



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
July 12th AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO

October 1st 2017. At present of the thirty dollars you pay, the post receives then dollars of it. Since this increase will only last two years, I do not think we should increase our dues.

There are several major veterans organizations that participate in the National Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. The cost of sponsoring the ceremony rotates from year to year among these organizations. In 2019 it will be the Catholic War Veterans turn and the cost is around fifty thousand dollars. So the proposed increase in per capita is to pay for our turn.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Memorial Day

June has been a rather busy month. On Memorial Day Ann Roberts, Vern Hudspeth, and I attended the annual Memorial Day Mass at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Following the Mass. Father Richard joined us as we conducted the first Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. We laid a wreath at the Veteran Monument and the First Responder Monument. For it being the first time I thought it was pretty good. We will be doing it again next year.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Beginning July 1st, any dues received will be for the upcoming membership year. So, if anyone wishes to beat the rush, feel free to send in your dues for the new year. Dues are still only \$30.00 a year.

There is a resolution that will be proposed during the National Convention to raise dues by five dollars for the next two years. Since the official membership year runs from October 1st through December 31st the increase will not take effect until

Hopefully in time we will be able to perform this ceremony at both of the Catholic Cemeteries in Kansas City,



Commander John F. Kopp speaking at Wreath Laying Ceremony Memorial Day 2017



Opening Prayer by Father Richard Colbert, CPPS, Post Chaplain

Blue Star Banner Ceremony

On May 13, 2017, with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 214 from St. James Parish in Liberty presenting the colors for us, Father Vincent Capodanno, MM Memorial Post 1974 performed a Blue Star/Gold Star Banner Presentation Ceremony. The Ceremony took place in Tighe Hall at our Lady of Mercy Country Home. We were honored to present thirteen Blue Star Banners and one Gold Star Banner

CONVENTION NEWS

We are getting closer to the National Convention to be held in St. Louis. The plans for our night of hosting the hospitality room are in the works. Whatever has to be cooked will have to be done in our hotel room. But, somehow it will be done and done right.

Our post is allotted five votes. Ann Roberts and I cannot be delegates among the count for the post. We are both national officers and have one vote each. At least it

does not take away from the post's count. But I need to know who is planning on attending the convention so I can make out the list of delegates. So far we have one, maybe two attending that I know of. If you are planning on attending, especially one of the last couple of days, let me know so I can put you down as a delegate.

There are a few resolutions that are going to be voted on. I have already talked about the dues increase above. Another resolution for changing the bylaws reads as thus:

Each Department or Post without Department, including the National Headquarters Post, shall not be entitled to suffrage in any convention or election meeting,

EXCEPT: (a) where each Department or Post including any Post without Department has delegates physically present, proxy votes will be allowed only for their unit including unit rule voting where members of that unit are present; (b) the delegate of the Department or Post, physically present, and a member of said unit, shall be entitled to cast his or her own vote, plus any proxy votes from their unit; (c) each Department Headquarters Post shall have suffrage in any Department Convention or election meeting. The Department shall be the judge of the vote allowed its Headquarters Post.

Most of the other resolutions mainly pertain to language in the constitution and bylaws like adding wording like "or she/her" where before only stated "he or him."

We will discuss all of the proposed changes at our post meeting on July 12th.

IMPORTANT

One last thing about the convention! I will be giving a power point presentation on the Catholic Center in downtown Kansas City for the new location of our national office. Every one think of reasons why Kansas City would be the ideal location for headquarters to move here. Please send your suggestion within the next two weeks so they can be added to the presentation. The best ideas will be used and will be in next month's newsletter.

The new location is supposed to be voted on during the upcoming convention. So the more positive suggestions and ideas we can present to the convention body the better.

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SICK CALL



Post members and family Sick Call! Please pray for these persons recovery *Herrmann Schmidt - Recent hernia surgery. If any other person IS ill, please let the Commander know as soon as possible.

