VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528
Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting, 9/13/2010
Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike Steffes at 19:03 PM
Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Mike Steffes Jim Hodgson, Bill Boudreau, Bob Dew, and Ron King
55 MEMBERS PRESENT 9 AVVA 2 guests
Guest(s): Dennis Waylin ,Mike Palmer
OFFICER’S REPORTS:
President–Mike Steffes- Thanked all the volunteers that helped to make the 2010 Crusin 528 Car Shows a real success-
Special thanks to Darrell Bazman & Bob Paul. A Thank-you for all that worked on the Plymouth Fall Festival
especially Bob Lamoureux & John Fleming, for chairing & attending City planning meetings.
1st Vice President –Jim Hodgson- invited anyone to a Vietnam movie night at his house. Jim also mentioned and
encouraged anyone to attend the Free Veteran’s Benefits Seminar at Canton.
2nd Vice President- Ron King-made an announcement that he will be bringing his ATV to Kokomo.
Secretary– Bill Boudreau – asked for approval of 8/9/10 General Minutes M/Dale Luebke Sec/ Gordy Dorey
APPROVED, subject to corrections, MCd the Air Force Birthday & Mentioned the Chapter anniv., perused Chapter
correspondence.
Treasurer–Bob Dew-Gave Profit and Loss Statement for September 2010 Accept Report M/ Gordy Dorey Sec/ Al Dorey.
APPROVED
Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Prayers For: Suzie Wagner’s Mom & Dale Luebke’s Nephew
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – Chapter By-Laws were passed by the Chapter but are now waiting for Nationals
VVA’s Blessing.
Membership- Bob Lamoureux, 201 Members!! AVVA- 51 members.
Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux –
• All Saints School Cub Scout Pack “FLAG ETIQUETTE” class for Merit.
• Military Concert at Baptist Church would like a Color Guard.
• Color Guard has been requested for Plymouth Whaler’s Hockey Games
Product Sales - Gary Boucher- has Chapter “T’ Shirts and Sweat Shirts for sale.
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!
VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik- Each Whaler Home Hockey Game will be choosing a “VETERAN OF THE GAME”
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.
Fundraising – Don Dignan- updated the Chapter on Ticket Sales forthe Sportsman’s Raffle & a update on financial
Standing of Sport’sman’s Raffle”. Dennis Bielski out of town.
CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
• “528” Point Man Program- Rich Whipple & Ron Wrobelwski No Report.
• Plymouth Fall Festival Sept 9-12th - Bob Lamoureux Chapter sold lots of corn, pop ,&water, got money back from
Plymouth and made nearly $1,280 after expenses.
• Kokomo Reunion Sept 15th-19th: Dale Luebke- many of the Chapter that is going to Kokomo will be leaving this week.
• Sportsman’s Raffle -Drawing October 17, 2010: Dennis Bielski. Discussed by Don Dignan 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. Scholarship turn-in deadline is September 13, 2010, winners will be awarded at the October 11th Meeting.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:
528 Car Shows: season ending show Darrell & Bob reported: approx. 1400 Burgers sold, 1183 cans of pop, and bottled water, for a total of approx. $4,655.42 for the season. And the VFW sold approx. 2,222 cans of beer.

Branch Birthdays Meeting celebrations, 2010 U.S. Navy, Oct 11th, U.S. Marine Corps, Nov 8th

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Planning & Work is underway for Chapter 528/Canton to sponsor 2011 VIETNAM LIVING WALL. Dennis Bielski and John Spencer are co-chairing this, more info to come
B. Veteran Benefits Session FREE Sept. 22nd 8a.m.-3:30p.m. see flyer or Jim Hodgson for details.

Donation-Motion requests:
1) To purchase a Golf Hole for $25 in Chapter name to VFW 6695 Men’s auxiliary Golf Outing.
   M/ Don Dignan  Sec/ Darrell Bazman  Date 8/23/10
   ****************************BOARD ENDORSED****************************
   membership Approved 9/13/10

MOTION:
1) to purchase 100 flags for the continuation of the “Flag Exchange Program” at a cost of $1,400
   M/ Bob Dew  Sec/ Bill Boudreau  Date 8/24/10  Motion# 2010-6
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Announcements:
• “POKER SHOOT OUT” At VFW October 13th, 2010 see Don Dignan
• Several Color Guard Appearances – Bob Lamoureux will be notifying the Color Guard.

Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, October 11th, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at VFW
   U.S. NAVY’s Birthday- Actual October 13th 1775

Next VVA Board Meeting: Tuesday October 26th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at VFW.

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT  SECRETARY
MIKE STEFFES  BILL BOUDREAU