



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528
Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting, 10/11/2010
Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike Steffes at 19:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

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

49 MEMBERS PRESENT 9 AVVA 5 guests

Guest(s): Dave Schisler ,John Stillman ,Mark Wietchy, Mary Light

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President–Mike Steffes–Welcomed everyone, called for Guests and with Ron King, Dean Bell& Don Dignan presented the Scholarship checks to Parents and relatives of winners as none could attend the meeting.

1st Vice President –Jim Hodgson-

2nd Vice President- Ron King-

Secretary– Bill Boudreau – asked for approval of 9/13/10 General Minutes M/ John Fleming Sec/ Joe Agius APPROVED, Subject to corrections, Mcd the NAVY Birthday , perused Chapter correspondence.

Treasurer–Bob Dew–Gave Profit and Loss Statement for September 2010 Accept Report M/Bob Paul Sec/ Bob Bryan APPROVED- Bob also reported Chpt. Received \$370 from Charity Motors.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Prayers For: Suzie Wagner's Mom & Dale Luebke's Nephew, Rodney Tanner, (hosp)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – Chapter By-Laws were passed by National VVA.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux. 202 Members!! AVVA- 52 members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Mentioned several “Veteran’s Day” Color Guard” events and activities and the Guard will be notified of Dates, Places and times.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher- has Chapter “T” Shirts and Sweat Shirts for sale.

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

Public Affairs - Don Dignan- “Poker Shoot Out” planned for October 13th at VFW.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor-Tom Brown- New Format on web page and mail out Newsletter..

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- Report filed. There are still 1713 MIA's!

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly – No Report.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik –. Bear Thank-you to participants at the Post “OCTOBER FEST”. and mentioned there will be “Chili” on Veteran’s Day at the Post.

Agent Orange/Healthcare: Vaughn Hull- Brought final regulations to aid Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange handouts at front table.

V.A. Hospital Rep- Vaughn Hull- brought Healthcare Applications for Health Benefits see Vaughn..

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer- reported on VVA State Council goings on –see State VVA report

Fundraising – Don Dignan- Reported on the latest prior activities to the Sportsman’s Raffle Drawing Sunday Oct. 17th.

CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **“528” Point Man Program-** Rich Whipple & Ron Wrobelwski Things going well did not have a Sept./Oct. meeting.

- Kokomo Reunion Sept 15th-19th : Dale Luebke- gave brief follow up for Kokomo and pictures are on the Web and “Homefront”.
- Sportsman’s Raffle -Drawing October 17, 2010: Dennis Bielskis.- Covered by Don D, earlier.
- Chapter’s 20 Year Anniversary Celebration. October 23, 2010. Doug Fox- Planning is going well. Please sign up, as the seating is limited to 200 people. Sign-up sheet is going around or call Doug Fox.
- Chapter Scholarship: Dean Bell- winners were awarded at this October 11th Meeting.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS

Branch Birthdays Meeting celebrations, 2010 U.S. Marine Corps . Nov 8th 2010 (Actual November 10th 1775)
This will be the last in our 2010 Birthday Season

NEW / CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. Planning & Work is underway for Chapter 528/Canton to sponsor 2011 VIETNAM LIVING WALL Dennis Bielskis and John Spencer are co-chairing this, more info to come
- B. Christmas “Bell Ringing” for Salvation Army this year we will be servicing Livonia as Plymouth & Canton have been Assigned. See John Fleming & or sign-up sheet.
- C. 310 Christmas Party at VA Hospital Ann Arbor
- D. Chapter 528 “Christmas Party” at The Post Pot-luck, dancing , and Seasoning December sign-up or see Judy Thomason
- E. Canton/GOODFELLOWS paper sale needs volunteers to help sell papers see John or Nancy Spencer.

Donation-Motion requests:

- 1) \$200 to American Diabetes Assn. In the name of Past President “Buzz Riveria” (\$100) & (\$100) in name of Fleming Family
M/ John Fleming/Susie Wagner Sec/ Bob Dew Date 9/28/10
*****BOARD ENDORSED*****
membership PASSED Approved 10/11/10
- 2) \$250 to Operation “ NEVER FORGOTTEN” Operation SAS endorsed to send wounded warriors to a Resort for R&R.
M/ Don Dignan Sec/Jim Hodgson Date 9/28/ 10
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Announcements:

- VETERAN’S DAY Nov. 9th-11th activities & Several Color Guard Appearances – see Bob Lamoureux
- SALVATION ARMY “BELL RINGING” Dec.4th at LaParissiene at Laurel Pk. Sign-up or see John Fleming
- Burger School of Autism “Christmas Carnival” Dec.8th 9a.m.-2p.m see John Fleming
- Chapter 528 Christmas Party Dec. 18th sign-up or see Judy Thomason
- 310/Rolling Thunder Christmas Party at Ann Arbor VA Hospital Dec. 21st Everyone Welcome!

Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, November 8th , 2010, 7:00 p.m. at VFW
U.S. Marine Corps’s Birthday- Actual November 10th 1775

Next VVA Board Meeting: Tuesday November 23rd 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at VFW.

Adjourn: 20:16 p.m.

PRESIDENT
MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY
BILL BOUDREAU