



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

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August Third at 6:30 PM** at our normal meeting place, **Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, Tighe Lounge.**

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.
Turn all hearts back to your Son,
our only Savior and the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

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We have reached a 100% renewal. Thank you all!!!!!!

August Meeting

During our August we will be installing our newly elected officers. **Everyone** is invited. Our meetings are never closed and are always open to any one. Please come out and wish our new officers good luck.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of Peace and Justice,
we pray for those caught up
in the current violence in Ukraine.
We implore you for peace.
Holy Spirit, Our Consolation,
comfort all those who fear.
Grant wisdom and discernment

Legion of the Order of St. Sebastian

As I stated in last month's newsletter, our own Ann Puck will receive the Order of St. Sebastian award during this year's national convention. We are honored to have Past National Commander Arminda C Crawford as her sponsor. Mrs. Crawford, besides being one of the few women recipients of the St. Sebastian award, she was the first woman to have served as commander of a nationally chartered veterans organization. She was the national commander when our post was first chartered and swore me in as commander.

Prayers for priests

As you know there is a great need for more priests, especially Chaplains. Even when I was in the Navy, 1964 – 1968, while deployed at sea for six months at a time, we were lucky to see a priest once a month.

Now is the time to really pray for more dedicated young men entering the priesthood to seriously think about serving as a chaplain for our service men and women and their families. Think about a novena and having Masses said for an increase in religious vocations and chaplains.

Pray the rosary, pray a novena, ask to have Masses said. The harvest is great, but we are in desperate need for laborers.

The month of August

We celebrate two of our members who are honored this month. First of all, at our national convention to be held August 22 – 27 in Baltimore MD., our own Ann Puck will receive CWV's highest award The Order of St. Sebastian. This is awarded for life time achievement. Needless to say, she has worked hard all her life.

It was either late 2014 or early 2015 at a conference of the Department of Missouri of the American Legion that I met Ann. We were both in the hospitality room of the Navy Club of Missouri. I believe she had the CWV patch on the jacket she was wearing, and I had belonged to CWV prior to our meeting, but had dropped out due to nothing going on in my state.

We started talking about CWV and she had this wild idea about starting a post in the Kansas City area. So, I rejoined CWV and we started investigating the process necessary to start a post. It takes 15 members to form a post, so we began recruiting people. Then came the process of selecting a name.

We were visiting the WWI memorial on Memorial Day, 2015. As we were looking at the various plaques around the front of the memorial we came across the Vietnam plaque which listed the various things and military units involved in the war and out popped the name, Vincent Robert Capodanno, Navy chaplain, KIA, MOH recipient. Then, after a letting investigating we discovered that he had also been declared Servant of God, first step in being declared a saint.

All of this because Ann got a wild idea to form a post.

Another event that is going on is that one of our members, Shon Pernice, has been named Patriot of the Year by the Patriots of Valor magazine. Shon is presently incarcerated at the Moberly Correctional Center. So, his accomplishments were undertaken while incarcerated. Here is one of the support letters sent to Patriots of Valor:

Now, meet Shon, an Iraqi Army Veteran...

Shon was nominated for the award by John Stockdall. John has known Shon for 5 years. In his nomination, John wrote:

Shon has a passion for helping Veterans and non-Veterans alike. He worked to get VA Health Care Benefits for me and others. Shon submitted paperwork to the Department of Defense and had me awarded the US Navy Expeditionary Medal - I had no idea I even qualified for it. Not only that, but he worked to get me and others the Missouri Veterans Medal and Medallion - a feat unheard of prior to his efforts. He has and leads projects and activities that give Veterans a purpose. As an example, he started a clothing program for Veterans

leaving here and that has positively affected many Veterans. Last year, he arranged and coordinated "The Murph Challenge" that brought together many diverse offenders and honored fallen military members. In terms of Leadership traits, Shan has been the President of our local VVA chapter and is the voice for incarcerated veterans through his many published writings: -He has facilitated several care packages and card writing projects for deployed troops through Operation Support Our Troops and "thank you" cards for sick and wounded military through Operation Quiet Comfort. He continues to find opportunities to be involved in community efforts. Just a couple of his recent projects involved a hygiene collection for Afghanistan Refugees in Central Missouri and he orchestrated a program to collect candy for the children at the local community kitchen.

Blue Star Ceremony



Blue Star Families Recognition and Celebration

*Sunday August 7, 2022
3:00 P.M.*

*St James Catholic Church
Old Social Hall
309 S. Stewart Road
Liberty, MO*

Order of Celebration and Recognitions

Welcome- Ann Marie Puck, Welfare -Service
Officer/Coordinator- St. James Military-Veteran and Family
Outreach Ministry

Invocation**Father Michael Volkner, C. PP. S.
Presentation of Colors**Girl Scouts and Veterans in Uniform

Pledge of Allegiance* The Star-Spangled Banner- stand if can,
and sing along

Military address and History of Blue Star Banner**Past
Commander-Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Memorial CWV
Post 1974

Presentation of Blue Star Banner and certificates, (gift bags,
etc.)**Commander Kopp-(Past) and Larry Bergeran-Present
Commander-Fr. Vincent Capodanno Post 1974 Commander.
Welfare/Service Officer Ann Puck assist.

Armed Forces Anthem and Melody (Sing along, and feel free to
stand when your Anthem is sung.

Presentation and Explanation of each fold of the American Flag-
St. James Girl Scouts Troop, Leader Mrs. Jennifer Knabe.

Explanation of the POW-MIA Table and parts** Mr. Quinn
Knabe, Veteran, St. James Parish Military-Veteran and Family
Outreach Ministry Member.

Benediction and Grace**Father Michael Volkner, C. PP. S.

Thank you and Closing Comments-(Information, resource table),
-**Ann Marie Puck
Refreshments and congratulations-sharing's

Everybody is invited. Come and celebrate as we honor the
families of our military men and women.

