



Catholic War Veterans of the USA  
 Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post  
*To heal, love, listen, serve*

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

**MEETING NOTICE**  
**NEXT MEETING IS**  
**WEDNESDAY August 3rd AT**  
**7:00 PM**  
**At Our Lady of Mercy Country**  
**Home**  
**2115 Maturana Dr.**  
**Liberty MO**

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From the Commander

As I stated in last month's newsletter, I have placed my name in for the running for the national office of Director. The decision to run for office was not an easy one to make. But, there are too many important things that need to be decided by the national board, and we, as a post, need a voice in those decisions.

Since we were chartered, November 24, 2015, the only information I have ever received from the

national board is when I ranted and raved at them to keep us informed. Even then, a lot of the time I was ignored. This is totally unacceptable. If you looked at the national magazine, except for the National Commander and National Chaplain, there was not one article by any other national officer or committee chairperson.

Since there are only ten departments, that leaves forty states without any direct contact with the national office. Many of these states have only one or two posts, and I am sure they are left out in the cold, also.

So, if nothing else, I will be able to keep you, our post members, and other posts informed of what is happening at the national level. Those of you, who know me, know that I have a tendency of voicing my opinion from time to time. When I see a problem, I do try to come up with a solution instead of just complaining.

I have written to every post not in a department, to every department commander, and to every national officer stating my desire to serve. I sent each of the short biography of life and some of the accomplishments. So we shall see. The convention is August 7 - 13.

**FUTURE EVENT**

During the July and August 2016 meetings Catholic War Veterans, USA Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M. Memorial Post 1974 will be planning for a "Memorial Mass" for Servant of God-Navy Chaplain Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M. for which our Catholic War Veterans Post is named after. As you may already know Fr. (USN Chaplain) Capodanno is up for Canonization.. YOUR ATTENDANCE AT EITHER THE JULY OR AUGUST, OR BOTH POST MEETINGS-on the FIRST Wednesday of the month is greatly appreciated. Also, please help us to inform Catholic Veterans of this Memorial Mass scheduled for September 2016.

Ann has been extremely busy searching for any and all who may have known him or served with him. She actually contacted Fr. C's commanding officer.

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**CONVENTION**

As you know, or may not know, next year, 2017, the CWV National Convention will be held in St. Louis, MO. Being the only post in Missouri, at lot of responsibility will fall on our shoulders. Exactly what will be expected of us, I do not yet know.

Right after this year's convention, Aug. 7 - 14, 2016, I will contact whoever is in charge to see what we are expected to do. We are already starting to plan a few things. One very important this is that we will need funding. One idea is to have a raffle. But, what we raffle off must be something anyone can use and of value. Probably the one thing everyone can use is money.

So, if you have any ideas that could work, we are all ears. Real soon I will be writing to every council of the K of C in Missouri that I can and ask for donations. If we can raise over a thousand dollars, making the raffle for \$500, \$300, and \$200 in prizes, that would be great. We have a year. But we would like to start the raffle as close to the New Year as possible and the winner will be announced at the convention.

Ms. Roberts contacted AAA and obtained over 100 brochures, about the sites in and around St. Louis, tours and other thing that we will be sending to this year's convention so the people back east will realize that we really don't have cattle roaming in our streets and our houses do have indoor plumbing.

But, this must be a concerted effort on everyone's part.



**PRAYER FOR THOUGHT**

Lord our God,

In our world of competing faiths, conflicting theories, and antagonistic politics, we become confused in our search for truth, and sometimes just stop searching.

There seem to be more gray areas than absolutes of right and wrong. Answers raise additional questions. We question ideas that we were once sure about. Some of the teachings our parents gave us have been discredited. Some really good people hold convictions differed from our own, and some folks with impeccable spiritual credentials have disillusioned us with their lives. Overall, we're less sure of things we once were.

So, we come to you humbly, acknowledging our role as seekers. We're not disheartened, for we know that you walk with us. We're not discouraged, for we find excitement and satisfaction in the journey. We don't despair, because we know that you accept us even in our weakness.

Creator and sustainer God, you loved the world so much that you gave you son. Help us to follow in his footsteps in working to create a better world. Help us as we promote new levels of justice and equality in our land. Help us as we conserve the rich traditions of the past without being immobilized by them.

Help us to seek the healing of sick people, rehabilitation of prisoners, and freedom for those who suffer from addictions. Open our eyes to the needs of the people who sit in the cubicle next to us, live in the room next door, and who sit next to us in church.

In our world of anger and animosity, help us to make peace. Allow us to seek to advance those people who are less privileged, and to educate those people who seem to lack opportunity.

Help us to set a personal example that will inspire and encourage others.

We ask all this in Your Son's name.

Amen

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## POST DUES

Our membership year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you pay your dues any time from now on it will be credited to your 2017 membership year. Also, any new member we may recruit from not until June of 2017 will also be credited for the 2017 year.

So, for all who are not life members, when you have thirty dollars handy, please send it in and I will send you your 2017 membership card. Just make your check out to CWV Post 1974 and send it to either me or to the post address:

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For life members, you will not receive a new card. If you would like a printed card, other than the plastic card that you already have let me know. I would be happy to print you a yearly card. Thank you

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