



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
September 6thnd AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As mentioned in our last newsletter, it is now time to renew your membership. I ask all of you, those who are not life members, to please mail your dues to us as soon as possible. Avoid the rush. Since the per capita increase failed at the convention, we get to keep the ten dollars of your dues for post operating expenses.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

For those of you who have email, at the risk of repeating myself, I will go over the results of the convention, for those who do not have email.

As stated earlier, the per capita increase that was proposed for two years to help pay for the CWV hosting the Arlington Veteran Day Wreath ceremony did not pass.

The resolution on proxy votes also failed. All it would have done is prevent a department or post without a department from speaking for a department or a post without a department from voting for a department or post without a department who does not have any delegates present at the convention. Which is the way most, if not all, other organizations work.

The resolution to correct the language in the constitution and bylaws passed.

A resolution stating that the commander cannot appoint a special committee without the approval of the executive board passed.

A resolution to require spending non budgeted money to be approved by the Directors. Passed. The reason for this is, the Commander, or other national officer was allowed to spend up to \$2500 on a project or

contract without anyone else knowing about it until after the fact. .Now it has to be approved.

The last resolution, which passed, had to do with a waiting period of time required before a past national commander or past national chaplain had to wait before they could be considered for the Order of St. Sebastian.

So much for the resolutions. On Saturday we had the election of officers. Before we left for the convention, Ann was advised that she might run for the office of welfare officer. Her position as VAVS Deputy was an appointed position and she was told that the probable incoming commander had another person in mind and that she, Ann, might consider running for Welfare Officer. She was elected. That gives two members of our post on the national board.

MOVE

Ann Roberts and I worked many hours preparing a power point presentation on The Catholic Center. We rehearsed it several times. When we got to the convention we discovered that the hotel did not have a projector to use. So, we quickly had forty copies made and I went through the proposal as the members present followed in the copies.

Last November the National Board voted that there be at least three proposals be brought before the Directors at the March board meeting and they would make their recommendation on at least two. Well, at the March meeting, Kansas City was the only proposal. With only one proposal, ours, presented at the convention, we should have had a vote.

So, when the convention began, Kansas City was the only proposal on the table. After I presented our proposal, there was a call for a vote. Then New York and Pennsylvania said they had proposals, but didn't know they were supposed to give theirs at the convention. So, since it was lunch we recessed.

After the recess, Pennsylvania withdrew. The department commander said that there was no way he could compete with The Catholic Center. But, New York still had their proposal;. Every point I had made he countered. I stated that rent would be \$600 a month and his department had a cardinal and a couple of bishops as members, etc. Nothing like being blindsided. The result ended up with the commander will appoint a

committee and they will visit both sites and report to the whole board at the November meeting.

I have written to the national commander asking to be informed when they will be in Kansas City so we can be present to answer any questions they may have.

Needless to say I was fuming. But, after I cooled down a bit, I just gave it all to the Holy Spirit. If the national office is supposed to move here, it will and New York can't do a think about it.

So, keep praying.



Capodanno Guild

On September 4, 2017, EWTN will be broadcasting a documentary on the life and death of Father Capodanno, MM. The post will be purchasing several copies of the documentary and hopefully be able to give a presentation around the diocese at various parishes.

Once we get the price of the DVD we will let you know so if you wish to purchase one you can let us know then.

Speaking of Fr. Capodanno, we will be celebrating a memorial Mass again this year. The Mass will be conducted on September 13th at 2:30 in the afternoon in the chapel at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

MAVO

Catholic War Veterans of the USA is in the final stages of becoming a member of MAVO, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations. Miss Ann Roberts has been working on this ever since our post was chartered in November of 2015. We should be hearing within in the next couple of weeks. Once we are members, we will be able to bring you firsthand information concerning pending legislation pertaining to our fellow veterans and veteran issues.



Dear Friends of the Cause for Father Vincent Capodanno's Canonization:

UP COMING EVENTS

September 13th at 2:30 pm: Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM Memorial Mass-50th year Memorial of Fr. Capodanno's KIA as Navy Chaplain in Vietnam-Please attend. Light refreshments afterwards.

September 16th 9 am to 3:00pm: Veterans' Salute- at Honoring All Veterans of All Wars. Address: Midwest Genealogy Center 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055.

Sept. 17th: Constitution Day

Sept. 11th: Patriot Day

October 26th: "National Day of Our Deployed-Present and Past.

As I stated above, the post will be purchasing several copies of the documentary on the life and death of Fr. Capodanno. When we receive our copies, we will be planning a presentation at Our Lady of Mercy Country for the residence and will attempt to do the same in various parishes. I will let you know when we receive the copies and if of you would like a copy let me know then. Think about it for now because if you tell me now, I am sure to forget.



St. Rita's Church, Vinita Park, MO

SICK CALL



Post members and family Sick Call! Please pray for the *Herrmann Schmidt – Recovering from recent hernia surgery..

THOUGHTS FROM OUR WELFARE OFFICER ANN ROBERTS

Can you share with your parish, our post (1974), family members-young and old your experiences-spiritual, and other you had with your or a Catholic Chaplain while serving in the Armed Forces?

WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT POST NEWSLETTER.

Since I was elected as the new National Welfare Officer for Catholic War Veterans, USA, what would you ask of a Welfare Officer of a post, veteran organization, etc.? Your comments and prayers are appreciated.

One last tidbit; On Sunday, to start our day off I took Ann to Mass at the parish where I grew up. I showed her the altar behind which I had dropped the book several times during Mass as an altar boy, The pulpit where I did my first reading – the genealogy of Jesus (I coughed through several of the names). We then went to the parish hall where I showed her the stage upon which I began and ended my singing career.