



Catholic War Veterans of the USA  
Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post  
*To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen*

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

**MEETING NOTICE**  
**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY**  
**May 2, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**  
**At Our Lady of Mercy Country**  
**Home**  
**2115 Maturana Dr.**  
**Liberty MO 64068**

**Farewell Father Richard**



After Mass on Sunday, April 8, residents of Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, our post, represented by Ann Roberts and myself, members of St. James Parish and

I trust all of you had a wonderful Easter Sunday and are enjoying this year's Easter Season. Now it is back to work.

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friends of Father Richard, we on hand to wish Fr. Richard well as he begins his retirement back in Ohio.

Father Richard has been our post's charter Chaplain and has provide spiritual guidance, wisdom and suggestions since our post's formation. Thank You, Fr. Richard for all you have done for us.

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**Veteran Retreat**

The Retreat originally scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to lack of interested participants. We discussed a future date and decided on August 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be a one day event and will include Lunch and Dinner. I have included a flyer with this newsletter.

I believe it could be a very meaningful day for all and should be well worth your time. Please make plans to attend.

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**SICK CALL**



John Partin, and Bud McCay,

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**Coming Up**

Here are the activities, so far, for the up coming year.

- Vet Salute/Fair – April 28<sup>th</sup> at St. James Parish**
- Easter Poster Contest – April**
- Wreath Laying Ceremony – Memorial Day**
- Fr. Capodanno Memorial Mass – September**
- Veteran Stand Down – this spring.**

**ALL HANDS! All members--YOU :) are NEEDED and invited to participate and help your post in the Veterans Salute-Fair this April 28th at 8-8:30 to help set up, etc. Fair-Salute starts 9:30am. WE NEED YOU! Thanks. address: 309 S Stewart Road, Liberty, MO St. James Parish-Social Hall.**

**As the dates become available I will let everyone know.**

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**Prayer to Obtain a Favor(s) Through the intercession of Father Vincent Capodanno**

Almighty and merciful God, look with favor on those who plead for Your help. Through the intercession of your servant, Father Vincent Capodanno, missionary and Catholic priest, grant the favor(s) I/we earnestly seek. May Vincent, who died bringing consolation to the Marines he was privileged on serve on the field of battle, intercede in my/our need(s) as I/we pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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**Post Name**

Our post has been named after Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, MM. He was a navy chaplain who gave his life while serving the marines during Operation Swift. His biographical timeline goes something like this:

- 13 February 1929** – Born in Staten Island NY
- 13 February 1939** – Received news of his father's death on his tenth birthday
- January 1943** – Graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Public School 44
- 04 February 1947** -Graduated Curtis High School
- 1947 – 1949** – Attended Fordham :University and worked on Wall Street
- May 1949 – June 1957** – Attended seminary in Ossinging NY
- 14 June 1958** – Ordained a Maryknoll priest
- 1958 – 1965** – Served as missionary in Taiwan and Hong Kong
- 28 December 1965** - Commissioned in U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps
- 16 March 1966** – Arrived for training in Newport RI and Camp Pendleton, CA
- Holy Week 1966** – Arrived in Vietnam
- 30 April 1966** – Reported for duty and assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Marines
- 03 July 1967** – Reported to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Marines
- 04 September 1967** – Killed in action during Operation Swift
- 07 January 1969** – Awarded Medal of Honor
- 17 November 1973** - USS Capodanno commissioned
- 21 May 2006** - Declared Servant of God

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### **Capodanno Speakers**

Miss Ann Roberts and I are presently speakers for the Guild for the Cannonization of Father Capodanno. We are more than willing to give our presentation to any group. If you have a group of people who might be interested in the life and service of Father Capodanno, contact one of us to make arrangements. The presentation is free of charge. For areas outside of the Kansas City area, financial assistance may be needed. We are not paid for the presentation, and can possible travel throught the state of Missouri, depending upon circumstances.

So, ask the various parish groups, Knights of Columbus Councils, or other groups that you think might be interested.

Contract either one of us:

**John F. Kopp:**  
2400 NE 59<sup>th</sup> St.  
Gladstone, MO 64118  
(816) 699-8719

**Ann Roberts, Service/Wellfare Officer**  
1104 Pier St  
Liberty MO 64068  
(818) 469-0271

# *A Veteran Retreat*

## *We Were Called to Serve Then and Now*

### *Come Explore How*

#### **Presented by the Veteran Retreat Team**

Fr. Ron Will, CPPS; Fr. Garry Richmeier, CPPS; Kathy Keary;  
VA Chaplain Windy Lovett; and veterans, Ann Roberts and John Kopp

The Veteran Retreat Team will present on the following topics: We are the Beloved of God, Dying and Rising, We are Called, and We are Sent followed by group discussion and personal reflection. The day will also include prayer and fellowship as we explore that as the beloved of God we are called and sent to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.



**Saturday, August 18th, 8:30 AM—6:30 PM**

**Suggested donation: \$40.00 (includes lunch and dinner)  
Scholarship Funds Available**

**Register by August 11th  
at [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org) or 816.415.3745**



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