



# 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**  
**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY**  
**December 5th AT 7:00 PM**  
**At Our Lady of Mercy Country**  
**Home**  
**2115 Maturana Dr.**  
**Liberty MO 64068**

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#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just another reminder – those who have not paid dues, please do. Twelve members are still unpaid. **Dues are still only thirty dollars (\$30.00)** So please send you dues in. This is the only income our post has.

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#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Ann Roberts and I visited the Kehileth Israel Synagogue in Overland Park, Kansas to assist in filling over 200 Christmas gifts that will be given to veterans at St. Michaels Vet Center, Cameron Veterans Home, KC VA hospital and the VA hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas.



Commander John F. Kopp and welfare officer Ann M. Roberts standing by the many bags going to veterans from the Jewish War Veterans

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we traveled to Alexandria Virginia for the national board meeting. Personally, I think it was a total waste of time and money.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we ventured to Kansas City, Kansas for the Heart of America Stand Down. In late October Ann and I assisted Legion Post 61 with their annual Halloween party for children of the post. There was gobs of candy left and the ladies generously donated what was left to our post. The veterans at the stand down really enjoyed the candy.

On Sunday afternoon, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a showing of the movie, "Called and Chosen" to the residents of Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. There were about 15 residents attending. Everyone I talked to were moved by the movie.

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**MOVE**

I stated in the October Newsletter that I believed that the report that was to be given during the November board meeting would be biased. Well, I was correct. I have never been so insulted in my life. The report was full of half-truths and erroneous information, for instance, one of the items they stated was there were only three parking spaces. They failed to mention that those three spaces stated were those that would be reserved for employees and that there are more than five hundred other spaces available. And it went downhill from there. After it was all over, the board voted to "temporarily" move to Queens NY. Of course, they also failed to take into account that the building is owned by the same person who gave the biased report and is commander of the department of NY. Talk about a conflict of interest.

All in all, I am glad now that they are not moving to Kansas City. We have decided to concentrate our efforts on our post and its working in our parish, diocese and state.

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**CALENDARS**

**LAST CALL FOR CALENDARS!!** They are only **\$25.00 each** and make great Christmas presents.

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**SICK CALL**



Tom Maschler, our Officer of the Day, is in the hospital. Keep him in your prayers.

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**Post Name**

Our post has been named after Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, MM. He was a navy chaplain who gave his life while serving the marines during Operation Swift. His biographical timeline goes something like this:

- 13 February 1929** – Born in Staten Island NY
- 13 February 1939** – Received news of his father's death on his tenth birthday
- January 1943** – Graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Public School 44
- 04 February 1947** -Graduated Curtis High School
- 1947 – 1949** – Attended Fordham :University and worked on Wall Street
- May 1949 – June 1957** – Attended seminary in Ossinging NY
- 14 June 1958** – Ordained a Maryknoll priest
- 1958 – 1965** – Served as missionary in Taiwan and Hong Kong
- 28 December 1965** - Commissioned in U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps
- 16 March 1966** – Arrived for training in Newport RI and Camp Pendleton, CA
- Holy Week 1966** – Arrived in Vietnam
- 30 April 1966** – Reported for duty and assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Marines
- 03 July 1967** – Reported to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Marines
- 04 September 1967** – Killed in action during Operation Swift
- 07 January 1969** – Awarded Medal of Honor
- 17 November 1973** - USS Capodanno commissioned
- 21 May 2006** - Declared Servant of God

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