



Catholic War Veterans

Of The United States Of America, Inc.

Department of New York

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Department of New York November 2016 Report

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On September 17, we held our fall Department meeting at the new Department HQ in Bellerose, Queens, NY, over 30 Officers and Delegates were in attendance. Because the Dept of NY Auxiliary had disbanded, we invited the Chapter and Unit Auxiliary Officers to attend our Department meetings.

The intent to include them in our Department Meetings is to solicit their input on how we can grow both the New York State CWV and Auxiliary. We need everybody to be involved, without the Auxiliary input, and support, nothing is going to happen.

Over the last three months, our Department has continued to work with the New York City Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to assist with the burial of indigent veterans. Over the last three years we are proud to say that we have given a burial with full military honors to 55 of our fellow veterans that have fallen on hard times and had no family to turn to.

After the meeting concluded, a BBQ was held for the members who attended and chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers were served. The BBQ was enjoyed by all!

❖ **The Department of New York has participated in many religious activities:**

- Memorial Masses to honor the victims of 9/11
- Our annual Field Mass at the Pine Lawn National Cemetery
- The Annual Cardinal's Veterans Memorial Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

- ❖ The Blue Mass held in Newburgh, NY, which honors those men and women in uniform, who protect us every day - Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Active Duty and Retired Military

❖ **Patriotic activities:**

- Marched in the NYC Veterans' Day Parades

❖ **Fraternal activities:**

- Visits to Veterans Homes and Veterans Hospitals

❖ **VA activities:**

- Attended meetings with representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the New York Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.



On Wednesday November 2nd, the New York State Delegation attended a by invitation only private prerelease screening of Mel Gibson's new movie Hacksaw Ridge at the Bishop Fulton Sheen Center. The CWV was the only VSO in attendance and received a standing Ovation. We were treated to a 45 minute discussion with Mel Gibson and screen writer

Robert Schenkkan. In that discussion they gave us insight into how the movie was developed so as to keep the faith and values of Desmond Doss in the forefront of the movie. The movie opened on Friday, November 4th and it is a must see for all veterans and their families. My wife and I and several of our friends plan to go see it again upon our return from the November Board Meeting.

Finally, we continue to encourage our many Posts in New York, through their Commanders, to continue to expand their church, community, patriotic, membership, youth, fraternal, and ecumenical activities. Working as one team, the Department of New York will bond together to help all Veterans and their families.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David J. Crum". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David J. Crum
Commander
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