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

Eighty Second Edition

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

MEETING NOTICE

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May Third** at 6:30 PM at our normal meeting place, Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, Tighe Lounge.

DUES

It is that time of year to renew our membership. Dues are still only Thirty dollars. Please think about renewing as soon as possible.

Send dues to:
CWV Post 1974
2400 NE 59th St
Gladstone MO 64118

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of Peace and Justice,
we pray for those caught up in the current violence in

Ukraine.

We implore you for peace.
Holy Spirit, Our Consolation,
comfort all those who fear.
Grant wisdom and discernment
to those in power.
Holy Family, who fled to Egypt,
guard all those who have sought refuge
away from the land they love,
and bring them safely home again.
Mary, Mother of us all,
cast your protecting veil
around all suffering lands and peoples.
Turn all hearts back to your Son,
our only Savior and the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

THANKS

I personally wish to thank everyone who contributed, be it money, items, prayers, whatever, to help our post member Shon Pernice to begin his new life. I know that he really appreciates everything. We collected over \$200.00 and several essentials that were needed.

Thank you all, and may our loving God bless all of you.

John

VOLUNTEER

Think about it, seriously. There are many many places that are in dire need of volunteers. In most places the most important talent that is required is the ability to smile, to put a little bit of joy or humor into someone's day.

I have been volunteering at Our Lady of Mercy Country for years. Up until the past couple of years, it was mainly in maintenance, grass cutting, painting, and various other things, wherever I was needed. Then, after covid I started working in the dining room. I, honestly, never realized I could love so many people so deeply. And the satisfaction of knowing that you have actually made someone smile or laugh is absolutely priceless.

Think about it.

John

Catholic War Veterans, (CWV), USA-Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Memorial Post 1974 , APRIL 5TH 2023 MEETING – MINUTES. THANK YOU.

LOCATION- Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, Liberty, MO-Post Home



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FYI-WE ALWAYS POST FR. VINCENT R. CAPODANNO, MM to help us and remind us that he hears our INTERCESSIONARY PRAYERS, and to remind us ALL the UPCOMING Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Presentation and Memorial Mass, September 16, 2023-a Diocesan - Wide Presentation and Mass, held at St. James Parish, Liberty, MO.

Meeting began with opening prayer and the recitation of Catholic War, Veterans, (CWV) USA (Est. 1935, Monsignor Higgins, Pope Pius XI) Post Rituals, Pledge of Allegiance, & Preamble. Fr. Michael Volkmer, C.PP.S., & Commander Larry Bergeron presided over these rituals.

Commander Bergeron welcomed our 'guest', SW CWV Commander-Susan Chevez, Department/State of Oklahoma. This was the 'first' meeting that was ZOOMED for all other members who which to participate in the Post meeting. Adjutant-Quinn Knabe participated in this meeting via Zoom.

NEXT, in place of the Adjutant, Commander Bergeron gave the roll call of officers. Officers present were -Officer of the Day- Hermann Schmidt, Treasurer/Past Post commander-John Kopp, Welfare-Service Officer-Ann Puck, and Chaplain Fr. Michael Volkmer, C.PP.S.

Those absent, ill, in distress, were names and prayed for. Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Memorial CWV Post 1974 is hopeful that more post members will take advantage of Zoom Meetings, help with recalling all of our faithful and prayerful Catholic-Veteran actions, patriotic programs and events, youth and family activities, and much more-even at a member's own parish and community.

Second, the reading of our past month's minutes was reviewed and accepted, by Welfare Officer Ann Puck.

THIRD, Treasurer's Report was given with a balance of \$250.00, plus with a few deposits to be made.

FOURTH, Communications, letters, memos- Thank you notes from Catholic Chaplains for the thank-you letters mailed to them by St. James School middle school children guided by Adjutant Quinn Knabe; members present thanked the St. James Parish Military-Veteran Outreach Ministry for servicing veterans requesting assistance, welcoming table full of thank you letters to our Vietnam veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans after all Masses the last weekend of March 2023.

