide Military Command and Control Systems (WWMCCS), and headed up the Operations Support Section at Atlantic Fleet Headquarters. Her final assignment was to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, where she was appointed Principal U.S. Representative to a NATO working group developing standards for information exchange within NATO countries. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and retired as a Commander in 1977. Sue Ann returned to Ponca City to care for her mother. She remarked "I'm glad I lived in Washington, D.C. as long as I did, but I'm really enjoying being back home." She resumed her active membership as a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish until her passing. Her career illustrates the strides made by women in the military, from positions in administrative to technical to operational to policy responsibilities.

ESTABLISH YOUR CWV/A LEGACY WITH A BEQUEST!

A bequest is a gift from your estate made through estate plans, which should always be coordinated with your attorney and financial advisor. You can make a bequest by including language in your will or living trust, leaving a portion of your estate to a favorite non-profit like the Catholic Veterans Service Foundation of USA, Inc. A bequest can be made for a specific amount, or a percentage of your estate, or a portion of what is left after other designated disbursements.

BENEFITS OF A BEQUEST

- You retain control and use of your assets during your lifetime.
- You may modify your bequest if circumstances change.
- Gifts from your estate may be exempt from federal estate taxes.
- A bequest costs nothing now, yet gives you the satisfaction of knowing you have provided for a charity's future.

TYPES OF BEQUESTS

- **Specific:** A gift of a specific amount or asset from the estate.
- **Residual:** A gift made from the residue of the estate after all other wishes are fulfilled, or a percentage of the estate.
- **Contingent:** A gift only in the event the designated beneficiaries are unable to accept the estate gift.
- **Perpetual:** A series of gifts over a period of time

SAMPLE LANGUAGE

Specific Request: "I give to the Catholic Veterans Service Foundation of USA, Inc, located in Bellerose, New York, Tax ID 46-5581479, the sum of \$_____ for its general purposes."

Residual Bequest: (Remainder of estate after all debts, expenses and specific bequests to others have first been fulfilled) "All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for federal tax purposes I give to the Catholic Veterans Service Foundation of USA, Inc. located in Bellerose, New York, Tax ID 46-5581479, for its general purposes.



CWV POST RECRUITS AT MASSES

Members of Joseph Farina Post #386 in Newburgh, NY revived a practice of visiting local Catholic Churches to recruit new members at Sunday Mass. (Bottom row, l to r): Joe Coyle, NY State Commander Bruce Lubkeman, Jim McGuinness and Tony Yozzo, who spoke about the CWV following Mass. Middle row: Fr. Joseph Tyril, Post Cdr Robert Schiela, and Past Post Commanders Robert Murphy and James Peloso. Ted Coughlin brings up the rear. Thanks to Jim Formato



FLORIDA POST EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Ormond Beach, FL held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 1944 are pictured here (from l to r): Harold Bennett, Commander Joseph DiBlasi, Evelyn Leahy, Ron Piasecki and Past Commander Russ Cormican. In the center is WWII Navy Veteran Mary Ann Batten. With appreciation to Harold Bennett!

HQ'S POST 4 MEMBER INDUCTED INTO U S ARMY ROTC NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

Colonel Paul J. Hettich of Antioch, Illinois was inducted as part of the 2022 class in ceremonies at the Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., which included a U.S. Army Band performance, an ROTC Hall of Fame Recognition video and the induction of 30 individuals in rank from Lieutenant General, to civilians and five posthumous inductees. They have exhibited character and distinguished service epitomizing the qualities ROTC embodies, and serve as a model and source of inspiration for ROTC cadets. The ROTC program began in the early 19th century when only a handful of colleges offered military instruction to students. COL Hettich graduated from Loyola University of Chicago. ROTC boasts alumni such as former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and Walmart founder Sam Walton



COL Hettich is awarded a certificate, plaque and medal by Major General Antonio Munera of the Army ROTC Cadet Command

COL Hettich's service includes five combat deployments to Kuwait/Iraq, (3) tours in Bosnia/ Kosovo, and an assignment in the Horn of Africa. He is a member of a number of Veteran Service and community organizations. He has held civilian positions as a Deputy Ranger Police Officer, Court Security Police Officer, and Technical Theater Consultant. He is currently the U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador to the State of Illinois. A Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, he attended the Order's 2022 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage as a wounded warrior. A permanent record of his accomplishments will be added to the prestigious assembly of Hall of Fame inductees. The CWV congratulates Colonel Hettich on this distinct honor!



