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The Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA are honored to be able to support — and accompany — soldiers and veterans who come to Lourdes to pray for peace and healing with those in uniform from around the world. Help our warriors experience the spiritual journey of a lifetime by donating to the 2026 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. For each \$3,000 donated, a pilgrim can be sent to Lourdes. For more information or to make an online donation, visit WarriorstoLourdes.com.

Donations to the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund are restricted. All funds donated to the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be used to defray costs for military personnel and their designated caregivers (if applicable).

To make a donation, scan the QR code below on your mobile device or make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.** Please include "Warriors to **Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**" on the memo line of your check and mail it to:

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# A Pilgrimage for Military Personnel

Lourdes, France | 19-25 May, 2026



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### A Pilgrimage like no other

The 2026 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage is sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) and the Knights of Columbus (K of C). It takes place 19-25 May, 2026 in conjunction with the 66th annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) in Lourdes, France.

The Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage allows non-wounded, wounded (physical, mental and/or moral injuries), ill or injured U.S. military personnel to travel from the United States and Europe to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. There, they will participate in PMI events, which include an international opening ceremony, special Masses, visits to the famous healing baths at Lourdes, a Unified Sports Challenge and a candlelight vigil that draws tens of thousands annually.



#### **About Lourdes**

Lourdes is one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage destinations in the world. It was the setting for a series of 19th-century apparitions, during which the Virgin Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. During the past 168 years, millions of pilgrims have flocked to the site, with the hope of receiving a special healing and a deepening of faith.

## **About the International Military Pilgrimage**

The International Military Pilgrimage was established in 1946 to promote reconciliation and peace after World War II. Ever since, for one weekend in May, Lourdes has become a place of prayer and healing for over 17,000 active-duty military and veterans representing more than 45 nations.



## Applying for the 2026 pilgrimage

To apply to attend the 2026 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage visit **WarriorstoLourdes.com.** Application submission period: **15 September 2025 – 15 January 2026.** 

## **Eligibility**

Applicants should be spiritually motivated to participate as a pilgrim, and they must be active-duty, recently retired or separated U.S. military personnel (post-9/11 era). Warrior companions, pre-9/11 veterans and non military-affiliated volunteers are also eligible to apply. Wounded, ill or injured warriors must be able to fully perform activities of daily living either alone or with the assistance of a VA-approved designated caregiver. Applicants and their clinical providers should not anticipate that professional medical or nursing services, including hospitalization, will be delivered during the pilgrimage.

#### Cost

All expenses for approved non-wounded, wounded, ill or injured military personnel, as well as designated caregivers, will be covered by Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

The AMS-K of C package rate for companions and volunteers traveling from the United States to Lourdes is \$3,000 for a double occupancy room and \$3,300 for a single occupancy room.

The AMS-K of C package rate for companions and volunteers traveling by bus from Kaiserslautern, Germany is \$900 for a double occupancy room and \$1,200 for a single occupancy room.

All packages include a K of C-arranged round-trip flight or overnight bus transportation as well as meals, accommodations and PMI credentials.

Please visit WarriorstoLourdes.com for a complete list of rates including child companion and independent traveler rates, as well as information on financial aid requests.

#### Contact us

Have questions? Email lourdes@kofc.org or call 203-800-4857, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday.

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