



## Minutes for General Membership Meeting 6/8/2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MIKE STEFFES AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Mike Steffes, Bill Juchartz, Dennis Bielskis, Bob Dew, and Ron King.  
Dennis Bielskis Excused.

52 MEMBERS PRESENT

### OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – Mike Steffes welcomed guests/new members, Agenda for June 8<sup>th</sup> GM Meeting.

Guests: Welcomed Al Cain back after surgery.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Bill Juchartz – He and Bob Lamoureux are updating the “Fan Out” membership notification list.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Dennis Bielskis – No Report.

Secretary – Ron King - minutes from the 5/11/2009 meeting have been published.

Motion to approved the minutes subjected to corrections. Read correspondence.

M/ John Fleming /SEC/ Tom Brown

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

Treasurer – Bob Dew. Presented the Profit & Loss Report.

M/ Jerry Thomason /SEC/ Gordy Dorey

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

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

Chaplain - Rick Popa – The Veteran pins passed out at our meetings are appreciated by other groups and individual veterans. Also, the LC Griffin Funeral Home received a Letter of Appreciation from Command Sergeant Major of the 16<sup>th</sup> Cav.

### Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – Bill Juchartz is the By-Laws Co-Chair, and Bill Hayes joined the committee.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- Four new members, which brings our total membership to 189, and AVVA is 44. Nancy Spencer won the Lifetime Membership drawing.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Our Color Guard picture appeared on the cover of the Canton Observer when performing duties at the Knollwood Ceremony. Also, we will be present at the Flag Burning Ceremony on Saturday, June 13, 2009, and at the Liberty Fest Parade, Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., The Remembrance Run, Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Moreover, we are leading the Westland Parade on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Fourth of July Parade in Plymouth.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher – No Report

State Product Sales - John Riling – He is attending the Marine Corp League Convention.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan- No Report.

Webmaster/Home front Editor - Tom Brown- Added many new photos to the website. Also added a VA Hospital Report page. In addition, we are now linked to 273 local VVA chapters, and 26 State Councils.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- 1740 US personnel still listed as POW/MIA, of which 53 are from Michigan.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly – No Report.

VFW Liaison - Mike Schlott- The Fourth of July VFW BBQ is preparing 150 chickens, and volunteers are needed to help par-boil.

A.O.- Health Care

Coordinator - Vaughn Hull - No Report

V.A. Hospital Rep - Vaughn Hull - No Report

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little - No Report

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer –HB 250 still in work, however, of the current 13 Veterans organizations funded by the State, only five are being considered to remain. Luckily, the VVA is still one of them!

Fundraising - Joe Agius- Fund raising committee to meet in two weeks to discuss some ideas.

Chapter Special Committee Reports:

A. “528” Point Man Program- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro- No Report.

B. Chapter’s Travel site update- Bob Dew - No Report

C. Kokomo Reunion (September 18-20<sup>th</sup> 2009) - Dale Luebke – 79 days a wake-up! See Dale to sign-up.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

The Main Street Car Wash which was held on May 17, 2009. We washed 188 vehicles and netted \$1780.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

Donation-Motion requests: -

Motion to donate the Chapter’s Dog Tag Machine, and the cost of supplies to Chapter 310 and the UAW Car Show to be held on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

M/Dale Leubke

/SEC/ Ron King

**Board Approved**

~~~~~**Motion Carried**~~~~~

Motion to donate \$150.00 for a Hole at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Greg Piotrowski Memorial Golf outing, Friday, June 26, 2009.

M/ Don Dignan

/SEC//Bob Dew

**Board Approved**

~~~~~**Motion Carried**~~~~~

Motion to sponsor \$100.00 for a Hole at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lyman Golf Outing to support the Burger

School for Autistic Children.

M/ John Fleming

/SEC/ /Bob Dew

**Board Approved**

~~~~~ **Motion Carried** ~~~~~

Announcements:

VFW 50/50 raffle tickets on sale for \$5.00 each.

Veterans Tiger Ball Game, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. 38 tickets sold(4 handicapped).

Next Board Meeting: **6/23/2009 at 7p.m. VFW**

Next Membership Business Meeting is: **Monday, July 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at VFW**

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

M/ John Fleming

/SEC//Gordy Dorey

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MIKE STEFFES

RON KING