



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**6/13/2016**

**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, Bob Dew, and Dennis Bielskis

Absent: Jeff Yoshikawa

70 MEMBERS PRESENT (67 VVA, 9 AVVA & 4 guest)

Guest(s): Mark Mittleman, Todd Busick, Elder Price, and Charlotte Thibault.

Special Guest Speaker: Charlotte Thibault from Home Aide LLC. Sponsored by Rich Balish

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

President-John Spencer, Attended the State VVA Convention, one of the items was the air guns that we all received shots from while in service. It has been showed that this is connected to HepC.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Steffes N/R

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Jeff Yoshikawa, N/R

Secretary-, Minutes approved with correction.

Treasurer-, the profit and loss statements for May of 2016.

Motion by: Ron King 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Kubik to approve the treasure report subject to audit. Passed by membership.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple, update on Dennis Waling who is present during the meeting

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**Old Business:**

Final wrap of Agent Orange Town Hall, a CD of the program is being created, once it is completed it will be made available to members.

Fall Festival September 9, 10, 11. Application turned in and we will be doing the same as last year. We are out of the corn business.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade application turned in and we will be 3<sup>rd</sup> in line this year.

Joint Picnic: Mike Steffes will chair the picnic August 13, 2016

Fishing Derby, Tom Brown 1100 fish planted this year, 123 children fished, 59 did the casting contest, and 159 Fish were caught.

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**Committee Reports:**

Chapter By-Laws - Jim Hodgson N/R

**Membership**- Bob Lamoureux, we currently have 275 VVA members and 77 associate members.

The life membership will remain at \$100.00.

**Color Guard** - Bob Lamoureux, no activity

**Product Sales** - Bill Browning, update on items that have come in and will not keep large amount of stock will take orders.

**Public Affairs** - N/R.

**Chapter Historian:** Rich Waldecker, N/R

**Legislative / Government Affairs:** Rich Waldecker 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,

**POW/MIA** - Al Kerbyson, MIA update 49 still missing from Michigan, 1621 Nationwide still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

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

**VFW Liaison** - Gary Kubik talked about the upcoming events and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**A/O & VA Health Chair:** Stu Israel: Detroit VA Golden Age Games looking for volunteers, Front Entrance to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital is under construction. Report attached.

**VVA State Council**- Gary Estermyer, update on convention. He is now the new State Council Secretary.

**Fundraising** - Bob Dew, we have a raffle going for condo in Florida the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December 2016. Tickets are \$10.00 each. We are talking about a raffle for a commemorative Henry Rifle. Sportsman raffle will start December 2016, Bus Trip to Tiger game \$38.00 each person date is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. A couple of items to think about Casino Trip and Trip to a Mud Hen's game.

**Chapter Special Committee Reports**

- **Kokomo**- Dale Luebke, as of today we have 89 days and a wake up till Kokomo. So far everything seems to be going along as planned.

**DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:**

**2016-005**

Motion to donate \$200.00 to the Greg Piotrowski Memorial Foundation Golf Outing

Motion made by Don Dignan 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Dew

**Board of Directors:** recommended approved

**General Membership:**

**2016-007**

Motion to donate \$200.00 sponsor a hole at the St. Michael Lutheran Church/School golfing outing on June 24, 2016

Motion made by Don Rauch 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Dignan

**Board of Directors:** recommended approved by e-mail

**General Membership:**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8pm in the Post Lounge
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge
- Veterans Traveling Golf League starts every Monday
- Car Cruises ever Wednesday 5p-8p
- Fish on for Freedom June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Next VVA General Membership Meeting: Monday July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting Tuesday July 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm

**Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.**

PRESIDENT John Spencer

SECRETARY Dennis Bielskis