



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528
Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting 03/08/2010
Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike Steffes at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Bill Juchartz, Dennis Bielskis, Bob Dew, and Ron King

63 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Mason Graille, Erin Murphy, Detroit Veteran Center Representative.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President–Mike Steffes-No Report

1st Vice President -Bill Juchartz-No Report

2nd Vice President Dennis Bielskis-No Report

Secretary–Ron King- Minutes from the 02/8/2010 meeting published. Read correspondence. Minutes approved, subject to corrections.

M/Bob Paul

/SEC/Bill Boudreau

*******Motion Approved*******

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

M/Gary Kubik

/SEC/Dale Luebke

*******Motion Approved*******

Chaplain: Rich Whipple-4 family donations given to help veterans this past month.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius –No Report

Membership-Bob Lamoureux- 196 VVA members; 50 AVVA members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux-

- Outstanding job by our Honor Guard for Cpl Turbett's Funeral Procession.
- March 7, 2010, Color Guard present at funeral of a WWII veteran, Burt Farkas.
- March 21, 2010, Color Guard will be at the Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
- June 5, 2010, Remembrance Run to Riverside Cemetery.

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- See "New Business".

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson-Still 1721 MIA's listed.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly –She will represent the AVVA at the State Convention in June, 2010.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik –St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner at 12:00 p.m.

Agent Orange Chair: Vaughn Hull-Report on file.

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

VA Service Rep- Aggie Little-No Report

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer- No Report.

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Deferred to Dennis Bielskis.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- "528" Point Man Program- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro. No Report.

- **Kokomo Reunion:** Dale Luebke- 180 days and a wake-up! Dale asked if there was interest in going to Kokomo in June to check out the “mini reunion”.
- **2010 State Convention:** Dennis Bielskis. Due to several differences with Dearborn Chapter 267, we, as a Chapter, have decided to withdraw our Co-hosting support. This will be the last report on this subject.
- **Sportsman’s Raffle** October 17, 2010: Dennis Bielskis. 500 tickets sold to date.
- **Chapter’s 20 Year Anniversary Celebration.**
Motion to have the Anniversary Celebration on October 23, 2010. Chapter will pay all costs. Committee reports to follow.

M/Bob Lamoureux

/SEC/Jim Dorey

*****MOTION CARRIED*****

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

2nd round-candidate nominations for Board Officers. Annual election will be held at the April 12, 2010 General Membership Meeting. The nominations were as follows:

President-Mike Steffes, 1st Vice-Jim Hodgson, 2nd Vice-Ron King, Secretary-Bill Boudreau, Treasurer-Bob Dew. Board members: Bill Hayes, Bob Paul, Gary Pritchard, Bill Juchartz, Rich Mazerkiewicz. Nominating Committee: Ted Enright.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Brown--In May, if you have not stated otherwise, Newsletters will be emailed to you.

Donation-Motion requests:

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Wayne County Parks & Recreation Department for the annual Children’s Fishing Derby on May 15, 2010. The money is used to purchase prizes for the children.

M/Bill Boudreau

/SEC/Tom Brown

Board Approved

*****MOTION CARRIED*****

Motion to donate \$150.00 to the Burger School for Autism to purchase basketball medals for students. This is a Community Service event.

M/John Fleming

/SEC/Bob Dew

Board Approved

*****MOTION CARRIED*****

Announcements:

May 16, 2010, Main Street Auto Wash.

May 19, 2010, Cruisin’ 528 Car Shows begin.

Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2010 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Next VVA Board Meeting: March 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT
MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY
RON KING