

# Fall Color Tour



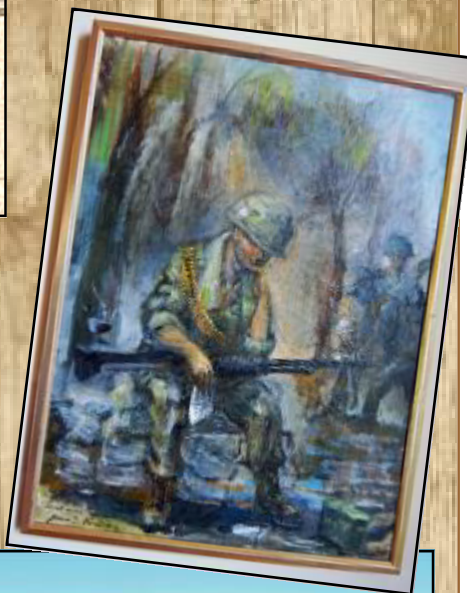
This year, our fall color tour was moved later to get more color. It really didn't work too well but we had a great time anyway with over 60 people and 30 vehicles in the caravan.

For some of us, it was a second trip to Perryville this year to view the Missouri National Veterans Memorial where there is an exact replica of the Viet Nam Wall. After a scenic route to Perryville, we started our tour. Upon arrival, we viewed a short video of the history of the Memorial. Unfortunately the museum was not completed yet but we were able to view the club's paver stone that we donated. The information center had many artifacts but what was most impressive were the Vietnam paintings with the stories behind the paintings.

Leaving the Missouri National Veterans Memorial, we headed to the Perryville American Legion Post for lunch. Such a deal, all you can eat chicken dinner that the club paid for. One of the many club benefits

After lunch, we headed to the St. Mary's of the Barrens complex to view the beautiful historic church that was established in 1818. St. Mary's is the historic seat of the American Vincentians and since its establishment and has served as an educational institution, a Vincentian house of formation, and a Vincentian community residence. We were given a tour of the church with that has so much history involved in the area.

Most of us don't realize it but it takes a lot of work to set up these tours. Special thanks go out to Syl Biermann for his work on this annual fall event.



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**ST. MARY'S OF THE BARRENS**

THE CHURCH OF ST MARY'S OF THE BARRENS IS THE FIRST CONSECRATED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. THE CORNERSTONE WAS LAID IN 1827. AND THE CHURCH WAS CONSECRATED IN 1837 BY THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH ROSATI, C.M. FIRST BISHOP OF ST LOUIS

THE CHURCH IS ONE THIRD SCALE MODEL OF THE CHAPEL AT MONTE CITORIO. THE VINCENTIAN MOTHERHOUSE IN ROME. IT WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF BROTHER ANGELO OLIVA, C.M. WITH THE HELP OF THE PEOPLE OF PERRYVILLE AND PERRY COUNTY, WHO USED THE EDIFICE AS A PARISH CHURCH FROM 1830 TO 1965.

