



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528
Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting, 8/9/2010
Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike Steffes at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

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

51 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Richard Bareher, Terry Blumberg, Dick Shoenaman

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President—Mike Steffes- No Report.

1st Vice President –Jim Hodgson—Voting on the newly revised Chapter By-Laws tonight.

2nd Vice President- Ron King- No Report.

Secretary—Ron King acting for Bill Boudreau- Minutes from the 7/12/2010 meeting published. Read correspondence.

Minutes approved, subject to corrections.

M/Rich Whipple

/SEC/Jim Hodgson

Treasurer—Bob Dew-Presented the Profit & Loss Statements for June, 2010. Approved, subject to audit.

M/Gordy Dorey

/SEC/Rick Ciaramitaro

Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Vaughn Hull recovering, as is Bob Tallman. Mason Grahl's Mother passed away.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – New By-Laws voted on and passed by the general membership.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux. 201 members!! AVVA- 49 members. Newest Life Member is AggieLittle. Congratulations Aggie!

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux –

- Present at several funerals the past month.
- Tom Brown is a new Color Guard member.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher- No Report.

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- Report filed. There are still 1713 MIA's!

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly – No Report.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik – VFW is providing the meat and drinks for the annual picnic.

Agent Orange/Healthcare: Vaughn Hull- No Report

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

VA Service Rep- Aggie Little- No Report.

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer- No Report.

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Please help with the Sportsman's Raffle ticket sales.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- **“528” Point Man Program-** Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro. No Report.
- **Kokomo Reunion:** Dale Luebke- 34 days and a wakeup!
- **Sportsman’s Raffle October 17, 2010:** Dennis Bielskis. Thus far, 1,618 tickets sold.
- **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.
- **Chapter Scholarship:** Dean Bell. Scholarship turn-in deadline is September 13, 2010.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

528 Car Shows: Darrell Bazman & Bob Paul. To date, \$2,400.

Veterans Tiger Baseball Game: 59 members attended.

Branch Birthdays Meeting celebrations, 2010: Coast Guard, Aug 9th, Air Force, Sept 13th, U.S. Navy, Oct 11th, U.S. Marine Corps, Nov 8th

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Donation-Motion requests:

Purchase a \$100 Hole for the VVA National “Micheal Nash” Scholarship Golf Outing. **Membership Passed**

Purchase a \$45.00 page in St. Rapheal’s Festival Ad Book. **Membership Passed.**

Announcements:

- August 21, 2010, VFW/VVA Picnic, Noon -4:00 p.m. Dennis Bielskis.
- September 4, 2010, “Salute to Armed Forces” at EMU, 7:00 p.m.
- September 17, 2010, 31st Annual POW/MIA Recognition Day, 6:30 p.m.

Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Next VVA Board Meeting: August 24, 2010at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m.

PRESIDENT
MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY
BILL BOUDREAU