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All Are Invited to Attend

FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE



**FEBRUARY 11, 2018
NOON MASS
ST. BONIFACE CHURCH
1750 CHASE AVE. NORTHSIDE**

Color Bearers must be in the school cafeteria by 11:30 A.M.

**A reception will follow the service at
Pvt. Charles R. Gailey VFW Post 7340
8326 Brownsway Ln.
North College Hill, Ohio**

Sponsored by 40&8 Voiture 29, AMVETS Post 1988, Gailey VFW Post 7340, VFW Post 10380, Halker-Flege AL Post 69, Catholic War Veterans #1492, Schwab Bailey AL Post 425, Mt Washington AL Post 484, American Legion County Council, DAV Chapter One, Jennings Bryan Yeager AL Post 199 and Chambers-Hautman-Budde AL Post 534.

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La Societe

Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Hamilton County Voiture 29

December 15, 2017

The officers and members of Hamilton County Forty and Eight Voiture #29, AMVETS Post 1988, Gailey VFW Post 7340, Halker-Flege AL Post 69, Catholic War Veterans #1492, Schwab Bailey AL Post 425, Mt Washington AL Post 484, American Legion County Council, DAV Chapter One, VFW Post 10380, Jennings Bryan Yeager AL Post 199 and Chambers-Hautman-Budde AL Post 534 invite you and your members and friends to join us in the observance of the "Four Chaplains Memorial Service" that will be held at St. Boniface Church, Sunday February 11, 2018 at 12 noon. The church is located at Chase & Pitts Avenues, in Northside, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We ask that you bring your colors and the bearers report at the school building, which is directly to the rear of the church, no later than 11:30 A.M., in order that they may participate in the march to church.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the service at Gailey VFW Post 7340. The post is located in North College Hill on Brownsway Ln. We hope that you will be with us for the 42nd annual tribute to the "Heroic Four Chaplains of World War II."

Fraternally Yours,

Robert Schinaman, Chairman

FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2018

The annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service will be held at St. Boniface Church, 1750 Chase St., in Northside, on Sunday, February 11, 2018. All veterans' and military organizations and their auxiliaries are invited to participate by having their unit colors (no rifles) in the school cafeteria by 11:30 AM, for the procession to church. Mass will begin at Noon and will conclude by 1:00 PM. Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria beginning at 10:30 AM for those who arrive early.

It has become apparent that organizations are having difficulty finding members who are willing and able to stand with their colors during the Service. I am currently contacting area Junior ROTC units and the Young Marines asking them to participate with their colors and also to help out in this area. I am sure we will be able to find someone to carry your unit's flags if you bring them to the cafeteria before Mass.

Immediately following the service, a reception will be held at Gailey VFW Post located at 8326 Brownsway Ln. in North College Hill. Food and drinks will be served.

This service has been held at St. Boniface for more than 40 years and has evolved into a tradition for the Tri-state veterans' community. Originally a project of 40&8 Voiture 29; it is now co-sponsored by AMVETS Post 1988, Gailey VFW Post 7340, VFW Post 10380, Halker-Flege AL Post 69, Catholic War Veterans #1492, Schwab Bailey AL Post 425, Mt Washington AL Post 484, American Legion County Council, DAV Chapter One, Jennings Bryan Yeager AL Post 199 and Chambers-Hautman-Budde AL Post 534.

We hope that your organization will participate this year. **We also ask your assistance in publicizing this event by posting the enclosed flyer in a conspicuous place and by including this information in your organization's newsletter.** For additional information or if you would like someone to carry your unit's colors, call Bob Schinaman at 257-5703 (bobschinaman@gmailcom).

Thank you for your assistance. We are sure your members will enjoy participating.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 9, 2018

President Donald J. Trump signs Executive Order to Improve Mental Health Resources for Veterans Transitioning from Active Duty to Civilian Life

The Secretaries of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security will develop a plan to ensure Veterans' mental health care for the year after separating from service

WASHINGTON – Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order titled, "Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life." This Executive Order directs the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security to develop a plan to ensure that all new Veterans receive mental health care for at least one year following their separation from service.

