

Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America Inc.



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE COMMANDER'S REPORT FOR NATIONAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 16, 2017

February 28, 2017

Your Excellency Bishop Higgins, National Chaplain Msgr. Edward Coyle, National Commander Arminda C. Crawford, National Board of Officers, Department Commanders, Past National Commanders/Chaplains, and Fellow Veterans:

On January 28, 2017, the Department of New Hampshire held a Quarterly Board Meeting to elect a new State Commander. State Commander Robert Wayss who was elected last year to replace me, due to my resignation so that I could accept the National position as Officer of the Day, had previously given his resignation just before the end of 2016, due to health reasons. Unfortunately, the business of the Department was falling behind, we needed to get caught up with several issues. As the Department First Vice Commander I ran the meeting and we had much to discuss about membership, our weekly Bingo, per capita fees and the scheduling of our Seventieth Annual State Convention.

At the end of new business, I submitted my resignation as the National Officer of the Day, which I had previously sent to the National Commander with explanations of the circumstances surrounding that decision. In my heart I could not stand by as a National Officer and watch my Department fail. I was unanimously elected State Commander. I look forward to working with the Department Officers, Post Commanders, Auxiliary Presidents to move the affairs of Catholic War Veterans of New Hampshire forward.

Our 70th Annual Convention is scheduled to take place in Manchester on Saturday May 13, (correct date) with meetings, Mass and a banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Bilodeau
State Commander