Pope Francis in 2017 visiting an ABMV Cemetery, the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial

“MONUMENTAL” OCCASION FOR AMERICAN BATTLE COMMISSION CELEBRATING IT’S CENTENNIAL!



General of the Armies
John “Black Jack” Pershing

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) marks its centennial anniversary this year. The federal agency was established by Congress in 1923 and placed under the leadership of General John J. Pershing to honor the service, achievements and sacrifice of the U.S. Armed Forces. For 100 years, the men and women of ABMC have ensured the memory of those who fell overseas defending our nation will never fade, fulfilling General Pershing’s promise that *“time will not dim the glory of their deeds.”*

To keep these deeds and their memories alive, the centennial commemoration will include a series of anniversary events in the nation’s capital, the premier of an ABMC documentary with screenings across the country, and a centennial book released in partnership with the Smithsonian American Art Museum,

Today, ABMC administers, operates and maintains 26 permanent American burial grounds and 32 memorials, monuments, and markers around the world, with four in the United States. ABMC’s sites tell the story of America’s profound military sacrifice abroad and honors those who served equally, across race, religion, rank or gender.

In 2022, more than 2.5 million visitors from all over the world toured ABMC sites to honor the lives lost, pay tribute to those heroes and learn more about them, those they served with and the campaigns they fought in to preserve democracy and the ideals of freedom, liberty and justice. Visitors are encouraged to visit these sites this year as ABMC celebrates its centennial, and to visit its website www.abmc.go to search its burial registry for family, friends, and even unexpected connections that might result!



ABMC War Memorial
Battery Park, NY City

With appreciation to the American Battle Monuments Commission!

Ohio's MIKE BLAU is CWV's Veteran Of The Year!

Following his nomination by the Department of Ohio, Michael G. Blau has been selected as Veteran of the Year 2023. He has been a member of the Catholic War Veterans for more than 15 years, having joined St. Vitus Post 1655 in Cleveland. He is also active in the Korean War Veterans as well as the VFW.

On the Post level, Mike has served as Treasurer, Historian and Commander and produced the post newsletter. Within the Department, he has served as Adjutant, Treasurer for 10 years, as well as Department Commander. He edited the department newsletter, the "Buckeye Veteran," and the department convention journal, averaging over 60 pages, for the past 10 years.

Nationally, he has served on many committees and been elected as a National Director for 3 years. He maintains the National website and assists members in navigating the website and operating the programs for each echelon's officer positions.

Mike is responsible for setting up 3 new posts in Ohio and providing assistance with organization, procedures and ceremonials. In his spare time, he helps Veterans who are handicapped and their families. He even made arrangements to provide a motorized wheelchair at no cost to a local Veteran.

His nomination noted that the Department of Ohio considers Michael G. Blau as more than deserving of this award because of his dedication to the well-being of all our Veterans. Obviously, the selection committee agreed. Congratulations, Mike!



A BRAND NEW 2024 BUICK ENCLAVE FOR JUST \$20.00? AVAILABLE ONLY AT CWV!

SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 31st, 2024 to accept delivery of your new 2024 Buick Enclave automobile being raffled off in a drawing sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans. Tickets will be sold at only \$20.00 each, with \$5.00 of that returned to your Post. Each and every Post across the country can benefit from this fund raiser.



The Catholic War Veterans must sell a minimum of 3,000 tickets in order to award the car. Only 7,500 tickets will be printed. The winner will have the option to take home \$20,000 cash in lieu of the car.

