

Brother Knights,

The Veterans Affairs Working Group trusts you all had a safe and healthy summer. As we enter the Fall season, we should recognize some notable dates to remember on the calendar. On October 12th we recognize Columbus Day whereby many may enjoy a holiday by participating in a parade in the official uniform of the 4th degree, or attending Mass and honoring the namesake of our organization.

On November 11th we celebrate **Veterans Day**. This day should be enjoyed by many of our veterans with parades, family and organizational picnics, and special ceremonies to honor those that have served our country. In preparation it may be a good time to think about how we can share stories and experiences with family, friends, and neighbors. Children in particular may gain a better understanding of what it means to serve, what little things they may considering doing to honor our veterans. Some may make visits to a hospital, others may offer to provide a meal, or just thank them when seen in a public place. **NOTE: We have ordered 1000 new version Dog Tags, see below for attached form. Your Council or Assembly may choose to purchase the new version to distribute at your church for a Veterans Day event, a perfect time!**

Bourbon Raffle update: The Bourbon raffle will be launching soon. We are submitting the forms for the gaming license and preparing the media to promote the effort. As mentioned prior, more prizes and more early bird drawings! Please think about how your Council and Assemblies can spread the word. We look forward to our 2nd raffle that will generate more excitement and more income to support our core programs such as Warriors to Lourdes, Seminarian Scholarships, and Chaplain Mass Kits and funding. Tentative drawing date July 2, 2026.

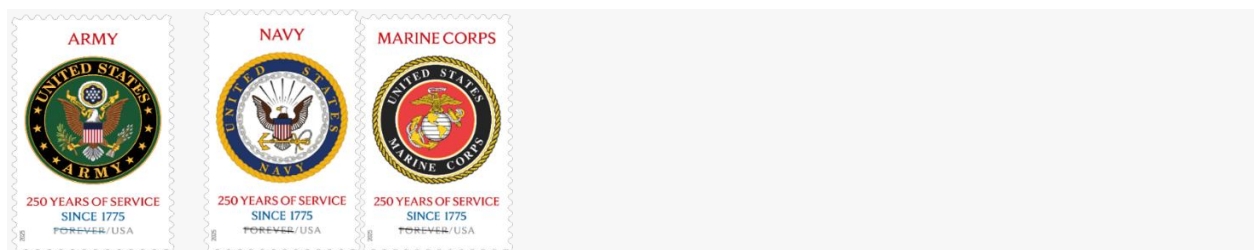
Wreaths Across America: The Veterans Affairs Working Group will be sponsoring a wreath drive at several cemeteries within the state. In order to expand the program, we ask all those interested to consider buying a wreath (they are \$17/each) and/or communicating with your Council to make a donation to purchase larger quantities of wreaths and have them placed in a registered cemetery near you.

Dog Tag Project:

The new more broad-based message to promote the Order on the Dog Tag reads (Knights of Columbus-Pray for our Service Members and Veterans), thus promoting our Order and our cause. Our group also just ordered 500 custom tags for the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains Anniversary event.

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

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,

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