



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**Chapter 528**  
**Plymouth, MI 48170**  
**General Membership Meeting 02/08/2010**  
**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

65 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Raymond Pasquantonio

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President –Mike Steffes- Thanked everyone for the enthusiastic attendance at our meetings.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President -Bill Juchartz–Will have the new By Laws distributed in May, 2010.

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

Secretary –Ron King- Minutes from the 01/11/2010 meeting published. Read correspondence.

Minutes approved, subject to corrections.

M/John Fleming

/SEC/Gordy Dorey

\*\*\*\*\***Motion Carried**\*\*\*\*\*

Treasurer–Bob Dew-Presented the Profit & Loss Statements. Approved, subject to audit.

M/Rick Ciaramitaro

/SEC/Doug Fox

\*\*\*\*\***Motion Carried**\*\*\*\*\*

Chaplain: Rich Whipple- Stated that Franz Brenner's Funeral was well represented by veterans.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius –No Report

Membership- Bob Lamoureux. 195 VVA members, and 50 AVVA members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux

- There were 3 Color Guard functions in January.
- No Color Guard activity scheduled for February.
- Listed several color guard activities in the coming months.

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- Asked again for members to receive their Newsletters electronically rather than by post to reduce distribution costs.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- Still 1721 MIA's listed!

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly –

- No State AVVA report.
- The Ann Arbor VA Hospital invites veterans to visit their hospital patients during the week, February 8 thru 14, 2010.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik – VFW Post 6695 is starting a new Ladies' Auxiliary on February 17, 2010. See Patti Bielskis.

Agent Orange Chair: Vaughn Hull-No Report

V.A. Hospital Rep- Vaughn Hull- Report on File.

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little-No Report

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer-No Report

Fundraising - Bob Dew-Deferred to Dennis Bielskis to discuss the Sportsman’s Raffle

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- **“528” Point Man Program-** Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro. No Report
- **Kokomo Reunion:** Dale Luebke- 216 days and a wake up!! See “Old Business”.
- **2010 State Convention:** Dennis Bielskis – Distributed State Convention Brochure
- **Sportsman’s Raffle** October 17, 2010: Dennis Bielskis-  
229 tickets sold so far.  
Please sign up to help sell tickets. Desire 6 people per day at each location.
- **Chapter’s 20 Year Anniversary Celebration.** Doug Fox & Bill Hayes. No Report

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

Kokomo Reunion— Chapter lots (14) are paid in full for the September Reunion, September 17-19, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for 2010 began tonight with the nominations of the following people and corresponding positions:

President: Mike Steffes

1 Vice: Bill Juchartz

2 Vice: Dennis Bielskis

Secretary: Ron King

Treasurer: Bob Dew & John Fleming

Board of Directors (4) nominees:

Joe Agius, Dale Luebke, Jim Hodgson,  
Gary Kubik, Bob Paul, Bill Hayes.

Rick Ciaramitaro declined nomination.

The nominations will continue at the March and April, 2010 General Membership meetings.

Donation-Motion requests:

Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Frank Family in Lincoln Park, to restore their Son’s vandalized gravesite. Sgt Craig Frank, 24 years old, was killed in Iraq in 2004.

**Board Approved**

M/Don Dignan

/SEC/Ron King

\*\*\*\*\* **Motion Carried**\*\*\*\*\*

Announcements:

**Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2010 7:00 p.m. at VFW**

**Next VVA Board Meeting: February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.**

M/John Fleming

/SEC/Ted Enright

PRESIDENT

MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY

RON KING