



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
August 1, 2018 AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO 64068

If any regular member, a member who pays his or her dues each year, would be interested in becoming a life member, I have included the application at the end of this newsletter. If you are interested, write ONE check for the total amount and make it out to the post and mail it to the post along with the application. I will then send in the right amount to the national office. We do not have a department or chapter yet, so the post gets half of the amount that would be due.

National Convention

The National Convention is coming up soon, August 20 – 25, 2018, Pittsburg, PA. Miss Ann Roberts will be representing our post this year, I cannot financially afford to go. So far, I have heard of only one item of importance that should be coming up for a vote.

Posts like ours that are in states that do not have a department are at a disadvantage in that information that is discussed and/or voted on at a convention and national board meetings seem to never get to those posts. What is going to be proposed is that

****** DUES ******

It is that time of year again. Amazing how time flies. It is time to renew your membership. So, if you have some spare change – like **Thirty Dollars** – please renew you membership. Make your check or money order out to “CWV Post 1974” and mail it to CWV Post 1974, 2115 Maturana Dr., Liberty MO 64968. MO. So far twelve members have renewed – this includes all of the life members.

there be assigned a department for the various regions. The regions would consist of those states in certain areas, like northeast, southeast, etc. The commander would be assigned by the national board, or national commander, and would have the responsibility of relaying information to the various posts as also obtaining opinion or concerns from the posts to present to the national board. I think it is worth a try, depending upon what criteria they use to select the person to be the regional commander. We shall see.

Heart of America Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

On June 8th, Ann Roberts and I set up our post table at St. Michaels Vet Center for the 26th annual Vet Stand Down. These are very interesting events and they give us the opportunity to meet veterans and representatives from other service agencies from throughout the Kansas City area.

We recently received the statistics from the event:

- 486 people attended Stand Down
 - 433 were Veterans (31 females, 402 males) and 25 were OEF/OIF/OND Veterans.
 - 29 family members attended, 8 of which were children.
 - 24 non- Veteran visitors attended.

Of the 433 Veterans:
 10% (47) reported verifiable homelessness, 45% (195) reported being permanently housed and 43% (185) housing status was not verified/identified.

Of the 47 verified as homeless:
 57% (26) report chronic homelessness.
 16% (4) of the OEF/OIF/OND Veterans reported current homelessness.
 4% (2) of the homeless are female
 32 % (15) are living on the street/car,
 68% (32) are in shelters
 23% (11) of homeless are new to Stand Down

Veteran Ethnicity:
 29.5% white (128)
 62% African American (271)
 4 % Asian (2)
 4% Pacific Islander (2)
 3 % Native American (14)
 2 % Hispanic (9)
 1.6 % Not identified (7)

of Stand Downs:
 First Stand Down: 19% (81)
 2-5 Stand Downs: 50% (216)
 6+ Stand Downs: 28% (122)
 No Response: 3% (14)

Our Post Home



Since many of our members do not live in the Kansas City area, or close to Liberty, I thought it would be nice to show where we meet every month.

This is Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, a retirement community and assisted living community. The Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz own and operate the facility. I have been a volunteer there for over ten years and love and admire every one of the fantastic Sisters.

It is a beautiful facility and we are honored and extremely thankful to have this as our post home.

Veteran Day of Reflection

Just a reminder, on August 4, 2018 we will be presenting a Day of Reflection for Veterans. We have been working very hard on the presentations and schedule and I believe it will be a very meaningful day for all involved. The day will begin at 8:30 AM and will end around 6:30 PM. Lunch and dinner are included. **SUGGESTED** donation is \$40 and there are scholarship funds available.

The Day of Reflection is open to **ALL VETERANS** regardless of religion or beliefs.

Location:
 Precious Blood Renewal Center
 2130 St. Gaspar Way
 Liberty, MO 64068

If you wish to attend, please register as soon as possible by any of the following ways:

Email the renewal center at:
info@pbrrenewalcenter.org
jfkopp@att.net
annroberts977@gmail.com

Phone:
Renewal Center - 816-415-3745
John Kopp – 816-699-8719
Ann Roberts – 816-469-0271

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

SICK CALL



Bud McCay, Vernon Hudspeth, Robert Emery

Coming Up

Here are the activities, so far, for the upcoming year.

