



VETERANS AFFAIRS “SEAT SHEET”

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Greetings from your “***VETERANS AFFAIRS WORKING GROUP (VAWG)!***”

We are a small & dedicated group of Knights working with Councils & Assemblies to meet the Mission Statement of our Order – to support our nation’s military Veterans. This sheet will provide details on both our accomplishments, and our plans for the future. We hope you and your fellow Knights will help us continue Indiana’s great success in this area!

Jerry Bromley, State Veterans Affairs Chairman

CURRENT INDIANA “VETERANS AFFAIRS” GOALS

The VAWG, (in close coordination with our Indiana State Council and District Master), continually review, revise and update our Fraternal Year Goals and supporting plans.

Current goals:

1. **Warriors to Lourdes** – Fund at least 2 candidates for the fiscal 2026/27 year.
2. **Honor Flights** – seek donations for the (4) Indiana 2026 Honor Flight locations. **VAWG offering a \$100 rebate for Councils and Assemblies that make a minimum donation of \$500 towards an Indiana 2026 Honor Flight. See more details on back page.**
3. **Military Chaplains** – identify active chaplains to receive Mass Kits.
4. **Wreaths Across America** – build the base of KofC volunteers with local Councils and Assemblies promoting wreath purchases and wreath laying on December 19th, 2026. **NOTE! Councils and Assemblies that purchase \$500 of Wreaths under the VAWG sponsor code IN-0238 will receive a rebate of \$100 from the VAWG. See more details on back page. Wreaths are \$17 each.**
5. **DOG TAGS:** Dog tags still available in singular and bulk quantities, great way to promote our programs during your 250th Independence Day celebration.

DOOR PRIZES at Veteran Affairs display table!

STOP BY our table and get a ticket to enter the drawings for our door prizes...250th USA Anniversary flag, US 3x5 flag, Eagle Rare bourbon 10yr – 750 ml, Emil Kapaun book “No Bullett Got Me Yet”.

Don’t forget to pick up the IN-VET#1 form to bring back to your local councils and Assemblies. This form is for donations to Warriors to Lourdes and Military Chaplains fund. What better way to honor our veterans and clergy during the countries 250th Independence Day celebration, it’s an all-year event!

- See back page for Honor Flight information and the Wreaths Across America

KNIGHTS SUPPORT TO INDIANA-BASED “HONOR FLIGHTS”

HONOR FLIGHT is a nation-wide, volunteer, non-profit organization with 4 locations in Indiana (Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Evansville, Lafayette). (A roundtrip flight to Washington, DC for eligible Veterans and their “Guardian” for one very memorable day in the Nation’s Capital, visiting the major US War Memorials and the Arlington National Cemetery).

Veterans from any branch of the US armed forces who were in active service anywhere in the world during WWII, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War are eligible for an Honor Flight. Some Honor Flight organizations or hubs extend eligibility to the “Cold War” period between the Korean and Vietnam era (1955-1961). Others, to all veterans who wore the uniform.

Our VAWG “Honor Flight EXPERT” is John Higgins (patboiler@aol.com/ PH- Text: 260.409.7727). He has a strong working relationship with all of Indiana’s Honor Flight groups, and has already assisted several Councils/ Assemblies make donations, or help Knights/ family members signup for future flights. **See the 2026-27 schedule of locations and flights in separate handout provided at the Veterans Affairs Conference table. Don’t forget the VAWG \$100 rebate!**

CONTACT Brother Knight John Higgins for HF assistance or to **DONATE** today!!

New Program for 2026! – Wreaths across America (WAA).

Wreaths across America, a national nonprofit whose year-long mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom, proudly announces its theme for 2026: “REMEMBER ME”. The National date for the event this year is December 19, 2026. The VAWG working group currently has a sponsorship code IN-0238 to order wreaths, instruction sheet accompanying this Seat Sheet. The VAWG will be promoting volunteerism for this effort throughout 2026 and more information can be provided from Brother Knight **Rob Perkins – Chairperson (ph# 574-514-4090, email:robtraumatechs@gmail.com)**, or Jerry Bromley (co-chair). You can also visit the WAA website at www.wreathscrossamerica.org for more information on sponsoring a wreath individually or from your council or assembly. **Don’t forget the \$100 rebate if your Council purchases minimum of \$500 in wreaths under the VAWG sponsorship code IN-0238!**

Great reads supporting our Past Medal of Honor Chaplains:

You can now order/ enjoy “**No Bullet Got Me Yet!**” by author Michael Stansifer - that details the “relentless Faith” of Fr Emil Kapaun, US Army Military Chaplain during WW II and the Korean War. There is also a Hollywood movie/ documentary starting production this year about the nation’s most decorated Military Chaplain. The film’s screenplay was written by the same author of the book, and will be titled, “**Father Kapaun’s Valley.**” No release date has been set for the movie.

In addition, you may also want to read “**The Grunt Padre**” *Servant of God, the service and sacrifice of Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, Vietnam 1966-1967. Lastly don’t miss the book “Heroic Catholic Chaplains”, Thomas J. Craughwell.*