Remember, 25% of ticket sales come back to your Post. So the more you sell, the more your Post will earn.

If your Post sells 200 tickets, \$1,000 comes back to your Post.

If your Post sells 400 tickets, \$2,000 comes back to your Post.

If your Post sells 500 tickets, \$2,500 comes back to your Post.

We have canvassed Departments/Regions/Posts as to the initial number of tickets requested. Tickets were bulk mailed in January. Thanks for participating! We wish everyone luck! Let's make this program a success!

2023 OHIO STATE CONVENTION



Candles were lit for deceased Past Commanders.



Past National Commander Arminda Crawford and Ohio Auxiliary Department President Rita Wulf preside over memorial ceremony.



Past Ohio Department Commander Larry Wulf, National Commander David Crum and PNC Arminda Crawford present welcoming remarks.



Past Department Commander Mike Strainic welcomes State Chaplain, Reverend Kevin Fox.



The Tommy Anderson Award for community service was presented to Phillip Markovitz.



Thomas Slawinski received the Department of Ohio's John J. Martin Memorial Award.



Auxiliary Member of the Year 2023 Ruth McGhee Mike, Unit 306

2023 OHIO STATE CONVENTION



National Commander Dave Crum “talks shop” with Logsdon-Walla Post 639 Commander Paul Upman (center) and new Ohio Department Commander Joe Illencik, Jr.



National President Marilyn Crum and State Auxiliary Officers listen to comments from the floor during a meeting session.



Darlene Rybka (left) and Jennifer LaTour are about to open the bidding for the silent auction.



Joseph (Sep) Ludwig, delivers a prize to the lucky winner, Johanna Oros.



Dave Crum inspects the merchandise before bidding. Perhaps an anniversary gift for Madam President Marilyn?



Phil Markovits (in the white hat!) adjusts the bandanna on Ron Janning (in the dark hat.) Boo!



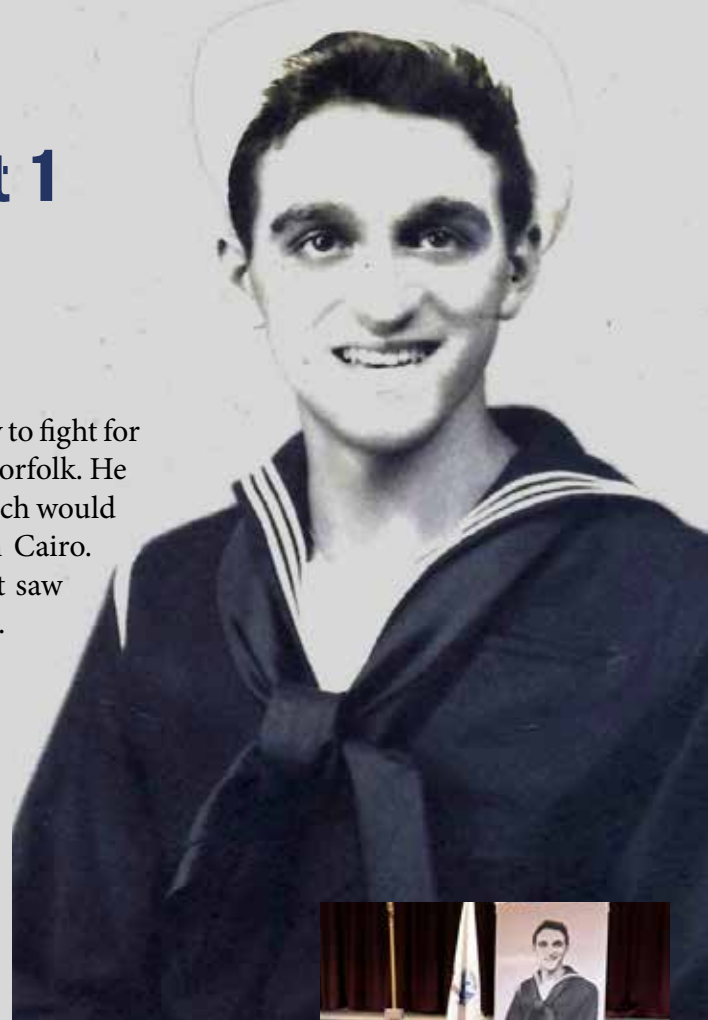
Larry Wulf is in full regalia for the CWV (Cowboy) War Veterans hoe-down!