Emmaus Veterans Committee Honor Guard



The Emmaus Veterans Committee is made up of veterans from the Catholic War Vets, the VFW, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League. The purpose of this committee is for all Emmaus veterans organizations to gather together and ensure the needs of local veterans and their families are being taken care of.

The committees activities include, but are not limited to:

- replacing the flags at veterans gravesites, multiple times a year
- organizing the Emmaus Memorial Day Activities
- Once a year a flag retirement ceremony is held, in which old and tattered flags collected from gravesites, veterans groups, and civilian contributors are properly retired. The ashes of those flags are later collected and spread around the veterans cemeteries.
- visit VA hospitals and nursing homes where veterans are living to provide conversation and lift their spirits.

Maybe something like this would work for us, to join with another VSO post and participate wiith their Honor Guard.

BEST OF ALL FELLOW MEMBERS

.....The Emmaus Veterans Committee also has an Honor Guard. This is a group of local veterans which volunteer their time to perform military funerals for fallen veterans at the gravesite, including the playing of taps and a gun salute. They will also perform services inside the funeral home per the request of the family. There is no payment requested but donations are accepted. If

you would like a military service at a loved one's funeral, please let the funeral director know and contact the committee below. Also they are always looking for volunteers to assist in their services, if there is any interest please fill out the form below and somebody will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Just a reminder• Veterans Retreat at White House June 30 to July 2, 2017. Please pray for those veterans that are making this Retreat.

VA INFORMATION

BY Ann Roberts

1st Vice and Welfare Officer

FIRST in a 'series' of information for all veterans, active duty, etc. from: CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, USA]. THE BEST SITE FOR "VA" INFORMATION.

LINK:<http://wordpress.cwv.org/department-of-Veterans-affairs-links/>

1ST NEWS AND VA (VETERANS ADMINISTRATION) "INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS."

Instructional videos (these are also available through the YouTube link at the bottom of every page)...

1. Female Benefits Include Maternity Care
2. PTSD Coach – Mobile App
3. 100 Years of VA Life Insurance
4. eBenefits Site Tour

5. Tips for Navigating the VA Claims Process
6. Overview of VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension: Part 1
7. Overview of VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension: Part 2
8. The FDC Program | Section 1: VA Benefits, Who is Eligible, and Claim Types
9. The FDC Program | Section 2: FDC Program Overview
10. The FDC Program | Section 3: Partnering with a VSO
11. The FDC Program | Section 4: Filing an Electronic FDC for Disability Compensation
12. The FDC Program | Section 5: Filing an FDC for Pension and DIC
13. The FDC Program | Section 6: Things to Know Before You File an eClaim/FDC
14. The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

Next month's Post Newsletter topics: VA Life insurance and Pensions.

Convention News

Tentative Schedule – Subject to change Monday August 7

9:00 am Morning Prayer Ambassador 1-3
 9:15 am Mass Ambassador 1-3
 Breakfast on your own after Mass
 11:00 am Convention Corporation Presidential Parlor 6th Floor

Tuesday August 8

7:15 am Morning Prayer Ambassador 1-3
 7:30 am Mass Ambassador 1-3
 Breakfast on your own after Mass
 10:00 - 11:00 am National Directors Meeting Ambassador 1-3
 10:00 - 11:00 am CWVA Directors & Treasurer Ambassador 2-4
 11:00 - 12:00 pm Delegate Registration Open Outside Meeting Rooms
 12:00 - 1:00 pm Resolutions Committee Presidential Parlor 6th Floor
 1:00 - 2:00 pm Constitution/By-Laws Committee Presidential Parlor 6th Floor
 1:30 - 4:30 pm Delegate Registration Open Outside Meeting Rooms
 2:30 - 3:30 pm CWV Dept Commanders Meeting Presidential Parlor 6th Floor
 1:30 - 2:30 pm CWVA Dept Presidents Meeting Sue's Room - TBA
 7:00 - 11:30 pm Hospitality room open

