



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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**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 thirty-five members have renewed –this includes all of the life members. That leaves just ten members still unpaid.

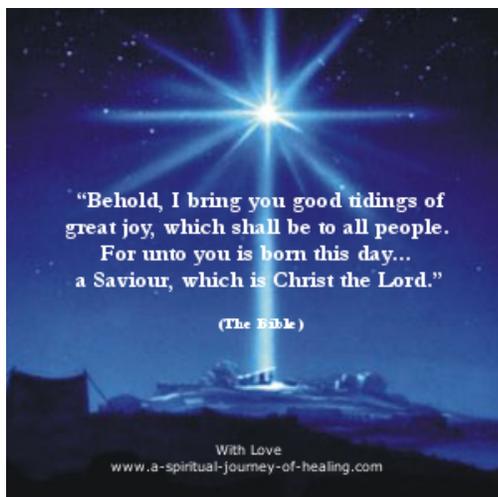
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**WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING**

Once again, Ann Roberts and I participated in the Heart of America Stand Down on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas. There were fewer veterans assisted this year than in past years. We can only hope and pray that it was because fewer needed assistance. We did assist one veteran with his VA claims.

One person came by and looked at our table and noticed the “Catholic” in our name. He, obviously didn’t know much about our church or its history because he was curious as to how founded the Catholic Church. When I told him, he just said he doubted that as he walked off. Maybe he will do a little research and find out.

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Commander Kopp talking to a veteran about Fr. Capodanno.  
He knew Fr. Kaupan.



Service Officer Roberts with two friends

This Stand Down served 431 veterans of which 220 were women and there were 31 dependants. It is really a blessing that we have the stand downs, but it is a shame that in our country it is even needed.



This picture is always on our table

The next day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ann and I traveled to Grandview MO to attend a Veteran Benefit Forum held at the Grandview Second Baptist Church. The church has quite an active Military Ministry. There were several organizations presenting what they are about, including the Kansas City Veterans Court, Missouri Veterans Commission, a gentleman spoke about submitting medical claims, etc. One gentleman spoke about the previous day's Stand Down and at the beginning he spoke about our post and Father Capodanno.

On November 14, Ann and I attended the Mental Health Expo presented by the KC VA Hospital. It was extremely informative. One thing I have noticed about our hospital in the attitude of the employees. They always have smiles on their faces and really go out of their way to assist the veterans anyway that they can, and always in a friendly, pleasant way.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, Ann and I helped out at Our Lady of Mercy Country with the annual Christmas Bazaar. It is always a lot of fun and very rewarding. It is just one of the ways we show our appreciation for allowing us to call Our Lady of Mercy our post home. But, you just never know who is going to show up.



We had to be on our best behavior.

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### Bladensburg Peace Cross

Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady (USA, ret.), Medal of Honor (Vietnam)--considered to be America's most decorated living veteran -- American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291 through its Defense of Veterans Memorials Project, Outreach organization led by COL Tony Monaco (USA, ret.), and three other Veterans organizations in Kansas who are jointly establishing two new Veterans memorials, have joined together to fight in the Supreme Court to save the 100-year-old Bladensburg, MD WWI Veterans Memorial "Peace Cross" from destruction by court order obtained by atheists and intolerant extremist "humanists" who are offended by the sight of a Cross honoring veterans.

More specifically, Gen. Brady, Post 291, Patriot Outreach, and the other Veterans organizations will serve as amici curiae ("friends of the court"), in a brief being filed on their behalf by the Alliance Defending Freedom ("ADF") calling for the Supreme Court to grant review and overturn a Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal decision ordering the Bladensburg, MD, Cross to be destroyed as in violation of the Establishment of Religion Clause. The Cross was established 100-years-ago by The American Legion and the City of Bladensburg to honor those from the community who sacrificed their lives for freedom in WWI. The American Humanist Assn. brought the suit for members "offended" by the sight of the Cross-honoring Veterans

Gen. Brady argues that the attacks on Crosses, like the attacks on our Flag, must be fought. He notes in brief to the Supreme Court that, among other things, he is the recipient not only of the Medal of Honor but "the Distinguished Service Cross and six Distinguished Flying Crosses, all in the shape of a cross. These medals symbolize military valor, not an endorsement of any religion. Must these Crosses, too, be destroyed because they 'offend' the American Humanist Association?"

