



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

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MEETING NOTICE
NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY
September 4th AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO 64068

DUES

Finally, I have received the 2019-2020 membership cards. Now in the time to renew. Remember, dues are only Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) a year. The offer to make payments for life membership is offered again this year. If you wish to become a life member, let me know. I will send you the application. The schedule of amount due, according to age, is on the application. Just fill it out and mail it to me with a check made out to our post, CWV Post 1974, for half, or all, of the amount due. I will then make out a check for the amount due National and mail that check along with the application, which I have to sign, to national and they will mail you your life membership card.

Thank You

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Most of this edition of our newsletter will probably be about the National Convention. There were several important, at least for us, i.e. our post, that happened both during the sessions of the convention and in between.

I would venture to say that most, if not all, active duty and reserve military have a special place in their hearts for our chaplains. But nothing can compare to how much sailors and marines, especially those who are deployed love and admire the navy chaplains. Our new Bishop Protector for Catholic War Veterans, the Most Reverend Joseph L. Coffey, is no different.

Ann Puck and I had the honor to meet him. First thing that grab me was his smile, so much like our Bishop, Bishop Johnston. We didn't have much time to talk, but we were able to share a few war stories



Ann Puck, Bishop Coffey,

Commander John Kopp

Ann Puck was relected as National Service Officer. For the past three years she has tried to impliment several new awards at the national level. Each year someone would come up with different requirements. Finally someone told her what exactly was needed. So, we are hoping she finally gets to impliment her program the way she wants.



Ann being sworn in

I am extremely proud of this woman. If it had not been for her we would not have a post right now. She is our certified service officer, has started a ministry in her parish. It is really a pleasure watching her do her thing, really makes a commander proud.

THANK YOU ANN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For my part, besides supporting Ann, I was allowed to talk before the assembly about our Supreme Court victory. One of the main things I stressed what, not so much what the victory has saved, but what it means for the future, especially for future Veterans Memorials and monuments. No longer can someone just say that the cross, or a statue, or any other symbol offends them, they now have to prove it, which I believe is pretty difficult to do.

I also had the honor of going to dinner where Tony Monaco and a couple of others were planning a relatively new project. Doctor Bradley Beckel has started a program called Smiling Vets. Doctor Beckel is a dentist in San Antonio and his program has to do with serving veterans with a real need for dental services, like reconstruction, implants, etc. free for the vet. His plan is to have Smiling Vets go nationwide.

The thing about the dinner, for me, was that one of the gentlemen there was Major General Patrick Henry Brady, the most decorated living veteran. When Tony told me I was going to the dinner, I made sure I took a couple of applications with me. Nice try, John, General Brady is already a life member.

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Left to right, Commander Kopp, General Brady, Doctor Beckel, Tony Monaco

Each convention has some sort of tour. This year's was no different. We toured the Alamo. It was quite interesting.



Left to right: Tony Monaco, Commander Kopp, Ann and Garry Puck

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Veteran Alliance

Our post is a member of the Veteran Alliance. This alliance was formed for the Supreme Court case for the Blandensburg Cross and is now part of Patriot Outreach. I am proud that we are associated with the great members of the Alliance and also partners with Patriot Outreach. We now have a vast amount of services to offer our

veterans, especially those who are having problems with PTSD or other problems.

For those of you who have computer access, take some time and look at Patriot Outreach. Here is the website:

<http://www.patrioutreach.org>



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11

We will be participating in the 9/11 memorial service at Mount Olivett cemetery. We will be there around 5:30 PM. All are invited.

Saturday September 21

Our post will celebrate our annual Father Capodanno Memorial service in the chapel at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. If we have a priest we will have Mass, otherwise we will have a Communion Service followed by a short ceremony. Time 10:15 Am

September 28

Vet Salute will be held at the Midwest Genealogy Center. 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road
Independence, MO 64055
Time – 10:00 AM -- 3:00 PM