



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.

MEETING NOTICE
NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY
November 1st AT 7:00 PM
At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home
2115 Maturana Dr.
Liberty MO 64068

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

On October 3rd I had the honor of being selected as one of the veterans going on an Honor Flight. It was quite an honor for me, to say the least. Every veteran has a guardian to accompany him or her throughout the day. At first there were three people I asked to be with me, but, as it turned out each had other things scheduled. So, on the Sunday before the flight, there was a meet and greet luncheon. At the table I was sitting at were two other people, a lady veteran by the name of Kathy Lee and her daughter-in-law, Angela. They latched onto me and Angela became the guardian of both Kathy and I.

The day started off at arriving at the airport at 4:00 AM. Members of the DAR were there with donuts and coffee and juice, plus a lot of Honor Flight sponsors and volunteers to do the final little things that always need to be done.

After a very pleasant flight to D.C. we loaded onto the tour buses and headed out for our first memorial, the WWII memorial. It was the first time I had seen it, actually it was

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. As of this date thirteen members have not paid. Dues are still only \$30.00. So, please send in your dues. Membership year runs from October 1st through September 30th.

the first time I had seen any memorial, except Iwo Jima. was quite an impressive day. What we did visit were WWII monument, the Women's Museum, Arlington, including the changing of the guard, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Combat Nurses Memorial and the Air Force Memorial. We finally landed back in Kansas City around 10:00 PM. Was a great day.

War. Really great pictures of our military in action in Korea. I have twenty-five calendars right now, but I can order more.

Just let me know how many you would like.

MOVE

I have shared this with many of you, but, at the risk of repeating myself, I will tell it again so everyone has the information.

The meeting was scheduled for 3:00 PM on October 3rd. What I had been told that the committee would be there to inspect the suggested suite at the Catholic Center in downtown Kansas City. I arrived around 2:30 so the real estate agent and I could talk a little first. But, when I arrived the "committee" was already there, and it consisted of the National Commander and the Executive Director, who was the one who prevented the vote at the convention because he wants headquarters to move to Queens NY.

We were told that the commander could not get a date when the committee could make the trip to KC. so he selected the 3rd. I later found out that at least several of the committee were never informed and one person said if he had been notified he would have made the trip.

I, personally, think that the report to the board in November will be biased toward NY. But, I could be wrong. We shall see in November.

SICK CALL



If you know any member or family member who is ill, let us know and we will place their name here for all to pray for.



Post Name

Our post has been named after Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, MM. He was a navy chaplain who gave his life while serving the marines during Operation Swift. His biographical timeline goes something like this:

- 13 February 1929** – Born in Staten Island NY
- 13 February 1939** – Received news of his father's death on his tenth birthday
- January 1943** – Graduated from 8th grade, Public School 44
- 04 February 1947** -Graduated Curtis High School
- 1947 – 1949** – Attended Fordham :University and worked on Wall Street
- May 1949 – June 1957** – Attended seminary in Ossinging NY
- 14 June 1958** – Ordained a Maryknoll priest
- 1958 – 1965** – Served as missionary in Taiwan and Hong Kong
- 28 December 1965** - Commissioned in U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps
- 16 March 1966** – Arrived for training in Newport RI and Camp Pendleton, CA
- Holy Week 1966** – Arrived in Vietnam
- 30 April 1966** – Reported for duty and assigned to 1st Battalion 7th Marines
- 03 July 1967** – Reported to 3rd Battalion 5th Marines
- 04 September 1967** – Killed in action during Operation Swift
- 07 January 1969** – Awarded Medal of Honor
- 17 November 1973** - USS Capodanno commissioned
- 21 May 2006** - Declared Servant of God

CALENDARS

The 2018 calendars are in. The cost of the calendar is \$25.00 and you have 365 chances to win anywhere from \$25.00 to \$1500.00. Thirteen prizes are \$150.00 or more. Weekday winnings are \$25.00 and Saturdays and Sundays are \$100.00. For every calendar sold, the post keeps \$5.00, so we can use it as a fund raising program.

The big ones are New Years - \$500, Ash Wed- \$500, St. Patrick's - \$150, - Good Fri. - \$150, Mother's Day - \$150, Memorial Day - \$500, Father's Day - \$150, July 4th - \$500, Labor Day - \$150, Columbus Day \$150, Veterans Day - \$500, Thanksgiving Day - \$500, and the biggie – Christmas - \$1500.

On the back of each calendar is an entry form to fill out. When you get your calendar, fill out the little card and mail that with a check for \$25.00 for each calendar to me. I will send the cards along with a check to the national office.

These calendars make excellent Christmas gifts or birthday presents.

The theme for this year's calendar is the Korean

The post has purchased the DVD called "**Called and Chosen**". It is the life of Father Vincent Capodanno, MM. If any own wishes to borrow a copy just let me know and I will get it to you. It is very well done and interesting.

Friday November 3, 2017, there will be the second Veteran Stand Down of the year. If you remember, earlier this year there was a Stand Down at St. Michaels Vet Center. This one will be held at Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas. We will have our information table there, as usual. All are welcome to come and assist.

Catholic War Veterans of the USA, Father Vincent Capodanno, MM Memorial Post 1974 is now a member of Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO). We will attempt to attend as many meetings as possible throughout the year and keep you informed of any relative legislation that may be pending in the Missouri Congress. Our name will also be printed in the Missouri Veterans Commission Veteran Benefit booklet that is published every year.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

The post will reduce to dues for all new members by five dollars for the rest of the year. Dues will be only twenty-five dollars (\$20.00). So, if your recruit a new member, that person's dues is reduced for this year.

Beginning November 11, 2017 honorably discharged veterans will be able to shop on line at the military exchanges The prices are the same as active duty military presently pay. Items are tax free and free shipping on purchased of fifty dollars or more. Go to **vetverify.org** and sign up. Takes only a couple of minutes.