



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

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Keep Christ in Christmas!



THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CORNER
ARMINDA C. CRAWFORD

Dear Veterans and Auxiliary,

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. Where has the time gone? I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful foliage this fall.

CWV has been busy since the convention in August. I appointed Ed Allen, with the approval of the National Department, as the Executive Director for the remainder of this administration. Since Ed was elected a 3-year director, he resigned that position. John Kopp, Commander of Post #1947 in Liberty, Missouri, had also run for the 3-year position. I asked John if he would take the position and he accepted. I had the privilege of installing him as 3-year director at the Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Mass held in Liberty, Missouri, on October 15.

Congratulations and good luck to all the new post and department officers. Thanks to all those who have served with such dedication throughout the years. The National Board is here to help you in any way they can. Don't hesitate to contact any of them.

We also have a new local auditor familiar with nonprofit organizations. The previous auditor was increasing their fees so we looked for another reputable firm. So far, we are happy with this new company.

A new roof was installed in early November. A repair job had been done in the spring, but it did not last. The directors received four bids and accepted the best one with a 20-year warranty on the roof. Hopefully, this will take care of all the leaky problems at headquarters.

Thank you for supporting the National Appeal and the Veteran's Day Raffle. Good luck to all those who participated.

Check out the national website. I wrote a letter to Commissioner Goodell regarding the player who took a knee during the National Anthem. There is also a letter from a retired Marine voicing his opinion. We are working on a twitter account. Keep watching the national website.

I wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for all you do for CWV keeping in mind our motto, "For God, Country and Home." God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours,

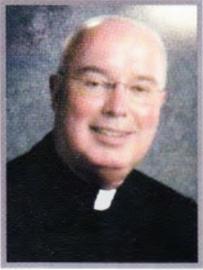


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THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. COYLE

Welcome Home

Pope Francis' Holy Year of Mercy came to an end on November 20th, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This extraordinary year offered us an opportunity to reach out to those who may be away from the Church, and welcome them home.

The Christmas holiday is upon us, and many people long to return home. Christmas and Thanksgiving songs highlight our inner need to "return home" to that safe place of love and acceptance. Even our Christmas hymns *Joy to the World* states: May every heart prepare him room.

Recently I had an opportunity to speak to a local Post Commander about their increase in membership at his local Post. He said that their Post seems to offer all Catholic Veterans *a safe place, a home* where they can share experiences and stories with likeminded Veterans. Their Post is Catholic in practice and belief, and their members seem motivated and informed by their Catholic faith.

Being a Veteran of the armed forces is a unique experience that few men and women share today. A Catholic War Veterans Post offers a wonderful opportunity to Catholic War Veterans to "come home," and meet other Veterans who share their same faith, vision and ideals.

You can increase membership in your local Post by inviting a Catholic Veteran "home" this Christmas season. Invite them to your post and let them know of all the great things that your Post does for the local community.

May this Christmas Season and New Year be a time of grace and blessing for you and your family.

Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CORNER
RENEE RYGALSKI



Members,

This year is going so fast! I cannot believe it is already November. Hopefully your Department Officers have already told you about some of the small changes we are trying this year in the reports area. Basically, it is the same questions, it is just how we answer them that will be different. We won't be looking at the total money you spent, but at the actual work itself. We are trying to help officers do the reports.

It's never too early to start thinking about nominating someone from your Unit for the St. Agnes Award and The Outstanding Service Award, a new award we have started. Susan Ranno, PNP, was our first recipient. The award was given to her at the National Convention. It is an award given to a member who really knows the meaning of being a Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary member, through action and word.

The National Auxiliary Lottery tickets have gone out so please consider buying them. And last but not least, I would like to congratulate all the new Unit and Post Officers, may you have a successful year in every thing you do. I will look forward to seeing you in the future.

Renee Rygalski

National Cmdr. Crawford attended the Department of New Jersey's Convention, where she swore in their new officers, including Dept. Cmdr. Tony Moskal (right and below).



