



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170
General Membership Meeting
1/11/2016

MINUTES

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

OFFICERS ROLL CALL: John Spencer, Richard Waldecker, Mike Steffes, Bob Dew, and Dennis Bielskis

71 MEMBERS PRESENT (62 VVA, 8 AVVA & 1 guest)

Guest(s):

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President-John Spencer, No report.

1st Vice President - Richard Waldecker, update on Agent Orange bills 150 members of the house and 27 from the senate have signed onto the Agent Orange.

2nd Vice President-Mike Steffes, no report

Secretary- Dennis Bielskis, Minutes approved with correction.

Treasurer- Bob Dew- presented the December 2015 Profit & Loss Statements.

Approved subject to Audit: M / Ron King, 2nd Al Sneath

Chaplain: Rich Whipple,

Chapter Historian: Rich Waldecker,

NEW BUSINESS:

- New Letter: Jim Hodgson, 74 members are not receiving the news letter, the Question was discussed and it was decided that a letter would go out to these 74 members asking about e-mail addresses, mailing or going on the web site to read news letter.
- Archive Project, Bryan Bentley, did a brief overview of the project. More information will be provided to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Need to update the plaque of deceased members. In progress by Al Dorey
- Motion made to draft a resolution for the Robert Evans, give the recognition it deserves and the sailors of the Destroyer.
- Salvation Army, we raised \$926.88 on December 12 in front of Sam's Club. This is a \$170 more than last year. January 3rd Bob Dew, Ron King all went to Kohl's and using \$1000.00 in Kohl's cash purchase clothes for both men and woman Veterans.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws - Jim Hodgson - N/R

Membership- Bob Lamoureux, we currently have 268 VVA members and 77 associate members, of which 198 are life members

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux, no activity

Product Sales - Bill Browning, orders are coming in, products are available that were ordered. White chapter shirts are on Sale for \$20.00. The chapter will be taking orders for Shirts and jackets instead of having stock on hand.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan, Poker shoot out coming up on February 4th, 2016 Did Goode boxes for the 10th mountain 17 packages.

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, in hospital

AVVA Rep - Bryan Bentley, No report

VFW Liaison - Bob Caldwell, update on lounge activities Euchre night and sliders every Wednesday, Taco Night will be January 29th .

A/O & VA Health Chair: Stu Israel: Detroit VA Golden Age Games looking for volunteers

VVA State Council- Gary Estermyer, no report next meeting 2/7/2016.

Fundraising - Bob Dew, looking for new ways to raise money between the sportsman raffles.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- Agent Orange Committee - Rich Waldecker, Program to take new direction with conference call from Vietnam. Dr. Wayne, who has spent 20 years researching Agent Orange and others, will be involved in a video conference for the Town Hall.
- Kokomo- Dale Luebke, as of today we have 243 days and a wake up till next time. Kokomo applications for Camp Sites have been turned in

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

No 2015- 30

- Motion to donate \$250.00 to "Southwest Solutions Homeless Veterans"
M/Mike Steffes SEC/ Terry Wells

Board Recommended Approval (by e-mail)

Membership Approval:

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8pm in the Post Lounge
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge
- Euchre every Wednesday starting January 6th 2016 at 7:00 pm
- Soup and Salad Saturday January 16. 2016 from 5p - 7P
- Chapter Election 1st call at February 2016 Meeting

Next VVA General Membership Meeting: February 8th 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next VVA Board Meeting: February 23rd 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

PRESIDENT
John Spencer

SECRETARY
Dennis Bielskis