



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528
Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting Minutes 12/12/2011

Meeting called to order by President Jay Roberts at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

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

80 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Mike Sauber, Gladys Fitzgibbon

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President–Jay Roberts-

- Recently dispersed funds to help a member in need.
- Under “ New Business” must suspend the Donation Rules tonight in order to approve Christmas donation requests.
- Wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

^{1st} Vice President –Rick Ciaramitaro- No Report.

^{2nd} Vice President Dennis Bielskis- No Report.

Secretary–Ron King- Minutes from the 11/14/2011 meeting published, and approved. Read correspondence.

Treasurer–Bob Dew-Presented the November 2011 Profit & Loss Statements. Approved, subject to audit.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Evaluating the relevance of “Point Man” as attendance is waning.

Chapter Historian: Rich Waldecker- No Report.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius- Distributed revised By-Laws. Will wait 30 days for final approval.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux- 228 VVA & 53 AVVA members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Present at the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial. Will be at Burger School on December 14, 2011 for their Christmas Carnival.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher-No Report.

State Product Sales-John Riling- No Report.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan-No Report.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor-Tom Brown- Absent.

Scholarship: Dean Bell-No Report.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- No Report.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly- No Report.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik- Thanked all who came to the Steak Fry and the December 7 memorial.

A/O & VA Health Chair: Vaughn Hull- No Report.

VA Service Rep- Aggie Little- No Report.

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer- Absent.

Fundraising - Bob Dew-2012 Sportsmans Raffle tickets now available.

Chapter Special Committee Reports:

- **Kokomo Reunion:** Dale Luebke. 272 & a Wake up!
- **Christmas Party, December 17, 2011.** Judy Thomason & Chris Roberts

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Must have membership approval to suspend the Donation Request Rules in order to approve Christmas season donation requests.

M/Gordy Dorey

/SEC/Al Dorey

Donation-Motion Requests:

#2011-23

1. Motion to donate \$100.00 to Plymouth Goodfellows to buy Christmas toys for needy children.

M/Bob Paul

/SEC/Mike Steffes

Board Recommends

Membership Approval: 12/12/2011

#2011-24

2. Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Plymouth Salvation Army Annual Christmas Drive.

M/Don Dignan

/SEC/Jim Dorey

Board Recommends

Membership Approval: 12/12/2011

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#2011-25

3. Motion to donate \$200.00 to the National Museum of the Army for a new memorial.

M/Rich Whipple

/SEC/Gordy Dorey

Board Recommends

Membership Approval: 12/12/2011.

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#2011-26

4. Motion to donate \$200.00 to the Detroit Mission Ministries for the Homeless for Christmas meals.

M/Joe Agius

/SEC/John Fleming

Board Recommends

Membership Approval: 12/12/2011.

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#2011-27

5.0 Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Canton Goodfellows to buy Christmas toys for needy children.

M/Bob Lamoureux

/SEC/Rick Ciaramitaro

Board Recommends

Membership Approval: 12/12/2011.

Announcements:

- o November 25-December 23, 2011, Christmas Tree Sales. VFW Post lot. Bill Browning.
- o December 14, 2011, Visit to Burger School for Autism for Christmas Carnival.
- o December 17, 2011, Chapter Christmas Party. VFW Post. 6:00 p.m. Judy Thomason/Chris Roberts.
- o December 19, 2011, 6th Annual Clothing Drive (Kohl's) to Detroit Veteran's Center. 8:15 a.m.@ Canton Bob Evans Restaurant. John Fleming.
- o December 20, 2011, VA Hospital Christmas Visit, Ann Arbor, 5:30 p.m.

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: January 9, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Next VVA Board Meeting: January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

PRESIDENT
JAY ROBERTS

SECRETARY
RON KING