

Brother Knights,

The Veterans Affairs Working Group is pleased to report we were able to help coordinate another Mass kit presentation. This Mass kit was presented to Fr, Garrett Braun Reserve USAF chaplain at his Newburgh Church, and on the anniversary of his ordination June 7th. Photo attached (all members of Assembly 253 Evansville) has left to right, Kieth Fox (10257), Steve Jung (565), Fr, Braun, Kelly Burns (7544), and Nicholas Hermann (7544). Well done, Brothers!



There is still a need for new vestments for visiting priests at Camp Atterbury (Edinburgh, IN). The VAWG is planning on matching funds received from Councils and Assemblies to reach the goal to acquire these new vestments. We are seeking donations from all concerned, including individuals. Contact the undersigned for any donations.

Also pleased to report we recently received a generous donation of \$250 from Fr. John Nuemann Monticello Council for the programs we support. Thank You Brothers!

Our Lady of Grace Grotto & Memorial – A miracle occurred here worth reading link: [Great Peshtigo fire.docx](#)

This special grotto and memorial is located along the ground's Rosary Walk and is a tribute to our nation's Veterans. The statue of Our Lady of Grace sits upon a brick platform with a plaque to the country's military forces. Near the statue of Our Lady of Grace is also a statue of St. Michael the Archangel. There are also individual plaques honoring Fr Vincent Capodanno and Fr Emil Kapaun at the grotto.



The VAWG would like to thank you again as our Dog Tag project continues generate funds for the programs we support. Consider purchasing a bag of 50 or 100 for summer events (order form attached).

Attachments: Dog Tag Order form. [Dog Tag Order Form \(3\).docx](#)

Volunteer work at each of the Indiana Veterans Hospitals is still in need. If you can afford a few hours a week to be a driver for appointments, escorts in the hospital, or make a phone call to a shut-in veteran please contact the undersigned.

VAWG future plans:

- Present newly acquired Mass Kits to Indiana active chaplains identified.
- Expand our VAWG group to become more active in the Wreaths Across America Program.
- Early planning for another Bourbon Raffle, broader range of prizes! Stay tuned!
- Build a reference library by creating a “VAWG Military Chaplains Reading List” of books, articles, and commemorative publications that all members can source.
- Continued promotion of our Dog Tag Project.
- Expanding the VA Volunteer services for Indiana VA Hospitals.

Note: Stamps now available promoting 250th Anniversary of Army, Navy, Marines.



In closing, we thank you for your continued support of our essential programs that honor and recognize our veterans, service members, chaplains and seminarians seeking to follow in the footsteps of Fr. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus,

Gerald Bromley – Chairman, Veterans Affairs Working Group (please contact me with any questions).

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