



*Catholic War Veterans of the USA, Inc.*

# Newsletter

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## **Please Keep Our First Family in Your Prayers!**

Our National Auxiliary President, Bonnie Kowalski, recently announced that she is battling cancer. Accordingly, she will not run for re-election as National President. Her illness will also prevent her from attending the National Convention in August. She asks that everyone “keep up all the good work you are doing” and that you keep her in your prayers. Our best wishes and our every support go out to our National Commander, and Bonnie’s husband, Frank, at this time.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMORIAL DAY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER WINNERS!**

<b><u>\$2,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 50.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 50.00</u></b>
Newmann, Chris	Flaherty, Robert	Briley, Emeline	Lamana, Josephine
	Golabiewsi, Peter	Doyle, D. V.	McKay, Rose
<b><u>\$1,000.00</u></b>	Hoganson, Bernard	Gallagher, J. P.	Medina, Ralph
Krajewski, Michael	Prancas, Joseph	Irace, Francis	Meloni, Antonio
	Sbordone, Rev. Guy	Keller, Lucille	Volberg, Peter

## **Last Call for the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania!**

Be sure to get your reservations in for the Crowne Plaza Hotel, as well as Dinner Cruise, Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game and the Convention Banquet. For information, contact: LTC Nick Taylor, USA (Ret.), CWV Convention Chairman, at (610) 331-6383 or via E-mail to: TAYL7900@yahoo.com. Darby Swope is the CWV Auxiliary Co-Chair. There are still advertising opportunities in the convention journal, but copy must be forwarded to the national office by July 30th.



Mail forms and make checks payable to: CWV Convention Corporation, PO Box 260109, Bellerose, NY 11426 or pay by credit card at the CWV Store at [cwv-store.org/shop](http://cwv-store.org/shop). Please add 2% to the total order for credit card processing costs.



## **A Final Salute to Past National Service Officer Ray Williams, Who Helped So Many. He Will be Missed.**

Raymond John Williams (1918-2017), Past National Service Officer, was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery following a funeral mass at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Myer (adjacent to the cemetery on June 22nd, 2018). The Catholic War Veterans were represented by our National Commander, Frank Kowalski and National President Bonnie Kowalski.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDER**



Just a short note hoping everyone is enjoying this summer. We've had some very hot and humid days, but that's summer weather. Enjoy your vacations, swimming pools or just taking some time off from the everyday grind.

Our National Headquarters is staying busy with not just the everyday duties, but also getting everything in order for our upcoming convention. If you haven't made your plans to attend, we encourage you to do so. Our Convention Committee has put in a lot of time getting everything in place for a great time. See you in Pittsburgh! FRANK

## **Introducing New Self-Mailer Dues Notices.**

At the National Board Meeting in May, a concept for a new self-mailer dues envelope, pre-addressed to the local post was designed, approved, and has now been received from the printer. The envelopes are available in bulk from the CWV store. Item number EV-1 in lots of 25. The pricing for these new mailers is as follows:

- 1 Lot \$13.00
- 2—4 Lots for \$12.00 per lot
- 5 or more lots for \$11.00 per lot



We have included a sample of the new envelope in a mailing to each Post Commander to introduce them.

The National Headquarters will follow up, if necessary, with a similar self-mailer reminder, for those whose payments are overdue, to prevent membership from being suspended.

## **2018-2019 Sustainment Incentive Program**

Commanders ~ Remind your members to support our favorite cause —the CWV and Auxiliary— plus have some fun and maybe win some cash in the process! Encourage your members to become a **Red, White, Blue or Gold** donor and they'll get their dues paid for the next year, receive free entries into our raffles and get a cash calendar! Each level has different incentives. How much do you want to win?

Here are the benefits for each donor level: **RED** (\$75/year): Dues paid plus six 50/50 tickets. **WHITE** (\$125/year): All Red incentives plus a 2019 Cash Calendar. **BLUE** (\$200/year): All Red and White incentives plus six tickets in both CWV Raffles (Memorial Day and Veterans Day). **GOLD** (\$250/year): All Red, White and Blue incentives plus one Auxiliary Lotto Raffle Ticket.

Go to our website (<http://cwv.org>) for all the details. You can sign up online or print a sign-up form to mail. Encourage members to become a monthly or annual donor at a level that fits their budget. Good luck to all!

## **Recruitment Posters Are Available At the CWV Store!**



A new item from National Headquarters is a full-color recruiting poster that highlights the missions and benefits of membership in the Catholic War Veterans, with a blank area where local posts can fill in contact information. They can be used in Churches and other public areas to raise awareness of the CWV.