



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

DUES

I checked with the national office and I should receive this year's membership cards soon, probably before you receive this newsletter. Why not send your dues while you are thinking about it. Still only THIRTY dollars.

Thank You

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

On July 3, Ann Marie Puck (Roberts) and I had a meeting with Mr. Churchill, the head man of the veterans program at Catholic Charities.

It was extremely informative for us. Most of what we wish to do through our Military Outreach Ministry they are doing. So, instead of duplicating efforts, we will be working closely with them.

One of the main things that was missing, or at least was not explained to is, is the spiritual aspect. Most of you know that every year the White House Retreat House just outside of St. Louis has an annual retreat. I understand it is an excellent retreat, but St. Louis is clear across the state.

We need to have such a retreat offered here, in our diocese. We are hoping and praying that it will happen in our lifetime.

CWV NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year's convention will be held from August 13 – 17 in San Antonio, Texas. There are three of us going, as of right now. If there is anyone else planning on going, let me know so I can get your name on the delegate list. The fee is already paid by the post.

Our post also purchased an quarter page ad in the program.



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 Father Vincent Capodanno, MM Memorial Post 1974
 Liberty, Missouri
To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen
Prays for the intercessions & success of the 2019
National Catholic War Veterans, USA Convention

A SAILOR YOU BE

Have you felt salt spray, upon your face?
 Have you seen porpoise at the bow, keeping pace?
 Have you viewed sea birds, above the wake in flight?
 Have you fixed on a star, at sunset shining bright?
 Has there been a time, to save a shipmate?

Has the roll of the deck, ever kept you awake?
 Has the vastness of sea, left you feeling alone?
 Has a foreign port, made you wish you were home?

If you have weighed anchor, from calm shelter
 If you have crossed the equator, at noon time swelter
 If you have stood your watch, on a pitching deck
 If you have made landfall, on the horizon a speck

When you have secured the decks, for the night to tum in
 When you have mustered at sunrise, seen a new day begin
 When you have dogged down the hatches. in
 mountainous sea
 When you have known all these things. a sailor you be

Back in 1966 I experienced my first cruise to the South Pacific. I was just a twenty-one year old kid. It was during this cruise that I was promoted to E-4, 3rd class petty officer. We had two objectives, giving equal time to each.

One objective was serving as plane guard for returning planes to their carrier after making strikes in Vietnam. During this cruise, while acting as plane guard for the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt we witnessed a midair collision, losing both pilots. We also was with the USS Oriskany to render assistance if needed as they battled a massive fatal fire on board. They lost 46 lives.

The other objective was to render fire support to our ground forces. Below is a photo of our 5in. 38 guns firing at enemy troops.



And if you ever wonder why we sailors love our chaplains so dearly, here is a photo of Fr. Murphy being lowered to the deck of our ship.



I apologize for the poor photo quality. My book is over 50 years old.

Military Outreach Ministry

As you probably all know, we have been trying to start a Military Outreach Ministry in our diocese over the past several months. With the Easter Season celebrations and all, everyone, especially our priests and bishop have been extremely busy. Well, I believe we have one already up and running.

Thanks to our Bishop, Bishop Johnston, and Father Rowe, our Vicar General, we have been in contact with Catholic Charities of the Kansas City-St. Joseph **Diocese and**

will be working closely with them. They already have a great program working and we will be partnered with them.

We will be meeting with Mr. Churchill the next week or so and present our ideas and also find out all the services they offer to veterans and their families

Convention

In August CWV will be holding our national convention in San Antonio, Texas. We will be represented by Ann Marie Puck (Roberts), our service officer. When more information is received, I will pass it along to you. We now have a commander for our region, so we should receive information from him as to the finer points and results of various votes.

We hope to send out care packages this year to some of our military who will be away from home this Christmas. But, we need help. If you have a member of your family who is stationed overseas or will be deployed over this year's Christmas, please let me know. Depending on how our funds hold up, we will try to send packages to as many units as possible. They can be in any branch of the service, even

though I am rather partial to the Navy. Not when it comes to this, though.

Every September our post has a memorial Mass for Father Capodanno. Once the date and time are confirmed I will let you know. The information will be in next month's newsletter. Everyone is invited. Of course you can always get with the pastor of your parish and ask if here could be one in your parish.

One last thing to think about. We all want to help veterans in any manner we can. One excellent would be to volunteer at the local VA hospital or clinic. Ann and I have volunteered at the VA Hospital here in Kansas City. We are usually at the main information desk. When a veteran or family member comes to the desk, I would always wish them a good morning or good afternoon, then ask how I can misdirect them today. Always puts a smile on their face.

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Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

After having consulted with the Holy See, my brother bishops and the faithful, I have verified the widespread reputation of sanctity enjoyed by the late Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno, of the Society of the Foreign Missions, and Chaplain, United States Navy.

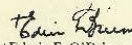
During his life and growing ever stronger after his death, there has been ample evidence of the granting of graces and favors by God through his intercession.

Therefore, I, Edwin Frederick O'Brien, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, do hereby make public the petition of Father Daniel Mode, the postulator of this cause, and thus declare I am initiating the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of the

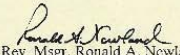
Servant of God Vincent Robert Capodanno.

In conformity with "*The Norms to be Observed in Inquiries Made by Bishops in the Causes of Saints*," published by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on February 7, 1983, I also call upon any and all, who may have useful information regarding the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Vincent Robert Capodanno to bring such documents, materials or information to my attention.

Given at the Chancery, Washington, District of Columbia, on the 19th day of May in the year of Our Lord 2006.


+Edwin F. O'Brien
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

By Order of the Most Reverend Archbishop


Rev. Msgr. Ronald A. Newland
Chancellor



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V.A. Medical Centers and Government Service Overseas*