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TO: Commanders and Welfare Officers, ALL Echelons

FM: Ann Marie Roberts – National Welfare Officer

SUBJECT: **2017 - 2018 NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER PROGRAM**

When our founder Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Higgins of Astoria, NY, formed the Post 1 of the Catholic War Veterans and sought the blessing of Pope Pius XI, his first order for the organization was to actively support the good and welfare of our nation. Second, 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 through the free services of our National and Local VA Service Officers to our members and other veterans who request assistance in preparing and defending claims for VA benefits. As a Welfare Officer there are many ways that you can help fulfill our Founder's vision by providing volunteers for VA Medical Centers, transportation, hosting parties, provide food and clothing to the less fortunate, prayers and Masses, etc.

Look at the attached National Welfare Officers Report Form and you will see that there are **eighteen (18) 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. If you would like, you can attach a narrative report to the Welfare Officers Report Form as it will give life to your work.

The last two pages of this Program contain an Awards Application Form and Awards Worksheet describing four (4) NEW awards to recognize those individual members and Posts that provide much good to our veterans population and our local communities at large. Please submit both of these pages by the deadline date for consideration of one of these National Awards.

REPORTS

Welfare Officers at each echelon are responsible for submitting two semi-annual reports. A copy of these Reports should be sent **directly to EVERY higher echelon Welfare Officer** (one copy to Chapter, one to Department and one to National) for each Reporting Period. Reports can be sent as an e-mail attachment. Please time your reports to arrive at each higher Echelon as follows:

ATTN: Chapter & Dept Welfare Officers – forward a copy of ALL reports received from subordinate Echelons, along with your OWN report to higher Echelons.

- Post Report to Chapter by January 1 and June 1
- Post, Chapter Reports to Department by January 10 and June 10
- Post, Chapter and Department Reports to National by January 15 and June 15

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Welfare Officers: All reports should be submitted on the National Welfare Officers Report Form attached to this program. The Awards Application and Award Worksheet should be sent **ONLY** if you are applying for one of the four new awards. See Application for separate deadline date for these awards.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Time your mailing / emailing of reports so they arrive at the National Welfare Officer by the deadline dates listed above. The National 1st Vice Commander's address is:

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Department and Chapter Welfare Officers should also forward a copy of the Annual Welfare Officer Report rendered to Delegates at their particular Convention, immediately thereafter, to the National Welfare Officer.

AWARDS

Outstanding Department	1st place – Plaque	2nd, 3rd place – Citation
Outstanding Chapter	1st place – Plaque	2nd, 3rd place – Citation
Outstanding Post	1st place – Plaque	2nd, 3rd place – Citation