CWV Shrine Church Honors World War II Veteran of Post 1 Seaman First Class William LaCovara

In January 1943, Bill quit school at barely 18 and enlisted in the Navy to fight for his country. After boot camp, he began destroyer ship training in Norfolk. He was assigned to the USS WADLEIGH (DD-689) in the Atlantic, which would escort President Roosevelt back to the U.S. from a conference in Cairo. The ship was then deployed to the Pacific Ocean in 1944. He first saw wartime action in the liberation of the Marshall Islands and Peleliu.

His ship then joined the 7th Fleet, preparing for the invasions of the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Guam. The ship would be lost to a Japanese mine and an injured Bill was rescued by another destroyer. Bill was then assigned to the destroyer USS PRICHETT (DD-561) which joined Admiral Bull Halsey's 3rd Fleet, heading to Okinawa. During the battle, 13 destroyers were sunk, most by kamikaze planes. After the battle, while less than 100 miles off the coast of Japan, a 500-pound bomb struck the ship causing a huge fire astern and it appeared the ship would be lost. Only "divine intervention," as Bill called it, in the form of a massive rainstorm put the fire out.

Following repairs, the ship was constantly engaged by kamikaze planes, with no place to hide. He admits he constantly prayed to God to keep him safe. His ship was then hit by a suicide plane, causing extensive damage amidships. Many crewmen were killed but Bill was fortunate to be stationed on the bow of the ship. When the Japanese surrendered, Bill was finally granted leave and returned to New York to see his family for the first time in two years. He still remembers his sister Nancy looking up the street for him and jumping into his arms when she spotted him. He was awarded eight battle stars as well as the Navy Unit Commendation. He settled in Astoria, New York where he married his wife Carmelita in the CWV's home Church, Immaculate Conception, where he was honored on Flag Day. As one of the "Greatest Generation" who willingly agreed to risk their lives, he is proud to have fought for his country!



"MAN OF THE HOUR" at Flag Day Ceremonies!
Bill LaCovara is interviewed by the press!

YOUTH PROGRAM POSTER CONTESTS: STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE TALENTS!

Congratulations to All Our Winners and Our Sponsoring Posts!



National Commander Dave Crum and Post 1 Auxiliary Commander Mario Massa present certificate and check to Olivia Barr.

CHRISTMAS

- #1 OLIVIA BARR
Post 1 Astoria, NY
- #2 LEEANI SMITH
Post 1562 Derby, CT
- #3 JESSICA TWIZERE
Post 1325 Mogadore, OH



VALENTINES DAY

- #1 ADALYNN DUBA
Post 1916 Springfield, IL
- #2 EDEN GANEY
Post 1916 Springfield, IL
- #3 Christiana Rizzitelli
Post 1562 Derby, CT



VETERANS DAY

- #1 MARIAM BESHARA
Post 1306 Columbia, PA
- #2 CHLOE TE
Post 1764 Baltimore, MD
- #3 GIULIANA PIERRO
Post 1562 Derby, CT



EASTER SEASON

- #1 ALESSANDRA ALVAREZ
Post 1562 Derby, CT
- #2 SHENAYE A. REID
Post 1562 Derby, CT
- #3 THERESA GIBSON
Post 661 Russia, OH

CWV/A BOARD MEETS IN NEW YORK



Bishop Joseph Coffey, Bishop Protector, celebrated the closing Mass of the Board Meeting, assisted by National Chaplain Fr. Tony Mensah and National Auxiliary Chaplain Fr. Bill McLaughlin at our founding church, Immaculate Conception in Astoria.



