



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

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National Welfare Officer Report Form			For Membership Year					
For Reporting Period – check one			June 15 – December 31			January 1 – June 15		
			First Half Report Due: January 15			Second Half Report Due: June 20		
Report from Echelon – check one			Post	Chapter	Dept	Name or #		
Welfare Officer's Name								
Printed Mailing Address								
Type of Service / Program	Hrs spent - with travel	# CWV Participants	Holiday or regular day	Am't Spent or donated	Donated items value - not money			
VOLUNTEER & ASSISTANCE								
VAVS – VA Medical Center								
VAVS – VA Outpatient Clinic								
VA Parties for patients, residents								
Care Packages								
Greeting / Sympathy Cards								
Vet Fairs, Stand Downs, Homeless								
Referrals to Service Officer								
SPIRITUAL & HONORS								
Parish Veteran Ministry								
Eucharistic Minister								
Hospice, nursing home, sick visit								
Assist Chaplain								
Honor Guard								
Blue/Gold Ceremony								
Decorate Graves								
OTHER WELFARE ACTIVITIES								
Family/Military Support Groups								
Support for needy families								
Support for KIA families								
Community Service								
TOTALS:								

Form Disposition Report must go to ALL Echelons	Welfare Officers - send a copy of Report to ALL higher Echelon Welfare Officers. (send one copy to each - Chapter, Department and National Welfare Officers). Follow the Reporting Requirements listed in the National Welfare Officer Program.
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Welfare Officer Report Form Instructions and Guidance:

VOLUNTEER & ASSISTANCE

1. VAVS-Medical Center: Volunteer at a VA Medical Center-(hours, assigned areas). Example: VAVS volunteer at an Information desk to provide assistance/directions to clinics; other offices; Volunteer to distribute coffee, popcorn, and volunteer to take patients by wheelchair to clinics. Veterans and family members.
2. VAVS-Outpatient Clinic-(CBOC) Assist veterans and family members in signing in to the KIOSK Machines, help with forms and give pamphlets to veterans or their family members. Donate magazines; help rearrange magazines on tables.
3. VA Parties for patients, residents: Post members, K of C members make refreshments, cards, games for holiday parties, and/or help VAVS-Volunteer Director in holiday and Veteran's Day party; as post members with and without belonging to the K of C providing refreshments, cares, games to residents at Veterans Homes, nursing homes, etc.
4. Care Packages: Posts and/or individual CWV members make, purchase items for 'military stationed over-seas, etc.' for example by working with "Operation Gratitude," parish military stationed outside the U.S., Such items; cool scarfs, batteries, chap sticks, gum, candy, cell phones, batteries, etc.
5. Greeting/ Sympathy Cards: Make, purchase mail and/or deliver cards to deployed military, those in military schools, sympathy cards for sick call, deceased-does not have to be CWV members-all veterans.
6. Veteran Fairs, Stand Downs, and Homeless: Post and/or members gather VA materials, CWV materials, other materials for Vet Fairs, Stand downs; Attend, help out and be a participating organization at Veteran Fairs, Stand downs or Veteran/VA projects for the Homeless Veterans. Refer veterans and/or family members to VSO's-(CWV and/or other veteran organizations at Fairs and Stand-downs.
7. Referral to Service Officer: Member or Post members collectively refer veterans who ask for help to a Post Service Officer, or other VSO-whether in the community or at a veteran event.

SPIRITUAL & HONORS

1. Parish Veteran Ministry: Individual Catholic War Veteran member, or a post-participate, help with any parish veteran ministry or program throughout the year, (examples: participate in military ceremonies, Masses, Post/Military honor guard, etc. in your parish,; formulate a parish military veteran ministry if none exist with other parishioners, and veterans in the parish; show docudrama of Fr. Capodanno, Military Chaplains Novenas, and fund raising activities,
2. Eucharistic Minister: Post-Individual Members. Any parish or post as a 'Eucharistic Minister' for veterans, all parishioners, in VA homes, nursing homes, home bound-FOR GOD, COUNTRY, HOME.
3. Hospice, nursing home, sick visit: Participate as a Post or individual post member-to any veteran, family member who are sick, etc.
4. Assist Chaplain: Individual Post member or a post- (more than one member) assist a VA Medical Center Chaplain in hospital masses, take veteran patients to VA hospital Mass; Assist post chaplain with services for those imprisoned or in hospital or rehab.

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5. Honor Guard: Individual Post member, or more than one post member- participate in deceased veteran honor guard as a CWV team member or assist/volunteer as an Honor Guard member with another veteran organization,
6. Blue/Gold Ceremony: Individual Post member, or more than one Post member- participate in, or be a presenter of a Blue Star or God Star Mother Ceremony in your community, parish, etc. CWV members would also be responsible in the acquiring Blue Star, Gold Star Banners, Certificates, and other items associated with this ceremony-recognition.
7. Decorate Graves: Individual Post member or more than one post member decorate Catholic, Veteran, and Secular, Other Cemeteries with flags or any other military honors during military and veteran holidays.

OTHER WELFARE ACTIVITIES

1. Family/Military/Veteran Support Group: Individual Post member or more than one Post member who provides printed materials, Power-Points, VA Materials for such support groups, if trained facilitate in a "support group." Example: VA Community Action Board (CAB) committee training and support sessions in community and/or parishes. Provide above services in a parish or community support group for veterans, military and their families.
2. Support for Needy Veteran or Military Families: Provide materials, have a fund-raiser for (example-TFA-Temporary Finance Assistance); other VA and/or other Veteran Organization Family Assistance Programs.
3. Support for KIA Families: Individual post members, or more than one post member to provide services for Gold Star mothers, funeral services, other services and assistance when asked.
4. Community Service: Individual post member or more than one post member to assist any parish, veteran organization, or other community organization-(senior services, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.) in their efforts for veterans and their families, as well as other community persons.

The above instructions and guidance for filling out the Welfare Report Form is a listing of some examples of assistance in the various areas. It is by no means all-inclusive. Please feel free to include a sheet detailing the activities of your echelon with an explanation of how they relate to Veterans Welfare. We cannot ever do enough in taking care of our veterans and their families. How we do so and the ways we do so vary. Be creative in implementing this program!

Questions and comments about the Welfare Officer Program and Report Form should be directed to National Welfare Officer Ann Roberts – 816-469-0271 – annroberts977@gmail.com