



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Chapter 528

Plymouth, MI 48170

General Membership Meeting Minutes 9/12/2011

Happy 21st Anniversary Chapter 528 & Happy Birthday Air Force (Sept 18, 1947)

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, Bob Dew, and Ron King

68 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Frank S. Barkovich, Don Galan, Larry Kilgore

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President—Jay Roberts. Presented a recap of major items from the recent VVA National Convention:

- VVA Legacy- A hot topic about the future of our organization.
- New computerized Service Officer Program coming—“VETPRO”.
- By-Laws- We need to simplify ours.

Thanked the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for the great breakfast they provided at the 9/11 Memorial.

1st Vice President —Rick Ciaramitaro. No Report.

2nd Vice President Dennis Bielskis- Also thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for the 9/11 breakfast.

Secretary—Ron King- Minutes from the 8/8/2011 meeting published. Read correspondence.

Treasurer—Bob Dew-Present the Profit & Loss Statements. Approve, subject to audit.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Honored the passings of Carl Shefferd, and Gary Estermyers's Mother.

Chapter Historian: Rich Waldecker- No Report.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius. No Report.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux. VVA-223 members. AVVA- 60 members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux. No recent activity.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher. New members need to order their jackets.

State Product Sales-John Riling. Will be in Kokomo. Help would be appreciated.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan. No Report.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor-Tom Brown. Excused.

Scholarship: Dean Bell. Scholarship essays due NLT September 14, 2011, midnight.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 16, 2011.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly. AVVA National Membership Recruiting Contest, September 1 thru December 31, 2011.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik. September 30th—Electronic wastes & cell phones turn-in day at Post, Noon to 7:00 p.m.

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

VA Service Rep- Aggie Little. No Report.

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer. No Report.

Fundraising - Bob Dew. 2012 Sportsmans Raffle (October 14, 2012) planning underway.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- **528 Point Man-** Rich Whipple. No Report.
- **Kokomo Reunion:** Dale Luebke. Wakeup!! See you in Kokomo!!
- **528 Car Show:** Darrell Bazman/Bob Paul- Show Recap. Had 11 of 16 shows. Profit made.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The convention delegates (5) did not exceed the \$1,000.00 each limit! Average cost was approx. \$700.00-\$800.00.

Bob Lamoureux- Fall Festival. Made approximately \$1,600.00 profit.

Donation-Motion requests:

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1.Motion to donate \$250.00 to the “Old Warrior Camp” in Engadine, MI. Operates an around the clock retreat for wounded soldiers.

M/Roger Kehrier

/SEC/Ron King

Board Recommends

Membership: **Approved**

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2. Motion to donate\$5,000.00 to VFW Post 6695 for general maintenance/repairs/upkeep.

M/Dennis Bielskis

/SEC/Rick Ciaramitaro

Board Recommends

Membership **Approved**

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3. Motion to donate \$304.00 to the Men’s Auxiliary, VFW Post 6695 for new tables and to sponsor a golf hole.

M/Bill Browning

/SEC/Dennis Bielskis

Board Recommends

Membership **Approved**

Announcements:

September 15-18, 2011 Kokomo Reunion.

September 22, 2011Prepare packages for adopted Guard unit. Post at 6:00 p.m.

September 24, 2011 Fishing Derby Make-Up. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

September 24, 2011VFW Men’s Auxiliary Golf Outing.

September 25, 2011 Main Street Auto Wash Make-Up. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: October 10, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Next VVA Board Meeting: September 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:35 p.m.

PRESIDENT
JAY ROBERTS

SECRETARY
RON KING