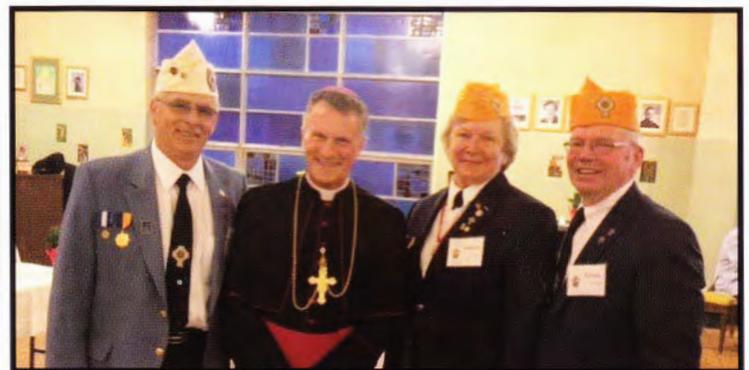
Post #1974 (MO) held its first Fr. Vincent Capodanno Memorial Mass (below), which also included the swearing in of **John Kopp** as a National Director, by **National Cmdr. Crawford** (above). He was chosen to replace **Ed Allan** who is the new National Executive Director.



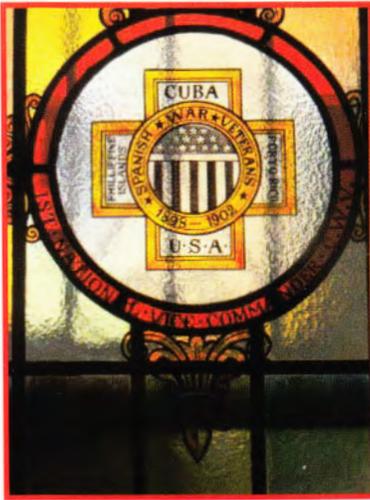
Catholic War Veterans members participated in the Life Chain held in Florida, for Prince of Peace Church in Ormond Beach. Post #1944's Chaplain, Fr. Chris, sponsored one for Our Lady of Hope Parish in Port Orange, FL.



(Below) Dept. of OH Cmdr. Mike Strainic, Archbishop for the Military Services Timothy Broglio JCD, National Cmdr. Armi Crawford, and George Crawford attended a fundraiser for Vocations to the Military Services in Ohio.



(Left) The Cmdr. of Post #386 (NY), **Robert Schiela** (left), presents a \$500.00 check to the Co-founders of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, **Brian Maher** (center) and **Bill Kirnahan** (right). Veterans are provided this flight cost-free via Hudson Valley Honor Flight.



FIRST VICE PROGRAMS

As part of the National 1st Vice Commander's program, a check was presented to Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County, NJ. Shown at right is **National 1st Vice Cmdr. Frank Kowalski** and Jane Latini, Executive Director of Interfaith Caregivers.



A Spiritual Bouquet was also sent to Pope Francis. His response is below.

A request for rosaries was received from Fr. Paul Cruz in India, which Msgr. Coyle verified as legitimate through his contacts there. Please send any new or used rosaries that you would like to contribute to Frank Kowalski 5 Duncan Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690-3107. This program will continue as long as rosaries keep coming in.



Post #1970 (OH) held a meeting at the Villa Vista nursing home in Steubenville during which they presented blankets to the residents. **Dept. Cmdr. Mike Strainich** was on hand for the presentations. Shown in the above photo are (standing) Paula Grose, William Demjan., Tim Allen, Dan Grose, Michael Sherman, Mike Strainic, (seated) Christ Desander, Michael Kendrach, and Stephen Tancek.



In a similar vein, **Auxiliary VAVS Representative Elaine Diaczun** is encouraging all Units to consider making a pre-Christmas distribution of gifts, clothing, toiletries, and/or decorations which will make our hospitalized heroes feel our love and remind all that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. If there isn't a Christmas program within your facility, perhaps you can assist in starting one. Gather some members on one evening in December and go throughout the wards and distribute small tokens of appreciation - cards, treats, even just a canteen book per patient would be appreciated. It is hoped that these gifts will have some type of label that will let the clientele understand that they are from the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary with love for these, our heroes.

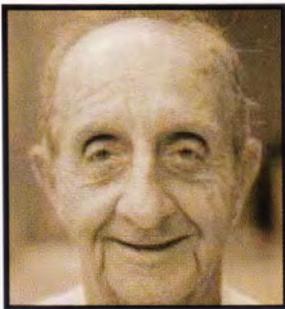




Roche Spirit of Volunteerism Award given to CWV Member Larry Jones

Louisiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense office, announced that ESGR Committee Chair John Pugh presented the ESGR James M. Roche Spirit of Volunteerism Award to **Larry Jones of CWV Post #1969 (LA)**. The award highlights patriotism, good citizenship, and public responsibility; often achieved by great effort and personal sacrifice.

