

## 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 1st AT 7:00 PM At Our Lady of Mercy Country Home 2115 Maturana Dr. Liberty MO 64068

#### **DUES**

It is that time of year again. Amazing how time flies. It is time to renew your membership. So, if you have some spare change – like Thirty Dollars – please renew your membership. Make your check or money order out to "CWV Post 1974" and mail it to CWV Post 1974, 2115 Maturana Dr., Liberty MO 64068. MO. So far thirty-nine members have renewed –this includes all of the life members. That leaves just five members still unpaid.

**Thanks** 

Wishing all of you a very Happy and Holy Easter Season



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

You may or may not be familiar with the post's efforts to establish a Military Outreach Ministry in our diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Miss Ann Roberts has been somewhat successful in establishing a MOM in Sat. James. Liberty, Parish. Our post is part of the ministry.

We also work with Boy Scout Troop 214, of St. James Parish. One of the scouts, Jerry Mutchler, is beginning his requirements for Eagle Scout. His project

will consist of a monument to veterans and bricks with the name(s) of veterans. He also said he would like to dedicate the name the memorial after Fr. Capodanno, which is quite an honor for our post.

The post will also assist with his fundraising for the project through donations when we give out poppies

#### "THE VETERAN'S CREED"

#### I am a United States veteran

I mastered the weapons, tools, and techniques of war and security and I make no apology for this proficiency.

I became a leader by my willingness to both serve and subordinate myself -- to my superiors, the mission, and the needs of my team.

Foremost among first responders, I earned the ribbons of a volunteer, endeavorer, defender, warrior, rescuer, problem-solver, and model citizen.

I am the visible conscience of a nation with regard to the costs of war and freedom's true price.

I do not fail to support another vet who crosses my path with any need, large or small; he or she may have wounds or hardships that few others would understand.

I am part of the eternal flame of memory, of my brother and sister veterans who died in service to our country.

Honor, courage, and commitment define me to this day. I maintain my readiness, health, and fitness in order to serve again, should my community or nation call.

In all of the remaining moments of my life, I will be a steadfast guardian of American ideals, freedoms, and history.

I am a one-percenter of the noblest order; I am  $\dots$  an American veteran

Located on the second floor of Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, also our post home, is a room dedicated to veterans. In the room, our national flag is painted on the wall and tribute to all veterans of all branches of our military. There is also a large picture of Father Vincent Capodanno, MM for all to see. I still have to make of a short bio and place it by his picture. If you are ever in the area, stop by and see the room.

#### Service and Welfare Officer Monthly Report: The GOOD NEWS

1. Blue Water Veterans Litigation-Worthy News posted on March 14, 2019 somewhat good news. https://www.dav.org/learn-more/news/2019/blue-water-veterans-litigation/

- 2. Veterans' Family, Caregiver and Survivor Advisory Committee provides recommendations to VA Secretary Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie commended the Veterans' Family, Caregiver and Survivor Federal Advisory Committee on March 27 for recommendations that will assist in the department meeting its commitment to improve the experiences of all those it serves. (4/1/19)
- 3. Other: https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/ as above.
- 4. Let me know-816-469-0271—IF you need to know about Survivor's benefits, and more.
- 5. Did you know that there are three (3) kinds of veteran care when they need daily care and more services rather than going into a nursing or rehab facility? Example: There is a Veteran-Directed Home & Community Based Services Program (VD-SCBS); Foster home care for veterans too. Plus care for surviving spouse too. Call me for more information, and/or visit <a href="https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/longtermcare/resources/veterans-directed-hcbs.html">https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/longtermcare/resources/veterans-directed-hcbs.html</a>
- Now onto GOOD NEWS about Catholic Veterans and Ministry, Fr. Capodanno, MM Canonization Cause, Intersession and....other physical and spiritual needs.
- A. At St. James Parish, Liberty, MO a "monthly and bi-monthly Memorial Mass for Fr. Capodanno, MM is offered at daily Masses—HOW ABOUT YOUR PARISH? IS THIS POSSIBLE? Need Fr. Capodanno prayer cards-let the Commander know.
- \*Dates for St. James Parish: 5/1/19; 6/5/19; 7/2/19;8/7/19; 9/3/19;10/1/19;11/6/19/12/3/19-MORE will be added in time.
- B. Share what your "prayer intersessions are so that all may know."
- C. St. James parish 'Military-Veteran Outreach Ministry' prays, helps, one-on-one support and much more, AND the Post asks: CAN YOU try this in your parish? WE WILL help.
  - D. We all help one another-mutual helpfulness.
- E. How about looking into a [local] community effort to serve military families, veterans and their families, reserve, active duty...patientcare.va.gov/chaplain/clergy training (local clergy, and other volunteer and professional care? ASK

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Do you know any veteran who is Catholic? Maybe he or she would like to join our post. War time service is NOT required. Only need to be Catholic, have served or is serving for at least 90 days, schools and boot camp counts, and served or is serving honorably. Our dues are only thirty (30) dollars a year.

If you know someone who might be interested, let me know. If you get email you have my email address, mailing address is on the first page, our post home address. COME WORSHIP WITH US!

# VETERANS SPIRITUAL RETREAT



God-focused discussions centering on issues facing Veterans today + small group break-out sessions and worship services. Plenty of time for rest, reflection, fellowship and private prayer.

June 28, 2019 (Check-in from 5pm-6:00pm) to June 30, 2019 (Check-Out at 1pm following lunch

A \$25 registration fee is due at sign up. To register, call 314-416-6400. whretreat.org/veterans-retreat

