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PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER
(1980-1981)

WALTER W. STACHACZ PASSES AT AGE 101

Commander Stachacz passed at an assisted living facility just one month short of his 102nd birthday. He was born in Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania where, at a young age, he excelled in all sports, particularly baseball. He would be signed by MLB's Pittsburgh Pirates, for whom he played center field from 1942-1943, until called to active military duty.

He left San Francisco for the Pacific Campaign. He fought on numerous islands before spending 14 months in the Philippines. He participated in the first wave of landings on Japanese soil alongside General Douglas MacArthur while the peace treaty was being signed on the USS MISSOURI. Walter spent six months dismantling Japanese ammunition and aircraft.

After the war, he returned to baseball, playing for the Pirates from 1946-1947. During that time he married Sally Konkol; and they settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut where they would celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. The PNC worked as a drill press operator for over 30 years.

Walter joined the Catholic War Veterans in the 1950s to be with fellow veterans with similar experiences. He held many positions in his LT. Raymond J. Bower Post #1466, as well as on the state and national levels. He had the honor of being the first national commander from New England. He is survived by a daughter and son and 3 grandchildren.



Shadow Box Honors Service "Remember The Heroes"

In a touching tribute to our Armed Forces, Dolores Noell, a dedicated new member of St. Casimir Auxiliary unit 766 in Baltimore, Maryland, has created a remarkable military shadow box titled: "Remember the Heroes."

The display includes medals and awards symbolizing the valor of all branches. It was no small task, taking her countless hours. It is a powerful reminder of all the heroes defending our nation. With thanks to Clara Pakula

GEORGE CRAWFORD NATIONAL OFFICER, PASSES AT 79

Ohio native and long-time National Officer of the Day George Crawford passed away after returning from last year's national convention. Having served in both the Army and the Air Force, George subsequently held many positions on the Post, State and National levels of the Catholic War Veterans.



George is shown with wife, Past National Commander Armina Crawford

Members Bring Public Visibility to the Catholic War Veterans!



National Commander Larry Wulf represented the Catholic War Veterans at a breakfast at the White House where he was welcomed by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill.



Commander Wulf draws national television exposure to the Catholic War Veterans during wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.



CWV members (from left): Rick Kenney, Post 1, National Treasurer Andres Veiga, and Ed Gambichler, Post 870 salute as they present wreath at Veterans Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.



2nd Vice Commander Angelo Alaimo of St. Sebastian Post 870 in Woodside, NY participates in a Flag retirement ceremony at a local school.



New York Department Commander Vincent Zecca presents a wreath at ceremonies at Long Island National Cemetery on Veterans Day 2024.



PNC Dave Crum is joined by National Director Bob Gluscak at Baron DeKalb Council in Brooklyn, NY in making a presentation to several nearby Knights of Columbus Councils on co-locating a Catholic War Veterans Post in their councils.



Commander Vinny Zecca of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Post 1897 in Centereach, Long Island, conducts an induction ceremony for five new members of the post as welcoming members wait to applaud!

HOW TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A VETERAN

Calling is the fastest way to report a Veteran's death so VA will stop benefit payments, but there are other options available for reporting:



By Phone: Call VA800-827-1000 (TTY: 711) and select 5. Agents are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET.

In Person: Go to a VA regional office.

By Mail: Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Intake Center, PO Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444. Include your relationship to the Veteran and any supporting documents that can help us verify the Veteran's identity. Examples of supporting documents are:

Discharge document (like a DD214)

If you report in person at a VA regional office or by mail, provide copies of:

Death certificate or other public record of the Veteran's death. Provide as much information about the Veteran as you can when you first report the notice of death to VA. This information will help VA verify the Veteran's identity. This information includes:

FULL NAME | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR VA CLAIM | DATE OF BIRTH | DATE OF DEATH | BRANCH OF SERVICE

