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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.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

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

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**DUES**

It is that time of year to renew our membership. Dues are still only Thirty dollars. Please think about renewing as soon as possible.

Send dues to:  
CWV Post 1974  
2400 NE 59<sup>th</sup> St  
Gladstone MO 64118

**Ukraine.**

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

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**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

God of Peace and Justice,  
we pray for those caught up in the current violence in

Since Easter is toward the beginning of April, I hope and pray that everyone has a very holy and blessed Holy Week and Easter.

And as we enjoy the celebrations of the Holiest day of the year, let us not forget what our Lord went through for us, His passion and death.



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Catholic War Veterans, (CWV), USA-Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Memorial Post MINUTES of MARCH 1, 2023, MEETING-Held at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, Liberty, MO-Post Home

Meeting opened at 6:30PM with Prayer by Chaplain Fr. Michael Volkmer, C.PP. S. then followed by opening meeting protocol, pledge to Flag, (CWV) preamble.

Since there wasn't a FULL QUAROM for a Post meeting, the meeting was held with the three persons present. There was not anything to be voted on, however the AGENDA for this meeting was discussed, as we assumed ALL received the "March 1, 2023, Meeting AGENDA in advance. Ann Puck, Welfare/Service Officer took the minutes and reviewed/discussed Post 1974 and St. James Parish Military-Veteran & Family Outreach Ministry February's event held in the Social Hall of St. James on February 19, 2023, at 3:00-4:20PM. Positive repour with 10 attendees including Post and Military-Veteran & Family Outreach members-for support as to the VA Understanding Video and You-the veteran. A big thank you to Adjutant-First Vice-Quinn Knabe and Jeanne and Bernie Verssue.

2nd Vice- Membership- Officer was absent. However, was presented by Fr. Volkmer and members present to HAVE-ASK THOSE VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS TO CALL THE OFFICE AND/OR ANN PUCK TO LET THE POST AND PARISH MINISTRY KNOW OF "WHO ARE THE VETERANS, GUARD/RESERVE, OR MILITAYR PERSONNEL IN THE PARISH AND OUTLINING COMMUNITY CONNECTING WITH THE PARISH. This activity will take place in the upcoming weeks.

3rd Vice-Youth Activities- Chaplain letters are still being mailed to Catholic Chaplains that St. James School children wrote. Thank you notes received from Chaplains and those in 'formation for the Chaplaincy' were read.

Other Reports and Discussions:

\*March 28th Vietnam Veterans Day and Women History/Saints Month.

1. Request made and suggested to ask for intercession from Women Saints, Women Military Saints, Novenas, etc.

2. Vietnam Veteran (and Vietnam Era) Veterans Day-(March 28th).

Activity weekends of 19th March- prayer of the Faithful of recognition and prayer for all Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans; Welcome and Post and Ministry Cards, pins, and other items will be distributed on the March 19th in Our Lady Room at #:00 pm to 4:15 pm for all Veterans by Commander Larry Bergeron and Hermann Schmidt, and on the weekend of 25-26 March 2023-cards and prayer offered in the prayer of the faithful.

PLEASE- SEEK OUT VETERANS THAT SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM/ERA AND THANK THEM AND POINT THE WAY TO THE BASKET OF CARDS, FLYER FOR VETERANS RETREAT AT THE END OF JUNE-29-JULY 2, 1023-in St. Louis Jesuit Retreat House-noting assistance of \$50.00 fee and transportation is available.

Other information shared was distributed in the email with the AGENDA for this meeting.

3. April's EVENTS- discussed as given to all in EMAILS and passed out at previous Post and Military-Veteran & Family Ministry gatherings of activities (e.g., Gold Star Mothers, Military Children Month). Planning to take place at Post next meeting, APRIL 5th 2023.

4. Honor Flight for ROBERT CONNOR- April 18th- Thank you notes stated are to be taken to the Parish office counter in put in the WHITE Envelope. Collection date is March 20th. PLEASE EVERYONE WRITE A NOTE TO HIM. WE DID A GREAT JOB FOR HERMANN SCHMIDT.

5. Continuation discussion and preparation of the "Presentation of Servant of God-Medal of Honor -Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM -Life and Canonization Process will take place Sept. 16th. THIS IS A DIOCESEAN EVENT, AND HOSTED BY ST. JAMES PARISH, MILITAYR-VETERAN MINISTRY AND POST 1974. THE KEY PRESENTATOR (MR. Donald Campbell, Retired Captain) of the Capodanno guild.org-Board of Directors is the Presenter, and Holy Mass will be by Fr. Rowe from the diocesan office. More information at the next Post 1974 meeting.