Larry Jones said "I was completely surprised and honored to receive the Roche Award. I joined ESGR as a volunteer initially to help my ship mates and let them know what was going on in the local community. I continued to stay connected with ESGR after I retired from active duty with the Coast Guard in 2007. When we help a service member get a job, keep a job (ombudsman) and present awards to great employers it is such a positive thing to do for all our service members. I take it as a personal reward every time I see a smile on their faces. To volunteer with ESGR pays lots of dividends that remind us how lucky we are to be able to support our troops."



Patriotic Volunteer and Appreciation Award given to CWV Member George Pempek

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) named **George A. Pempek of CWV Post #1916 (IL)** as recipient of the Patriotic Volunteer and Appreciation Award for First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2017. The Illinois Veterans' Patriotic Volunteer and Appreciation Award highlights and honors the work of Illinois veterans whose contributions in service to the veteran community and their local communities are truly above and beyond. Nominees are evaluated on the basis of their leadership, dedication, innovation, and impact in serving these communities. Award recipients are those

whose efforts add to the powerful narrative that veterans are dedicated, life-long servants whose efforts benefit all of Illinois veteran communities.



Veterans Day with **Post #386 (NY)** which provided not only its Honor Guard but also the Firing Squad for the ceremonies at both the Town Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial. The Post hosted the event, which included a luncheon.



THIRD VICE PROGRAMS

Right: 1st Prize Easter Poster Contest winner Sparkle Davis, 8th grader at John Paul II Academy, Garfield Heights, Ohio, shown with **Tony Hejl, 3rd Vice Cmdr. at Post #1812 (OH).** **Below Left:** Post #386 (NY) presented a \$500 scholarship to Jake Pagano, the winner of the May essay contest entitled "What it means to be an American." **Below Right:** Post #1944 (FL) presented 7 Gold and 7 Silver Awards at Volusia and Flagler County High Schools in support of their JROTC Programs. They also presented 1 Gold and 1 Silver Award to the Army ROTC cadets at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. In addition they donated \$100 to an Air Force JROTC cadet at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach. Members that presented the awards, include Joe DiBlasi, Mike Miglioranzi, Larry Hernandez, and Harold Bennett.



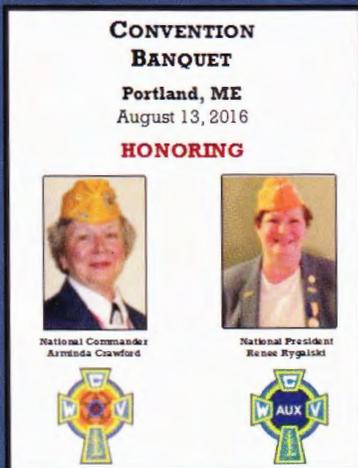
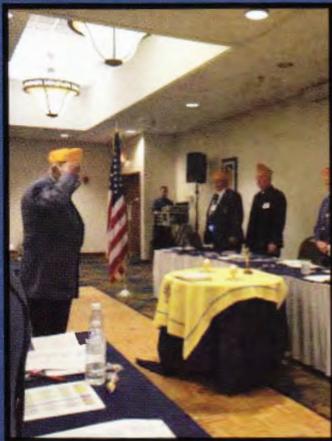
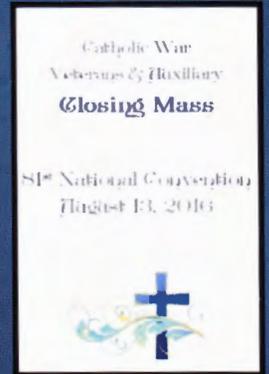
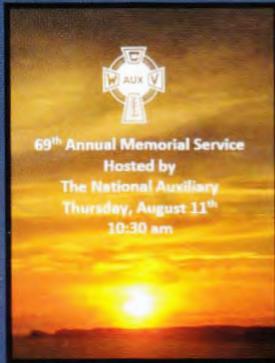
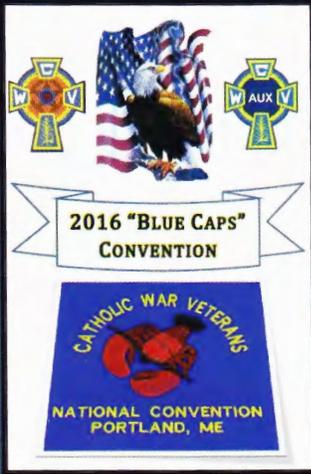
CWV Post #1974's Cmdr. John Kopp and Adj. Ann Roberts (Left) joined members of Jewish War Veterans Post #605 in attending the annual Veterans Salute at the public library in Independence, Missouri. These two organizations often work together in support of area veterans.

