



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting
12/12/2016

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Spencer

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: John Spencer, Mike Steffes, Clyde Rains, Bob Dew, and Dennis Bielskis

72 MEMBERS PRESENT (67 VVA, 5 AVVA)

Guest(s): Larry Sneath, Marvin Booth, and Rick D.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President-John Spencer talked about the memo for help with PTSD, VA Hospital Party coming Up, all welcome to come. Michigan Veteran Foundation Christmas gifts.

1st Vice President Mike Steffes, thanked everyone for all they have done to help the chapter and other vets during the past year.

2nd Vice President- Clyde Rains, thanked everyone and wished all a Merry Christmas

Secretary- Minutes approved with correction. Motion by Clyde Rains 2nd by Ron King motion carried. Correspondence thank you letters for recent donation that chapter has made.

Treasurer- the profit and loss statements for November of 2016, Motion by: Ouch 2nd by Dale Luebke to approve treasure report subject to audit. Motion carried. Went over the items purchased from Kohls for the MVF.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple the new Daily Bread Pamphlet for the last 3 months is on the back table, Skip Davis Father in law passed away, he was an Army veteran who was in the battle of the Budge. Dennis Mozdzen in hospital. Let Joe Agius know that you are still around.

Chapter Historian:

Legislatives/ Government affairs: Rich Waldecker is standing down from his committees

Old Business:

- John Fleming reported out on the Salvation Army Bell ringing. We did well and no complaints heard.
- National Guard birthday December 16, 1636. John Fleming found the music for the National Guard marching song. Birthday cake.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws - Jim Hodgson N/R

Membership- Bob Lamoureux, we currently have 275 VVA members and 81 associate members.

The life membership will remain at \$100.00; AVVA Life Membership will be \$100.00 if 60 or older. Drawing for life member was drawn again and Elaine Roeseler won.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux, color guard did rifle salute for the Peral Harbor day ceremony.

Product Sales - Bill Browning, N/R

Public Affairs - Don Dignan N/R.

Webmaster/Home-Front Editor-Tom Brown

- Webpage: www.vva528.org
- Newsletter: all articles, photos and flyers are due on the 22nd of each & every month, again thanked everyone for the prayers and to those who were at the memorial service for his dad.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson, N/R

AVVA Rep - Bryan Bentley, AVVA, N/R

VFW Liaison - Frank Barkavich the lounge has two new televisions; the pool tables have been recovered. John Riling presented a certificate of thanks from the VVA State Council to the Commander of the VFW Post 6695 for hosting the board meeting for the State Council.

VFW Aux. Patty Brothers N/R.

A/O & VA Health Chair: Stu Israel: N/R

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer who the winners were for the drawing for the M1A1 rifle. A Hep C seminary can be held for any Chapter need minimum amount of people to attend. National VVA Convention is set for August 8 - 12, 2017 in New Orleans. The council has purchased two new lap tops for the treasury and secretary. See rest of State Council report attached.

State Council President, John Riling talked about the Agent Orange bill is now on the president desk to be signed. Part of a bill is to Review all bad discharges, Meeting for the new Veterans Care Transition center. What will happen to the VVA" last man standing"?

Fundraising - Bob Dew, Sportsman's raffle in the works. We have the tickets now and flyers for members to sell. We have started selling events and sign-up sheet will be coming around

Chapter Special Committee Reports

Kokomo- Dale Luebke; 245 days to go and the application for camping sites will be out early next year.

Sportsman raffle- The date has been set for October 8th, 2017, we will have 40 prizes again 15 from ABC Warehouse and the rest from Gander Mountain. List of prizes has been compiled, and tickets are in now. Sign-up sheet for selling events will be sent around.

General Discussion:

John Fleming, went over the donations to the MVF and the items already set aside for the annual donation.

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

D2016-019

Motion to donate \$200.00 for the Adopted Families Christmas

Motion made by Bill Browning 2nd by Mike Dicker

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership: Passed

D2017-020

Motion to donate \$500.00 to Fish on for Freedom

Motion made by Gene Spurgess 2nd by Jerry Thomson

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership: Passed

D2016-021

Motion to donate \$250 to the Canton Good Fellows and \$250 for the Plymouth Good Fellows

Motion by Dennis Bielskis 2nd by Pete Glasgow

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership: Passed

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D2016-022

Motion to donate \$200.00 for Plymouth Salvation Army

Motion by Dennis Bielskis 2nd by Clyde Rains

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership: Passed

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D2016-023

Motion to donate \$300.00 for Toys for Tots

Motion by Dennis Bielskis 2nd by Mike Dicker

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership: Passed

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M 2016-002

Motion to hold Poker Shootout, to be held in February 2017 with proceeds to go to VFW

Motion by Don Dignan 2nd by Clyde Rains

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership: Passed

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8 pm in the Post Lounge
- Live music 2nd and 4th Friday in the Post lounge
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge
- Ann Arbor VA Hospital Christmas party, December 13, 2016 meet in lobby at 5:00 pm
- Post Blood Drive December 19, 2016 from 1:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: Monday January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting Tuesday January 24 2017 at 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT John Spencer

SECRETARY Dennis Bielskis