BEST PRACTICES TO AVOID SURVIVOR BENEFIT SCAMS

- Save important files, such as the Veteran's military service/treatment records, discharge papers and copies of their VA claims.
- Go to the [VA website](https://www.va.gov): <https://www.va.gov>. For guidance on creating an account and obtaining a VA security Personal Identification Number (PIN) to securely access benefit information. A VA Security PIN is an additional way to secure direct deposit accounts from theft and protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII).
- Never give out PII via text, and be cautious of suspicious hyperlinks or unfamiliar hyperlinks.
- If a survivor is missing a VA benefits payment, identifies a discrepancy in payments, or find suspicious activity with a direct deposit account, contact VA immediately at 800-827-1000.
- Review all documents thoroughly. Survivors should never sign a blank form for someone else to complete later. They should always review the completed form before signing and retain a copy of the completed form for their records. For protection against identity theft scams, notify the major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to update the individual's credit report with a deceased notice and notify the Veteran's financial institutions so all accounts can be closed or transferred appropriately.

According to AARP, scammers also use names published in obituaries to pretend to be lost relatives of the deceased. When it's time to write your loved one's obituary, consider leaving out the birthdate, middle name, home address, birthplace and mother's maiden name.

For other scams predators use, visit www.VA.GOV/VSAFE.

VA is committed to delivering world-class care and benefits to Veterans and their dependents by providing survivors with ongoing support and assistance. Check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, such as health care coverage, Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance Program, housing assistance, or even help with burial costs.

For more guidance on how to report the death of a Veteran, submitting necessary documentation and finding additional resources available, visit [VA Benefits For Spouses, Dependents, Survivors, And Family Caregivers | Veterans Affairs](#).

To report a missing VA benefits payment, identify a discrepancy in payments, or find suspicious activity with a direct deposit account, contact VA immediately at 800-827-1000. You may also file a complaint with the [Federal Trade Commission](#) if funeral homes charge to set up funeral honors or schedule a burial with VA's National Cemetery Administration by visiting reportfraud.ftc.gov. For other scams predators use, visit va.gov/vsafe.

THE CURRENT CWV NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER IS:
MR. RICK GALES (516) 451-7058



“Thanks for Asking...”

...the Assistant National Executive Director

In this edition we answer questions about general topics, so it might be of interest to all Auxiliary and Veteran members.

What's MAILCHIMP?

In order to communicate with our members in a better administrative and cost-efficient platform, National HQ sends Emails using **MailChimp**.

New Veteran and Auxiliary members' emails are periodically added as a Mailchimp “Subscriber” on National HQ's E-mail distribution list. Be assured that your email is owned and managed exclusively by National HQ administrators. It is not controlled by MailChimp or provided to third parties.



Although each email contains an option for a “Subscriber” to ‘Unsubscribe’ from MailChimp... be aware that this will result with you **NOT RECEIVING** any email deemed important from National HQ. If you are not receiving a periodic MAILCHIMP email from Admin@CWV.org please send me an email asking to be added, or to be reactivated if you unsubscribed.

Why are the Post Officers listed in “Current Post Officers” dropdown under Post Administration DIFFERENT than the Officers designated in “Manage CWV Membership” list?

“Technically” the logic built into these applications many years ago provided two ways to designate current officers, but there was no logic to keep them in sync when changes were being made.

Resolving this discrepancy is not immediate. By the time you receive this magazine, the Post officers for the 2025 Membership year should be completed. I would ask all Post administrators to review these two lists and sync them up with current officer designations.

My recommendation would be to update the officers on the Manage CWV Membership list **FIRST**, taking note of the PKID of the respective officer. Some posts are assigning the same officer title to multiple individuals so please be sure to only have one Officer Title assigned. Use the ‘OFFICE Post’ filter box to identify duplicate assignments. Then, use **“Update Post Officers” dropdown under Post Administration** - which requires you to enter the PKID for the respective officer. Completing this task before March 1, 2025 and keeping the two lists in sync as changes are needed will certainly help to maintain data integrity and eliminate National HQ staff from mailing or communicating with the wrong individual. Once the application is corrected, HQ will let you know.

