

Indiana State Council – Veterans Affairs

Brother Knights,

The month of February brought in some noteworthy assignments and celebrations on a national level.

The Honorable Douglas A. Collins was sworn in as the 12th secretary of Veterans Affairs on Feb. 5, 2025. Collins is a Navy Veteran and Air Force Reserve colonel and chaplain. As a U.S. Air Force Reserve chaplain, Mr. Collins has ministered to our country's military since 2002.

Army Chief of Chaplains Major General William "Bill" Green was featured in February addition of the American Legion magazine. Learn more about his sacred service to God and country.

The Army Chaplains Corps turns 250 years in July of this year!

The USMC will also be celebrating 250 years in November of this year... "Oorah".

This month we also welcomed 24 new Knights into the 4th degree patriotic order, exemplification conducted at Notre Dame University. See attached photo.



On March 22nd we look forward with much enthusiasm to the 125th Anniversary and exemplification ceremony of the 4th degree in Indianapolis. See Program details and registration in State and local Council/Assembly communications.

In closing, we continue to promote our Dog Tag project (see attached order form). Consider supporting our programs of Warriors to Lourdes, news article (<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-lourdes-144>), Honor Flights, Seminarian Scholarships, and Chaplains.

We thank you for your support of our programs and efforts to promote voluntary services for all our veterans.

Sincerely,

Gerald "Jerry" Bromley – Chairman Veterans Affairs Working Group.