



## VVA General Membership Meeting 12/14/2009 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

57 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Lori Levi--State Representative from Livonia, Meet & Greet.

Terry Blumberg- Updated report on Blum's Landing. Scheduled to open June, 2010.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

President –Mike Steffes-Thanked everyone for their continued support and attendance at the meetings.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President -Bill Juchartz- No report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Dennis Bielskis-.No report.

Secretary –Ron King- The minutes from the 11/9/2009 meeting are published.

Motion to approve the minutes, subject to corrections. Read correspondence.

M/Rick Ciaramitaro

/SEC/Dale Luebke

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

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

M/Jerry Thomason

/SEC/Jim Dorey

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Chaplain - Rick Popa- Stated his dissatisfaction with the Funeral Flower amount policy(\$50.00) for non-military members as published in the Chapter by-laws.

### **Committee Reports:**

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius-No report.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux-

- There were several color guard ceremonies conducted in November.
- Received a \$200.00 donation from the Armenian group.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux- 197 members. 54 AVVA members. Newest VVA Life member is Bob Hallmark.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher-No report.

State Product Sales-John Riling-He reported some new items for sale.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan-No report.

Webmaster/Home front Editor-Tom Brown-

- He was honored to speak at the Star International Academy.
- His computer was hacked into, but is back in operation now.
- Asked members to consider receiving the Newsletter electronically.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- 1728 MIAs, 53 of them are from Michigan!

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly –She attended and contributed to many Thanksgiving events for veterans.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik –No report.

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-John Riling reported for Gary.

- Tom Meinhardt resigned as State Treasurer today!
- All Service Officers, except for two, are laid off for a month.

Fundraising - Bob Dew-See below.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- **“528” Point Man Program-** Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro. Last meeting for the year is Monday, December 21, 2009. Next meeting is January 4, 2010.
- **Sportsman’s Raffle-** Dennis Bielskis-
  - Scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2010.
  - Tickets are \$20.00, and 5,000 tickets will be printed.
  - 50 prizes will be given away(25 electronic/25 Sports related).
- **2010 State Convention-** Dennis Bielskis- Will Co-host with Dearborn Chapter 267.
- **Kokomo Reunion-**Dale Luebke-275 days!

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

- Chapter’s 20 Year Anniversary Celebration Committee co-chairs are Doug Fox and Bill Hayes.

New Business:

- John Fleming discussed Kohl’s sponsored VA Hospital Clothing Drive scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2009.
- The December 5, 2009 Salvation Army Bell Ringers raised \$1534.00 for the cause. Good Job!

Donation-Motion requests:

The general membership discussed the motion presented by Bill Hayes to donate \$1,000.00 to Brighton Chapter 18 for a November 21, 2009 Thanksgiving dinner for homeless vets.

Motion to donate \$250.00 to Chapter 18.

M/Jerry Thomason

SEC//Bill Boudreau

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Motion to donate \$250.00 to Chapter 310 for their annual VA Hospital visit and gift giving to hospitalized veterans.

M/Ron King

SEC//Don Dignan

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

Announcements:

- Christmas Trees and wreaths sales are on-going at the VFW Post.
- VVA, VFW, AVVA, and Men’s Auxiliary Christmas Party December 19, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

**Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2010 7:00 p.m. at VFW**

**Next VVA Board Meeting: January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

Adjournment:

PRESIDENT

MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY

RON KING