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Father Vincent Capodanno
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To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen

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MEETING NOTICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will be no meeting in February.

DUES

It is that time of year to renew our membership. I have sent a letter, plus a self-addressed envelope to all unpaid members. 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 and middle East.

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.

Since there isn't a meeting this month, it is a good time to take some time and reflect and pray about the wonderful blessings and graces that our loving God has given to us.

It is also a good time to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is the 14th, St. Valentines Day. During this time let's remember in our prayers the members of our post who are sick, lonely, depressed,

Minutes from January meeting

*Prayer, - (by Fr. Michael Volkmer, C. PP. S), CWV open Ritual-pledge to flag, Preamble, with all present- in person and by ZOOM. Those who do not have a lap-top, computer, iPad, etc., may be able to use their phone to access the ZOOM meeting. As stated, in the opening comments, if anyone would like to try Zoom participation in our prayer time, planning for Masses and all of our projects and helps, please let Ann Puck (816-469-0271) know of your wishes, or concerns.

*Reports from volunteer committees' persons-(Example: Treasurer, Membership-2nd Vice, Commander-Communication etc., Adjutant- Post and community news, comments, Newsletter, other; Welfare and Service Officer/Service Person, Youth activities project activities, historian, Chaplain. AGAIN, your (each member) please assist and advise. St. James Parish has Masses and prayers of the faithful for you, military personnel, Catholic Chaplains, canonization for Fr. Capodanno, Mm and Fr. Emil Kapaun, and other prayer intentions.

*Reports/statements given-[Treasurer and membership] - \$300.00 treasurer, one new life member (Thomas Minniece, Alabama)-post receives \$210.00; NOTE: A NATIONAL CATHOLIC War VETERANS, USA COMMANDER INITIATIVE- FOR THIS YEAR-(2024) IF YOU RECRUIT A PERSON, NATIONAL PAYS THAT DUES-(\$20.00) AND THE PERSON PAYS THE POST ONLY-(\$5.00) easy-easy. This initiative is for 2024-2025 end of membership year. Our Post 1974 CWV 2024 Calendar monies-(\$5.00 each) will be mailed to the Post by the middle of February 2024, meaning approximately \$250.00. Awesome, fantastic, - members.

Continue reporting: Youth activities letters written to all Catholic Chaplains in the Us, and abroad by students at St. James School, letters to veterans/military for the day of Deployed military care packages, thanks to all the middle school children, very thoughtful; Next, our newest youth project: ALL MEMBERS – invite your grandchildren, nieces nephews, etc. to participate in these two contests, projects: PATRIOTIC ESSAY, ART-DRAWING, and THE "Father Vincent R. CAPODANNO, MM PATCH- a project sponsored by the post and Caopodannoguild.org-(Contact: Quinn Knabe, Post Adjutant-(816.609.1241).

Next, Award of Servant of God-Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno Service Award-Post 1974 electing Fr. Michael Volkmer, C.PP. S, information and planning of award coming this spring 2024; Other reporting news: VAVS- VA hospitals volunteers (here at KCVA, and Leavenworth, VA, other VA Medical facilities in YOUR areas always are in need of volunteers, thus your Post

VAVS-Welfare Officer-(Ann Puck, 816.469.0271) can help you with this volunteer activity, if needed. Recognition and awards for this volunteer initiative are also important for our gracefulness.

Finally, at St. James Parish, (and you can possibly do the same) have prayer gatherings, like mini retreats to pray for each other and those serving now. STARTING JANUARY 21ST, AT 3:30 PM -4:00 PM A MILITARY PREAYER TIME FOR OUR NEEDS AND WANTS. WE WILL DO THIS QUARTERLY, MEANING NEXT TIME IN APRIL, THIRD SUNDAY.

The Post has assisted 15 military families-(15 serving). If you know of a person, family member or friend, let Ann, our Welfare Officer know of that person. What we do is have Masses prayed for the military person, their family, and we mail a military care package with frequent letters of thankfulness and appreciation.

Thank you, submitted by Ann Puck, Welfare/Service Officer

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National Welfare Officer's Report, Ann Puck

Reporting Period for 'Veterans Welfare' Jul 1-Dec. 31, 2023

To: Commander Larry Wulf; National Board of Officers; Department, Regional Commanders, Posts:

Introduction: When our founder Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Higgins of Astoria, NY, formed the Post 1 of the Catholic War Veterans and sought the blessing of Pope Pius XI, his first order for the organization was to actively support the good and welfare of our nation. Second, as a WWI veteran he wanted to ensure that the primary focus of our efforts was to put into action the famous words of President Abraham Lincoln: "To care for those who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."

We (CWV) also acknowledge it is the responsibility of all Catholic War Veterans Welfare Officers to organize and provide service to all veterans and, their families. This is to be done, without regard to a veteran's faith affiliation, whether that veteran is on Active duty, Retired, or in a Reserve or National Guard unit. A Welfare Officer should use resources available from the Post, Chapter, or Department Service Officer, the Veterans Administration, and other agencies when and wherever appropriate. Welfare Officers should find their inspiration and calling through various teachings in the Catholic Church, the Gospel, and the lives of Saints.

Prayerfully and humbly many of our Posts, Departments, Regional areas (10/ten reporting) in various ways including detailed descriptions of the services to all veterans, members, families, reserve, etc., to statistical numerical accounting of hours, monies/donations, and the 'who' [in-kind hours-convert hours to dollars] in lure of employees. Examples of descriptive volunteer activities in which posts members give of their time, talent, service and monetary donations for: Domiciliary patients, veterans Treatment Court, packages and other

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services to military persons and family members on bases and in the community, VAVS volunteers at veteran facilities, VA transportation, recreation activities, 'compassionate care- (telephone calls to veterans that live alone and no one to support them)' through VA medical facilities, Working with Catholic Charities and other agencies for veterans and their families, retreats, prayer services of various kinds, Masses at parishes for Catholic Chaplains, both servant of God Catholic Chaplains, sick and in distress services at parishes and Last Roll Memorial Service, Call at VA facilities and Veterans Homes. There are many more services done throughout the year, and PLEASE note- that during the month of February (2024) there will be many kinds of services and activities for VETERANS PATIENTS in and out of hospitals, Veterans Day programs at VA medical Centers, parishes, in the community, and elsewhere, as well as veterans' appreciation breakfasts, services, musical tributes, and much more. One special note, regarding the VAVS-Volunteer hours- this number exceeded for the six (6) month period of over 700 hours, and I am sure that this number is an estimate.

The above activities, services, support systems, events, takes much time, planning and resources from a variety of members, families, clergy, Chaplains, which shows how we follow the Gospel- total hours: 15, 896; Persons assisted: 190,876; member #: Over 3,000; donations/money spent for all services and activities/supplies: \$23, 658.87-plus.

In conclusion, I am deeply appreciative of all the prayers, services, supportive activities and resources, and various activities awarded to all veterans, military personnel and their families. One thing I learned recently through the Archdiocese for the Military Services, VA Chaplain Corps, (training), was that at the end of care for veterans it matters how they were prayed and cared for throughout their lives, during and after their service time.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Puck, Nat. Catholic War Veterans, Welfare Officer.

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