

Bonnie and I have been on the convention circuit. Visiting Ohio, Texas and New Hampshire. It was a pleasure to see old friends and make many new ones. We were very impressed on all the work that these states perform in helping veterans, the community and keeping the Catholic War Veterans name out front. Congratulations. We would like to thank everyone for the hospitality that was given to us.

We also attended Bishop Richard Higgins 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as a priest. The mass was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. At the reception, Bishop Higgins was presented two organizational jackets and shirts.

Our upcoming travels will take us to Connecticut, Memorial mass in Washington, DC, Memorial Day in Arlington National Cemetery, to name a few.

As you probably heard, our headquarters staff is working on mailing lists, inventory, ordering items and supplies for our store and every day organizational affairs.

Our organization has also endorsed the following bills:

S.2341 – Veteran's Debt Fairness Act

S.2356 – The Stronger Medical Workforce Act

H.R.299 – Blue Water Navy Veterans Act

H.R.809 – Foster Act

H.R.4345 – The Veterans Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2017

H.R.4898 – Keeping Our Commitment to Ending Veteran Homelessness Act of 2018

After our traveling ends, we'll take some time to go to our headquarters to assist them in any way possible.

Please remember our upcoming National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa from Aug. 20 – 25<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservations early. We hope to see you there.

Also our hosting of Veteran's Day at Arlington National Cemetery in 2019. Please help contribute to the cost of this event.

Continue to pray for all our service personnel worldwide and may God continue to bless the United States of America.