



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.  
 Plymouth-Canton Chapter #528  
 P.O. Box 6319 • Plymouth, MI 48170



**Minutes for General Membership Meeting 09/08/2007**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** PRESIDENT BILL BOUDREAU AT 7:00 PM

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Bill Boudreau, Darrell Bazman, Gary Kubik, Bob Dew & Mike Schlott

55 MEMBERS PRESENT

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**President** – Bill Boudreau welcomes guests/new members, Agenda for September 8th 2008 GM Meeting. And happy birthday to the Air Force and happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to Chapter 528.

**GUEST:** Guests:

1. Terry Blumberg to talk about “BLUM”S LANDING”

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Darrell Bazman – Darrell gave the final Car Show report and the Car Show made a profit after expenses of \$3,761.54. Darrell thanked all who helped to make the Car Show a success this year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Bill Juchartz – Bill reported that the cell phone collection has brought in 314-cell phone, which will equal 18,043 calling minutes for phone cards.

**Secretary** – Mike Schlott - minutes from the previous meeting will stand as published.

**Treasurer** – Bob Dew -

M/ Mike Steffes

/SEC/ Dale Luebke

*MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT.*

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

**Chaplain** - Rick Popa – Past Color Guard Leader John Wallace is ill.

**Committee Reports:**

**Chapter By-Laws** – Joe Agius – No Report

**Membership** - Bob Lamoureux- Membership stands at 175 and 37 AVVA members.

**Color Guard** - Bob Lamoureux – Color Guard had been asked to attend 3 funerals last week but since members were unavailable to attend during the day they could only attend one funeral. Bob made a request for more members to join. Color Guard will be attending a flag raising ceremony for a grade school in Canton that turns 50 years old. Color Guard received a donation of \$200.00.

**Product Sales** - Gary Boucher – Gary has some new shirts that cost \$15.00 each. Also Gary has 24 Kokomo landing zone pins available to the first 24 attendees.

**State Product Sales** - John Riling – No Report

**Public Affairs** - Don Dignan- Poker Shoot Out will be held next month.

**Webmaster/Home Front Editor** – Tom Brown- Tom has added a new link to the web page also he has two new members to the newsletter staff and they are Cheryl Martin and Gary Estermyer.

**Scholarship** – Dean Bell/Tom Brown – Dean reported that we have only one entry in the scholarship contest. The cutoff date is September 12<sup>th</sup>. The prizes this year have been increased to \$750.00 for first prize, \$450.00 for second prize and \$350.00 for third prize. Dean encourages any member who has a child that is eligible to enter.

**POW/MIA** - Al Kerbyson- September 19<sup>th</sup> is POW/MIA day and there will be a ceremony at Oakland Hills Cemetery will also have vigil done by chapter 154. Canton will also have a memorial service at Canton's Veterans Memorial.

**VFW Liaison** - Mike Schlott/Gary Kubik – September 27<sup>th</sup> the VFW will hold an open house for all veterans homecoming. Joining the VFW will be the American Legion, Amvets, Purple Heart. There will be food and soft drinks and military display.

**A.O. Health Coordinator** - Vaughn Hull - No Report

**VA Hospital Coordinator** - Vaughn Hull – No Report

**Service Rep** – Aggie Little – No Report

**VVA State Council** - Gary Estermyer – Gary brief overview of his state council article in the newsletter.

**Fundraising** – Bob Dew- Bob reported that there are no new plans for a future fundraiser. Bob also asked for help on October 19<sup>th</sup> the day of the chapter raffle.

#### **CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. “Sportsman’s Raffle”- Dennis Bielskis- Joe Agius gave the report that so far we have sold 1992 tickets and this is short of what we sold for the last raffle. We need volunteers to help sell at Gander Mountain next weekend. Last weekend Debbie Bradley sold 34 tickets.
- B. Fall Festival- John Fleming- Bob Lamoureux gave the report and we made a profit of 2736.00 after expenses plus another \$153.00 in donation. We also made \$140.00 from the 30 watermelons that the farm we get our corn from donated.
- C. Kokomo Reunion- Dale Luebke September 18-20<sup>th</sup> 2008. 6 days and wake-up.

- D. **“528” Point Man Program-** Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro-  
Groups meets  
the first and third Monday’s of the month at Denny’s restaurant on Ann  
Arbor road.

**OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- A. Exchange program – Bob Dew – Out of the 220 flags we ordered we have 40  
flags left. The Eagle Scouts will be assisting us deposite old flags.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. VFW has set aside December 6<sup>th</sup> for the VVA/VFW/Men’s Auxiliary  
Christmas party. Mike Steffes volunteered to Chair ‘08’s Christmas Party  
and Judy Thomason said she could assist. We still need a couple of others  
to help. committee.

**Donation requests:**

Donate \$200 to the Plymouth/Canton Community Literacy Council 2008  
Spelling Bee.

M/Ron King /SEC/ Don Dignan

\*\*\*\*\***Board Approved**\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\***MOTION**\*\*\*\*\*

**CARRIED**\*\*\*\*\*

Donate \$3000 to VVA Service Representative Director Phil Smith for office  
equipment and supplies to aid him in doing our Benefits more efficiently and  
quicker.

M/John Riling /SEC/ Gary Estermeyer

\*\*\*\*\***Board Approved**\*\*\*\*\*

**(TABLED TILL WE RECEIVE A LETTER FROM PHIL SMITH)**

Donate \$250.00 to ARC to sponsor a hole at their annual golf outing. The  
money raised helps children & adults with developmental disabilities.

M/Don Dignan /SEC/ Mike Schlott

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**CARRIED**\*\*\*\*\*

Donate \$200 to the American Diabetes Association walk for diabetes research.  
One hundred dollars will be donate in memory of Buzz Rivera and the other  
hundred will be to sponsor the Fleming family who will walk along with Buzz’s  
family

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**Chapter Up Coming Events: see chair of each to participate**

Kokomo Vietnam Reunion” Sept. 18<sup>h</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> see Dale Luebke

Sportsman’s Raffle” drawing Sun.Oct.19<sup>th</sup> 1-5p.m. at VFW see Dennis Bielskis

Chapter Scholarship” August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 12th *see Tom Brown, or Dean Bell*

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11<sup>th</sup> at Veteran’s Memorial Park

Chapter Christmas Party Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> contact *Mike Steffes*

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Remembrance at Veterans Memorial Park

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Next Board Meeting – Tuesday September 23rd 2008 at 7p.m. VFW**

**Next General Meeting – Monday October 13th. 2008 at 7p.m. VFW**

12. ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

BILL BOUDREAU

MIKE SCHLOTT