



## ***Minutes for General Membership Meeting 5 /10 /2010***

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President- Mike Steffes at 19:03**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Pres. Mike Steffes, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Jim Hodgson , 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Ron King, Treasurer Bob Dew , Secretary Bill Boudreau.**  
**45 MEMBERS, 10 ASSOCIATES, & 4 GUESTS PRESENT**

### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**President – Mike Steffes welcomed guests, new officers and members.**

**GUEST(s): Shimira – (A young lady from Beth Savalox’s Plymouth High School class) brought thank-you letters to those Chapter members that participated in “Vietnam Talks” at the school , and an ad for the Chapter for a BOWLING TOURNAMENT Fundraiser May 21<sup>st</sup> .**

**Ken Diegel (Michigan State VVA Council President) Addressed the Membership on the true story of a screw-up, missed opportunities, and the State VVA funding mistakes for grants to keep our STATE VVA SERVICE OFFICER, with needed working funds, beyond September of 2010 and a plea for the individual Chapters to help and come together to keep our VSO funded until mistakes can be rectified and grants continued.**

**Sandie Wilson (VVA National Board Member At-Large) Ms. Wilson took over the mic. from Ken Diegel and gave the Chapter the history of the funding and problems of the past as to getting the Vietnam Veterans our share of the grants and funding, both local and national.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jim Hodgson – no report**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ron King – Welcomed the other new officers and said how he looked forward to working with everyone from a different chair.**

**Secretary – Bill Boudreau- asked for approval of minutes from the previous meeting which have been published.**

**Those minutes of April 12<sup>th</sup> as written by Ron King previous Secretary.**

**Motion to approve the minutes. Read any correspondence to membership.**

**M/ Dale Luebke /SEC/ Gary Kubik**

**\*\*\*\*\* MOTION CARRIED\*\*\*\*\***

**Secretary then read correspondence from Army Museum, several thank-yous, ads for Great Lakes Cemetery Memorial Day Observance, also Oakland Hills Observance, Great Lakes Cemetery “GOLF OUTING” July 17<sup>th</sup> (possible donation request and info –see Secretary). Newsletter Exchanges from: Chapt. 528 and Chapt. 310 (available if anyone would like to view)**

**Treasurer – Bob Dew- presented the Financials of the Chapter w/explanations**

**M/ Vaughn Hull /SEC/ Joe Agius**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT.**

**\*\*\*\*\* MOTION CARRIED \*\*\*\*\***

**Chaplain - Rich Whipple –Rich reported on John Riling’s motorcycle accident – John is out of the hospital and is recouping at home with terrible headaches. Prayers go out for a speedy recovery.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Chapter By-Laws** – Joe Agius – Committee is working on doing and or rewording some of the By-Laws and will be reporting to the Board and Membership soon.

**Membership** - Bob Lamoureux- reported that we have 196 VVA members at this time with several non-renewals pending and 47 AVVA members- If you have not paid your dues, see Bob L.

**Color Guard** - Bob Lamoureux – reported a busy schedule for the Color Guard this Memorial Day: 1) Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> Wayne/Westland Parade muster at 12:45. 2) Plymouth Parade May 31<sup>st</sup> muster at 7:45 a.m. 3) 1p.m Canton Memorial Service muster at 12:30 near Canton Memorial. Food will be served in between at VFW. 4) June 5<sup>th</sup> Salem Parade and “MEMORIAL RIDE “RICK DEVITO” Riverside Cemetery. Muster at 1p.m. at VFW.

**Product Sales** - Gary Boucher – *No Report*

**State Product Sales** - John Riling – Abs. Bill reported that State Product Sales will be set up at the VVA STATE of MICHIGAN CONVENTION – DoubleTree Hotel in Dearborn June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

**Public Affairs** - Don Dignan- REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT THE “MAINSTREET CARWASH” May 16<sup>th</sup> and the Chapter 528/Wayne County Parks & Rec. “Children’s Fishing Derby” May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Webmaster/Home Front Editor** - Tom Brown- reported there has been substantial reduction in “Home Front mailing costs but we need some more ideas or more members to sign up for electronic mailings.

**POW/MIA** - Al Kerbyson- reported on several MIAs that have be identified and a new website for POW/MIAs.

**AVVA Rep** – Norma Demerly – thanked everyone for their votes for her and had no other report at this time.

**VFW Liaison** - Gary Kubik –reminded everyone that there will be a meal in between parades May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**V.A. Hospital Rep** - Vaughn Hull – Report is printed in Newsletter.

**VA Service Rep** – Aggie Little- No report at this time.

**VVA State Council** - Gary Estermyer- Read the Nominations of Michigan State Council Officers, see Gary E. for slate if you are representing Chapter 528.

**Fundraising** - Bob Dew- “Sportsman’s Raffle “ is doing well but needs sellers to get out there and sell tickets.

## **CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. “528” Point Man Program- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro
- B. Chapter’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sept.? Doug Fox chair.
- C. State VVA Convention June 10<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> Doubletree Hotel Dearborn.
- D. Kokomo Reunion (September 18-20<sup>th</sup> 2009) - Dale Luebke –
- E. Sportsman’s Raffle drawing Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> see Dennis Bielskis

## **OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- A. The subject of reducing mailing costs for the “HOMEFRONT”
- B. Fishing Derby May 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday at “ Fish Hatchery Park” Northville. Tom B., Bill B.
- C. “Main Street Carwash” May 16<sup>th</sup> – Don D.

- D. 528 Car Cruises began May 19<sup>th</sup> every Wednesday- need helpers & workers. See Bob P. or Darrell B.
- E. Tiger “Veteran’s Ball Game” July 20<sup>th</sup> 7:05p.m. See Bob Dew.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Hamburg “Moving Wall” July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**DONATION-MOTION REQUESTS: -**

- 1) *Motion to Donate \$200.00 to Garden City to restore the City’s Flag Poles.*  
M)/ John Fleming Sec./ Bob Dew Board recommended a \$100 Donation as an alternative. ,John accepte.d  
+++++BOARD APPROVED+++++
- 2) *Motion to Donate \$1,500.00 to Sea Cadets to send Cadets to summer camp.*  
M) Rick Ciaramitaro Sec) Joe Agius Presented to Membership w/no Board approval  
+++++ MEMBERSHIP APPROVED+++++
- 3) *Motion to Donate \$750 to Chapter Scholarship Fund as cash awards. ( This should have been a Motio,n not a Donation) M/Dean Bell Sec) Tom Brown Presented to Membership w/no Board approval.*  
+++++ MEMBERSHIP APPROVED+++++

**CHAPTER EVENTS:**

- 1) *BOWLING FUNDRAISER MAY 21<sup>st</sup> 9.p.m. Plymouth High School .*
- 2) *Chapter 528 Car Cruise every Wednesday at VFW til September- see Darrell Bazman- Bob Paul*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment “STEAK OUT” 5p.m-7pm. VFW Post #4012 Northville- June 19<sup>th</sup> , July 24<sup>th</sup> , Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> . Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> , Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> see Wally Dixon
- 2) Chapter Car Cruises- Every Wednesday VFW #6695 Lot “Classic FOOD, CARS,&MUSIC” see Darrell or Bob P.

**Next General Membership Business Meeting is: Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 7:00 p.m. at VFW**  
**Celebrating the U.S.Army’s Birthday -actual June 14<sup>th</sup> 1775**

**Next Board Meeting - June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at 7p.m. VFW**

**ADJOURNMENT: 21:03**