



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting
10/9/2016

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

79 MEMBERS PRESENT (66 VVA, 13 AVVA)

Guest(s): Amy O'Neil, Jr. Vice Commander VFW Post 6695

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President-John Spencer went over the upcoming events.

1st Vice President Mike Steffes N/R

2nd Vice President- Clyde Rains, N/R

Secretary-, Minutes approved with correction. Motion by Clyde Rains 2nd by Mike Steffes motion carried.

Treasurer-, the profit and loss statements for September of 2016, Motion by: Dale Luebke 2nd by Bob Lamoureux to approve treasure report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple announced that he has copies of the Daily Bread Book, Dale Roeseler is back from his illness and is present at the current meeting.

Chapter Historian: Rich Waldecker N/R

Legislatives/ Government affairs: Richard Waldecker N/R

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Old Business:

- Salvation Army bell ringing will again be at the Sam's Club as in past years. John Fleming will have a sign up sheet started shortly.
- Wrap up of Chapter Car Wash, 194 Cars were washed, raising \$2,329.00.

New Business:

- Poker Shoot out October 27, 2016

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Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws - Jim Hodgson N/R

Membership- Bob Lamoureux, we currently have 274 VVA members and 78 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 Lucy Sterns AVVA won. Bob has collected \$125.00 from pop cans from Kokomo and the income will be used for pavers for passed members who used to attend Kokomo. The pavers will be laid in Kokomo at the HCVV. Lamoureux presented a t-shirt to Bill Browning because he didn't go to Kokomo this year. It says even Marines need hero's, the U.S. Army.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux, no activity

Product Sales - Bill Browning, have made up a new order sheet that will be used that way I remember who ordered the item. New Items for Rick Balish

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, reported on the POW/MIA ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery is on Friday September 16th, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

AVVA Rep - Bryan Bentley, AVVA, N/R

VFW Liaison - Tuesday Horseshoes on going, have retained the services of a Grant Writer in attempt to find a grant for the parking lot paving project. Wednesday nights are sliders followed by Euchre. Due to the large number flags that we are exchanging the VFW has made arrangements with a Funeral Home who will burn the flags for us. We will still have the flag burning ceremony twice a year with the help of the Post Boy Scout Troop.

VFW Aux. Patty Brothers announced the Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 23rd, October 28, Taco Night, and Meat Raffle November 12. Patty Bielskis talked about the Children's Christmas Party. Judy Thomason, announced patriot pen, and voice of democracy essay contest and she has applications and that Taco night is back again once a month except December.

A/O & VA Health Chair: Stu Israel: He attended the VAVS meeting and has provided a written report that will be attached to the minutes.

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer stated that the State Council meeting is October 16, and the raffle for the M1A1 rifle is still going on.

Fundraising - Bob Dew, Sportsman's raffle in the works.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

Kokomo- Dale Luebke, a good time was had by all, There was some storms but nothing like that which happened a week before the reunion.

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, the tickets have been ordered and we have selling dates set up.

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

2016-015

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Michigan War Dogs Memorial

Motion made by Al Kerbyson 2nd by Dennis Bielskis

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership approval:

2016-014

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Yankee Air Museum Willow Run Airport

Motion made by Darrell Bazman 2nd by Dennis Bielskis

Board recommendation: recommended Membership approved

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2016-013

Motion to donate \$300.00 to the Freedom Center

Motion made by Rich Whipple 2nd by Joe Tebor

Board recommendation: recommended approval Membership approved

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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
- Veterans Traveling Golf League every Monday, let Don Dignan know you are golfing
- Trunk or Treat October 23rd, from 1 P - 3 P here at the post
- Post Blood Drive October 24th
- Taco night October 28th from 5 p - 7 p in the post lounge
- Salvation Army bell ringing on Saturday December 10 At Sam's Club on Ford Rd Canton, MI.

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: Monday November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting Tuesday October 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

PRESIDENT John Spencer

SECRETARY Dennis Bielskis