



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



A presentation of "Remembering Our Fallen Heroes" took place at our VVA Chapter 528 April General Membership Meeting. *Photo courtesy of Patty Bielskis.*

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"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another!"

Welcome Home!

President's Corner

Dennis Bielskis was born in Detroit, MI and went to Detroit Public Schools. He later attended Eastern Michigan University obtaining a degree in Law Enforcement. In 1969, Dennis joined the U.S. Army. After completing military training in Armored Reconnaissance, he was assigned to West Berlin, Germany, specifically to the Berlin Brigade, 11th Armored Cavalry 2nd squadron, F-Troop. He then spent the next 9 months in Berlin. In 1970, Dennis joined the 2nd Squadron of the 11th Cavalry in Vietnam and spent the next 11 months and 14 days in country. He obtained the rank of Sgt. E-5.

Dennis flew into Vietnam by a C-130, landing at Cam Ranh Bay. He was sent to Blackhorse, where he was assigned to A-Cav and never came back to a major base camp till he was medevaced. When Dennis was stationed at Long Binh, he saw the Bob Hope Show. He left Vietnam 11 months and 14 days later by way of DaNang. After being discharged from the Army, Dennis joined the Detroit Police Department, retiring in 1993 after obtaining the Rank of D/Sgt.

Dennis served as the Commander of the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695. He also served as the a 2nd V.P. and Secretary of the Plymouth/Canton VVA Chapter 528.



Dennis Bielskis, President

Berlin Brigade, 11th Armored Cav
 2nd Squadron, F-Troop &
 Cam Ranh Bay A-Cav & Long Binh
 1969 - 1971





Digger's Desk

EUCHRE & SLIDERS

Wednesday Euchre & Sliders will continue every Wednesday Through May 10. As always, sliders will be cooked and served from 5:00PM-7:00PM with Euchre following. As always, Euchre will be first come, first served to get an even number of players so you should aim for a 6:30PM show up time. The cost is \$10 per person.

UPCOMING

Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Friday. Car Shows will start on May 17 and run every Wednesday from 5:00PM-8:00PM. Memorial Day will begin with the Plymouth Parade that should step off at 9:00AM on Monday May 29 with a ceremony following at Veterans Park followed by a luncheon at the Post.

ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our new president, Dennis Bielskis, and to all who took part in the Chapter elections. We look forward to another successful year of camaraderie and Veteran support.

SUPERCENTER CARWASH FUNDRAISER

We will continue our arrangement with Plymouth Super Center, 400 Ann Arbor Rd. (one block west of Lilley), on behalf of VFW Post 6695. For every silver or gold level carwash purchased, Post 6695 will receive one dollar; for every platinum carwash purchased, the Post will receive two dollars. To activate this donation, pull into the carwash up to the dial wash kiosk and select:

1. Charity Carwash
2. Enter the code for the Post which is conveniently "6695"

3. Choose the level of carwash desired, i.e., silver at \$7, gold at \$10 or platinum at \$14.
4. Insert your bills and the appropriate amount of change will be returned.
5. Enter carwash area as usual.

The Super Center owner, Drew Wolford, will cut a check to the Post once a month for the designated amount. This project will continue all year long. It doesn't get any easier than that. We have some great Veteran supporters in town.

FISH FRY'S

Great team effort, great food, great time. Thanks to all who made them a success.

MONDAY GOLF

Monday VVA/VFW/AUX/AVVA golf began on April 17 and will continue well into the Fall, depending on the somewhat predictable weather. Generally it is conducted in a scrambles format. If you think you might be interested, let me know and I'll put you on the list.

SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

When it comes to paying \$1000+ gas and electric bills, wages for employees and all those donations we make to support worthy causes, it takes a gargantuan effort on everyone's part. Please step up and do your part, i.e., make an effort to sell or buy 10 tickets each. If all members take part, the raffle will be a success.

I'll see you at the May meeting. It's a great time to be a Veteran.



Don Dignan
D/2/16 "Rangers"
1st Inf. Div.
1967-1968





Odds & Ends

Chapter Elections

The votes have been tabulated and the results are in. Here are your new elected officials for the upcoming year.

