



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

March 7th AT 7:00 PM

**At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home**

**2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO 64068**

**** NOTICE ****

The post presently has four copies of the movie "Chosen and Called". It is an excellent movie about the life and death of our namesake, Fr. Vincent Capodanno.

If anyone would like to view the movie, let me know and I will be glad to get it to you for your viewing. When finished just mail it back. If you wish to purchase on, cost is \$25.00. We will use the money to replace that copy.

Just email me at jfkopp@att.net and I will get it in the mail to you.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As I look at the membership I notice that several members have not paid their dues yet. So, if you live in **Sedalia, Freeburg, Kansas City, Overland Park, Leavenworth, Maryville, Waterloo, Ellisville, or St. Louis**, you may not have paid. Holidays are over, now would be a good time to pay your 2018 dues.

We need you.

SICK CALL

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Miss Ann Roberts and I have been accepted as spokespeople for the Father Capodanno Guild. We are in the process of practicing and adjusting the power point presentation. We are hoping to be able to give our first presentation in a couple of months.

We have purchased the movie "Called and Chosen", the life, service and death of Father Capodanno. So far we have shown the movie twice. It is an excellent Docudrama that was first shown on EWTN a few months ago. We presently have three copies of the movie. If you and/or your parish or Knight Council would like to see it, just let me know.

The VA Hospital in Kansas City was asking for coats, washable, to give to those veterans in the hospital that were in need of one. We collected over twenty. We had a lot of help from Calvin Bumgarner, post member and member of American Legion Post 61 in Kansas City, MO.

We attended a seminar in October called, "Community Clergy Training to Support Rural Veterans Mental Health". It was presented by the 'Little Rock Healthcare Systems VA Systems& facilitated by Ms. Windy Lovett, VA Chaplain. All five training sessions were well presented and focused on veterans care before and after deployment, which was very interesting and informative. I think all attended learned a lot about modern VA Chaplain and other community resources available for ALL veterans and their families. The immediate future of this training will ultimately bring about a C.A.B.- "Community Action Board," which will serve as a resource for all veterans in the community and their families different than a veteran's organization. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TRAINING AND HOW THIS CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY- PLEASE LET US KNOW. IF YOU ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN STARTING A "MILITARY VETERAN PARISH MINISTRY PLEASE LET Ann Roberts, our Post Service Officer know and she will give you tips and other information about it.

We have also completed this year's Veteran's Month Patriotic Poster Contest sponsored by the National 3rd Vice Commander Youth Program and the new 'Parish Military Veteran Ministry.' This year, again the only participants were the children of St. James Parish, Liberty, MO. Miss Sarah Crossett won first place with the Post and her poster was been sent to national. Last year Sarah won first place, nationally, in the Easter Poster Contest. Hope she wins again this year.

John Partin, Bud McCay, and Calvin Bumgarner are in need of our prayers..

A Veteran Retreat
We Were Called to Serve Then and Now
Come Explore How

Presented by the Veteran Retreat Team
Fr. Ron Will, C.P.P.S., Fr. Garry Richmeier, C.P.P.S., Kathy Keary,
Ann Roberts (Navy), and John Kopp (Navy)

Join us for a weekend of reflection, faith sharing, 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, March 24th, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Registration fee: \$50.00 (includes continental breakfasts and lunches)
Free will offering collected at the end of the retreat

Limited overnight accommodations available
\$35.00 double occupancy
\$50.00 single occupancy

Register by March 22 at info@pbrenewalcenter.org or 816.415.3745

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a ministry of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

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Liberty, MO 64068
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Coming Up

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

Veteran Retreat – March 24 – 25 to be held at the Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty MO. Fr, Ron Hill, CPPS,, Fr. Gary Richmeier, Kathy Keary, Ann Roberts and myself will be hosting it. The flyer is just above.

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

As the dates become available I will let everyone know.

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

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 8th 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 1st Battalion 7th Marines
- 03 July 1967** – Reported to 3rd Battalion 5th 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



Greetings Post 1974 members, from Welfare Officer Ann Roberts. The image in the middle of this picture is “Volunteer Service.” Note, however that our New and [added] Service Activities for all veterans and their families include volunteering as VAVS-(volunteering at a VA hospital or medical center), plus you can notice that as Catholic War Veterans, USA members we now report ministering (volunteering) in areas such as: volunteering at veteran Fairs, Stand Downs, Parish Veteran Ministry-(wow, that’s new), Eucharistic minister,, Honor Guard, Blue/Gold Ceremony, and much more. THE amazing thing though post 1974 members YOU are more than likely doing these works of mercy in your community and parish already, not to mention assisting our Catholic Chaplains in hospitals. Why not let me know of these blessed and Catholic action activities so that each one of you can be recognized in a special way at the end of the year by the post, and at the National level. WE all follow the Saints before us. Please continue your Catholic ministry and action as we pray as Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM did in the midst of battle:God is with us today. God bless.

National Board Meeting Report
By
Ann Roberts, National Welfare Officer

Catholic War Veterans (CWV) February 23-24 2018 Board Meeting, held in Alexandria, VA.

In addition to reports from the CWV National 1st Vice- Commander (Americanism and Catholic Action), 2nd Vice-Commander (Membership), 3rd Vice-Commander- (children and Youth Activities), VAVS Nat. (Officer Program, Veterans Affairs), Welfare Officer, Department and other reports, See cwv.org for detailed information about each program and more. This board meeting was informative. Emphasis was on “communication,” membership-growth-in which Departments and Posts try to be creative in developing ways to increase members. Our Post’s (1974) idea was shared as to asking its members to look into the possibility of a “Parish Military-Veteran Ministry”, and other ways veterans reach out to other veterans. The National Service Officer Report was very informative. Note: consistent up-to date VA information, unbiased information, well documented, and versed is always available to all CWV members on the website as well as Post’s Service and/or Welfare Officer. This meeting the National VSO shared information about DRC-

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/docs/bas-drc-factsheet-final-508.pdf>.

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/DRC.asp>- doesn’t apply to those in appeal process; going the fast track (processing such claims in 30 days)-EACH VETERAN MUST HAVE ALL-“ALL” PROOF DOCUMENTS, ETC,. NOT ALWAYS FAVORABLE There are also a few other NEW “fast track “new ways to process claims, BUT- if appealing, or have problems along the way, NOT favorable. More in future Newsletters. IF ANYONE HAS A SPECIFIC QUESTION, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL Ann Roberts.