6. Last item of "NEW BUSINESS:"

PLEASE NOTE: APRIL 5TH MEETING WILL BE ZOOMED-BY ZOOM CONNECTION ON YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE. THE POST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE OF ITS BLESSED MEMBERS VOICE, PRESENCE, PRAYERS, AND ASSISTANCE IN OUR CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY AND ACTS OF CHARITY. We know that all are present in hearts, mind, and souls, but it would be more helpful IF we can see more of each other as we all do what we are called to do.

Another discussion was suggested at this meeting and last was to alternate POST 1974 meetings here at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and at ST. James Parish-if we can get permission to do so. We would like to reach out to more veteran, Military and Guard/Reserve families and do what our Post motto call us to do: HEAL, LOVE, SERVE, AND LISTEN.

7. Closing Prayer by Fr. Michael, and statement was made for all to review the EMAILS with flyer-attachments, and narratives. Call the Commander, Service Officer, Fr. Michael for any questions, comments, prayers, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Puck

Below articles-Newsletter-March 2023

1. REPEAT- The Novena, daily PRAYER for Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Canonization and FR. VINCENT R. CAPODANNO, MM (LIVE) PRESENTATION OF HIS LIFE AND CANONIZATION (A Kansas City-St. Joseph DIOCESAN

EVENT) held at ST. James September 16, 2023. Add our Post words, and prayer-more.....

2. Encourage (WRITE STATEMENT of Encouragement for ZOOM Post Meetings.

3. Go to Archdiocese for the Military Services and look for CATHOLIC MILITARY LIFE PODCASTS-(FID CLICK RESOURCES, SEE MEDIA-CLICK-see PODCASTS: 1. Deacon Joe Donohue-Veteran Outreach Link: <https://soundcloud.com/catholicmilitarylife/deacon-joe-donohue-on-veteran-outreach>

2. Kenneth L. Fields- On Father Vincent Capodanno- He was with him. Link: <https://soundcloud.com/catholicmilitarylife>

4. Catholic Military Life---Chaplain Brian Minietta On Moral InjuryLink: <https://soundcloud.com/catholicmilitarylife/chaplain-brian-minietta-on-moral-injury>.

#### March 2023 - Chairman's Corner

Friends – Recall that our next step is for Archbishop Broglio to form a new Historical Commission that will assemble additional information about Father Vincent's lifelong development of virtue and spirituality that led to the free gift of his life on the battlefield. We're not there yet but the effort continues - Archbishop Broglio has assembled two members of a three person team and is pursuing the third person – please pray for him.

To document Father's growth in sanctity, especially in the period before Vietnam, we asked you to send in anecdotes and you complied – we received many. Because of limited space, I will highlight only two but know that each shows our Padre's love for his flock and many highlight favors granted through prayer for his intercession. They are inspirational – please keep them coming.

Lastly, as we are in the midst of Lent, I ponder the love that led our Lord to accept crucifixion; I see a similar love in Father Vincent – a love of souls that led him on to a battlefield without any thought of self-preservation. He was there to provide for those souls as only he could.

#### Presentation in Quantico

Recently, Mary Preece and I were able to give a presentation at Quantico to the Catholic Women of the Chapel. It was a large group that included many young mothers and children. What an honor to be able to share Father's story with these young people. After the presentation we visited The Basic School Chapel to see Father's original Medal of Honor. Here is a photo:

#### Speaking of Quantico

One of the Naval Academy Midshipmen that we contacted last year has graduated and is a student at The Basic School. He is 2ndLT Xavier Evans. He is working with Father Kasule at Quantico to establish a young officers' network for mentoring

and spiritual growth. The example of Father Vincent will be the foundation for this group. Please keep them in your prayers.

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#### VOLUNTEER

Think about it, seriously. There are many many places that are in dire need of volunteers. In most places the most important talent that is required is the ability to smile, to put a little bit of joy or humor into someone's day.

I have been volunteering at Our Lady of Mercy Country for years. Up until the past couple of years, it was mainly in maintenance, grass cutting, painting, and various other things, wherever I was needed. Then, after covid I started working in the dining room. I, honestly, never realized I could love so many people so deeply. And the satisfaction of knowing that you have actually made someone smile or laugh is absolutely priceless.

Think about it.

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