President	Dennis Bielskis
1 st Vice President	Dick Adis
2 nd Vice President	Gary Pritchard
Secretary	Ron King
Treasurer	Bob Dew
Board Members (2 year)	Mike Dicker Pete Glasgow Don Petrere Jerry Thomason
(1year)	Max Bandy Terry Wells
Natl Convention Delegates	Dick Adis Max Bandy Dennis Bielskis Bob Dew Gary Estermyer Rich Whipple
Election Committee	Dean Bell John Fleming Dale Luebke

Let's take a moment to thank all those who stepped up to the plate and ran for office and to thank our outgoing officers for the great job they did this past year.

Membership

It is with great sadness we report the death of longtime member Dennis Shrewsbury. Dennis passed away on April 5th. Our thoughts and prayers go to Dennis' son, his only remaining family.

Timothy Dunatchik, Army, is transferring to our chapter from chapter 267. We had 1 AVVA application this past month. William Harrigan, has joined our associates. We also had 1 lapsed associate, John Nichols rejoin the chapter. Welcome Tim, Bill and John to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 281 individual and 85 associate members. Of these we have 235 life VVA and 48 life AVVA members.

Dropped From Roster: Dennis Shrewsbury

Lapsed Members: As of April 22, 2017 the following individuals have not renewed their membership: Dan Dreger, Ed Hopkins, Paul Tripp

May VVA Renewals: Bob Anderson, Bob Carris, Ellen Howington

May AVVA Renewals: Bill Blue, Mohamed Ben Skander

If you have already renewed thank you. If you have not, please do so before the end of the month to keep your membership current.

Chapter Raffle

Congratulations go to John O'Hara, the latest winner of the chapter life membership raffle. Just a reminder that the funds collected from the monthly meeting 50/50 raffle are used to pay for the life memberships so only those who attend the monthly meetings, put their names on the sign-in sheets and are not already life members are eligible for the drawing. This includes both VVA and AVVA members. There will be another drawing at May meeting.

Color Guard

The color guard will again lead the Plymouth Memorial Day parade as it marches north from Main Street and Wing to the Memorial Park. The parade is on Monday, May 29th at 9:00am. We will meet in the parking lot on Wing and Harvey no later than 8:30. All members are encouraged to march with us and be recognized for your service by the enthusiastic crowd that always lines the parade route.



Bob Lamoureux
Co. C, 3/47, 9th Inf. Div.
"Mobile Riverines"



Remembering Our
Fallen Heroes

Leroy Paige



Chaplain's Corner

A Journey of Belief
From Our Daily Bread
 Author: David
 McCasland



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 Chapter Chaplain
 (A sinner saved by God's Grace)
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 173d. Airborne Brigade
 1968-1969



Since its first publication in 1880, Lew Wallace's novel Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ has never been out of print. It has been called the most influential Christian book of the nineteenth century, and it continues to draw readers today as it weaves the true story of Jesus with that of a fictional young Jewish nobleman named Judah Ben-Hur.

Amy Lifson, writing in *Humanities* magazine, said that the writing of the book transformed the life of the author. "As Ben-Hur guided readers through the scenes of the Passion, so did he lead the way for Lew Wallace to believe in Jesus Christ." Wallace said, "I have seen the Nazarene I saw him perform works which no mere man could perform."

The Gospels' record of the life of Jesus allows us to walk alongside Him, witness His miracles, hear His words, and see His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. At the conclusion of John's gospel, he wrote, "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31).

Just as Lew Wallace's research, reading of the Bible, and writing led him to believe in Jesus, so God's Word draws us to a transformation of mind and heart by which we have eternal life in and through Him.

Many books can inform, but only the Bible can transform.

Chaplain's Notes: As Don sent out to our members, Dennis Shrewsbury has passed. Most of you new members wouldn't have known him, but had a great sense of humor. I still remember Dennis standing up at one of the meetings, and said "I'll have you know that during the time I was in the Coast Guard, our country did not lose one inch of soil to the enemy!" Of course we all split a gut after hearing that! Rest in peace, Dennis! It was great to see Joe Agius at our last meeting, and especially him riding in with his lovely wife, Dale. Dale has been home bound for some time, so this is a real praise that she can leave the house. Prayers requested for Don & Mary Jo Petrere as her sister suddenly passed away; Gary "Ouch" Boucher is currently in Annapolis Hospital with multiple issues; Denny Fueling accidentally cut his fist while carving the ham and is all stitched up.



Joy Road Clean Up

Our first of three Joy Road Clean Ups for the Wayne County Adopt-A-Road program was on Saturday, April 15.