Dave Crum and those attending via Zoom screen above. Newly appointed National Chaplain, Fr. Tony Mensah, leads opening prayer before Adjutant Nick Taylor and National Commander Dave Crum.



National Auxiliary President Marylyn Crum presents her "state of the Auxiliary" report to the assembled national and state officers of the CWV as well as the CWVA.

Announced Candidates for Election as National Commander At the Annual Convention in Fort Wayne, IN in August



BENJAMIN NUNEZ
1ST VICE COMMANDER



NICHOLAS TAYLOR
ADJUTANT
PENNSYLVANIA DC



LARRY WULF
OFFICER OF THE DAY
OHIO DC

POST COMMANDER DIES IN HOUSE FIRE IN NEW YORK

Joseph Trapani, Commander of Joyce Kilmer Post 1948 in Bayside, Queens was the victim of a raging fire in his home early on a Sunday morning. Hailed by neighbors as “the nicest guy,” he was found with severe burns in the back of the home on the second floor. He was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS responders. It took over 100 firefighters more than two hours to douse the flames.

“Little Joey” was a retired city bus driver, who spent most of his career on the same route in the Bronx. He became a father figure to stepdaughter Sheila Cross in 1995, and walked her down the aisle at her wedding. “He tried to be the best father that he could, It takes a special kind of person to do that. No one deserves that.” He was also active in his parish and the Knights of Columbus.



New York Daily News Coverage



NY Post Article



MARAD TO DETERMINE DECOMMISSIONING AND DISPOSITION OF NS SAVANNAH, WORLD'S FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIP!

The Maritime Administration has issued a draft plan to decommission the NS (Nuclear Ship) SAVANNAH, the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship. Planning also involves the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Advisory Council on Historical Preservation, and the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The NS SAVANNAH was launched in 1959 as the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship under the “Atoms for Peace” program, which was established by

President Eisenhower in 1953. MARAD is authorized to possess, operate and maintain the vessel under a license first issued by the former Atomic Energy Commission. MARAD operated the ship starting in 1962 until 1970, at which point it was removed from service and defueled in 1971.

The ship has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982 and was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1999. According to the license, MARAD has until the end of 2031 to decommission its nuclear power plant. Once removed, any contaminated items will be transported to a disposal site in the U.S.

The decommissioning process will terminate the license, at which point MARAD will dispose of the vessel. Due to its historical significance, options include maintaining the ship under federal ownership, donating it to an organization for use as a museum ship, artificial reefing, or dismantlement and recycling.

Supporting Our Heroes!

The Joseph Farina Memorial Post #386 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1161 in Newburgh, NY each presented \$125.00 checks to **Support Our Heroes**. This non-profit organization sends supplies like basic toiletries, cookies, candies and snacks to American troops deployed overseas, in an effort to remind them that they are not forgotten.

The founder and coordinator is Lucy Mercado, who has spurred this effort for the past 19 years. She was inspired to begin this project when her son was a deployed Marine. She says it is a rewarding experience and she now has many supporters assisting her in her passionate endeavor.



Post Service Officer Michael Lutz (left) and Commander Robert Schiela present a check to Lucy Mercado.

★ Remembering Our Heroes! ★



CWV National Commander Dave Crum and CWVA National President Marylyn Crum prepare to present wreath at the Memorial Day Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City by Cardinal Timothy Dolan.



Joseph R. Farina Post 386 in Newburgh, New York was joined by other Veteran organizations in sponsoring the placement of wreaths at town and city memorials as part of the post's annual Memorial Day observances.



The Instructor of the Air Force Junior ROTC Program at Newburgh Free Academy MSGT Chris Granda, lost everything in a fire that engulfed his home. CWV Post 386 co-sponsored a breakfast fundraiser. (From left): NYS CDR Bruce Lubkeman, Post CDR Robert Schiela, PC Robert Murphy, Service Ofcr Mike Lutz, MSGT Granda, Trustee Richard Lay, John Cassidy and Deacon Anthony Ferriaiuolo.



