

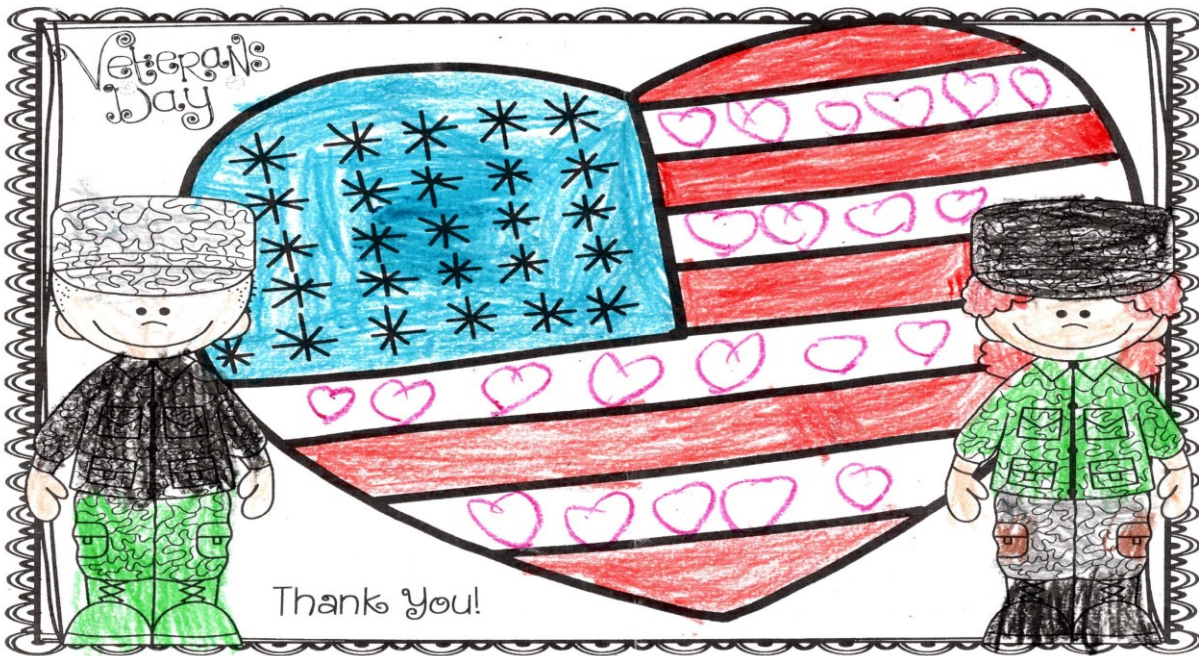


Bishop McDevitt 4th Degree Assembly #920
Highlights of Veterans Recognition Program
November 10, 2023
Wonderful Mass Celebrated by Father Sahd!

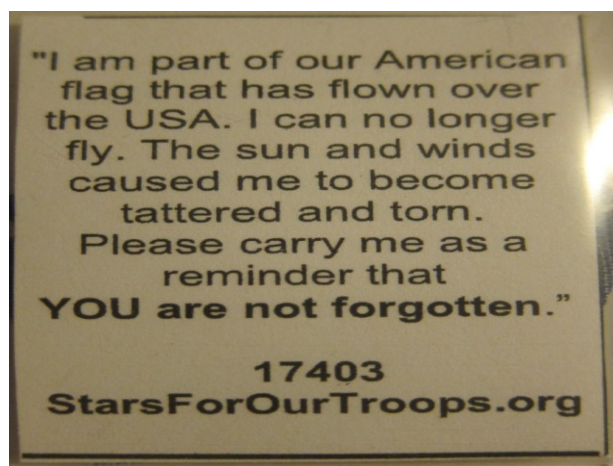


Marines 248th Birthday!
Group sang Happy Birthday-Marine veteran blew out candles
John J. Vaughn, 3rd Marine Division. First to land in Vietnam.
“We could not fire back until they fired first.”

All veterans presented with Aria's framed picture.
A student at St. Joseph School East York



Sandra Brown, President of the St. Rose of Lima Columbiettes #10870, presented a star from a flag taken out of service and a printed message to each veteran. Program called: StarsForOurTroops.org





Sandra Brown-President of Columbiettes, with our granddaughter Cassandra Di Benedetto, and our daughter Tiffany Di Benedetto. Second picture, Cassandra Di Benedetto, Tiffany Di Benedetto and our son-in-law, Giuseppe Di Benedetto. Our thanks to Sandra, Cassandra, Tiffany and Giuseppe for helping to pass out gifts to the veterans. Thank you Giuseppe for your technical expertise with the PowerPoint presentation. Thank you, Sir Knight Mel McConnell, FDD, for your tireless support in putting this program together.



“Where did this food come from???”
Fantastic meal from Touch of Italy!
<https://www.touchofitalypizza.com/>

A great deal of camaraderie took place!
Thank you card from K of C, made by Columbiettes Past
President, Kathy Arnold.

Veterans Recognition Program

Opening-History of the Knights of Columbus-Many of the founding members in 1882 were Civil War veterans.

-Story of Lee Greenwood-2001 Yankee Stadium-Game 4 of World Series. Sang his almost unheard-of song, **God Bless the USA**. Became our back up national anthem, almost immediately. Certainly, helped the nation to heal or recover from 9/11/2001, by being played in stadiums throughout America. Still part of most NFL pregame activity today. The American flag and the flags/colors from all military services are presented. All attendees stand when this powerful/emotional song is played.

God Bless the USA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvPgYLhOq24>

-Star-Spangled Banner-As you have never heard it. The story of how the Star-Spangled Banner came to be written by Francis Scott Key.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaxGNQE5ZLA&t=107s>

-Closing-In Color-Story of a WWII veterans life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYGwxf1gCC4>

Our Thanks and Prayers!

Father, thank you for allowing us to bring together our veterans, their families and friends. Assist us in honoring our veterans and their families. Let them know we appreciate their service and all of the sacrifices they have made to serve our country. Help us to remember those that gave their lives for our freedom and those that must endure the injuries of war every day. Please keep them safe as we depart tonight and please hold them in the palm of your hand.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Vivat Jesus!

Kelly Brown, PGK, PFN