The early rain that hit our suburbs kept some of our faithful from showing up, however despite a few drops that came down, the eleven of us stayed dry and the weather was in our favor.

We had three new helpers ("rookies") that signed up and showed up. Rick DeMeester, Roger Shanks, and John Bertorello. Welcome to our group! Thanks to all that participated.

In the picture, front row from left to right: Dan Droz, long time member Marcel Loosbrock, Rick Demeester, John Bertorello, and myself. Second row: Al Sneath, Pat Doherty, Joe Tebor, Doug Fox, Roger Shanks, and Terry Wells.

We knocked it out in about 1.5 hours, and although a few of our guys had to be careful of a vicious possum that evidently was injured by a vehicle, we managed to get out of there with no injuries! Most of us headed over to Zacks Restaurant for a late breakfast. The left over donuts were used up by our Veterans Golf League on Monday morning (yep, three day old donuts, but no one seemed to complain)!

Our next scheduled Clean Up will be on Saturday, July 22, and our last Clean Up will be on Saturday, September 30.

Rich Whipple, Chaplain



“In Memoriam”

May We Never Forget!



Deceased VVA Chapter 528 Members		Service	Dates of Service
Richard Diveto	1944 - 1994	Airforce	
Jeffery Stewart	1949 - 1995		
Gary Smith	1943 - 1996		
Delbert Haddock	1948 - 1996	Army	January 68 - August 70
Marvin Schultz	1947 - 1999	Army	April 69 - December 71
Bryan Tubbs	1945 - 1999	Army	June 66 - May 68
Charles Sperry III	1951 - 2000	Navy	February 72 - September 76
Thomas Labowitch	1947 - 2000	Army	November 66 - August 68
John Hinman	1947 - 2001	Navy	June 70 - September 71
Edward Cafruny	1940 - 2002	Army	January 68 - October 70
Jerry Gibbons	1941 - 2002	Marines	November 59 - November 68
Robert Cicotte	1947 - 2003	Marines	February 64 - February 68
T. Joseph Dorey	1943 - 2004	Navy	October 61 - September 65
John Macik	1943 - 2005	Army	September 61 - September 64
Basilio Rivera	1953 - 2005	Air Force	June 73 - June 77
Chris Busse	1947 - 2005	Army	August 66 - August 69
Thomas Butterfield	1947 - 2006	Army	February 67 - January 70
Dennis Lowry	1948 - 2006	Army	June 67 - April 70
Michael Ramsey	1945 - 2007	Navy	June 65 - February 69
George Troell	1943 - 2007	Army	November 66 - September 68
Larry Jarvis	1948 - 2007	Marines	April 65 - March 69
Joseph Kato Jr.	1945 - 2007	Navy	March 65 - March 68
Tom Snell	1946 - 2008	Air Force	March 64 - March 68
Kris (KC) Brimer	1948 - 2008	Army	October 67 - July 69
Cornelius McGowan	1947 - 2009	Navy	July 66 - May 68
Harry Bryant	1948 - 2009	Army	January 67 - 1970
Richard Torossian	1941 - 2010	Army	February 67 - February 69
Franz Brenner	1941 - 2010	Army	June 64 - November 66
Tim Klopschinsky	1945 - 2011	Navy	September 65 - September 69
Michael Weaver	1949 - 2011	Army	June 68 - January 71
Wade Rotthoff	1946 - 2011	Army	Army June 66 - July 67
Carl Shefferd	1947 - 2011	Army	Army August 65 - October 69
Rolland Anderson	1948 - 2012	Army	December 68 - December 70
Bernard Burkacki	1947 - 2012	Air Force	July 66 - February 70
Eric Schwaller	1950 - 2013	Marines	February 68 - January 71
Eldon Frank	1946 - 2014	Marines	January 68 - August 69
Larry Luceus	1942 - 2014	Army	December 60 - February 65
Melvin “Moe” Swope	1949 - 2014	Army	January 69 - January 71
Arnold “Gene” Roberts	1949 - 2015	Army	August 67 - August 70
Vaughn Hull	1950 - 2015	Air Force	November 70 - November 71
William Boudreau	1948 - 2015	Marines	January 68 - November 70
Tim Devlin	1947 - 2015	Army	April 66 - April 68
Ken Winkler	1949 - 2015	Marines	September 67 - June 71
David Wilder	1948 - 2016	Navy	September 67 - June 68
Donald King	1945 - 2016	Air Force	June 67 - September 98
Dennis Shrewsbury	1941 - 2017	Coastguard	June 61 - July 65