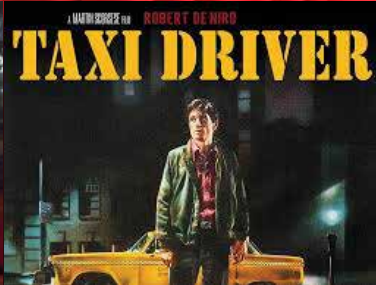
As always, if you have a question for the National Assistant Executive Director, please forward it to admin@cwv.org.

Thank You!

Michael J. Kasinskas, Assistant National Executive Director

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

IT'S A WONDERFUL TOWN!



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Closing Banquet
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Aboard Skyline Princess

PARK HONORS WWII UNCLE OF BROOKLYN BISHOP



LT Peter Chappetto

LT Peter Chappetto is the uncle of Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Raymond Chappetto. The Bishop never met his uncle, who died a heroic death during World War II. Peter was a native of the Astoria, Queens neighborhood. As war clouds gathered, he enlisted in the Army, 10 months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1944, he was commissioned an armored corps officer and sent to the Pacific theater. Just 17 days after he arrived, Peter's platoon saw its first combat action during the battle of Anguar, part of the invasion of the Peleliu Islands.

During the battle, his superior was mortally wounded, which left him in charge. Although seriously wounded himself, he ordered his men to withdraw while he stayed back until his men were safe. He was hit by machine gun fire and mortar fragments as he maintained his post in an exposed position. He was evacuated to an attack transport where he died. There were no mortuary facilities aboard the ship, and so he was buried at sea.

In 1949, his family took steps to ensure his name endured. Chappetto Square was formed out of a neighborhood playground. Bishop Chappetto hosted a park rededication on the 80th anniversary of his uncle's death. He recalled how his father regularly brought his family to the square to honor LT Chappetto. "We'd stand by the flagpole and we would remember him in prayer. It was like our place of grieving, our cemetery." The Bishop is the proud guardian of his uncle's medals: Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He plans to turn them over to his own nephews.



Bishop Emeritus Raymond Chappetto



Past National Commander David Crum and Past National President Marylyn Crum present wreath on behalf of the Catholic War Veterans.



Bourbon Street, New Orleans August 2024 Catholic War Veterans 89th Convention.



Bourbon Street, New Orleans January 2025 Record-breaking 8-inch rare winter snow.

Unconventional Weather!

For anyone who complained about the heat in the host city of the CWV summer convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, the weather can always be worse. The city was hit with a rare winter storm dropping some 8 inches of snow, the city's first snow in 15 years!

Traffic was snarled and life was brought to a halt in a region unprepared for such a freak weather event. Local weather forecasters called it a "once in a generation event." It's last measurable snowfall was in 2009, recording a then "record" 2.7 inches of the white stuff.



LOUISIANA STATE VETERANS SECRETARY IS AN ACTIVE CWV MEMBER!

One unexpected result of last year's national convention in New Orleans was the addition of a new local member, who has subsequently been appointed as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs. Even more (?) significant, he was elected Post Commander of St. John Paul II Post 1969 in River Ridge, Louisiana.

COL Charlton J. Meginley, USAF (Ret.) served as a Judge Advocate while on active duty in the Air Force for more than 20 years. He was the Staff Judge Advocate of

the 62nd Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington where he oversaw legal operations for one of the most visible wings in the Department of Defense. He completed his military career as Military Judge on the USAF Court of Criminal Appeals at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He served in 11 assignments at nine installations throughout the world, including deployment to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force at Balad Air Base in Iraq.

