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June 21, 1983

It is a genuine pleasure to send my warm greetings to those gathered for the Forty-eighth Annual Convention of the Catholic War Veterans.

This event provides a welcome opportunity for me to express my continuing high regard for the work of your organization. All Americans deeply appreciate the dedication, courage, and sacrifice of Catholic veterans in maintaining our country's freedom and independence. Your combination of spiritual commitment and devotion to duty serves as an inspiring display of the finest American values.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive convention.

**RONALD REAGAN**

SENT TO:

SPECIAL DELIVERY

*(w/photo)*

Mr. Edward R. Ross  
CWV Convention Chairman  
4818 North Mascher Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19120

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cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell/CF

DUE: ASAP (printing)

EVENT: AUG. 1

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**Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary**

**District of Columbia Department**



5900 Carlton Lane  
Bethesda, Md. 20816  
May 18, 1982

Mr. Merton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the  
President for Religious  
Organizations  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Regarding the amendment on prayers, thank you very much. However, you have overlooked the first part of the first amendment neutrality -- christian neutrality -- as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court --

"No favor or disfavor of any specific church or religion and no secularism or secular passivity -- no oppression, offense, handicap, hostility, jeopardy to traditional biblical christian ethics which guide law jurisprudence and all public administration considering that the national moral crisis has caused the national economic crisis, "

These words of the Supreme Court should not be omitted since they protect against the ACLU and all other attacks.

Very sincerely

*Adelaide V. Kowansky*  
(Mrs. Adelaide V. Kowansky)  
Past Department President

CC: Mr. Fred Fielding  
White House Counsel's Office

Senator J. Denton

June 15, 1982

I am delighted to send warmest greetings to all those gathered for the 47th Annual National Convention of the Catholic War Veterans. *file*

This event provides me with a special opportunity to express my continuing high regard for the dedicated service you have rendered to our nation. Your spiritual faith and devotion to fundamental American principles enhance the great strength of character and purpose that distinguish your activities in communities throughout our land. In helping to preserve our nation's freedom and independence, you have demonstrated courage and made sacrifices, reflecting the best in America's patriotic spirit. By helping answer challenges to our country's security, you have earned the eternal gratitude of a free people.

You have my every wish for a pleasant and productive convention.

**RONALD REAGAN**

SENT SPECIAL DELIVERY TO: Mr. William J. Gill  
Chairman  
CWV Journal Committee  
21725 Hilliard Boulevard  
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Enclosure: 8 x 10 glossy photo

RR:Wells:--

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell/CF

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EVENT: Bal Harbour, Fla, August 1-14

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# Catholic War Veterans

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Father Henry B. Strickland Post No. 1193

720 Locust Street

Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042

8 March 1981

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC. 20005

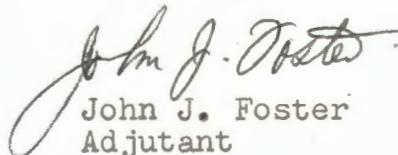
Dear Mr. President:

I have been requested by the members of our post to solicit your support to declare April 26th as a National Day of Recognition for Veterans of the Vietnam Era.

We are aware that there is a remembrance day for all former war veterans except those of the Vietnam Era and we think there should be one for our Vietnam heroes, as well.

Your support of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
John J. Foster  
Adjutant

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