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Deceased AVV Members / Spouses

Henry "Bob" Smith	1923 - 1995	
Robert Nelson	1929 - 1995	
Cynthia Estermyer	1951 - 1998	
George Salhaney	1931 - 1998	Army Apr 52 - Jan 54
Stanley Jenkins	1924 - 2000	
Judith LaGrow	1949 - 2003	
Carol Luebke	1947 - 2003	
William Jakobic	1943 - 2003	
Dorothy Dorey	1924 - 2004	
Floyd Riley	1933 - 2004	
Lynn Wallace	1961 - 2005	
Denise Cain	1953 - 2005	
Patricia Hull	1946 - 2006	
James St. Holmes	1969 - 2007	
Anna Smith	1923 - 2008	
Adam Hays	1930 - 2010	
Karen Ligner	1950 - 2010	
Katherine Boucher	1939 - 2011	
Dorothy Wallace	- 2011	
Nancy E. Spencer	1947 - 2012	
Robert W. Irwin	1935 - 2014	
Barbara Bresnahan	1948 - 2014	
Harold Messer	1935 - 2015	
Ann Rains	2016	
Sue Willim	2016	



Chapter 528 Members Of The Year



Gene Spurgess Board Member of the Year
with President John Spencer



James Kimball Chapter Member of the Year
with President John Spencer

Photos by Patty Bielskis

See page 8 for our AVVA Member of the Year

VVA Chapter 528 Elected Leaders 2017

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VVA Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton held our annual elections at our General Membership Meeting on April 10, 2017. Starting from the left are: John Riling III Michigan State Council President, John Fleming Election Committee, Dale Luebke Election Committee, Don Petrere BOD, Jerry Thomason BOD, Dick Adis 1st VP, Gary Pritchard 2nd VP, Ron King Secretary, Mike Dicker BOD, Dennis Bielskis President, Terry Wells BOD, Dean Bell Election Committee, Don Dignan BOD. Treasure Bob Dew and State Council Delegate Gary Estermyer were absent from the photo. *Photos courtesy of Patty Bielskis*



Members of VVA 528 started our meeting off with a presentation of "Remembering Our Fallen Heroes" led by Leroy Paige. Check out <http://www.honorandremember.org/> website.



Gary Estermyer
Michigan State Council
Delegate & Secretary

President John Riling brought the meeting to order on Sunday, April 2, right at 10:00 AM. The meeting at the Howell American Legion post was well attended with all the officers present and 17 chapters represented.

1st Vice President Ken Rogge reported that he is aware of 8 transfers from the at-large membership to chapters. Ken also spoke about the Vietnam Veteran Day ceremonies he and Floyd recently attended in Kalamazoo.

2nd Vice President Tom Meinhardt reported that he has been cleared to visit the veterans in the Coldwater prison facility. He also has visited the VVA members at the Cotton facility.

Secretary Gary Estermyer spoke about updating the chapter contact list as he receives the election report from all the chapters that have elections later this month. Gary asked the delegates to try to ensure accuracy when the forms are filled out.

Treasurer Floyd Carmichael reviewed the finance report. He also noted the generosity shown by Rick Fraser of OthersFirst (car program). The MSC is very grateful for the donations from them. Floyd has finished sorting and re-organizing all the bank statements and records he inherited. He has also created a spreadsheet with our itemized financial data that will be useful for our CPA, Bruce Himrod.

John announced that Floyd, Phil and Gary would be attending the April National VVA BOD meeting in Silver Spring with him. John said that at this time all the National officers are running for re-election and only a few director candidates have announced. John spoke about the delegate release form to be used by chapters that will not be sending their full complement of convention delegates. Chapter 154 promptly signed off on 10 delegates. John encouraged all delegates who are going to New Orleans to also attend the Region 5 meeting the first weekend of May.

John suggested we offer Rick Fraser special recognition for his organizations donations to the council. John also stressed the importance of the VVA commendation and achievement awards. John also plans to create a new service dog committee with Phil Savage (Chapter 313) as the chairman. John plans to take the product sales team

on the road to the Region 3 and Region 5 pre-convention meetings. He also is looking ahead to a Vetstock event in Fowlerville, LZ Michigan in Grand Rapids and Kokomo. John also wants to proceed with offering special convention polo shirts for all Michigan delegates. Shirt sizes are needed gentlemen, see Gary or John with this information.