Following his military retirement, COL Meginly returned to his native Louisiana and joined the then-Secretary of State's staff as General Counsel where he provided legal advice on Louisiana's election and commercial codes. As Assistant, then Secretary of Veterans Affairs, COL Meginley is responsible for overseeing the Department's \$90 million budget and 850 employees statewide. LVDA operations cover five state Veteran homes, 74 Veterans service offices, and 32 college and university campus student Veterans centers. Department programming includes the Military Family Assistance Fund, the Veterans Honor Medal Program and a host of outreach initiatives serving homeless, incarcerated and women Veterans as well as Gold Star mothers and families. Additionally, outreach works with Veteran service organizations and for- and non-profit groups with regard to Veteran employment and suicide prevention.

He graciously accepted an invitation to speak at the closing banquet of the CWV convention. He noted in his remarks that "I've been afforded a few minutes to address what the Catholic War Veterans means to me. The answer is simple: My identity has always been rooted in my faith, family and country, and the CWV is the embodiment of who I am." He and his Wife Therese have four daughters. The CWV is happy to have him aboard!



MARYLAND POST MEMORIAL MASS ADDRESSES VIETNAM VETERANS OVERSIGHTS

St Casimir's CWV CWVA Post in Baltimore, Maryland sponsored a "Welcome Home" Mass to honor living and deceased Vietnam Veterans and their Families. The event aimed to right the wrongs of the past and foster healing and unity. The Mass featured moving presentations by the CWV Post Chaplain, the School Principal and particularly LTCOL Stas

Chrzanowski, a Vietnam Veteran.

He shared deeply personal experiences in Southeast Asia and recounted a painful encounter upon returning home, where he faced hostility at a local airport. His story served as a reminder of the struggles many Vietnam Vets endured both at home and abroad.

Following the Mass, the Vets were presented with the Vietnam Veteran lapel pin, a symbol of national gratitude. Surviving spouses received the Vietnam Survivor Button in recognition of their sacrifice and support. A highlight of the day was an essay contest for local school students judged by three external military members. The 1st Place Winner received special recognition, while all participants were awarded monetary prizes and citations presented by State Delegate Rick Metzgar. The event ended with a membership drive to encourage participation in the Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary's commitment to veterans and their families. St. Casimir Post has been recognized as a Commemorative Partner by the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration. The event underscores St. Casimir's dedication to honoring those who served and fostering greater understanding of the Vietnam War's legacy for future generations. *Submitted by Clara Pakula*



U.S. AIR FORCE INTRODUCES NEWEST GENERATION B-21 BOMBER

Benefiting from more than 3 decades of strike and stealth technology innovation, the B-21 Raider is the next evolution of the US Air Force strategic bomber fleet and the world's 6th generation aircraft to reach the skies. It will provide long range, high survivability and mission payload flexibility to penetrate the toughest defenses for precision strikes anywhere in the world.

This new aircraft will be easier and less costly to maintain. Its open architecture enables inclusion of new weapons and software upgrades to meet evolving threats for decades to come. It will form the backbone for the future of U.S. air power. Ground testing demonstrated the efficacy of digital modeling with results that outperformed industry standards, paving the way for next-gen platforms and systems, and easing integration of supplier parts on the aircraft.

The B-21 production team included more than 8,000 personnel from Northrop Grumman, industry partners and the Air Force, with more than 400 suppliers from 40 states. The B-21 Raider is pivotal to supporting our nation's strategic deterrence strategy. It was designed as the lead component of a larger family of systems that will deliver intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic attack and multi-domain networking abilities. The B-21 Raider is named in honor of the Doolittle Raid of World War II when 80 airmen and 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers, led by LTCOL "Jimmy" Doolittle, set off on a mission that changed the course of the war.

CATHOLIC CHURCH "COMING TOGETHER" EVENT IN NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

Photos by Joseph Connor, Article by James Formato

The Catholic Churches in the local Community created an event entitled "Coming Together" at the Local union property. The purpose of the venture was to unite many Catholics who did not attend the same church with each other. On hand as well were members of different Catholic organizations such as the Catholic War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and others. The success of this effort was measured by the audience of some one thousand in attendance.



The event was organized by the dynamic local Pastor, Father Fernando Hernandez.