Fr. Capodanno Memorial Mass – September
Day of Reflection - August 4, 2018
Blue Star Ceremony – September 8th

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:

Capodanno Speakers

Miss Ann Roberts and I are presently speakers for the Guild for the Cannonization of Father Capodanno. We are more than willing to give our presentation to any group. If you have a group of people who might be interested in the life and service of Father Capodanno, contact one of us to make arrangements. The presentation is free of charge. For areas outside of the Kansas City area, financial assistance may be needed. We are not paid for the presentation, and can possible travel throught the state of Missouri, depending upon circumstances.

So, ask the various parish groups, Knights of Columbus Councils, or other groups that you think might be interested.

If you think a letter of introcudtion from one of us to your group would help, let us know and we will sent you one.

Contract either one of us:

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Veteran Honor Flight

For those of you who have never heard of Veteran Honor Flight, here is what it is all about.

In the Kansas City Missouri area there are two organizations, Heartland Honor Flight and Honor Flight of Kansas City. Each of these organizations, as a what to say "Thank You" for serving our country. What they do is take a group of veterans, fly them to Washington, D.C., then take them to many memorials throughout our Capitol.

I had the honor of going on one in October of last year. The day started out early in the morning at KCI airport with registration and breakfast – lots and lots of food and drink. We boarded an American Line plane reserved only for the veterans and flew to Reagan Airport in DC.

As we were taxiing to the gate we were met by two fire trucks who proceeded to give us a water canon salute. Then we boarded buses and it was off to the various memorials, WWII, Womens Musieum, a stop at Arllington Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a front row view, Vietnam Wall, Korean War, Women Combat Nurses, Air Force Memorial, etc.

After a full day, it was back to the airport and our flight home. As we left the plane and endered the terminal, there was an aisle with hundreds of people there to welcome us home.

All of this is totally free of charge for the veteran.

I have applications for both organizations. If you would be interested, drop me a line and I will mail the applications to you.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Revised August 2010)

At a meeting of _____ Post No. _____ on _____,
(Post Name) (date)

the membership approved a Life Membership in the Catholic War Veterans of the USA, Inc., for:

NAME OF MEMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER:(_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Attained Age	Total Amount	National (50%)	Department (25%)	Chapter (15%)	Post (10%)
20-30	\$450.00	\$225.00	\$112.50	\$67.50	\$45.00
31-50	\$425.00	\$212.50	\$106.25	\$63.75	\$42.50
51-60	\$325.00	\$162.50	\$81.25	\$48.75	\$32.50
61-70	\$225.00	\$112.50	\$56.25	\$33.75	\$22.50
71-80	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$22.50	\$15.00
81+	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$31.25	\$18.75	12.50

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (continued)

Three separate (3) checks are to be included with this application (see pg 1 for amount due to each Echelon):

- One (1) made payable to CWV, USA (National Department)
- One (1) made payable to your state Department
- One (1) made payable to your Chapter (if applicable)

In the event no Chapter exists, then the Post would get the additional funds.

Signature of Post Commander or Adjutant: _____

This application (must be accompanied by all checks) must be sent through Echelons: Post sends to Chapter; Chapter sends to Department; Department sends to National.

POST: Date Received: _____
Check No: _____ Check Date: _____ Amount: _____
Date Forwarded to Chapter: _____

CHAPTER: Date Received: _____
Check No: _____ Check Date: _____ Amount: _____
Date Forwarded to Department: _____

DEPARTMENT: Date Received: _____
Check No: _____ Check Date: _____ Amount: _____
Date Forwarded to National: _____

MAIL LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD TO:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

FOR NATIONAL DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

NATIONAL COMMANDER SIGNATURE _____

NATIONAL APPROVAL DATE _____

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