



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting
5/10/2016

MINUTES

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: John Spencer, Jeff Yoshikawa, Mike Steffes, Bob Dew, and Dennis Bielskis

70 MEMBERS PRESENT (62 VVA, 7 AVVA & 1 guest)

Guest(s): Robert Williams Army

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President-John Spencer, N/R

1st Vice President Mike Steffes stated that during his retiree meetings that he talked about the upcoming Agent Orange Town Hall.

2nd Vice President-Jeff Yoshikawa, n/r

Secretary- Minutes approved with correction. Announcement and correspondence.

Treasurer- the profit and loss statements for March & April of 2016.

Motion to approve by: Dale Luebke 2nd by Ouch

Chaplain: Rich Whipple, update on Karen Whipple blood clot and she is doing well.

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Old Business:

Chapter members of the Year, Rich Waldecker Board member of the year, John Fleming, chapter member of the year and Dave Henwood AVVA member of the year.

Northville Marine Corp League, awarded Dennis Bielskis certificate of appreciation for helping with Veterans claims at Schoolcraft College.

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Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws - Jim Hodgson N/R

Membership- Bob Lamoureux, we currently have 278 VVA members and 80 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

Public Affairs - N/R.

Chapter Historian: Rich Waldecker,

Legislative / Government Affairs: Rich Waldecker 198 members of Congress and 47 Senators on board for the Toxic Research Bill.

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,

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 Member of the year award to Dave Henwood.

VFW Liaison - Clyde Rains updated on poppy days, they raised \$12,000 for the veteran's relief fund. Clyde thanked everyone who helps for the great job.

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

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer absent VVA State Convention June 3, 4, and 5th 2016 in Saginaw, MI See attached report

Fundraising - Bob Dew, we have a raffle going for condo in Florida the 2nd week of December 2016.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- **Agent Orange Committee** - Rich Waldecker, We need volunteers for the day of the program. Updates on the program itself.
- **Kokomo**- Dale Luebke, as of today we have 125 days and a wake up till Kokomo. So far everything seems to be going along as planned.

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

2016-002

Motion is for \$300.00 to Sponsorships for Three Holes at the American Diabetes Assn/American Cancer Society Golf Outing on May 21.

Motion made by John Fleming, 2nd: by Bob Dew

Board of Directors: approved **General Membership:**

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2016-004

Motion for \$300.00 to be given to Angels' Place, to continue caring for 20 house bound adults with developmental disabilities

Motion made by Pete Glasgow 2nd by Rich Whipple

Board of Directors: approved **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
- Blood Drive June 27th,
- Car Cruises start on May 11th, 2016
- Wayne County Fishing Derby June 11, 2016
- Fish on for Freedom June 24th, 2016

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting May 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT John Spencer

SECRETARY Dennis Bielskis