Newburgh, NY's Joseph R. Farina Post #386 set up an information/recruiting booth for the event. In the photo (from left), are post member Murphy Guidry, Past Post Commander Robert Murphy, and current Post Commander Robert Schiela.



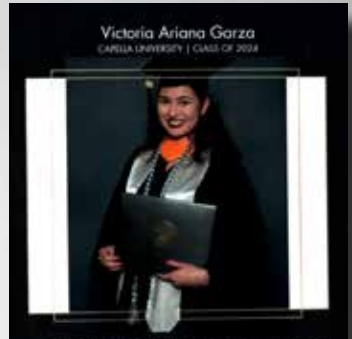
IT'S AWARDS TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

Posts should start considering nominations for annual awards, such as the St. Sebastian Award for Veterans and the St. Agnes Award for Auxiliary members. Both are presented at the National Convention. Criteria for nominations, and nomination procedures and forms are available on our website at TheCWV.org. Once on the site, click on Member Resources at the top, then click on Resource Library and

scroll down to Awards, Scholarship Application or Youth Contest Rules/Form. A reminder that St. Agnes Award nominations are due into the National Office by April 1st, and St. Sebastian nominations no later than April 15th.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SOON

A reminder that applications must be received at Headquarters no later than June 1st. 5 Students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Catholic high school seniors whose relative is an active or deceased member of the CWV/A in good standing is eligible. Rules are specified on the website.



Previous Scholarship Winner
Victoria Garza, Class of 2024

YOUTH PROGRAMS RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

Check the Youth Contest Cover Form for deadline dates for Christmas, Valentines, Easter and Veterans Day poster and essay contests. Entries must be 8.5 x 11 inches only and sent preferably via scan to send around to the selection committee members.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS!

KATHERINE ABISSI
Widener University, PA

EDUARDO BLANCO, JR.
University of South Florida

ALEXA BORALLY
Miami University, Ohio

KRISTEN GERDES
Drury University, Missouri

ANTHONY VIEGEL
Ohio State University

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Youth Contest Identification Form
3rd Vice Commander's & 3rd Vice President's National Program

Contests		For Membership Year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Day Patriotic Poster (3-5)	Deadline Date	December 11	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas Poster (3-5)	Deadline Date	January 15	
<input type="checkbox"/> Valentine's Day Coloring Book (K-2)	Deadline Date	March 15	
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Easter Poster (8-8)	Deadline Date	April 15	
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay Contest (8-8)	Deadline Date	May 15	

Name of Student Contestant _____ Age _____
 Name of Teacher _____ Grade in School _____
 Name of Principal _____
 Name of School _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP Code _____
 School Phone Number _____

Name of Sponsoring Post/ Auxiliary _____ Email _____
 Name of Post CDR/Auxiliary Pres _____ Post # _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP Code _____
 Phone Number _____ Area Code () _____

Name of Post/Auxiliary 3rd Vice _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP Code _____
 Phone Number _____ Area Code () _____

Send through Echobus and attach this form to each and every entry.
 Submit by mail or digitally (admin@cwv.org) to arrive at National HQ on or before the contest deadline date.



The M/V CANOPEE utilizes both wind and fuel for propulsion.

WORLD'S FIRST HYBRID CARGO SHIP DELIVERS NASA MOON MISSION MODULE TO PORT CANAVERAL

The M/V CANOPEE, the world's first hybrid propulsion commercial cargo vessel, made its inaugural U.S. visit to Port Canaveral, delivering a crucial component for NASA's upcoming Artemis III mission to the moon. The specially-designed roll-on/roll-off ship transported the European Service Module (ESM-3), which will be part of the first crewed lunar mission since the Apollo era.

The French-flagged CANOPEE, launched in 2022, represents a significant advancement in maritime technology. Designed and built by ArianeGroup, the 400-foot-long vessel utilizes both wind and fuel for propulsion, featuring four innovative wing sails that can rotate 360 degrees to optimize wind capture. The hybrid design allows for up to 30% fuel savings per trip, according to the vessel's builders. The successful delivery marks a crucial step in NASA's Artemis program, bringing humanity closer to the lunar surface.



