



Catholic War Veterans of the USA
Father Vincent Capodanno
Memorial Post
To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen

Eighty Third Edition

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May 2023



Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

MEETING NOTICE

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

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 59th St
Gladstone MO 64118

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
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.

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.

Remember what Jesus told is, “Whatever you do for the least of your brothers you do for Me.”

Think about it.

John

May 3, 2023 Minutes- 6:30 pm meeting-Catholic War Veterans, USA (CWV) Post 1974-Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM

Meeting opened with proper CWV by Fr. Michael, followed by opening ceremony by Acting Commander and Treasurer- John Kopp. Very sorry that this meeting ZOOM Meeting wasn't working-No WIFI in meeting room. Problem will be hopefully next month, June, 2023.

Role Call of Officers and welcoming of guests: No guests, Officers present: Chaplain, Officer of the Day, Welfare-Service Officer, Treasurer. Commander, Adjutant, 1st Vice absent. 2nd Vice Youth Vacant officers. Volunteers needed.

Reports: Treasurer: John Kopp. Donations for post member in need collected \$200.00 from various donors, including Bishop Joseph Coffey of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Post account of dues to Post \$175.00 approximately.

Suggested by Treasurer and others present approved donations for any of poppy distribution, possibly a raffle for the reason of any costs due to Presentation of Fr. Vincent Capodanno this September er 16, 2023. More information this June at the meeting. Lots of planning and preparation for this event. PLEASE-PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS PRESENTATION, HOLY MASS, AND PRESENTATION OF THE LARGE ORNATE PORTRAIT GIVEN TO FR. CHARLES ROWE FOR OUR BISHOP, BISHOP JAMES JOHNSTON. THJANK YOU ALL.

Welfare Officer: Ann gave the report on the Honor Flight recipient and thanked members and parishioners for them thank you and welcome letters to Rick Conard. Next Honor Flight is this upcoming September.

Next item discussed (New) Business: [Old Business: is ongoing-Officers, Fr. Capodanno presentation, membership, assistance to veterans in need, etc.]

New Business Continue: 1. Memorial Day Weekend-(distribution of poppies after Masses-27, 28 May 2023). Memorial Day Veterans Ceremony-Mount Olivet as in the past four years at the Veteran Monument: Be at the Cemetery at 9:00 am for set up then attend Mass, if choose to at the Main Building. Members, please if can attend a Memorial Day Mass and Ceremony in your community outside of St. James Parish, Liberty, MO. Everyone in the Post will be remembered this Memorial Day weekend, and is so every day by its officers and members. We are all together spiritually. Car pool to Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in KC, MO.

A flyer is attached with this minutes- document about the Memorial Day Catholic Veterans Ceremony.

Finally, ad a GOOD New Business item: Ann Puck, Welfare Officer and National Welfare Officer is working on a “Servant of God Fr. Vincent R. Capodnno Service Merit Award,” for an priest, lay person, or CWV member. The Award criteria will soon be presented

to the “Catholic War Veterans, USA Standards committee for their approval, then voted on at this year National Convention held in Fort Wayne, IN. If interested in the National Convention its open to all, please let Ann know, or go online to: cww.org- to the ONLINE STORE .

Closing Prayer and closing Post proctol done by FR. Michel and acting Commander John Kopp.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Puck. 816-469-0712

From the VA
Greetings Veterans:

As you may know, the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 has been signed into law.

This historic new law expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. It empowers VA to provide generations of Veterans – and their survivors – with the care and benefits they have earned.

On Monday, June 5, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., you are invited to join Kansas City VA Medical Center at the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N Madison St., Spring Hill, KS 66083, for KCVA’s next PACT Act Town Hall awareness event.

We will provide an overview of the PACT Act, how it will help VA serve Veterans, explain the newly expanded health care and benefits options outlined in the law, and answer any questions you may have. Additionally, we will offer onsite toxic exposure screenings and registration/enrollment services and provide a host of Veteran Service Officers (VSO) claim support. Please join us for the entire event or stop by for just a few minutes to access available resources. Please pre-register for this event by clicking here.

Suppose you are unable to join us on June 5. In that case, we will hold additional PACT Act Events throughout the region during the coming months to be sure we reach all Veterans interested in learning more and receiving a screening. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit www.va.gov/PACT to learn more.

Post 1974 future meetings

Ann Puck is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CWVpost1974

Time: May 3, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every 3 months on the 3, 8 occurrence(s)

May 3, 2023 06:30 PM

Aug 3, 2023 06:30 PM

Nov 3, 2023 06:30 PM

Feb 3, 2024 06:30 PM

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Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0scOivpj4pHNFff3nNKwrbVIUQkG3RHNf7/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhrzwrHdyQsx-CRpx5BY_Cd-3xiCVego17mhm2DQ54dRH0AO53A7IYQ-r4

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89171785365?pwd=dmV0TWI4NEZzRlZDTFBKb2xub0JYQT09

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of Corporal Spiritual and Physical Works of Mercy outlined and described in the Catholic War Veterans, USA Welfare Officer Program.

