



## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

### Chapter 528

Plymouth, MI 48170

General Membership Meeting Minutes 10/10/2011

Happy Birthday United States Navy (OCT 13, 1775)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Roberts at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: Jay Roberts, Rick Ciaramitaro, Dennis Bielskis(Ex), Bob Dew(Ex), and Ron King

68 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Mary Light, Brittany Bejma, Diane Yoshikawa, Ralph Awles, Wayne E. Bennett, Don Green

### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- **President**–Jay Roberts. Presented checks to the 2011 Scholarship Essay winners.
- Jamie Light- First prize: \$750.00. Niece of member Ron Wroblewski.
- Brittany Bejma- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$450.00. Granddaughter of member Phil Menendez
- Sam Bell-3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$300.00. Nephew of member Dean Bell.
- Thank you letters to Zoe Moore, Granddaughter of member Bob Humphries, and Lauren Wietchy, Niece of member Jim Austin.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –Rick Ciaramitaro. Funeral for Sgt Bryan Burgess is Friday, Oct 14, 2011.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dennis Bielskis-Excused.

Secretary–Ron King- Minutes from the 9/12/2011 meeting published. Approved.

Treasurer–Bob Dew-Excused. Jay Roberts highlighted the Profit & Loss Statements. Approved, subject to audit.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Excused.

Chapter Historian: Rich Waldecker- No Report.

### Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius. No Report.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux- VVA- 228 members. AVVA- 53 members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux- A ceremony for a WWII vet. November will be very busy.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher- Chapter jackets now cost \$80.00. Have a new POW shirt.

State Product Sales-John Riling- Thanked all who helped him in Kokomo.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan. Excused.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor-Tom Brown. Added 23 new web pages to site.

Scholarship: Dean Bell- See Essay presentations above.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- POW/MIA report on file. Still 50 Michigan MIA's.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly- Attended Agent Orange conference. She represented the chapter.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik- Thanked those who helped with Fishing Derby and Car Wash.

A/O & VA Health Chair: Vaughn Hull. No Report.

VA Service Rep- Aggie Little. No Report. She is recovering well from a medical procedure.

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer- No Report.

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Excused. Jay Roberts informed us that the 2012 Sportsman's Raffle tickets go on sale in December, 2011.

**Chapter Special Committee Reports**

- **528 Point Man-** Rich Whipple. No Report.
- **Kokomo Reunion:** Dale Luebke- 340 days & a wakeup!!
- **528 Car Show:** Darrell Bazman/Bob Paul- First 2012 Car Show, Wednesday, May 23, 2012!
- **Car Wash Make Up-** profit was \$1,053.00.
- **Poker Shoot Out-** profit approximately \$500.00.
- **Christmas Party-** Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:**

Membership approved the Christmas Party budget of \$1,000.00. (Board Approved-9/26/2011)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom Brown-“VETPRO” program on Lynda.com. We will not participate in this program.

**Donation-Motion requests:**

**#2011-13**

1.Motion to donate \$280.00 to purchase 6, 6Ft tables to be used outside at the car shows.

M/Bill Browning

/SEC/Darrell Bazman

**Board Recommends**

Membership: **Approved 10/10/2011.**

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2. Motion to donate\$200.00 to the American Diabetes Association in memory of Buzz Rivera and the Fleming Family.

M/John Fleming/Susie Wagner

/SEC/Bob Dew

**Board Recommends**

Membership **Approved 10/10/2011.**

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**Announcements:**

November 10, 2011, Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at Romanowski Post.

November 11, 2011, Remembrance, Veterans Memorial Park, Plymouth at 11:00 a.m.

November 11, 2011, Canton “Salute to Service” ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Canton Little Theater.

December 10, 2011, Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Canton Holiday Market. 10 am to 8 p.m.

December 17, 2011, VVA, VFW, AVVA, Men’s & Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party. 6 p.m. VFW Post.

December 20, 2011, Ann Arbor VA Hospital Christmas Visit with Chapter 310.

**Next VVA General Membership Meeting: November 14, 2011 at 7 p.m.**

**Next VVA Board Meeting: October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.**

PRESIDENT  
JAY ROBERTS

SECRETARY  
RON KING