The European Space Agency Module is carefully offloaded.



U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVES SEAGLIDER TESTING

Rhode Island-based Regent Craft has received Coast Guard approval to conduct Navigational Risk Assessment on its all-electric seaglider prototype in Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound. This development marks a significant step in bringing the seaglider project closer to testing with humans on board.

Seagliders, classified as maritime vessels under U.S. law, are all-electric hydrofoiling wing-in-ground craft that operate within one wingspan of the water's surface. Regent's Viceroy seaglider is a 12-passenger vehicle capable of traveling at 180 mph for up to 180 miles on a single charge.

Maritime classification society Bureau Veritas issued an Approval In Principle for the Viceroy in August 2022, marking an important milestone in the commercialization of seagliders. The company plans to begin manned testing later this year. It has already secured over 600 seaglider orders valued at more than \$9 billion from various airline and ferry operators worldwide.



Regents Prototype Viceroy Seaglider

ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Mario saw this young lady at Flushing Hospital. She was shunned by her family and living in a garage. He took her under his and the Unit's wing.



Homeless Vets living in a tent city on Long Island called Bravo Foxtrot use bicycles for transportation to medical visits. Mario collected used bikes to donate.



At Thanksgiving, Mario solicits donations of turkeys, arranges to have them cooked, and delivers them to homeless Vets with all the trimmings.



He makes sure hospitalized children enjoy a visit and receive a toy from Santa.



Here an underprivileged family with their newborn baby are assisted to enjoy the holiday.



A staunch Pro-Life supporter, Mario stops to admire one of God's creations in the hospital nursery.



The Knights of Columbus in New York bestowed their Bishop Thomas V. Daily Pro-Life Award on Mario. In the photo (from left) is Past 4th Degree Faithful Navigator Guillermo Morera of Unit 1, CWV's Rick Kenney, District Master, 4th Degree, Current Faithful Navigator Jose Ruiz, Bishop Robert Brennan of Brooklyn, and the Man of the Hour, Mario Massa!





It's a Wonderful Life!

We got married and discovered the world in the "60's -'70's -'80's, We ventured into the 70s—80s, we stabilized in the 90s, we got wiser in the 2000s and went firmly through the 2010s. It turns out we've lived through NINE different decades, TWO different centuries, and TWO different millennia.

We have gone from the telephone with the operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world. We have gone from black and white photos to YouTube, from vinyl 12-inch records to cassettes to CDs to online music, from handwritten letters to WhatsApp, from listening to sports on the radio to black and white TV, then color, then HDTV. We went from black and white movies at the cinema to color films at the cinema, to VHS taped movies to DVD movies and now we watch Netflix. We got to know the first computers, punch cards, diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on cell phones or iPads.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long pants, oxfords, Bermuda shorts, etc.

We dodged infantile paralysis, polio, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, mopeds, gasoline or diesel cars and now we ride hybrid or 100% electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we had! We were people who were born into the forties and fifties, who had an analogue childhood and digital adulthood. We've kinda seen it all!

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life. It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE."

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, of which we are UNIQUE.

Here is a precious and very true message: TIME DOES NOT STOP! Life is a task that we do ourselves every day. When we look, it's already six in the afternoon; when we look, it's already Friday; when we look, the month is over; when we look, the year is over; when we look, 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed. When we look, we no longer know where our friends are. When we look, many have lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.

Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time. Do not stop having someone by your side, because your children will soon not be yours, and you will have to do something with that remaining time, where the only thing that you are going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with mutual friends. That time, unfortunately, never returns.

That day is today!

