



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

Thirty-second Edition

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

MEETING NOTICE
NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY
October 3rd AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO 64068

DUES

It is that time of year again. Amazing how time flies. It is time to renew your membership. So, if you have some spare change – like **Thirty Dollars** – please renew your membership. Make your check or money order out to “CWV Post 1974” and mail it to CWV Post 1974, 2115 Maturana Dr., Liberty MO 64068. MO. So far twenty-five members have renewed –this includes all of the life members. That leaves just nineteen members still unpaid.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

At our meeting on the fifth, right after the opening ritual, I read the letter that our Bishop had asked all pastors to read at all

the Masses. For those of you not in the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese, the letter pertained to the recent scandal now going on in or church worldwide. He asked that everyone pray for forgiveness and reconciliation and grace from God to lead us in His path.

After reading the letter, Miss Roberts led the Divine Mercy prayers.

We in this diocese are extremely blessed to have been given Bishop Johnston as our Bishop. Our post supports him in all of his endeavors and is proud to have him as a member of our humble post.

National Convention

Morning prayers and daily Mass well attended and National Chaplains for CWV and CWVA presided over the Masses. Saturday closing Memorial Mass main celebrant was the Archbishop of Pittsburg, PA Diocese along with CWV Chaplains. Saturday Memorial Ceremony all posts were represented in this service, which included posts with and without departments.

Brief notes on daily convention resolutions, reports included the following: All Departments and posts approved all of the VA current initiatives. First, I want to add our prayers to Our National Commander Frank Kowalski, who the Tuesday after the National Convention ask for prayers, etc. (as we did during the convention) for Mrs. Bonnie Kowalski-President of CWV Auxiliary.

The Old building in Alexandria has been sold and monies invested in an investment plan program; no actual monies voted on to care of the Dept., of CW@V NY for its use by national officers, etc.

All National Officers-(e.g. 1st Vice, 2nd, 3rd, Officer of the Day, Welfare Officer gave well documents favorable reports. It appeared that posts and departments are putting forth a lot of effort for our veterans and families.

The NEW 'added" Welfare Officer Awards that I am trying to implement as a "Catholic" veteran organization, (e.g. Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Servant of God Award) along with two (2) other Saint awards have not been approved 'yet." You can go on line to the CWV site to look at what the Welfare Officer Program consists of. However, after the Memorial Mass that our Post 1974 holds yearly, this year: 9/15/2018 did after Mass present our NEW award titled: Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM Service Award to member Hermann Schmidt of Liberty, MO. Congratulations Hermann, well done.

Hopefully, soon the minutes to the National Convention will be posted on the CWVF web site. Overall, National CWV Convention was well attended in spite of its cost. New national officers were elected. I will continue the job as National Welfare Officer. As you think about Awards based on Saint Names, etc., please give me and maybe others on the national CWV website your humble opinion. Blessings to all.

Sincerely, submitted by Ann Marie Roberts, National Welfare Officer, Ann M. Roberts

Father Capodanno Memorial

We conducted our annual Father Capodanno Memorial service on Saturday, September 15 in the chapel at our post home, Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. Father Kenneth Criqui was the celebrant for the Mass.

For the Gospel reading I had chosen Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 31-46. Matthew talks about when Jesus comes in His glory and separates the righteous from the evil when it come to "whatever you have done for the least of these you have done to me." I felt these verses depicted the life of Father Capodanno very closely. He shared his food with the troops and natives, gave cigarettes (it was OK to smoke in 1967) if as soldier was out of smokes, comforted the wounded and dying, etc.

After the Mass Miss Roberts presented the post's Father Capodanno Service award to Mr. Hermann Schmidt. This is the first year for presenting the award and Miss Roberts is working on making it a national award.



Commander Kopp, Ann Roberts and Hermann Schmidt

We are ever so thankful to Sister Betty and Sister Dolores for helping us with the memorial Mass and to Father Criqui for celebrating with us.

Our post has been blessed so much by God to lead us to Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and the fabulous Sisters and staff the in allowing us to call Our Lady of Mercy our post home

Up Coming

On the 27th and 28th of September Miss Roberts and I will be attending a seminar in Little Rock, Arkansas, and will be representing not only out post but all of Catholic War Veterans. The seminar concerns what they call the "Community Action Board", we call it "Military Outreach Ministry". We will be the only Catholic organization present.

We will be giving a fifteen minute talk about what we are doing and the problems we are encountering on getting started. Every one present must give it. We hope to gain a lot of ideas and pointers pertaining to setting the ministry up and operating it.

Once we get back we will, hopefully, work up a feasible plan to present to our Bishop. We are presently in the process of collecting the agencies and contact people who presently serve our veterans, active duty, and reserve personnel and their families as also the various churches of all faiths in our diocese.

SICK CALL



Bud McCay, Vernon Hudspeth, Robert Emery, John Partin, Robert Eisenbath

Serving Others

Have you ever wondered how you can actually assist other veterans? After all, Catholic War Veterans is a VSO (Veterans Service Organization) and our main function is on of service, service to God, Country, and Family. And, being veterans ourselves, we serve our fellow veterans without regard to race, color, gender, or religious beliefs.

One way to accomplish this is to volunteer at our local VA hospital or out-patient clinic. It is easy to do, and most cases, you can choose how you want to assist. Miss Roberts and I volunteer at the hospital two or three times a week on the main information desk. When a person asks where a specific clinic, doctor, service is located we try to point them in the right direction.

Think about it. If interested, contact the hospital volunteer services.

Food for Thought

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."