This religious activity honors those men and women who lead heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, actions, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics, Military personnel, Veterans and their families. This Merit Service Award would also recognize, honor, and show how learning, praying, sacrificing and caring for others physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs is evidenced in servant leadership through the life and sacrifice of Father Vincent Capodanno.

By following the 'criteria and qualifications' outlined in Parts A and B, and Nomination Procedures, an individual, Priest, Catholic Chaplain, Catholic Lay Person, or Religious Order person will be awarded the Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno merit Service Award at a time designated at the National Catholic War Veterans, USA Convention.

Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Merit Service Award

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill, and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt. 25:35-36). He said to them, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "...You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt. 22:37-39).

The Catholic Military, Veteran, Catholic War Veterans, USA Member, Lay Person/Civilian, Priest, Chaplain, or Religious Brother or Sister are persons worthy of the "Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Merit Service Award" for their exemplary service to God, Country, and Home in accordance Catholic Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy outlined in the criteria stated below. The 'Nomination Committee' will send out the criteria and nomination procedures for the above-named Merit Service Award, evaluate and provide the recommendation made to the Body of Catholic War Veterans, USA members for the calendar year.

(Part A) Merit Award Service Criteria- The recipient would complete the ten (10) below criteria of which their three (3) endorsers donated on the "Nomination Form." To be considered for the "Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Merit Service Award" the nominee demonstrated exceptional volunteer service in the Spirit of Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in the way of Christ Jesus, and in Communion of Holy Mother Church and the Saints.

1. Have distinguished himself/herself in an explementary manner by contributing the/a 'religious program in a/their parish, or if based on a 'military installation' in their Catholic Chapel Religious Program-overseas or in a Diocese.
2. Be of good character, exemplary conduct, and have a good reputation in the community, Catholic War Veterans, USA community, Post, Chapter and Department.
3. If married, have received the Sacrament of Matrimony.
4. Serve the Church, Catholic War Veterans, USA without recompense in the following manner as outlined for the 'Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Merit Service Award.'
5. Possess an outstanding character/behavior/reputation in all respects.
6. Motivated by religious values in one's daily life.
7. Practice your Catholic faith often.
8. Provide good example to others.
9. Held in high esteem by your peers and community.
10. Faithful to official Church teaching.

VETERANS RETREAT



A retreat for U.S. Military Veterans featuring a series of talks focusing on issues pertaining to Veterans.

The retreat will help veterans focus on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them.

June 29 - July 2, 2023
White House Retreat - St. Louis, MO

CO-ED	PRIVATE LODGING	ALL MEALS PROVIDED
Open to any men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. All denominations welcome!	Each guest receives their own private bedroom with bathroom and shower.	3 meals per day are provided to all guests.

ONLY \$50 PER PERSON!

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"Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Merit Service Award."

Introduction, Purpose and Explanation of the "Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Merit Service Award

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This Catholic War Veterans, USA National Welfare Officer "Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno Service Merit Award" recognizes and honors the exemplary service of an individual Catholic War Veterans member, Priest, Catholic Chaplain, Religious Order person, or lay Catholic person whom by their Catholic actions

(Part B) Merit Award Service Criteria – The recipient would complete one (1) of the following criteria:

1. Have provided ‘spiritual care for veterans (military) serving our nation and/or, their families either in a parish, out in a community by visiting a Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center-Hospital, or invite a veteran or family member to attend a prayer service or Holy Mass.
2. Have participated in a Seminar for ‘Suicide Prevention’ moral injury and share one’s faith with another veteran in their moment of crisis.
3. Over a period of time visited home-bound veterans of those with, or without spouses, and/or children in (VA) operated homes, or their private residence, or community government housing.
4. Visits a veteran’s’ family when he/she becomes ill, or anytime when asked, or takes a veteran to a post meeting when he/she is unable to provide own transportation, or to and disabled veteran event, or adopt a military family in a parish or their spiritual or physical needs

Several years ago Ann came up with the idea of having a national award in honor of Father Capodanno. Over the past several years she has worked with many national officers, department commanders, fellow members from various posts, etc. When this finally becomes the award she seeks, all the credit is hers. She never gave up.

This, in my humble opinion, is a much needed award, especially an award in honor of a great man, a servant of God, who gave his life administering to wounded and dying Marines in Vietnam.
John



88th National Convention
Tuesday, AUGUST 1st to Sunday, AUGUST 6th 2023

Now is the time to make plans and reservations to attend the 2023 National Convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Consider having your family or friends join us too! Below is the information and links to purchase your Hotel Room, Seating for the Luncheon and Banquet, Tickets for the Baseball Game, Museum – Shrine – BBQ Trip, and Program Journal.

Our hotel is the Hilton Grand Wayne Convention Center. The cost is \$139 per night. There is free parking. Reservations must be made via the CWV Online Store. This rate is available two days before and after the official convention program!

For those who have computers, you can get more information by visiting the CWV national web site at:
<https://cwv.org/>

For those without a computer you can contact either me at (816) 699-8719 or Ann Puck at 816-469-0712