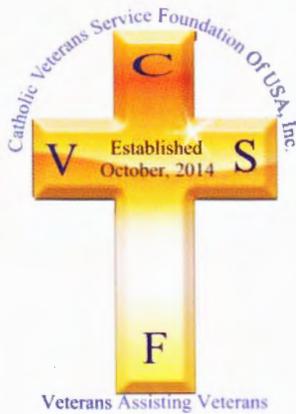


Dept. of Ohio Cmdr. Mike Strainic (Bottom Left) visited Grant Elementary School 1st graders and pre-kindergartners to speak about veterans.



The stars & stripes on the flag are the hand prints of the pre-kindergartners. And **Post #386 (Top Right)** visited Marlboro High School where they discussed veterans activities during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. **Post Cmdr., Robert Schiela (Vietnam)** is shown sitting across from their **Officer of the Day, Salvatore Foti (WWII)**. Both just finished answering questions about their wars. In the background one student is speaking with **Past Post Cmdr., Joe Farina (WWII)**.





Catholic Veterans Service Foundation Sends Aid to Flood Victims

In the wake of the recent devastating flooding in Louisiana, many of our fellow veterans and their families are in great need of financial assistance. A special fund to raise money to support them in their hour of need has been set up by the Catholic Veterans Service Foundation. All monies received in this appeal will go directly to aid the victims of this disaster.

CWV Post #1969 in River Ridge, LA is serving as our boots on the ground for this effort and will help make sure the funds are distributed to veterans and their families regardless of sex, race, or religion!

Please join us in this effort to help our brother and sister veterans in need by making a donation to the CVSF Flood Relief Fund. <http://thecvsf.org>.

Two families have already been helped. The photos and letters are from the recipients of the funds.

Thank you SO much for your consideration in this matter!

My husband, USAF SMSgt Craig Juan (retired) and I, former USAF Captain Alejandra Juan, lost both of our vehicles and 60% of our home & belongings back in August during the unprecedented flooding. We had to be rescued from our home when the fast moving waters got up to my waist. Thank God for the Cajun Navy!

The road to recovery will be long and slow but we're getting there. We have walls now but are still living on what's left of our living room floor since appliances and doors are hard to come by these days.

Alejandra Juan
Denham Springs, LA



My name is Warren Sparks. I served 8 years active duty in the Marine Corps, during which time I was a member of the Silent Drill Platoon, a Mountain Warfare Instructor, deployed on the 31st MEU, and served a combat tour in Afghanistan. Following my time in the Marine Corps, my wife and I decided to move back to my hometown of Central, LA with our two small girls. We found a quaint home in a nice neighborhood that we purchased, remodeled, and began our new life in.

On August 13th of this year, just a little more than a year following my departure from the Marine Corps and just as we had finally become acclimated to civilian lifestyle, our home flooded. While it has been a tremendously difficult experience, it has also been an eye opening one. Never before have we felt so much love, compassion, and heartfelt assistance from not only our families and community, but from complete strangers as well. Your generosity towards my family is beyond any help we could have ever asked for, and for that we are forever grateful.

There is still so much to be done, but progress is in the works. Thank you again for your charity.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Warren Sparks, USMC

Be there for someone in your life.

Connect fellow Veterans and Servicemembers in crisis with support.

We all can play a role in preventing suicide, but many people don't know what they can do to support the veteran or service member in their life who's going through a difficult time anytime through the year but especially during the holidays.

Just be there.

Helping someone feel included and supported can make a big difference during a challenging time. And it doesn't require a grand gesture or complicated task. A simple act of kindness can help someone feel less alone.

Small actions of support - calling up an old friend, checking in on a neighbor, cooking someone dinner, or inviting a colleague on a walk - are thoughtful ways to show you care. Similarly, encouraging Veterans and Service members to take time for themselves and to focus on their own health and wellness can have a big impact.

Then, start the conversation.

Being there for someone can be easy, but starting a conversation about your concerns for that person or approaching the subject of suicide can seem much more difficult. The most important thing is to show genuine, heartfelt support for someone going through a rough period in life. People may worry about what to say, be concerned about making matters worse, or think that special training is required to safely raise the subject.

