

The Greater Columbus Chapter of

## **Knights of Columbus**

July 2010

Dear Worthy Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators and Diocesan Personnel:

The purpose of this letter is to inform all Councils and Assemblies of the Diocese about the Veterans' Program and what is new and where stepping forward to serve those who have served Our Country by Voluntary Service is rewarding. We are asking for a seventy-five dollar donation from each council so that we can again supply and fulfill needs in the Veteran community.

Twenty-five dollars of each Program Donation will be put to special usage in the Visual Impaired program run in conjunction with the VA Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center, to transport a Veteran now and then to a job while waiting for arrangements to be finalized on COTA Mainstream bussing for handicapped. Dollars could also be put to work in most any situation that establishes a better independent life for the impaired Vet. This is getting off the ground, and volunteers to assist from our ranks can be on call-up reserve.

What's also new is arranging to have the Wish Lists of the Centers on the web at [kofccolumbus.org/vavs/](http://kofccolumbus.org/vavs/) so that Councils can even work with their Assembly to pool resources to fulfill numerous small and a fewer large item wants of the Hospitals'. What is also new is the Columbus Area Wylie Center Help Needed List of Volunteering.

Our Program includes the holiday party. We provide a lunch, host a Bingo Game with prizes that have been donated. Vets can also choose from many gifts also donated by generous Councils. These gifts include clothes, stamps, stationery, toiletries, phone cards, sugar-free candy, microwave popcorn, towels, pens, playing cards, and craft kits.

At the end of our fraternal year during the first Saturday in June, a festival is held with foods, games, and prizes for the Vets to enjoy at Chillicothe. Knights and their families have fun time escorting by wheelchair or walking with Vets at the festival.

Once a month in an assigned ward, at the common rec area or in their rooms, various snacks are served to patients and visited by the Chair or Deputy Chairs and occasional volunteers. Also stuffed animals are passed out at Christmas Eve to the Hospice Patients by the Veterans Chairs and wives. Also in August a sternwheeler river ride is orchestrated by the Zanesville KofC who also have a car show to benefit Veterans on a separate date.

In conclusion; if you would need or like us to come and speak to your Council about Serving Those Who Served or Volunteering your Council members to assist Chalmers P. Wylie Center or Veterans Medical Center Chillicothe through your Knights of Columbus Veterans Representatives as volunteer workers with a free lunch provided for even part-time hours, we could schedule a time with you. Thank you for your all your support, and donations. May God Bless you for taking up a worthy cause in your Veterans' Program of the K of C Columbus Ohio Diocese.

For any monetary donations, send a check made out to: Greater Columbus Chapter K of C.  
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