When it was announced that Post 291 and Patriot Outreach have joined with Gen. Brady to fight to save the Bladensburg Peace Cross, just as Gen. Brady, Post 291, and Patriot Outreach and others joined together to save the Mojave Desert National WWI Veterans Memorial Cross and the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial Cross, there was strong applause in support from the WWII and Korean War Veterans to make that fight.

There are six veteran organizations on the list:  
 Patriot Outreach  
 Casper J. Middlekauf American Legion Post 173,  
 Hays, Kansas  
 The Society of 40 Men & 8 Horses Voiture 1543,  
 Hays, Kansas  
 The Edwin A Shumacher Marine Corps League,  
 Detachment 740, Hays, Kansas  
 American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291, Newport  
 Beach, California  
**Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Catholic War  
 Veterans Post 1974, Liberty, Missouri**

You might notice that NO national veteran service organization is on the list, i.e., no VFW, no DAV, no American Legion, Etc.. So if you see one of these organizations claiming that it is their appeal, they are wrong.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case, which is very significant since there are hundreds of cases submitted to the Court but only as few are chosen for review. This is what we wrote concerning our post:

"Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Catholic War Veterans Post 1974 based in Liberty, Missouri is the local post of the Catholic War Veterans in that community. Its mission is to serve veterans physically, mentally, and spiritually, without regard to their individual characteristics.

Catholic War Veterans is one of only three faith-based Veterans Service Organizations chartered by the federal government. Members of Post 1974 believe strongly that, in the context of the Bladensburg Memorial, the cross reflects the selfless sacrifice of those who served and gave their lives in WWI. Post 1974 is adamantly opposed to the removal of the Bladensburg Memorial."

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**THANK YOU CARD**

For most of the past year, Ann Roberts and I have been sending "Thank You" letters to our chaplains serving our military, active duty, deployed reserves, and in VA hospitals.

Father Timothy Hirten is presently stationed in Korea with our troops. After he received our letter he wrote us asking if we could send him some small crosses that he could give to the children in the parish, on the base, in the surrounding area. We purchased about 150 small crosses and safety pins and the same number of Father Capodanno prayer cards, and mailed them off to Fr. Hirten. Below is his response after receiving them.

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Dear John + The Post 1974,  
 Greetings, from Korea.  
 I was thrilled, this morning  
 as I went to the post office  
 + got the Special box  
 from you + Post 1974 - WOW.  
 We will use the crosses  
 for the kids in the Camp +  
 the Cards - will help us  
 to have inspiration of a Saint.  
 Thanks Again,  
 Fr. Tim

We are happy that we could do it. GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY AND ESPECIALLY OUR WONDERFUL CHAPLAINS.

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**SICK CALL**



**Bud McCay, Vernon Hudspeth, 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.

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### Food for Thought

**“Never regret anything you have done with a sincere affection; nothing is lost that is born of the heart.”**

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### 2019 Calendars

I have the 2019 CWV calendars. The cost \$25.00 each and you have 365 chances to win from \$25.00 to \$500.00. You can also win more than once.

If you would be interested in purchasing a calendar, send me, or the person to whom you wish to give the calendar, the Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Telephone Number along with a check for 25 dollars and I will mail you the calendar and send in your winning ticket to national.

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### Special Request

I have a very special friend whom I met when I had the honor of going on an honor flight. Some of you who live in Kansas City and have ever filed a claim through the VFW will know her name.

She is a Vietnam veteran, was a nurse in Nam and served the wounded and dying. After that she continued serving as a VSO at the hospital for many years.

Kathy Lee is battling cancer and really needs all our prayers. She is a fantastic woman. So, I ask that you keep her in your prayers.

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Did you know that our post has its own website? It is <http://cwvpost1974.com/>

All of our newsletters, from day one, are on there, thanks to our adjutant, Robert Emery. Notice that we also have our own domain name.