



Catholic War Veterans of the USA

Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post

To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen

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MEETING NOTICE
NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY
April 5th AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO

OUR MOTTO, TO HEAL, SERVE, LOVE, LISTEN

TO SERVE:

The second word our motto "SERVE" pretty much speaks for itself. Just by the nature of our organization, a "Veteran Service Organization" we are called to serve. The Catholic War Veterans, like other organizations begin by saying "For God and Country," but CWV goes on step further, we say "For God and Country and Home". While our main service is to our fellow veterans, we also go one step further; we include the Family, our family and the

family of every veteran we serve. There are numerous ways in which we serve, be it providing assistance to a needy family, providing information to a fellow veterans as to where to obtain information or needed services, or just simply smiling and saying "Thank You" when we see a fellow veteran.

Christmas "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

The long awaited results are finally in. We did it again. Only this time young Miss Elizabeth Crossett of St. James School in Liberty won FIRST PLACE. Ann Roberts and I presented a certificate to the principle and a certificate, medal, plaque, and a check for one hundred dollars to Elizabeth. The presentation was conducted during the school assembly on March 15th. **Congratulations to Elizabeth!!!!!!!!!!!!**

While there, we also presented the principle with the rules and applications for the Patriotic Essay Contest and the Easter Poster Contest. With Elizabeth receiving the hundred dollar check, I think the other children will be more willing to enter. We just have to wait and see.



Christmas Poster Contest Winner Elizabeth Corssett being present first place plaque

Veterans Retreat

Again this year the White House Retreat House just south of St. Louis will be conducting a Veteran Retreat. The retreat will be conducted from June 30 to July 2, 2017.

This retreat is open to men and women of any denomination who have served in the United States Armed Forces. That being stated, share the flyer that is at the end of this newsletter with all the veterans you may know who might be interested in this.

The retreat will help veterans focus on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them. It does require that participants be able to enter into quiet reflection and be able to listen to the experience of others. It digs in to trauma created by PTSD and guilt and shame that can accompany military experience

White House operates on a free-will offering basis asking attendees to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. The only requirement is a \$50 deposit to register for the retreat.

Blue Star Banner Ceremony

Back in 1917, Army Captain Robert Queissner wanted to make a simple flag that signified his two sons' service in World War I. Only three days later, the American War Mothers organization formed and began displaying Captain Queissner's flag in their windows. Sometimes the flags may have two or three stars (signifying two or three children serving in the military). Because so many military lives were lost in

World War I, a new flag was developed. Mothers who had lost their sons in World War I began sewing a gold star over the blue star. The flag symbolized pride, love, and hope and became very popular during World War II. It returned to popularity during the Gulf War.

Our post will be conducting a Blue Star Banner ceremony on May 13th, 2017 at 10:00 AM at our post home. During the ceremony we will be presenting Blue Star Banners to those present who have family members in our military service. Notice the date change.

VA Phone Number

VA is introducing 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311) as a go-to source for Veterans and their families who don't know what number to call. This new national toll-free number will help eliminate the feeling of frustration and confusion that Veterans and their families have expressed when navigating the 1000-plus phone numbers that currently exist.

If anyone needs an application for membership or brochure about CWV, just let me know. I will be glad to send some to you.

National Board Meeting

The dates for the National Board has been changed due to the weather in New York. The dates are now the 29th and 30th of March. I wanted to include the decisions made at the meeting, but since it is so close to the end of the Month, I will wait until I get back and then send you all an email as to what when on. I was hoping the meeting would be later in April, but will have to live with what we have.

Prayer For Our Chaplains

Heavenly Father, bless and protect Military Chaplains and fill them with the joy and courage of their vocation as personal ministers of Christ in preaching your word and nourishing us with the Sacraments. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Served...Let Us Now Serve You



Spiritual Retreat for U.S. Veterans

What: A series of talks will be presented followed by small group breakout sessions. Attendees will each receive private accommodations and all meals are provided.

Why: The retreat will help veterans focus on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them. It does require that participants be able to enter into quiet reflection and be able to listen to the experience of others. It digs in to trauma created by PTSD and guilt and shame that can accompany military experience.

When: June 30-July 2, 2017 (Friday-Sunday). Check in is from 5:00 PM to 6:30PM on Friday June 30th and the retreat will conclude at 2:00PM on Sunday July 2nd.

Where: **White House Jesuit Retreat-** 7400 Christopher Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129.

Who: This retreat is open to men and women of any denomination who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Cost: White House operates on a free-will offering basis asking attendees to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. The only requirement is a \$50 deposit to register for the retreat.

Space is limited! Call 314-416-6400 or visit us online at www.whretreat.org to reserve your space.

This type of “retreat” is a good thing!

***Military Family Support-Military Outreach AT THE
PARISH LEVEL and beyond***

Soon, Catholic veterans and parishioners from St. James Parish, Liberty, Missouri will launch a new ministry with God's blessing-Military Outreach Ministry-(MOM), or a mission name that is similar to MOM. Its pastoral mission will be to support our active duty military and their families at the parish level and provide recognition and thankfulness for our veterans in the parish and out in the community. As in other parishes and dioceses all across the United States this new 'military family support' for active duty military personnel, Guard men and women, and veterans of previous wars and conflicts protect our freedom and American way of life with the spirit and grace from God. Some projects/ ministry that will be introduced in the formative gathering of interested persons will be to provide: care packages and cards to those currently deployed on overseas assignments, Masses of Remembrance for Veterans and Deceased veterans, Blue Star Ceremony, and information and education workshops for active military, families and veterans. We hold these veterans in the palms of our Lord's hands.

If you decide to do the same in your parish, please let our post know so that we can assist you in your parish ministry to veterans and active duty military personnel.

"May the LORD give might to his people; may the LORD bless his people with peace." (Psalm29:11).

Convention News

We are starting to really gear up for our national convention. As you know, the convention this year will be in St. Louis, MO in August. Knowing how busy our bishop and all of the bishops in Missouri are, we have sent them all an invitation. So far we have heard from the Archbishop of St. Louis and the Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas. Archbishop Calson of St. Louis will be present for the closing Mass. Archbishop Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas will not be able to attend due to his schedule. I hope to have a lot more information about the convention after the national board meeting in March. We have also designed a commemorative t-shirt that we hope to sell. I will presenting that also at the board meeting.

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