



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170  
**General Membership Meeting**  
7/10/2017  
**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by President Dennis Bielskis

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: Dennis Bielskis, Rick Adis, Gary Pritchard, Bob Dew, Ron King

**65** Members present.

**Introduction of Guests:** New Member: Tom Tressler. No other guests.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

President—

Dennis Bielskis -We have sold only 1490 raffle tickets to date. Please Help.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –

Rick Adis—Exc.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—

Gary Pritchard- Camp Custer is 100 years old. Nice place to visit.

Secretary—

Ron King --June Minutes approved by John Fleming; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Mike Steffes

Treasurer—

Bob Dew June, 2017 Profit & Loss Statements;

Chaplain:

Rich Whipple--Prayers for Al Kerbyson and Larry Bakusz. Both in VA Ann Arbor hospital.

Chapter Historian:

Gary Pritchard--N/R.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

- 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative committee. Bob Dew presented an update of the event.

**Committee Reports**

Chapter By-Laws –

Jim Hodgson-N/R

Membership—

Bob Lamoureux- VVA Members: 281, AVVA Members: 86. Newest Life Member is Cass Swansa.

Product Sales -

Bill Browning-N/R. Looking for a new Product Sales Rep.

Public Affairs -

Don Dignan-N/R

Webmaster/Home-Front Editor—

Tom Brown-Exc

Webpage: [www.vva528.org](http://www.vva528.org)

Newsletter: all articles, photos, and flyers are due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson--N/R

AVVA Rep – Bryan Bentley--N/R

VA Health Chair-- Stu Israel-N/R

VFW Liaison Jim Hardin--N /R

VVA State Council-- Gary Estermyer—Gave State Council report.

VFW Aux- Patty Brothers—N/R

Fundraising- Bob Dew--N/R

**Chapter Special Committee Reports**

Kokomo- Dale Luebke—63 days to Reunion.

Sportsman Raffle – Dennis Bielskis. See previous comments above.

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**DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:**

**D 2017-007**

Donate \$100.00 to the Annual Lyman Foundation Golf Outing, which benefits the Burger School for Autism. We have donated to this outing for many years.

D: John Fleming 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Dew

Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved.

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**D 2017-008**

Donate \$200.00 for the Partnership for Arts and Humanities. This is a veteran's related fundraiser in Canton, MI on July 15, 2017.

D: Bob Dew 2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Waldecker

Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved.

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**M 2017-009**

Motion to purchase 3 POW flags for the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park.

M: Bob Dew 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dennis Bielskis

Board Recommendation: Approval Membership: Approved.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8pm in the Post Lounge
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge
- Adopt-A-Road Cleanup is Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
- Weekly Car Cruises every Wednesday thru September 6, 2017, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

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Next VVA General Membership Meeting: Monday August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Next VVA Board Meeting: Tuesday July 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT  
Dennis Bielskis

SECRETARY  
Ron King