Assisting A Comrade!

At the annual Air Force JROTC Awards ceremony, Post Service Officer Mike Lutz Presented a check for \$1,000 to MSGT Granda and his family.

Check Out New Items On The CWV Store!



POST FLAGS

At the request of a number of posts, National has found a contractor to create individual post flags at a reasonable cost. The flags are 4 feet high x 6 feet wide, custom printed, double-sided with block-out liner, premium knit polyester flags. A 3-inch pole sleeve is open on both ends with a sewn-in tab. They are available in 3 options:

- With gold fringe on 3 sides (\$325.00)
- Without fringe and with sleeve for pole (\$290.00)
- Without fringe and with grommet (no sleeve) for outdoor flagpole (\$290.00)

Order Item AD-15 Price includes shipping



ROSARY LAPEL PIN

Our new Lapel Pin is inscribed with our Catholic War Veterans name around the edge encircling the emblems of the CWV and CWVA. It features a Rosary surrounded by our motto For God, For Country, For Family as well as the words "Pray the Rosary."

Order Item AD-41

ROSARIES FROM MEDUGORJE

These hand-made rosaries feature beads that read CWV or CWVA. The centerpiece of the rosary includes the image of St. Sebastian (CWV) or St. Agnes (CWVA). The cost of the rosary includes a donation to the Shrine.

Order CWV Rosary Item GF-34, AUX Rosary GF-38



CWV Rosary



CWVA Rosary

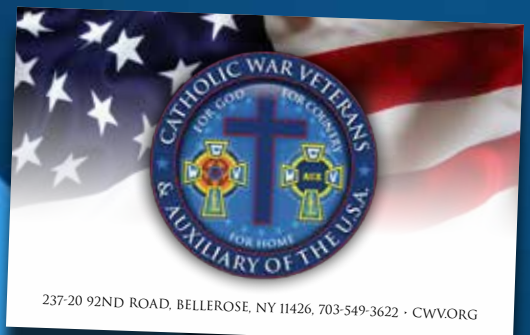
CWV TURNS TO QR CODES FOR RECRUITING!

WHAT IS A "QR Code"?

A "Quick Response Code," also known as a QR Code, is a barcode that is scan-able using smart-phone devices which must be configured to scan/detect QR Codes. Today, QR codes are generally used in advertising, health care and education, but are most widely used in the business sector. Your local restaurant may now use an interactive QR menu. They are also found in brochures, billboards, business cards and social media and shopping sites. More and more, they are appearing on your TV set as well. Recently, a younger member of St. Anne's Post 1979 in New York suggested that CWV harness the new technology to enhance recruitment efforts and took it upon himself to develop a prototype, which has been adopted and is now available in business card format in the CWV Store as **Item #AD-41 (Qty 25)**.

HOW DO I USE IT?

On your smartphone, go to the App(lication) Store, search for QR Code Reader, click on "Get," it's a free app, and after it downloads in a few seconds, click on "Open," and you're ready to go. With the app open, merely point your phone up close to a QR code and it will immediately redirect you to information, in our case, the CWV website and an application for membership. The business card is illustrated to the right!



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SMOKEY BLAZE HAZE

On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, a smokey haze from some 400 wildfires in Canada enveloped New York City, among other major cities on the U.S. East Coast, plunging them into an eerie, orange-hued apocalyptic landscape with the smell of something burning and charred micro particles irritating everyone's throat. The city's Air Quality Index achieved a record at 484 on a scale that measures a maximum of 500. New York City had the worst air quality in the entire world that day, surpassing even Delhi, India (perennially the worst which reached only 190 that day), and Dubai, UAE which registered a mere 167. A pea-soup haze covered New York harbor and Lady Liberty! Operations at the CWV National Office were not affected!