Before you start a conversation, do some research to find out what suicide prevention and mental health resources are available. Veterans and their families can contact their local VA Medical Center using this Resource Locator to find counseling, treatment centers, and customized support for any life challenge.

Know when a crisis needs immediate action.

Everyone also should be aware of these signs of crisis, which require **immediate** attention from a medical or mental health professional:

- ✦ Thinking about hurting or killing oneself
- ✦ Looking for ways to kill oneself
- ✦ Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- ✦ Self-destructive behavior, such as drug abuse or the dangerous use of weapons

If you notice these signs in yourself or a Veteran loved one, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

A large contingent of members from New York and the surrounding area attended **Past National Chaplain Father Dell'Anno's** wake and memorial service. **Past National Chaplain Father Sheehan** read the *Our Dead* and blessed the body. **Kings County's Cmdr., Joe Tiralongo** organized the affair. Also lost recently were PNC **Ed McElroy** and PNC **Joe Palaia**.

Cardinal Wuerl, Archdiocese of Washington, DC, reminds us that "Catholics have a great tradition of remembering those who have died; as members of their spiritual

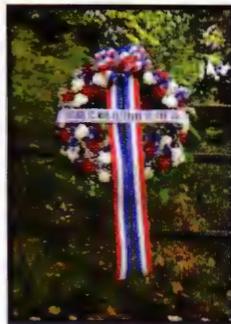
family we cherish their memory. Appealing to God on behalf of those who have passed from this earth is a testament to our faith in Christ's pledge of everlasting life. We are all mindful of the inescapable and inevitable reality of death. However, for the faithful, we recognize that in death life is not destroyed, but changed. In place of our earthly dwelling we receive the promise of a new and eternal dwelling. We live in the expectation of eternal life. Our faith tells us that there is a life to come and that we can pray for those who have gone before us so that they might be purified of anything that would hold them back from entering into the glory of God's eternal kingdom of light and love. Our Catholic faith calls us to a belief that life exists after death. Christ is risen from the dead, and so too shall we rise. The pledge of everlasting life is a part of our heritage. As the prayer for the Mass for the dead relates: "When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven."



Post #1976 (IN) Commander Bud Erler was the rifle bearer, 1st Vice Commander Terry Lamar served as the American Standard bearer, and member Ernie Martin carried the Indiana State Flag in the Persimmon Festival Parade in Martin County, IN.

VETERANS DAY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

There was a large contingent of CWV members at Arlington this year! Thanks go out to the Honor Guard - **John Perka of Post #1652 (VA)** and **Pennsylvania Dept. Commander, Nick Taylor**. More pictures can be seen at cwv.org.
Photos by Wes Stone.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA and Leanin.org Partnership Seeks to Empower Women Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Women Veterans announced a partnership with LeanIn.Org, the nonprofit organization founded by Facebook Chief Operating Officer, Sheryl Sandberg, to empower women to achieve their ambitions.

The VA initiative is called the LeanIn.Org Women Veterans' chapter. The Women Veterans Chapter is comprised of two distinct pilot programs: the Veteran-to-Veteran program, a virtual program, which allows any woman Veteran to participate, no matter where she is located; meetings will be moderated and attended by women Veterans throughout the United States. The second is a face-to-face pilot circle. The face-to-face program is created in partnership with the existing LeanIn.Org chapter in Seattle, WA. This circle is an innovative hybrid of women Veterans and non-military members providing an environment for both to learn and share leadership skills.

For more information visit LeanIn.Org/womenvets.

THE NATIONAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

The National Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington is coordinated and planned each year by the members of the National Veterans Day Committee and the Veterans Administration, under the leadership of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. This committee consists of 25 voting members and 20 non-voting, associate members. As a full, voting member, CWV has a seat at the table and has the privilege of helping plan the event, choosing the annual poster, having a seat on the platform with the President of the United States, having a representative attend the White House Breakfast, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, having a reserved box of 14 seats in the amphitheater, and serving as the host organization. *Our turn to serve as the host organization comes up in 2019!* The cost for the host organization is between \$35,000 and \$50,000 depending on the specifics of the reception. In 2013 the suggestion was made that each Post contribute \$2 per member for each of the years leading up to the event, for a total assessment of \$10 per member. We appreciate all of those Posts that have shown their support and sent in their payments. Please get yours in soon!



