



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**3/13/2017**

**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  
55 MEMBERS PRESENT (46 VVA, 9 AVVA)

Guest(s): Kohls staff with Beth Meade, gave \$1,000 grant to the chapter  
Applebee's provided brunch for the troops.

DAR working with the girl scouts were selling cookie to send to the sailors on the USS  
Detroit.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

President-John Spencer attended the Court of honor for a New Eagle Scout held last Sunday.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Steffes, no report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Clyde Rains, no report

Secretary-, Minutes approved with correction. Motion by Ron King 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Glasgow motion  
carried. Correspondence thank you letters for recent donations that chapter has made.

Treasurer-, the profit and loss statements for February of 2017, Motion by: Dale Luebke 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by Jim Hodgson to approve treasure report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple, Gene Spurgess recovering from Back Surgery and his mother passed  
away. Al Sneath fell and hit his head on the ground several stiches and has been unable to  
drive.

Historian: Gary Pritchard, excused Florida

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**Old Business:**

**Proposed amendments to Chapter Constitution and By-Laws:**

- M2017-003; summary of the motion is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vic president be eliminated
  - Motion by Gary Estermyer motion failed.
- M2017-004; summary of motion is to create an assistance Secretary, and treasure.
  - Motion by Gary Estermyer. Motion failed
- M2017-005; summary of motion that the President, Vic president, secretary and  
treasurer be for two years instead of the current one year.
  - Motion by Gary Estermyer. Motion failed
  - **Nomination of Chapter Officers**

1. **President:** Mike Steffes and Dennis Bielskis
2. **Vic President:** Joe Tebor, Richard Adis
3. **2VP:** Gary Pritchard John Stern
4. **Secretary:** Ron King
5. **Treasure:** Bob Dew
6. **Board Members:**
  - a. Mike Dicker
  - b. Pete Glasgow
  - c. Jerry Thomason
  - d. Don Petrere
  - e. Terry Wells
  - f. Max Bandy
7. Delegates to National Convention (six)
  - a. Dennis Bielskis
  - b. Gary Estermyer
  - c. Richard Adis
  - d. Bob Dew
  - e. Rich Whipple
  - f. Max Bandy
8. Election Committee
  - a. Dean Bell
  - b. Dale Luebke
  - c. John Fleming.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Chapter By-Laws** - Jim Hodgson N/R

**Membership**- Bob Lamoureux, we currently have 283 VVA members and 88 associate members.

The life membership will remain at \$100.00; AVVA Life Membership will be \$100.00 if 60 or older. April 14, 2017 is the first meeting for the fall festival.

**Color Guard** - Bob Lamoureux, N/R

**Product Sales** - Bill Browning, we now have the large chapter's stickers and the large patches for back of Jackets.

**Public Affairs** - Don Dignan: N/R

**Webmaster/Home-Front Editor**-Tom Brown

- Webpage: [www.vva528.org](http://www.vva528.org)
- Newsletter: all articles, photos and flyers are due on the 22nd of each & every month, more service Photos have been received and added to the site. If you gave one to Tom, he has some to return.

**POW/MIA** - Al Kerbyson, N/R

**AVVA Rep** - Bryan Bentley, AVVA, N/R

**VFW Liaison** - Gary Kubik introduced the new lounge manager Jim Hardin. Gary's last day is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Corn beef and cabbage on March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will not have a fish fry on that day.

**VFW Aux.** Patty Brothers N/R.

A/O & VA Health Chair: Stu Israel: report attached

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer: not present

Fundraising - Bob Dew, nothing to report

Chapter Special Committee Reports

Kokomo- Dale Luebke; 209 days to go and the application for camping sites have been returned and everything seem to be going along normally.

Sportsman raffle- The date has been set for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. We currently have 711 tickets sold.

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

D2017-001

Motion by Don Dignan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lamoureux to remove motion from table and bring up for vote. Motion passed

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Wayne County Parks and Recreation for Fishing Derby.

Motion made: Tom Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gene Spurgess

Board recommendation: recommended approval. Membership: membership approved

General Discussion:

(Limited to three minutes)

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8 pm in the Post Lounge
- Euchre every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Sliders every Wednesday from 5-7 pm, till May 17th
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge
- Fish fry's every Friday till Good Friday from 5p -7p
- Weekly Car Cruises Start May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Next VVA General Membership Meeting: Monday April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm

**Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.**

PRESIDENT John Spencer

SECRETARY Dennis Bielskis