



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
February 7th AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO 64068

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.

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 Dacudrama 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.



SICK CALL



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



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, Kathy Keary, Ann Roberts and myself will be hosting it, I should have more information next week.

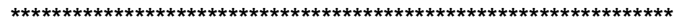
Vet Salute/Fair – April 28th at St. James Parish Easter Poster Contest – April

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