Members of the Dept. of NY met Mel Gibson at Private Screening of Movie

In the photo (left to right) are **Dave Crum, NY State Cmdr., Jim Finkel, PNC, Mel Gibson, Robert Schenkkan, Screen Play Writer, and Jim Mullarkey, PDC.**

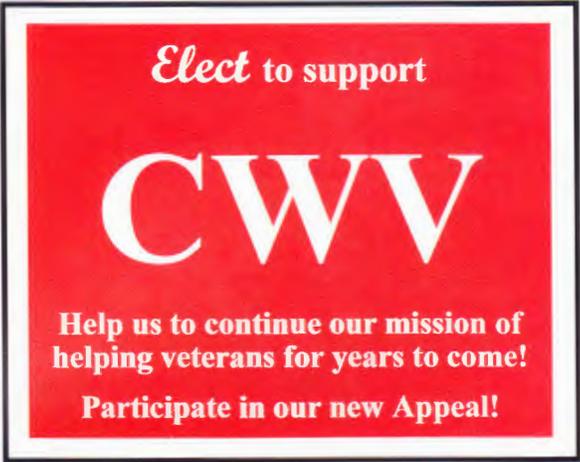
Submitted by Dave Crum.

As the Commander of the CWV Department of New York I received a personal invitation to attend the private, pre-release screening of Mel Gibson's new movie *Hacksaw Ridge*, with guests. CWV was the only veterans' organization there, but there was one additional veteran in the audience. We were thanked for our service by our host, asked

to stand, and given a huge acclamation from the audience. During a 45-minute conversation with Gibson and Schenkkan, we were treated to some wonderful insights into how the movie was developed so as to keep the faith and values of Desmond in the forefront.

Hacksaw Ridge is a true story about Desmond Doss who, in Okinawa during the bloodiest battle of WWII, miraculously saved 75 men in a matter of hours without firing or carrying a gun. He was the only American soldier in WWII to fight on the front lines without a weapon, except the simple prayer he uttered before he single-handedly evacuated the wounded from behind enemy lines, under constant enemy gunfire and artillery bombardment. Doss' courage and faith won the admiration of his commanders and fellow soldiers, as he saved the lives of the very men who had persecuted him for refusing to carry a gun. He believed the war was just, but to kill under any circumstance was wrong. Doss was labeled a Conscientious Objector but called himself a "conscientious cooperater" since he had volunteered, and was the first "Objector" to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In my opinion this is an exceptional and inspirational movie, a must see for all veterans and their families, and all people of faith. For additional information, visit www.hacksawridgeresources.com.



No easy way to put it - we need your help!! All members of the Catholic War Veterans should have received a letter and response form about our new National Appeal. We need a solid financial future to continue our mission for widows and dependents. The National Appeal will allow us to do that – and will benefit **YOU** as a participating member for your continued support.

The National Appeal will:

- provide a consistent yearly income for the CWV
- will give you items of quantifiable value in return
- help grow participation in our CWV fundraisers

It's easy for you to donate – there are four donation levels. Each can be made as a **direct recurring monthly** payment or an **annual recurring** payment **AND** comes with **Bonus Incentives**, depending on which level you pick to generously donate to the CWV! *Life Members will get additional tickets, a CWV Store Gift Card or New Member Recruit Card in lieu of the annual National Per Capita payment.*

- 1.) **CWV Backer - \$6.25 monthly, \$75 yearly: You receive:** The National portion of your **annual dues** will be already paid **EVERY** year you donate and **six (6)** National 50/50 tickets – prize is half of what is collected. Winner will be drawn at the National Convention. Current 50/50 total prize money will be publicized on our website and in every issue of the National magazine.
- 2.) **CWV Supporter - \$10.42 monthly, \$125 yearly: You receive:** **CWV Backer items, one (1) CWV Cash Calendar** for the upcoming calendar year, every year. You'll have 365 chances to win \$25 to \$1500, depending on the day of week or if it's a holiday.
- 3.) **CWV Sponsor - \$16.65 monthly, \$200 yearly: You receive:** **CWV Backer items, CWV Supporter item and five (5) tickets** in both National CWV raffles. You'll be automatically entered for (5) five chances in each Raffle. Top prize of **\$2,000.00** (and/or any of the other prizes)
- 4.) **CWV Benefactor - \$20.85 monthly, \$250 yearly. You receive:** **CWV Backer items, CWV Supporter items, CWV Sponsor items** and one (1) ticket in the CWVA National Lotto raffle.

