



A FITTING 'MEMORIAL'



Grand Knight John Lazar and Deputy Grand Knight Paul Coppola of Our Lady of the Rosary Council 4428 in Deer Park, N.Y., bow after laying a wreath at the local veterans memorial. On Memorial Day, Knights and other civic organizations laid flowers at the veterans, MIA and fire department memorials.

The Knights of Columbus counts patriotism among its four principles. It is no surprise, then, that Knights were out in force this past Memorial Day. Communities across the United States saw Knights participating in Masses and other activities. Assemblies from **Sanford, Maine**, to **Fort Worth, Texas** made a showing at local parades.

Other councils, assemblies and Squires circles held special ceremonies to honor veterans or those currently serving in the armed forces. **Father Robert Kennedy Council 9458 in Milledgeville, Ga.**, hosted a service at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery; **St. John Francis Regis Council 7914 in Hollywood, Md.**, held a ceremony that included an outdoor living rosary and Mass; and members of **Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 9968 in Lexington Park, Md.**, placed U.S. flags on the graves of all veterans buried at their parish cemetery.

As frequent readers of this newsletter already know, patriotism is never in short supply at the Knights of Columbus. On a special occasion like Memorial Day, more K of C units than we could possibly list here paid their respects to veterans in ways as diverse as the people who make up our Order.

-Patrick Scalisi

From Sand to School

Father Howard J. Lesch Assembly in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., awarded its annual Wounded Warrior Scholarship to Second Lt. Shannon R. Kay, who received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Silver Star for heroism in combat. The assembly annually awards a scholarship to a wounded soldier or their family.

Veterans Dinner

Father John P. Washington Assembly in Yorktown, Va., transported veterans from the Hampton VA Medical Center to a spaghetti dinner at Saint Joan of Arc

Church. Past State Deputy James P. McCusker (2000-01), who presently serves as the Virginia Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) district chairman, delivered the event's keynote address.

Military Families Night

Holy Name of Jesus Council 11886 in Kingston Mills, Ont., and the Catholic Women's League co-hosted a dinner for the families of deployed military personnel. Twenty-three family members, including the spouses and children of active servicemen and women, enjoyed an evening of food and relaxation.



Members of Father Michael J. Bader Assembly in Newport News, Va., stand with representatives from the U.S. Navy during a memorial service for the USS *Scorpion*. Knights provided an honor guard for the event, which honored the 99 *Scorpion* crewmen who died when the submarine sank in 1968.



Supreme Director Dennis J. Stoddard (second from right) presents Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Chair Deborah Gopttardi with some of the items Knights collected for veterans at the James A. Haley Medical Center in Tampa, Fla. St. Ignatius Council 7621 in Tarpon Springs and Father Edward Joseph Farrell Assembly in Holiday spearheaded a collection of personal care items, books and clothing. Also pictured (from left): Tom McCone, State Master Gary McLane and Dick Anci.

AWARD WINNING!

Grand Knight Roger Avery of **Twenty-Six Martyrs Council 12970 at the Atsugi Naval Air Facility in Japan** received a Zenkokai Award from the Good Conduct Association of Japan. Every year, the association honors foreigners who have contributed to the betterment of life in Japan. In addition, Council 12970 also received a Zenkokai Award for its donations of food and clothing to the homeless of Tokyo and Yokohama since 2003.

Joseph S. DiNoto of **Good Shepherd Council 8857 in Hope Mills, N.C.**, received the Kenneth C. Raymer Memorial Award from the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC). DiNoto, who serves as USASOC's chief of foreign disclosure and technology protection, was honored for his "knowledge, proficiency and sense of duty required of intelligence and security professionals." DiNoto previously worked for the NYPD and joined USASOC following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

PATRIOTIC SIGHTS

Knights make a showing on Flag Day



Paula Devereaux, Samantha O'Leary and Kathryn O'Leary display some of the religious articles they collected for U.S. and Canadian troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. When Grand Knight John O'Leary of Cabot Council 6001 in Avondale, Nfld., received a request for religious articles for the troops, the three girls jumped into action. Council 6001 supplied rosaries for the cause and helped the girls collect 13 bags of religious articles. Also pictured are (from left): Genevieve Smith, Father Deodoro Cago, who blessed the items, Billie Smith, and Grand Knight O'Leary.



John Pisula (right), Knights of Columbus Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) coordinator for Broward County, Fla., stands with Kim Ramos and students from St. Bonaventure School following their "Hats for Heroes" drive. Knights and students collected more than 200 hats for veterans throughout Fort Lauderdale.



Indiana State Warden Phil Phipps presents Delores Maude with a photo of the K of C banner of Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Council 10292 in Mannheim-Heidelberg, Germany. Council 10292 is named for Delores' son, who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.



[Clockwise from top] Gerald Worklewski and Russell Kreinbring of **Father Solanus Assembly** in **Roseville, Mich.**, accept a folded U.S. flag from an unnamed member of the Roseville Police Department during a flag retirement ceremony hosted by the assembly. Knights, veterans, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts burned worn out flags in front of more than 100 attendees. • Brandon Enriquez of Cub Scout Pack 120 deposits a U.S. flag on the pyre while an honor guard from **Msgr. Peter B' O'Connor Assembly** in **North Arlington, N.J.**, looks on. **Queen of Peace Council 3428** sponsored the flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day June 14, which was also attended by Councilman James Ferriero and members of the North Arlington Fire Department. • Members of Cub Scout packs 301 and 384 fold a U.S. flag during a Flag Day retirement ceremony hosted by **Oswego (Ill.) Council 7247** and **Marquette Assembly** in **Aurora**. With help from the Knights, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts retired more than 100 flags.

Prayerful Place

After the Vancouver (Wash.) VA Medical Center dedicated an empty room at its facility for the construction of a hospital chapel, several civic groups from the area, including Knights from Washington District 11, began raising funds to get the project underway. Knights contributed \$5,000 toward construction costs and the installation of stained-glass windows. The chapel, which serves all faiths, was dedicated by Ret. Col. Edward Leonard of the U.S. Air Force.

Blue Mass

St. Luke Council 9973 in Slidell, La., held its annual Blue Mass and corporate Communion. Knights and their families

honored police, firefighters and other first responders who work in and around Slidell.

Military Shipment

Members of Ascension Council 7991 in Parksville-Qualicum, B.C., and parishioners at Church of the Ascension prepared care packages for Canadian soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Joining the Corps

Georgia Knights provided an honor guard at a farewell Mass for Father Kevin Peek, who joined the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. At Mass, Father Peek was commissioned by his brother, Father Joseph Peek, who serves in the U.S. Navy.