



**Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM Catholic War Veterans (CWV) Post 1975  
Veterans & Families Military Outreach Ministry – St James Parish  
Joint Meeting Minutes – Feb 16, 2025**

**1. Call to Order & Opening Proceedings**

- **Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Preamble to the CWV Charter:**  
The meeting began with the reading of the Catholic War Veterans Charter Preamble, reaffirming our commitment to faith, patriotism, and service.
- **Opening Prayer:**  
A prayer of gratitude for all veterans and their sacrifices offered, asking for blessings and joy in their lives.
- **Saluting of the Flag:**  
Conducted by CWV protocol, led by the Commander in the absence of Fr. Michael and Fr. Tom.

**2. Financial Report**

- Treasurer absent, brief overview below:
  - **Post Checking Account:** Currently have \$532.70 in checking account.
  - **Parish Ministry Account:** Statement not available.

**3. Parish Military-Veteran & Families Ministry Overview**

- **Upcoming Musical Tribute:**
  - Scheduled for **March 16, 2025** – community social and engagement. The Great Americans Entertainment Troupe after the 10:30 AM Mass for an Hour of Enjoyable Patriotic Music, and brunch. Donation: \$5.00 to support our future Military Funeral Riffle Team (see below).
- **Rock the Rotunda** is on **03/11/25** at MO capital in Jefferson City.
- **Tom Williams**, as the new **Vice Commander**, will lead initiatives to enhance social engagement.

**4. Major Projects & Goals**

- **Military Honors Team Formation: Discussion on Topic between members present.**
  - **Objective:** Establish a **Military Honors Team** to support local veterans' services and ceremonies.
  - **Development Process:**
    - Acquire necessary equipment, including a **rifle lock cabinet**.
    - Implement **training programs** and necessary paperwork.
    - Establish a **uniform standard** for team members.
  - This project will enhance collaboration with **American Legion Post 95** and provide meaningful service opportunities for veterans, **Post members**, and **Knights of Columbus members**.
  - Tom will bring up Social and Honor Guard at the next KoC meeting. Discussed visiting NG armory to discuss Honor Guard.
- **Veterans Affairs (VA) Support Initiatives:**
  - **VAS (Veterans Assistance Services) Projects:** Identifying **volunteers** to support veterans' needs.
  - Currently, **three members** from the Post and the **Knights of Columbus** volunteer at **KCVA**.

**5. Adjournment**

- The meeting concluded with a closing prayer and final remarks from the Commander.

**Additional Reference:** [CWV Constitution & Bylaws](#)

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