



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170

General Membership Meeting

12/11/2017

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Rick Adis

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

62 Members

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: Rick Adis, Gary Pritchard, Mike Steffes, Bob Dew, and Ron King

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Introduction of Guests:

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President– Rick Adis-highlighted December chapter events, and asked for membership involvement.

1st Vice President – Gary Pritchard -Exc

2nd Vice President- Mike Steffes-Wished all a happy holiday season.

Secretary- Ron King- November Minutes approved. M: Mike Steffes, 2nd: Joe Agius.

Treasurer- Bob Dew- Presented November, 2017 Profit & Loss. Report on file.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple –Thanked everyone who attended the Wake for Larry Bakucz.

Chapter Historian: Gary Pritchard-Exc

OLD BUSINESS: None.

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee Reports

Chapter By-Laws- Jim Hodgson- N/R

Membership- Bob Lamoureux- VVA: 283; AVVA: 86. **Newest Life Member –Leo Ksiazek.**

Product Sales Bill Petrere-N/R

Public Affairs Don Dignan-N/R

Webpage: www.vva528.org

Newsletter: all articles, photos, and flyers are due on the 22nd of every month.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson—N/R

AVVA Rep – Bryan Bentley—N/R

VA Health Chair- Stu Israel-N/R

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer-N/R

Fundraising- Bob Dew-Recapped the final Sportsman's Raffle Net Total--\$45, 001.31.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- Kokomo- Dale Luebke –274 Days!
- Judy Thomason thanked all who helped with the Children's Christmas Party. Also notified all of the Soup & Salad Night on January 13, 2018.

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

D2017-013: Donate \$200.00 to MEDSHARE. A humanitarian organization benefiting recent hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria victims. Donation to buy medical supplies. The donation amount was amended to \$500.00 by the membership. M: Dale Luebke 2nd: Don Dignan.

Board Recommendation: Suspend rules Membership: Approved

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D2017-015

Donate \$100.00 to Preston C. Sharp (12 year old) to buy flower for veteran's graves.

M: Roger Riddell 2nd: Rich Whipple
Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved

D2017-018

Donate \$500.00 to the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Committee to maintain the "Avenue of Flags" and to clean tomb stones.

M: Terry Wells 2nd: Gene Spurgess
Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved

D2017-019

Donate \$200.00 to United American Patriots, a 501 (c)(3) organization that helps with legal defense for veterans accused of various types of illegal actions.

M: Bob Dew 2nd: Mike Dicker
Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved

D2017-020

Donate \$250.00 to the Canton Good Fellows.

M: Bob Dew 2nd: Ron King
Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved

D2017-021

Donate \$250.00 to the Plymouth Good Fellows.

M: Bob Dew 2nd: Ron King
Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved

M2017-009

Motion to present 50th Commemorative Pins to Vietnam veterans in local Senior Assisted Living, and Nursing Homes.

M: Bob Dew 2nd: Mike Dicker
Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8pm in the Post Lounge.
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge.
- Saturday, December 16, 2017, Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Holliday Market. 10am-6pm.
- Saturday, December 16, 2017, Christmas Party. Potluck. 7 p.m. in Post Lounge.
- Monday, December 18, 2017, Winter Clothing Drive to Veteran's Haven. John Fleming.
- Tuesday, December 19, 2017 -Chapter visit to Ann Arbor VA. 5:30 p.m. in Main Entrance.

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Next VVA Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT
Rick Adis

SECRETARY
Ron King

