



# Catholic War Veterans

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## Department of New York

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## *Department of New York March 2017 Report*

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On March 4, we held our fall Department meeting at the new Department HQ in Bellerose, Queens, NY, again over 30 Officers, Delegates and Auxiliary members were in attendance.

We were extremely saddened to advise those in attendance the Past National and Past Department Commander Fred Schwally was losing his battle to cancer and was given only a short time to live. After hearing this news, it was the decision of all present to dedicate this year's Department Convention to Fred. We will also be remembering Past Nation and Department Chaplain Fr. Anthony Dell'Anno at this year's convention.

Our Department continues 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 56 of our fellow veterans that have fallen on hard times and had no family to turn to.

On January 21, 2017, a Memorial Mass was held at the St Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church in Bronx, NY in memory of all the indigent veterans we had buried over the last three years. Past Department Commander James Mullarkey organized and coordinated this Mass with the Pastor of St Bartholomew and the Mass was well attended. Unfortunately Jim became ill before the Mass started and had to be taken to the VA Hospital. Commander Dave Crum had to step in for Jim at the Mass. The good news is Jim has had a full recovery and was at the Department Meeting and will be in attendance for the St Patrick's Day Parade.

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.

We wish to thank Director Mike Kasinskas and his crew from the Department of Connecticut for moving the CWV Store inventory to the Queens Chapter Building. We are happy to inform you that as of last Monday, the store is now fully functional and most of the orders except for Garrison Caps that require embroidery, have been shipped. The Garrisons caps that we have orders for were delivered to the embroider and should be shipped by the end of next week. We encourage our members to place their orders through the store's website [www.cwv-store.org](http://www.cwv-store.org) it is the easiest and fastest way for them to place their orders.

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,



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