FIFTH, New and Old Business: Old- Treasurer & Post Commander thanked post members, Bishop Coffey, SW CWV Commander for their monetary donations, phone, computer, clothing, and other items needed towards Post member-Shon Ponce's "Relief Effort" who will be released April 11, 2023 from prison and assisted by Patriotic Outreach, the VA, CWV Post 1974, other agencies in the Kansas City, Missouri area. Treasurer John Kopp asked and made a motion for the post to donate \$50.00 towards the relief effort for Shon. Commander Bergeron called for a vote, motion passed and accepted.

SIXTH, New Business-Upcoming Events: APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILKITARY CHILD in which some Post members in conjunction with St. James Parish Military-Veteran & Family Outreach Ministry will have a "Military-Child" and Family Fun and Welcoming event at St James, April 16, 2023, at 3:00-4:15 pm in the Social Hall. Refreshments, prayer, and games will be a part of the program. Post 1974 and the Parish Military Veteran-& Family Ministry will work and volunteer their time, talent, and treasurer for this event.

Commander Bergeron followed by Welfare Officer Ann Puck discussed May's

2023 Post and Military -Veteran & Family Ministry "Memorial Day-Weekend distribution of Poppies after all Masses, followed by PARTICIPATION of the Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery- Memorial Day Mass and Catholic Veteran Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Monument at the Cemetery. Mass time is 10:00 AM, then at 11:20 AM the "Catholic Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony will take place, cumulating at 12:00 noon. Appreciation of as man members as possible to participate and their families.

SEVENTH, and noted as: "For the Good of the Post and Military Family Outreach: Welfare Officer Ann Puck announced a new deployed Army Military in the parish and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Lucy Adcock. The family received a military goodie box from the parish military ministry and Post 1974 in the last week of March 2023.

EIGHTH, Commander Larry Bergeron announced the Honor Flight veteran from St. James, Richard Conard going on the "Heartland Honor Flight-April 18, 2023, requesting thank you notes be mailed to family or the Honor Flight Mail Call Box by the 14th of April 2023. All presents were asked to participate in welcoming the Richard back home from the Honor Flight at 9:00 pm on the 18th of April and to

meet him and other veterans at the baggage claim area designated by the KCI-MCI airport, Missouri.

NINETH, Commander Larry asked Welfare Officer Ann Puck to give an update on the "PRESENTATION AND HOLY MASS ON FR. VINCENT R. CAPODANNO, MM-LIFE AND CANONIZATION PROCESS- SEPTEMBER 16, 2023."

Update: We will have a person who witnessed and gave testimony of Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM heroic and sacrificial duties on the field of battle in Vietnam, (Sept. 4, 1967-KIA) to all the Marines he served with. ALL OF US PRAY FOR FR. CAPODANNO'S CANNONIZATION TO SAINTHOOD. PLEASE note: All hands on deck as we move forward to this holy event.

ONE last for the good of our veterans, post, country, parishes, Church-care for all veterans- Commander Larry Bergeron-(300 volunteer hours), Ann Puck Husband, Garry Puck- St. James Parish Military Ministry Liaison-(750 volunteer hours) to us, and Ann Puck-(1000 volunteer hours) were awarded "VOLUNTEER HOURS" Award from the Kansas City VA at DAV, Chapter 2, April 11th at 1:00 pm. IF ANY OF YOU POST 1974 MEMBERS VOLUNTEER PLEASE LET THE COMMANDER KNOW. THANK YOU.

Final comments and a blessing given to SW Commander Susan for participating in CWV Post 1974 meeting. Final closing prayers were prayed then closing Post rituals with a Hand salute to our American Flag.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Puck, Welfare Officer

Please-let Commander Larry Bergeron, Past commander-Treasurer John Kopp , or Ann Puck know if you prefer the Post minutes, agenda, etc. mailed or sent to you via text message, or emailed. We would like to HEAR FROM YOU TOO. Telephone numbers are respectfully- Larry-816.918.8959; John-816. 699.8719; Ann-816.469.0271.