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3rd Vice Commander's Program

TO: Commanders and Third Vice Commanders, ALL Echelons

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SUBJECT: **2020 - 2021 NATIONAL THIRD VICE COMMANDERS PROGRAM**
(Section 5 on the Report Form)

The 3rd Vice Commander is responsible for organizing and planning child welfare and youth activities. He or she should also plan, formulate and execute athletic programs for their post. We can assist today's youth by helping them cope with their uncertainties of an ever-changing society. We can also help them channel their energies into constructive pursuits and away from the many temptations and negative distractions in their environments. We must encourage them and remind them of every opportunity to display patriotism and honor service to our country.

In the past, Post, Chapters, and Department have conducted their own independent contests throughout the year. We encourage you to continue sponsoring such contests. Our goal is to keep young minds busy. A busy mind may be the link that will have them "SAY NO" to drugs, discourage thoughts of suicide and to keep them law-abiding citizens.

3rd Vice Commander's Contests

- Grades 3-5** Veterans Day Patriotic Poster Contest
- Grades 3-5** Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Grades K-2** Valentine's Day Coloring Book Contest
- Grades 6-8** Easter Poster Contest
- Grades 6-8** *What does the Pledge of Allegiance mean to me* Essay Contest
- Grade 12** Thomas J. Cuite Scholarship

Activities should be coordinated with the Auxiliary Third Vice Presidents to maximize results and to involve as many people as possible. Specific rules, regulations, and cut-off dates for entries to be submitted to the National 3rd Vice Commanders activities are attached. Please read the instructions carefully.

Ensure that you set your Post deadline dates early enough to allow for judging at the Post and at all higher Echelons so that they will arrive at National before the published deadline date. Late entries will not be considered for prizes.

Post winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd places) for each contest should be forwarded to the next higher Echelon (Chapter or Department) for judging at that level.

Chapter winners should be forwarded to the Department for judging.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In a change from previous years, all Department winners, and winners from Posts not under Dept jurisdiction, should be forwarded to the National HQ at the address below:

Catholic War Veterans, USA
ATTN: 3VC Contest Judging
237-20 92nd Rd.
Bellerose, NY 11426

REPORTS

Posts are responsible for submitting two (2) Semi-Annual Post Activities reports. Third Vice Commanders should assist in filling out the 3rd Vice Commander Programs portion of the Report Form. Posts wishing to augment their reports with additional detail may do so, e.g. description of each Youth Activity that your Post sponsored.

The Semi-Annual Report Form can be filled out online through your Post database.

A printed hard copy of these Reports should be sent **directly to EVERY higher echelon** - one copy each to Chapter, one to Department and one to National for each Reporting Period. Reports can be sent as an e-mail attachment. Please time your reports to arrive at each higher Echelon as follows:

First Report (covers July 1 - December 31)

Post Report to all applicable upper Echelons (Chapter, Dept and National)

DUE NO LATER than January 20

Second Report (Covers January 1- June 30)

Post Report to all applicable upper Echelons (Chapter, Dept and National)

DUE NO LATER than July 20

Department and Chapter 3rd Vice Commanders should also forward a copy of the Annual 3VC Report rendered to delegates at their Convention, immediately thereafter, to the National 3rd Vice Commander.

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Let me hear from all of you! Effective communication is a two-way process and is vital to the ongoing improvement of the National Third Vice Program. Let me know how you are doing and inform me of any issues or concerns you might incur.

Bulletins prepared by Department 3rd Vice Commanders: It is requested that a copy of all bulletins prepared and disseminated to respective Posts under the office of Department 3rd Vice Commanders be sent to National Headquarters, ATTN: National 3rd Vice Commander. We welcome personal commentary and constructive evaluation of every echelon 3rd Vice Commander. Some phases of this program have been tried and tested over the years. Other areas are new. We are always looking for new innovations. We are soliciting your assistance in this regard. We want your positive input and constructive criticism.

This program requires a considerable amount of time and effort. The following are a few suggestions:

1. Please read the requirements for each activity/contest.
2. Please make note of the cutoff-due date for each activity.
3. Document everything you do, as it relates to your programs.
4. Please use the required documents contained in this package, for each activity/contest.
5. Check the National Web site and take advantage of forms provided.
6. When possible, submit forms via chain of command by e-mail.
7. Finally, transfer all documented youth activity/contest to the Semi-Annual Post Activity Report Form and mail to the National HQ at the address listed above.