



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.  
Plymouth-Canton Chapter #528  
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## General Membership Meeting Minutes 11/14/2011

### Happy Birthday United States Marine Corps (Nov.10<sup>th</sup> 1775 )

Meeting called to order by President Jay Roberts at 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: Jay Roberts, Rick Ciaramitaro, Dennis Bielskis , Bob Dew and Ron King

Excused: Ron King, Secretary

**61 MEMBERS PRESENT 10 AVVA 2 GUESTS**

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- **President-** Jay Roberts wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. A Happy Birthday to the "CORPS" Put in a help Needed for "Christmas Tree" Sales.
- **1<sup>st</sup>.Vice-** Ricco wished a Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-** Dennis B. reminded everyone about the "TOW HALL MEETING" & "STEAK DINNER" .Dennis also enlightened the Chapter on the "FUDGE for Veteran's RELIEF" several words " SMELLS FISHY" BEWARE!
- **Secretary-** Ron was Up North, so former Secretary Bill Boudreau filled in and took notes. Pres. Jay had the Membership approve the Minutes of 10/10/2011. No corrections or additions.
- **Treasurer-** Bob Dew gave the EXPENSES & PROFIT & LOSS report. (1) Question of KOKOMO Monies & Expenses was asked explanation of Golf Cart Rental, Portajohns, camp equipment, and food. (2) Digger presented Chapter with a check from the "POKER- SHOOT OUT".
- **MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY-** Bill Boudreau presented the "Cake" and the Marines sang the Marine Corps Hymn

**Chaplain** Rich Whipple – excused

**Chapter Historian-** Rich Waldecker –No report

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Chapter By-laws-** Joe Agius- No Report

**Membership-** Bob Lamoureux- **227 Members 53 AVVA Members.** Several renewals pending.

**Color Guard-** Several events coming up plus a brief follow up report on the Veteran's Day Events.

**Chapter Product Sales-** Ouch thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes. He has some Chapter Jackets for delivery.

**State Product Sales-** John Riling-No report

**Webmaster/Home front Editor-** Tom Brown requested articles for December's Home front and put in a plea for help with the Newsletter.

**Scholarship-** Dean Bell thanked all who participated in the Scholarship program this year.

**POW/MIA-** Al Kerbyson- No Report

**AVVA-** Norma Demerly reported on several AVVA /VA activities & events. She participated in representing Chapter 528 and AVVA.

**VFW Liaison-** "Bear" Thanked everyone for VETERAN'S DAY Activities and mentioned several ads for VFW, one being

**A/O& VA Healthcare Chair-** Vaughn Hall- No Report

**VA Service Rep.-** Aggie Little - No Report

**VVA State Council-** No Report , Asked if everyone received raffle tickets for Ray Essenmacher.

**Fundraising-** Bob Dew – “SPORTSMAN’s RAFFLE” tickets available at the December meeting and Christmas party.

**CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **528 Point Man-** Rich Whipple No report
- **KOKOMO REUNION:** Dale Luebke reported on Dog Tag Sales and review of 2011’s Reunion and up date as to time remaining until 2012’s KOKOMO.
- **528 Car Show-** Darrel Bazman, Bob Paul plans underway for 2012’s Car Show.
- **2011 Christmas Party-** Judy Thomason & Chris Roberts provided an update. Reservations due NLT 12/11/2011.

**OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**DONATION REQUESTS:**

- (1) **to purchase 6 tickets at \$50 for Chpt.31 Sportsman’s Raffle** (#2011-15)  
Motion Gary K. /SEC/ Ron King BOARD APPROVED. MEMBERSHIP APPROVED 11/14/11.
- (2) **To Donate \$2,000 to supplement the Winter Clothing Drive for Homeless Vets at Detroit Vet Center.** (#2011-16)  
Motion John Fleming /SEC/ Bob Dew BOARD APPROVED. MEMBERSHIP APPROVED 11/14/11
- (3) **Donate \$300 to VVA Chpt.18 to provide Thanksgiving dinner to the Veteran’s Home & purchase 8 stars at \$25@** (#2011-17)  
Motion: Norma Demerly /SEC/ Joe Agius BOARD APPROVED. MEMBERSHIP APPROVED 11/14/11
- (4) **to Donate \$250 for the Annual Marine Corps TOYS FOR TOTS** (#2011-18)  
MOTION :Riicco /SEC/ Darrel Bazman BOARD APPROVED. MEMBERSHIP APPROVED 11/14/11
- (5) **To Donate \$250 to VVA Chapt. 310 (Ann Arbor) for Annual Christmas Visit to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital to purchase clothes & Gifts for Hospitalized Vets.** (2011-19)  
Motion Don Dignan /SEC/ Ron King BOARD APPROVED MEMBERSHIP VOTED DOWN.  
(reason: Chapter 528 should get it’s own credit.)
- (6) **Motion to transfer \$250 from last Donation request to Supplement KOHL’S CASH to Go to VA Hospital.** (#2011-20)  
M/ Bob Dew /SEC/ Bob Lamoureux MEMBERSHIP APPROVED

**Announcements:**

- (1) **Nov 25, 2011, VFW TREE SALES:** Bill Browning / Jay Roberts
- (2) **December 10, 2011, SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING, Holiday Market, 10am –8pm.** John Fleming.
- (3)**December 17, 2011, Christmas Party at VFW, 6p.m see Judy Thomason or Chris Roberts.**
- (4) **Dec. 19, 2011, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Clothing Drive to Detroit Vet. Center, 8:15 a.m. @ Bob Evans, Canton.** John Fleming
- (5) **Dec.20, 2011, Ann Arbor VA Hosp. Visit. Hospital Lobby at 5:30 pm.**

**NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER** **NEXT GM MEETING JANUARY 9, 2012 at 7pm**

**Adjourn:** 8 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted: Bill Boudreau**