



## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

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To: Commanders and Welfare Officers, ALL Echelons

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Subject: **National Welfare Officer Program**

When our founder, Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Higgins of Astoria, NY, decided to form the first Post of the Catholic War Veterans and to seek the blessing of Pope Pius XI, his first order for the organization was to actively support the good and welfare of our nation. Secondly, as a WWI veteran, he wanted to ensure that the primary focus of our efforts was to put into action the famous words of President Abraham Lincoln,

“To care for those who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.”

Today, the CWV keeps faith with this mandate of our Founder by providing the services of our National and local-area VA Service Officers free of charge to those members and other veterans who request professional assistance in preparing and defending their claims for Federal Veterans' Benefits. As a Welfare Officer, there are many ways that you can assist: providing volunteers for VA Medical Centers, transportation, hosting parties, providing food and clothing to the less fortunate, offering prayers and Masses, etc.

Look at the attached National Welfare Officer's Report Form and you will see that there are **nineteen (19) categories** under which you can report your totals. Please use this form to report your totals; this will help to compare the work that is being done. Also, provide a narrative report to go along with the National Welfare Officer's Report Form. The narrative report will give life to your work.

The second page of this program details the procedure for submission of your Welfare Officer Reports and the deadline dates for consideration for National Awards.

## REPORTS

All Echelon Welfare Officers are responsible for the submission of two (2) semi-annual reports throughout the year. All reports should be submitted on the National Welfare Officer's Report Form attached to this Program. Welfare Officers wishing to augment their reports with additional detail may do so.

**REPORT NO. 1** – Due Jan. 15 – This report will cover the period from June 15 to Dec. 31.

**REPORT NO. 2** – Due June 15 – This report will cover the period from Jan 1 to June 1.

Welfare Officers should send a copy of their report **directly to ALL higher Echelon Welfare Officers** (Chapter, Department and National) for each Reporting Period. Reports can be sent either by US Mail or as an attachment to an email.

Please time your reports to arrive at each higher Echelon Welfare Officers as follows:

### **First Report (covers June 16 - Dec 31)**

- Post Welfare Officer Report to Chapter Welfare Officer by January 1st
- Post and Chapter Welfare Officer Reports to Department Welfare Officer by January 10th
- Post, Chapter, and Department Welfare Officer Reports to the National Welfare Officer no later than January 15th.

### **Second Report (covers January 1 - June 15)**

- Post Welfare Officer Report to Chapter Welfare Officer by June 1st
- Post and Chapter Welfare Officer Reports to Department Welfare Officer by June 10th
- Post, Chapter, and Department Welfare Officer Reports to the National Welfare Officer no later than June 15th

**COMMENTS, REPORTS, AND SUGGESTIONS may be mailed to:**

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### **\*\*\* AWARDS \*\*\***

<b>Outstanding Department</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Plaque</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Citation</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – Citation</b>
<b>Outstanding Chapter</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Plaque</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Citation</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – Citation</b>
<b>Outstanding Post</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Plaque</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Citation</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – Citation</b>

Awards for **BEST WELFARE OFFICER PROGRAM** will be based on Reports 1 and 2, submitted to the National Welfare Officer.

**AWARDS CUT-OFF DATE: JUNE 18**