



## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

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### NATIONAL FIRST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

His Excellency Bishop Richard B. Higgins, National Chaplain Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle, Reverend Clergy, National Commander Francis J. Kowalski, National Officers, and Fellow Veterans,

The Catholic War Veterans is a powerful voice for upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church and the Constitution of the United States. I have received 15 reports from Posts and Departments nationwide. They describe strong accomplishments in the areas of both Catholic Action and Americanism. I am sure that many other units are working hard on First Vice Commander programs. Please be sure to submit your final reports to me by 15 June 2018 so that you can be recognized at the National Convention.

I also continue to receive rosaries for shipment to India and elsewhere. As you know, the rosary is a powerful agency for transforming our country for the better. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception. The Rosary Program is significant as we consider the rosary's enduring importance to the faithful. Last year (2017) marked the centenary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima where, in 1917, she identified herself to three shepherd children as Our Lady of the Rosary. Please support the Rosary Program by sending new and used rosaries through echelons to the National First Vice Commander and by praying the rosary frequently.

In another area, the cover of the Winter 2017 issue of *The Catholic War Veteran* again featured the theme, "Keep Christ in Christmas." Enfolding the spirit of this theme into our lives can bless us all year long. We have asked Christ to enter our homes and our hearts during Advent and the 12 days of Christmas. This Lenten season reminds us of Christ's salvific mission as our Redeemer. Let us try to keep Him at the center of our lives throughout the year so that, as Catholic War Veterans, we reflect the face of Christ. This is what makes us different from other Veterans Service Organizations.

Please also remember to make collections for the Spiritual Bouquet initiative of the First VC program. Continue to fly your flag every day or at least on the days designated in the First VC program, especially on Flag Day. And, once again, remember to submit your reports by 15 June 2018 through echelons. May God bless America.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin C. McFeaters".

Marvin C. McFeaters  
National First Vice Commander