

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION
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Veterans Assistance Committee

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Dear Philoptochos Sisters of the National Board,

Our Veterans Assistance Committee, with the approval of our President, Debbie George, has proposed a plan for our chapters to honor our parish veterans on Sunday, November 9, 2025. We have numerous ideas on how to honor our veterans, including:

- Memorial service for those veterans who have passed away
- Calling up veterans, by name, for a special prayer by the priest, after liturgy
- Reserved seating in the front pews for veterans
- Listing veterans by name, their branch of service and years served, in the bulletin
- Gathering photos of parish veterans for display during coffee hour
- Donating money collected from the coffee hour or luncheon to Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Adopting a Veteran as a chapter project
- Collecting items for donation to a local veteran group

A letter to the Philoptochos Chapter Presidents in early September will encourage each chapter to formulate their own plan on the best way to honor their veterans. The letter will coincide with the start of the fiscal year, so that chapters can plan on how they want to pay tribute to those who served within their parish.

Because the Veteran's Administration cannot utilize the standard avenue of receiving funds through our National Philoptochos grant process, we thought honoring veterans on a parish level would be a meaningful way to thank those individuals for their devoted service.

I would like to extend my thanks to my committee for their valuable suggestions and contributions.
We look forward to honoring our veterans on Sunday, November 9, 2025.

In His Service,

Diana Jianas, Chair
Veterans Assistance Committee