Scheduled Auto Payments will start the month after your response is received. All Bonus Incentives remaining for the year will be applied to your donation level. **NOTE: For the 2016-17 year only, your dues must have already been paid to participate.**

If you have not already sent in your form, please use this one!
Send your completed form to CWV Headquarters, 441 N. Lee Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Your Name _____ Post # _____ Phone # _____

I will donate as a: ___ Backer (\$75) ___ Supporter (\$125) ___ Sponsor (\$200) ___ Benefactor (\$250)

___ 12 Monthly Payments/year Date each month to charge your card: _____

___ One Annual Lump sum Card will be charged each year in **October**

Card Type (check one): ___ Master Card ___ Visa ___ Discover ___ AMEX

Name on card: _____ Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code # _____

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS FUNDRAISING PAGE

Order items on this page for chances to win CASH throughout the year.

National 50/50 Raffle Drawing Tickets

Donation: Six (6) tickets for \$5.00

NOTE: These tickets are included as part of every level of the National Appeal Drawing will be held at the 2017 National Convention in St. Louis

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Catholic War Veterans Cash Calendar

Donation: \$25.00 each

NOTE: A Cash Calendar is included in your donation to the National Appeal as a CWV Supporter, CWV Sponsor or CWV Benefactor

Drawings held daily – winners paid monthly

National Memorial Day Raffle Tickets

Donation: Six (6) tickets for \$25.00

NOTE: Tickets in both National Raffles are included in your donation to the National Appeal as a CWV Sponsor or CWV Benefactor Levels

Drawing will be held June 1, 2017

National Auxiliary Lotto Raffle Ticket

Donation: \$25.00 each

NOTE: A National Lotto Raffle Ticket is included in your donation to the National Appeal as a CWV Benefactor

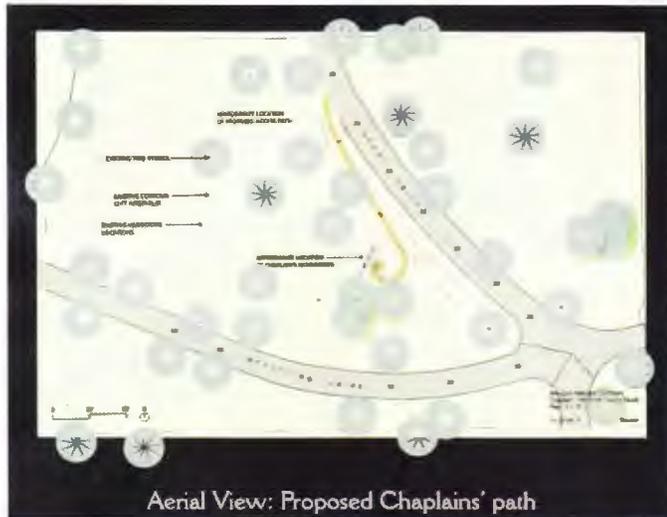
Drawings held daily in even months of the year – winners paid monthly

Enter the number of each item you are requesting in the squares on the left. Fill out and mail this sheet with check payable to CWV, USA for entire balance due.

NOTE: Respond with a donation to the National Appeal on the reverse side and you do not have to send any cash in with this order form!!!

Chaplains Hill Arlington National Cemetery

Chaplain's Hill is located in Section 2 of Arlington National Cemetery, facing the city. On the crest are monuments to Catholic, Protestant and World War I chaplains. Many changes and upgrades are proposed for this area, including the addition of a walkway up to the top, and additional monuments.



Catholic War Veterans is now included in the list of supporters that was used in Congressional meetings in order to secure the construction of the monuments, thanks to **Jim Formato, National Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee.**



James Dudley of Post #1957 (CT) was given the Stamford Senior Center Veteran of the Year Award. He is shown here with State Senator Carlo Leone (right) and a member of the mayor's staff.



Members of **Post #386 (NY)** await Veterans of WWII and Korea, returning to Stewart International Airport with their escorts reliving the excitement of returning home from their military assignments of the past. More than 300 people gathered within the terminal to ensure their return was memorable. This audience ranged in age from the very young to the most experienced and their clamor was constantly upheld by the music of the 42nd Infantry Division Band.



The Post also participated in the village of Montgomery's annual Gen. Montgomery Day Parade, in honor of their local Revolutionary War hero and namesake. Those members not able to march were given rides in cars donated for the occasion.

