



*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA  
Chapter 528  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
General Membership Meeting, 12/13 /2010  
Minutes**

**1) Meeting called to order :**

**Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Mike Steffes , Jim Hodgson, Bill Boudreau, Bob Dew, and Ron King**

35 MEMBERS PRESENT 8 AVVA 4 GUESTS

Guest(s): April Bartlett, VA Hospital Social Worker. John Pappas, Monument Committee for a Revolutionary Soldier. Harry Ohanian-Joined VVA, and Steve Radachy- Joined VVA.

**2) OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**President**–Mike Steffes- Welcomed everyone and introduced our guests.

Presented a plaque to Gary Kubik for his selling over 400 Sportsmans Raffle tickets.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** –Jim Hodgson-No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**- Ron King- No Report

**Secretary**–Bill Boudreau- Ron King acting secretary. Presented the minutes from the 11/08 /2010 General meeting. Read correspondence. Minutes approved, subject to corrections.

M/ John Fleming /SEC Dennis Bielskis

**Treasurer**–Bob Dew-Presented the Profit & Loss Statements for November-December . 2010

M/ Dale Luebke /SEC/ Dennis Bielskis

**Chaplain:** Rich Whipple- Sick Bay Report. No Report.

**Chapter Historian:** Richard Waldecker. He will be contacting chapter members to start gathering chapter history.

**3) COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Chapter By-Laws** – Joe Agius – No Report.

**Membership**- Bob Lamoureux. \_205 VVA members, 53 AVVA members.

**Color Guard** - Bob Lamoureux – Received two \$100.00 donations from Presbyterian Care Homes.

**Product Sales** - Gary Boucher- 20 Anniversary patches available. \$5.00 each.

**State Product Sales**- John Riling. No Report

**Public Affairs** - Don Dignan- No Report.

**Webmaster/Home Front Editor**- Tom Brown. No Report

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

**AVVA Rep** – Norma Demerly –No Report

**VFW Liaison** - Gary Kubik- Thanked those who supported December 7, 2010 Memorial.

**Agent Orange/Healthcare:** Vaughn Hull-No Report

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

**VVA State Council**- Gary Estermyer-Briefed members on State VVA actions.

**Fundraising** - Bob Dew-No Report.

**5) Chapter Special Committee Reports:**

- **528 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Patch. Gary Estermyer.** Patches are available for purchase.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>- John Fleming.** \$431.71 raised by our members.
- **Burger School Christmas Carnival Dec.8<sup>th</sup> –John Fleming.** Thanked the members who were there.
- **Kokomo.** Dale Luebke. 273 days to Kokomo! Also, raised \$80.00 selling Dog Tags at the November 11, 2010 Salute to Veterans Night.
- **2011 528 “Moving Wall”.** John Spencer. Al Dorey stated that the site for the Wall is selected(Across from Pheasant Run Golf Course) in Canton.

6) **OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Vietnam service Map with Members duty stations – Please see Bob Paul with your main area in or out of Vietnam , your name , branch of service and rank.& Unit. Start with your base of operations**

This project came from an Idea that Bob Paul and Bill Boudreau had and those two have done all the work to make this project come to reality.

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

8) **DONATION- requests: All Donations must be presented to Chapter Board on Official Donation Request Form PRIOR to next Month’s Board Meeting \$200 Limit for Non-Military Donations – No Set Limit for Military Organizations regardless of Board recommendation or not ALL DONATION REQUESTS WILL BE VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP for approval or denial and Discussion. Any time sensitive or overage request will be up to Board and Membership.**

1) **\$200 to assist The Marine Corps Reserve ‘TOYS FOR TOTS’ to purchase toys for Christmas for the needy.**

**Motion:** Rick Ciaramitaro

**Sec/ Bob Dew**

**Date: 11 / 23**

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\*\*\*\*\***Board Recommended**\*\*\*\*\*

**Membership X Approval**

**Date: 12/13/10**

2) **\$500 to Ann Arbor VA Medical System for Coffee fund , refreshments for “Bingo Nights” & continued Living**

**Center Dining Room Transformation project.**

**Motion:** Vaughn Hall

**Sec/ Jim Hodgson**

**Date: 11 / 08 /10**

\*\*\*\*\***Board Recommended**\*\*\*\*\*

**Membership X Approval**

**Date: 12/13/10**

9) **MOTIONS:**

None.

10) **Announcements:**

- **528 Christmas Party Everyone Welcome Dec.18<sup>th</sup>** Judy Thomason
- **310 VA Hospital Ann Arbor Christmas SING ALONG Dec.21<sup>st</sup> Everyone Welcome- see Don Dignan**
- **VFW “CHILLI COOK-OFF” January, 2011 at VFW Post. \$5 all you can Chilli- Enter your Recipe FREE**
- **Next VVA Board Meeting : JANUARY 2011.**
- **Next General Membership Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2011 @ 7pm-VFW Post.**
- **Adjourn: 8:05 p.m. Happy New Year!**