



VVA General Membership Meeting 10/12/2009  
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

60 MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- President –Mike Steffes announced Al Kerbyson's appointment to the VVA Board of Directors.
- Welcomed Gary Boucher(Ouch) back after an extended medical procedure.
- Announced the 3 Scholarship winners. Recipients Samuel Bell, Regan Byers, and Lauren Wietchy each received a \$500.00 scholarship.
- Eagle Scout Michael Pool announced that he sold all 315 First Aid Kits, and thanked the Chapter for their support.
- Welcomed guests Arlene Austin, her daughter Pamela, and Arlene's sister, Susan.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President -Bill Juchartz--Finalizing the Fan-Out List.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President --Dennis Bielskis- New jackets and shirts are here.

Secretary – Minutes from the previous meeting, 9/22/2009 are published.

Motion to approve the minutes, subject to corrections.

M/John Bresnahan /SEC/Gary Kubik

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

Treasurer–Bob Dew-Presented the Profit & Loss Statements. Motion to approve subject to audit.

M/Dale Leubke /SEC/Joe Agius

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Chaplain - Rick Popa – Expressed Chapter's condolences to Jim Austin and family due to the passing of Jim's Mother-In-Law.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius –No Report.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux-Welcomed Two new members, Tom Wannamaker and Wally Dixon. Chapter membership is now 194. AVVA: 54.

- Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Veteran's Remembrance on either Monday, November 9, or Tuesday, November 10 at Presbyterian Village.
- Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Veteran's Day, November 11, 2009 at the Plymouth Veteran's Memorial.
- Plymouth Inn on November 12, 2009.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher- Thanked all for phone calls, cards, and emails during his illness.

State Product Sales - John Riling –Thanked all the people who helped him sell at Kokomo.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan- Announced "Vietnam Perspectives", a program concerning Vietnam veteran's thoughts/perspectives. Presentation date is October 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. Several chapter members will be speaking.

Webmaster/Home front Editor-

Tom Brown- A new separate web page added for VFW Post 6695 on our website.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- There are still 53 Michigan MIA's!

AVVA Rep - Norma Demerly - Thanked those who helped her at Kokomo.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik -

Sweetest Day Dance, October 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets, \$10.00.

Agent Orange Chair: Vaughn Hull-No Report.

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

VA Service Rep - Aggie Little-No Report.

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer- State Council meets next weekend.

- Fundraising - Bob Dew- Fundraising committee will meet next week.
- Sportsman Raffle coming soon!

Chapter Special Committee Reports

**"528" Point Man Program**- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro. Ron Wroblewski is leaving.

- Kokomo Reunion: Dale Leubke- 340 and a Wake Up!!
- At Kokomo, we made \$995.00 in Dog tag sales.
- "Salute To Service" November 11, 2009 at the Canton Theater, 6-8 p.m. Will be making Dog tags.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

- Chapter's 20 Year Anniversary Celebration Committee will meet to discuss how to celebrate the event.
- Judy Thomason asked who will DJ, and who will cater the Christmas Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Board meeting held before the membership meeting tonight to discuss Co-hosting next year's State Convention with Dearborn Chapter 267.

Donation-Motion requests:

Motion made to donate \$500.00 to the Marine's Toys For Tots Program.

M/Rick Ciaramitaro /SEC/Doug Fox

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Announcements:

Chapter Christmas Party, December 19, 2009.

**Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2009 7:00 p.m. at VFW**

**Next VVA Board Meeting: November 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT  
MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY  
RON KING