**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BLAZING STAR POST #1574**

**17 CANNON AVENUE**

**STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314**

**Website. http://blazingstarvfwpost1574.org/wp**

November 2020

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| BLAZING STAR POST 1574 CONTACT NUMBERSAl Porto, Commander - 718-578-1242, albert.porto38@gmail.comPaul Dietrich, Quartermaster - 718-698-5269, paul@the-dietrichs.comWilliam Alcock, Adjutant - 718-698-1923 |

**Calendar Events**

**FATHER VINCENT CAPODANNO CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**VETERANS CAR PARADE AND DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST PICK-UP**

**WHERE: FATHER VINCENT CAPODANNO CATHOLIC ACADEMY, 100 JEROME AVENUE, STATEN IS, NY 10305**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 - DRIVE BY BETWEEN 9AM AND 10AM**

**RSVP 718-447-1195**

**NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION**

**Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 1000 (10AM)**

**Members who wish to attend the November in person at the post can do so by calling Paul Dietrich**

**to “reserve” a seat. This is necessary because we have a 15 person-limit due to social distancing requirements.**

**Otherwise, join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart phone** [**https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/**](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/)**216467061**

**You can also dial in using your phone at 1-872-240-3212 Access Code: 216-467-061**

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| Date | Event  | Location  | Time | Remarks |
| 14 November 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 5 December 2020 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |

**Schedule of Meetings and Events for 2021**

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| Date | Event  | Location  | Time | Remarks |
| 2 January 2021  | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 6 February 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 6 March 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 10 April 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 1 May 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 5 June 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 10 July 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 7 August 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1000 | Saturday |
| 1 September 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 6 October 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 3 November 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |
| 1 December 2021 | Blazing Star Post Meeting | Gold Star Post | 1300 | Wednesday |

**Membership**

REMINDER >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<REMINDER

IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS) CHANGES, PLEASE NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS FOR MEETINGS AND IMPORTANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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2. Consider Life Membership. You save money over the long run and eliminate the need to renew yearly. Below are the membership rates for Life membership and Installment Plan Life Membership.

**Age on 31 Dec             Payment in Full             Installment Plan Option**
**Total:                   Initial Fee:        11 payments of:**

Through Age 30               $425.00                $45.00                $38.64

31-40                                  $410.00                $45.00                $37.27

41-50                                  $375.00                $45.00                $34.09

51-60                                  $335.00                $45.00                $30.45

61-70                                  $290.00                $45.00                $26.36

71-80                                  $225.00                $45.00                $20.45

81 and over                        $170.00                $45.00                $15.45

3. Dues Renewal Reminder:

Long, Derek expired 4/30/2020

Rabold, Bruce C. expired 8/31/2020

Lawrence, Jay R. expired 9/30/2020

**Service Officer**

1. Veterans are encouraged to enroll in the VA health care so they are on record should they ever need it.  No cost to apply.  Apply on line at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility/vfw](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CAlbert%5CDocuments%5CVFW%5CNewsletters%202011%5Cwww.va.gov%5Chealtheligibility%5Cvfw) or call 1-877-222-8387.

2. DD Form 214 website. http://vetrecs.archives.gov. For assistance, contact post service officer, Doug Encarnacion.

3. Online Health Care Application. [www.vets.gov](https://www.vets.gov/).  or call 877-222-VETS (8387).

4. Veterans Representative on Staten Island. Monique L. Rada Engagement and Community Services Coordinator

NYC Department of Veterans’ Services 1 Centre Street, Suite 2208 New York, NY 10007 917-628-8487 mrada@veterans.nyc.gov

5. John Bartow, Assistant VSO, Veterans of Foreign Wars 518-626-5687.

6. A VBA Representative at the Staten Island Vet Center every Wednesday.  There are no walk-ins everyone must call (718)816-4499 to set up an appointment.   All services are free. Samuel B. Cottes, Jr., Veterans Outreach

Specialist, Staten Island Veterans Center, US Department of Veterans Affairs; Readjustment Counseling Services, 60 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10301 Tel: (718) 816-4499 x 7747 Cell: (929) 359-2449 Fax: (718) 816-6899

**Employment and Education**

1. Looking for a job? Need quality employees? USE VETJOBS! [www.vetjobs.com](http://svarialce.vfwemail.org:81/CT00004002MzA1OTA1NDk%3D.HTML?D=2011-08-26)

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General

1. Staten Island University Hospital's Military Appreciation Program. This program entitles active duty members and veterans free parking 12 times per year at the SIUH parking lot. Go to the Security Office with proof of military/veteran status. You will be given 12 parking stamps. Place them on parking ticket and no fee.