The three departments will work together and develop a Joint Action Plan to ensure that the 60 percent of new Veterans who currently do not qualify for enrollment in healthcare — primarily due to lack of verified service connection related to the medical issue at hand — will receive treatment and access to services for mental health care for one year following their separation from service.

"As service members transition to Veteran status, they face higher risk of suicide and mental health difficulties," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David J. Shulkin. "During this critical phase, many transitioning service members may not qualify for enrollment in health care. The focus of this Executive Order is to coordinate Federal assets to close that gap."

The Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security will work to expand mental health programs and other resources to new Veterans to the year following departure from uniformed service, including eliminating prior time limits and:

- Expanding peer community outreach and group sessions in the VA Whole Health initiative from 18 Whole Health Flagship facilities to all facilities. Whole Health includes wellness and establishing individual health goals.
- Extending the Department of Defense's "Be There Peer Support Call and Outreach Center" services to provide peer support for Veterans in the year following separation from the uniformed service.

- Expanding the Department of Defense's Military One Source (MOS), which offers resources to active duty members, to include services to separating service members to one year beyond service separation.

"We look forward to continuing our partnership with the VA to ensure Veterans who have served our country continue to receive the important mental health care and services they need and deserve," said Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis.

"The Department of Homeland Security is where many Veterans find a second opportunity to serve their country — nearly 28 percent of our workforce has served in the armed forces, in addition to the 49,000 active-duty members of the United States Coast Guard," said Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen.

"This critically important Executive Order will provide our service members with the support they need as they transition to civilian life. These dedicated men and women have put their lives on the line to protect our nation and our American way of life, and we owe them a debt we can never repay. We look forward to working with the VA and DOD to implement the president's EO," said Secretary Nielsen.

"In signing this Executive Order, President Trump has provided clear guidance to further ensure our Veterans and their families know that we are focusing on ways to improve their ability to move forward and achieve their goals in life after service," said Secretary Shulkin.

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VA Seeks Public Comment on Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is seeking public comments on how it can further strengthen and improve caregiver support through the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC).

Through a Federal Register notice, VA announced a 30-day comment period to hear from stakeholders on whether and how PCAFC should be refined to support Veterans and their family caregivers.

"With this opportunity, VA is following through on our promise to provide better service and improve consistency for the program," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We've heard participants' concerns and encourage them to share their personal experiences and perspectives to help us make changes."

VA will use feedback, requested through responses to questions, to guide any future regulatory modifications to support family caregivers of Veterans most in need, while also improving the program under the current law.

Through PCAFC, VA provides support for certain family caregivers of eligible Veterans seriously injured in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, including a monthly stipend, access to health-care for eligible caregivers, counseling, training and respite care.

For information about how to submit comments, visit the Federal Register notice.

More information about the VA Caregiver Support Program is available at www.caregiver.va.gov.

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Statement by VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin - Permanent Community Care Legislation

President Donald J. Trump is working to ensure his Administration fulfills its commitment to America's veterans so they receive the care they deserve. Under the President's leadership, we have enacted major reform bills including Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, the Forever GI Bill, and Appeals Modernization, among others.

I am pleased that Congress is working on the last piece of business this year in considering proposals for permanent authorization of community care for Veterans. As we have made clear for many months, Congress needs to pass a bill this year to help our Veterans get the care they need and have earned through their service and sacrifice to our country.

We are pleased to see key provisions of the Administration's CARE proposal to expand Veterans' choice in their care — and improve VA's ability to deliver that care — included in multiple bills under consideration by Congress. We appreciate the Senate's recent progress under Senator Johnny Isakson's leadership in reporting a bill out of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the introduction of an additional CARE proposal by Sens. John McCain and Jerry Moran, and we look forward to working with Chairman Phil Roe in the House to help advance and improve their efforts.

While a limited number of legislative days remain on the calendar, we are hopeful that both the Senate and House can reach agreement on a bill before the end of the session. To ensure our Veterans receive uninterrupted care, we are open to a short term, very limited extension of funding for the existing program to allow sufficient time for a final agreement to come together.

One way or another, I remain confident that Veterans will soon see bipartisan legislation that will greatly improve their care by providing them with better choice in selecting their best possible healthcare options.