Wednesday August 9

7:15 am Morning Prayer Ambassador 1-3
 7:30 am Mass Ambassador 1-3
 Breakfast on your own after Mass
 8:00 -9:00 am Delegate Registration Open Outside Meeting Rooms
 9:00 - 10:00 am Pre-Convention Board Meeting CWV in Ambassador 1-3
 CWVA in Ambassador 2-4
10:15 am - 12:00 pm Convention Business Sessions
 CWV in Ambassador 1-3
 CWVA in Ambassador 2-4
 12:30 pm Bus for Arch Trip loading - bus leaves at 1:00 pm
 7:00 -11:30 pm Hospitality room open

Thursday August 10

7:15 am Morning Prayer Ambassador 1-3
 7:30 am Mass Ambassador 1-3
 Breakfast on your own after Mass
 8:00 - 9:00 am Delegate Registration Open Outside Meeting rooms
 9:00 - 10:00 am CWV/CWVA Joint Session Ambassador 1-3
 10:30 am Convention Memorial Service Ambassador 1-3
 11:15 am - 12:30 pm Convention Business Sessions
 Resume
 CWV in Ambassador 1-3
 CWVA in Ambassador 2-4

Thursday August 10 (cont.)

1:00 pm Chaplains & Commander Luncheon Ambassador 5
 National President Luncheon Ambassador 6
2:30 - 4:30 pm Convention Business Sessions Resume
 CWV in Ambassador 1-3
 CWVA in Ambassador 2-4

5:00 pm Bus Loading for Baseball Game

7:00 - 11:30 pm Hospitality Room Open

Friday August 11

7:15 am Morning Prayer Ambassador 1-3
 7:30 am Mass Ambassador 1-3
 Breakfast on your own after Mass
 8:00 - 9:00am FINAL Delegate Registration Outside Meeting Rooms
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Convention Business Sessions
 CWV in Ambassador 1-3
 CWVA in Ambassador 2-4
 12:00 - 1:30 pm LUNCH on your own
1:45 - 5:00 pm Convention Business Sessions Resumes
 CWV in Ambassador 1-3

CWVA in Ambassador 2-4
7:00 - 10:30 pm Game Night Room TBA
8:30 - 11:30 pm Hospitality Room Open

Saturday August 12

Breakfast On Your Own
NO MORNING PRAYER OR MASS
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Convention Business Sessions Resumes

CWV in Ambassador 1-3
CWVA in Ambassador 2-4
Final Business Sessions will include:
Election of CWV & CWVA National Officers
Installation of newly elected CWV & CWVA Officers
Closing of CWV & CWVA Conventions
Post-Convention Meeting for CWV & CWVA
Transition Meeting of Newly Elected Officers
1:00 pm Convention Corporation Meeting
Ambassador 1-3
4:00 pm Convention Memorial Mass Ambassador 1-3
6:00 - 11:00pm Cocktail hour and Banquet Room TBA

Sunday August 13
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Those items above that are bold print are the important parts of the convention and as you can see, the general sessions really don't begin until Wednesday morning. I would imagine that the Wednesday session will consist mainly of department commanders and officers reports. So, if you are planning on attending the convention Thursday, Friday, and Saturday would be the important days, especially Friday and Saturday.

As of the present time I have found three other hotels within five miles of the Hilton. Days Inn, 1970 Craig Rd for \$67.00/night -- Red Roof Inn 1183 Lackland Rd for \$59.00/night – and Comfort Inn 12031 Lackland Rd for \$98/night.

VAVS

VAVS- In our local Missouri Veteran Administrations (VA) Medical Centers, and Veteran Homes there are always a need for volunteers in various capacities. Once a month one can drive a veteran-(or family member and veteran) to a medical facility, donate goodies, etc. Catholic War Veterans, USA, Inc. Post 1974 can and probably do many of these volunteer functions. Maybe, some of us volunteer with AMVETS. IF YOU or a family

member does such volunteer, please PLEASE let the Commander or Welfare Officer know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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.



Happy Birthday to Post members that might have a birthday in June or July 2017.

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