2. Free parking for veterans at Richmond County Medical Center. Veterans can park for free in the visitors parking lot where tokens are required. Stop at the main reception desk or security post, show proof you are a veteran (driver’s

license with vet on it, retired ID card, VA card or similar) and they will give you a free token for the parking lot. Get it on the way in as the reception/info desk is not manned all night. Use the token to exit the lot. Saves you $4 per visit.

3. The Defense POW/MIA Office announced the identification of remains and return home of the following personnel:

**Army Pfc. Oliver Jeffers**, 31, Co L, 3rd Bn, 12th Infantry Regt, 4th Infantry Division, Hürtgen Forest, Nov. 10, 1944.

**Army Pvt. Donald A. Fabrize**, 17, Co B, 19th Infantry Regt, 24th Infantry Div, Kum River, South Korea, July 16, 1950.

**Army Cpl. Robert C. Agard, Jr.,**19, 24th Recon Co, 24th Infantry Div, Taejon, South Korea, July 19, 1950.

**Army Pfc. Bobbie Ray Daniels**, 17, Co F, 2nd Bn, 5th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div, Waegwan, South Korea, Aug. 16, 1950.
**Army Sgt. Jesse D. Hill,**20, Co C, 1st Bn, 32nd Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div, Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, Dec. 2, 1950.
**Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Earl W. Smith,**22, 8th Fighter Group, Papua, New Guinea, On Aug. 20, 1943.

**Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Gabriel J. Eggud**, 25, 71st Reconnaissance Group, Wewak, New Guinea, July 6, 1944.

**USAF Maj. Paul A. Avolese,**35,4133rd Bombardment Wing, over the South China Sea, July 24, 1967.
**USMCR Pvt. Howard E. Miller,**22, Co A, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa, Nov. 22, 1943.
**USMCR Pfc. John P. Langan,**18, Co C, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa, Langan Nov. 22, 1943.

**USMCR Pvt. Jacob Cruz,**18, Co D, 1st Bn, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Marine Div, Tarawa, Nov. 22, 1943.
**USMC Pfc. Henry E. Ellis,**22,HQ Co, 1st Svc Bn, 1st Marine Div, Koto-ri, North Korea. Nov. 30, 1950.

**Navy Electrician’s Mate 3rd Class Alton W. Whitson,**22, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.
**Navy Fireman 1st Class Louis J. Tushla,**25, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.
**Navy Hospital Apprentice 1st Class John M. Mulick,**21, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Seaman 1st Class Maurice V. Spangler,**20, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.
**Navy Fireman 2nd Class Martin D. Young,**21, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Seaman 2nd Class James M. Flanagan,**22, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Seaman 2nd Class D.T. Kyser,**18, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Shipfitter 1st Class Charles F. Perdue,**32,USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Fireman 1st Class Edward D. Johnson,**24,USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Ship’s Cook 1st Class Rodger C. Butts,**47,USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**USMC Cpl. Elmer E. Drefahl,**22, USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

**Navy Fireman 3rd Class William L. Barnett,**21,USS West Virginia, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

4. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is seeking the public’s help to find and encourage more MIA families to donate a DNA sample to help speed the identification process of recovered remains. Each military service and the State Department has a service casualty office that can explain how to donate.

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| Army: 800-892-2490 | Navy: 800-443-9298 | State Department: 202-485-6106 |
| Marine Corps: 800-847-1597 | Air Force: 800-531-5501 |  |

5. Staten Island Community TV: Veterans TV Shows are available 24 hours a day via Youtube. To view, google "Youtube, Ed Salek, In Honor of" or go to Youtube.com and search for Ed Salek, In Honor of.

**Items of Interest**

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

LIEUTENANT VINCENT R. CAPODANNO
CHAPLAIN CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Chaplain of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF, in connection with operations against enemy forces in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 4 September 1967. In response to reports that the 2d Platoon of M Company was in danger of being overrun by a massed enemy assaulting force, Lieutenant Capodanno left the relative safety of the Company Command Post and ran through an open area raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered platoon. Disregarding the intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, he moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When an exploding mortar round inflicted painful multiple wounds to his arms and legs, and severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant Marines. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately fifteen yards away, Lieutenant Capodanno rushed forward in a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machine gun fire. By his heroic conduct on the battlefield, and his inspiring example, Lieutenant Capodanno upheld the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom.

/S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON

**Fr. Capodanno sculpture at Father Capodanno Catholic Academy**

**Principal Diane Hesterhagen and Blazing Star Post Member Denny Pizzini**

