



**Catholic War Veterans  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.  
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

**Spring National Board Meeting  
March 12, 2017**

**Bishop Protector Higgins, Msgr. Coyle, National Commander Crawford, National Board members, Department Commanders, and members of the Board of Directors.**

**First of all, let me apologize for not attending the March (spring) Board Meeting. My wife and I have a travel agency in south Texas and our busiest months of the year are from November thru April, due to the influx of our Winter Texans.**

**The Department of Texas continues to work hard on its number one priority which is Recruiting and Retention. Most posts from Texas are at 90% to 100% on collection of their membership dues, but some are lacking and are working hard to retain and recover those membership dues. I would like to acknowledge all Post Commanders and their 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commanders for their strong leadership, and untiring devotion to duty in recruiting 32 new members for this current year.**

**Under the Retention Program the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander for the Department and myself have been mailing out letters and calling members that have been delinquent since 2015 and trying to retain them at their post or transfer them to our Headquarters Post 6. Most members say that they cannot be active at the current time, so we advise them to transfer to our Headquarters Post 6 instead of losing their membership with the Catholic War Veterans Organization. We have managed to retain 16 members this current year.**

**Under the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's program for the Department, reports have been coming in from our post in which they continue to attend several veterans burials throughout the state, many of those taking place at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas and many more at the Rio Grande Valley State Cemetery in Mission, Texas. We also continue to assist other veterans organization when they need help, visit veterans at hospitals, nursing homes, or at their residence. November and December were busy months due to Veterans Day activities, Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

**Under Catholic Action, all posts continue to hold corporate masses. November and December we saw many posts promoting recruiting drives. Events were held during Veterans Day, in which posts participated in schools, as speakers or guest. Also, participation in parades with county and city events. Posts also assisted and promoted the word of God by assisting needy families with meals during Thanksgiving along with small bibles and rosaries. In December we displayed our post with "Keeping Christ in Christmas", along with passing out gifts and meals to needy families.**

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**I was invited and able to represent the Department of Texas along with two of our Post Commanders at their annual city parades this past two months, the Citrus Parade in Mission, Texas and the Border Fest Parade in Hidalgo, Texas. Recruiting booths were placed at both locations.**

**Yours in Christ**

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