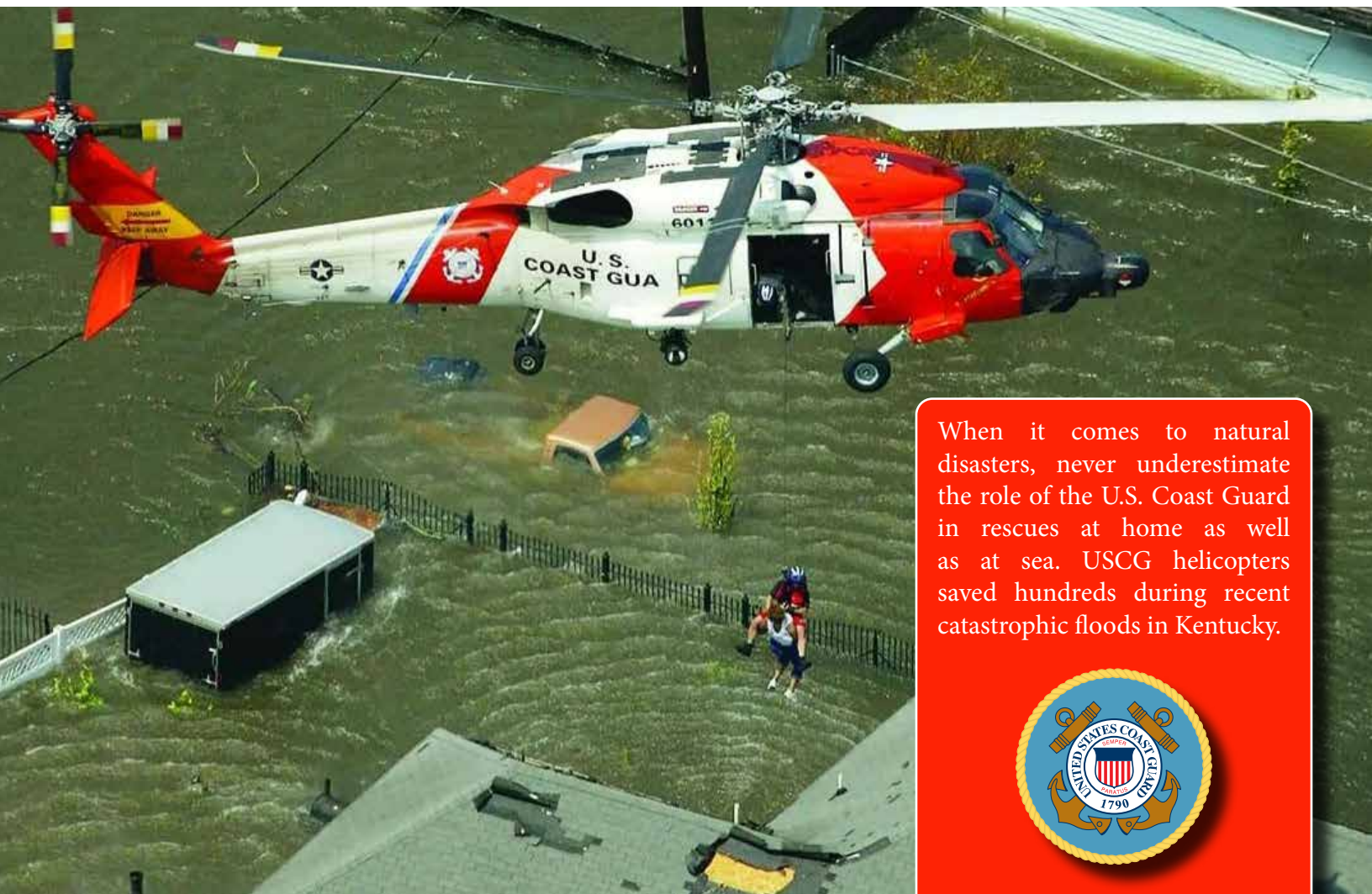


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When it comes to natural disasters, never underestimate the role of the U.S. Coast Guard in rescues at home as well as at sea. USCG helicopters saved hundreds during recent catastrophic floods in Kentucky.

