



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

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FORMING A NEW POST

Thank you for your interest in forming a new Post of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc! Your commitment to our motto - “For God, For Country and For Home” is obviously strong and evidenced by your request for this Post Charter Application.

While the procedures and process for chartering a new Post below are not difficult, it may take a while to obtain the necessary number of applicants to submit the application – **do not get discouraged!** If you need help or suggestions, please contact our National Headquarters (phone number above) and we will have a local Echelon – Post, County Chapter or State Department – contact you to assist as you may need.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

A person who is both an American citizen and a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America as herein defined is eligible for membership in the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc. An applicant shall be a member of the Catholic Church as defined in Section 2 of the CWV Constitution; enlisted, drafted, inducted, or commissioned into any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including its Reserve and National Guard components, and the U.S. Merchant Marines, provided that such applicant who has served in the U.S. Merchant Marines served at least ninety (90) days between December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 including service in the U.S. Army Transport Service or the Naval Transport Service; and who has served at least ninety (90) days on active duty and who now has a discharge under Honorable conditions or is eligible therefor. An individual who has served less than ninety (90) days but was discharged because of a disability incurred during the line of duty is eligible. A person who is on Active Duty and assigned to any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including its Reserve and National Guard components, shall be admitted to membership.

PROCEDURE TO FORM A POST:

1. A Post may be formed upon application of at least fifteen eligible veterans, which application shall be made to the National Department. The application shall set forth the proposed Post name, provided that a Post not be named after any living person; the names and addresses of the eligible applicants and temporary Officers.
2. Prospective members are requested to fill out a Membership Application and to attend an organizational meeting for the purpose of filing a Post Charter Application. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RETAINED BY THE POST AS A PERMANENT RECORD.
3. If a Post is formed in a local parish, consult your Pastor and request his support and approval. Invite him to consent to act as Chaplain of the proposed Post or to designate one an assistant to fill that position. Your application for a Charter should be signed by a Catholic priest serving as Chaplain.

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4. When the Post Charter Application is ready to be submitted, bearing the names of at least fifteen (15) members and the proposed name of the Post, it is forwarded to the local county Chapter for approval. If no Chapter exists, it will be forwarded to the State Department. If no Department exists, forward it to the National Headquarters. The completed Post Charter Application will be forwarded to the National Department to include Per Capita Transmittal forms, Per Capita fees and a \$20.00 Charter processing fee.
5. The maximum amount a Post may establish for a membership fee (dues) is \$50.00 per annum, out of which a Per Capita fee must be paid to all higher Echelons – National, Department and Chapter (if applicable). The Charter Application will also include a Membership Per Capita Transmittal (included in this packet) both of which should be filled out entirely and properly, and must be accompanied by the annual Per Capita fees.
6. When approval of your application is granted, the Acting Commander or Adjutant will be notified. The Post will then elect permanent Officers for the formal induction of the new members and Installation of the Post at a public meeting. Excellent results are achieved if some time and thought are given to the preparation of such ceremonies. Where possible, National Department, State Department and County Chapter Officers, as well as other experienced Catholic War Veterans, will attend this ceremony and conduct the Ritual of Induction of Members and Installation of Officers.
7. If, during any phase of this procedure, should you have questions or experience problems, contact National Headquarter or your local Echelon for assistance.

We wish you the best of luck in forming a new Post of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc. We have a long and proud tradition of serving our veteran population and the Catholic Church, and we welcome your Post and members to our ranks!

“It’s not the price you pay to join...

...it’s the price you paid to be eligible”