It was announced that Selfridge ANG base will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in early May. Chris Franklin (Chapter 154) was to receive the Native American Veteran of the Year award. Former MSC Service Office Director George Claxton is now in a long term care facility. A member of Muskegon Chapter 31 recently returned from a Vietnam trip.

Jack Devine has been following veteran related legislation in Lansing. This includes the six veteran homes that will be built across Michigan.

Ray Essenmacher (Chapter 494) reported that the St. Louis and Saginaw correctional facilities are now conducting service dog training. Tim Driscoll reported that Ann Arbor VA hospital has almost completed its parking lot construction.

Tim also announced that his chapter (310) has been renamed the Charles S. Kettles Chapter.

Phil Smith, Chief Service Office Director reported that he lost another employee to another VSO that offered better benefits. He has conducted interviews for another service officer and office secretary. He reviewed the rest of his report and spoke about The Camp Lejeune Toxic Water Act which authorized claims to be filed, further information can be found at www.va.gov/CampLejeune. Phil has only received 1 application for Veteran of the Year which will be recognized at Veterans Night at Comerica Park event, June 15, \$38.00 includes a ticket, hotdog and drink.

AVVA President Marilyn Lash reported they were discussing the development of a tri-fold handout that would contain internet links helpful to the veteran community. They are also considering holding regional AVVA meetings.

Future MSC meeting dates are; June 11 (Howell), August 20 (Howell), October "retreat" plans (TBD) and our Christmas luncheon/meeting on December 3 in Howell.



Gary Estermyer
USARV
58th Field Depot
Qui Nhon
May 68 - May 69





What If's..... And What's.....

If April showers bring May flowers then why do we call a florist the other 11 months. No Rain?

If an Orange is called an Orange because of its color then why not a lime a green and a lemon a yellow.

If you're spending more than \$75.00 on computer ink you probably could replace your whole printer and that comes with ink cheaper.

If you always choose the left one you'll never get the right one.

If birds that fly over the sea are seagulls, then the birds that fly over the bay are baygulls?

If you have a bee in your hand, what do you have in your eye? Why beauty, because beauty is in the eye of the bee holder.

If all the day's that we were gain fully employed and thought April 1 was a paid holiday you now know why we have it.

No matter what label you put on it the sun is only up so many hours period.

You can thank the commerce department for this so shoppers could have that extra hour to shop in the day light. Really how can you be saving time when you push the clock ahead. Should be Daylight Losing Time.

We had 5 weekends in April. More time off for the working people. I had some type of job since 11th grade. That's makes 55 years in the work force plus military.

My last employment of 15 years before retirement was the only time I had weekends and holidays off.

March 20 was the first day of spring. It'll be the first day when it's at least 70 degrees, Monday and 20-25 of us are on the golf course.

April has come and gone and now May is here and the showers will continue.

Please just not on Mondays. Twenty to twenty-five will know why. Right?

Don't lose the Florist's phone number nor your umbrella.



Sgt. Don Petrere
1st Armored Division
1/81st 1966-1968



Patty Bielskis AVVA Member of the Year
with Bryan Bentley AVVA Rep.



In Service to America



Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528



2017 Sportsman's Raffle

40 Prizes To Be Awarded - Winning Tickets Go Back Into Hopper!

WWW.VVA528.ORG

Armalite Eagle-15 Centerfire Rifle	Tenpoint Titan SS Crossbow package
Marlin Model 336 BI Centerfire Rifle	Wicked Ridge Warrior HL ACU-52 Crossbow package
Ruger American Rifle Copper	Shimano Fishing Package
Camping Package	CVA Apex Muzzleloader Black Powder 50-Cal interchangeable Barrel Rifle
Mossberg Patriot Rifle Package	Rossi R92 Centerfire Rifle
Ruger American Rifle Copper	LG 55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
Mossberg Patriot Centerfire Rifle Package	LG 55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
Bear Threat Ready-to-Hunt Bow Package 60-70 lbs	Remote controlled Phantom 3 Standard Drone
Ruger American Rifle Compact Rifle	LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
Shimano Fishing Package	All in one HP PC W/integrated 23" Display
Browning AB3 Hunter Centerfire Rifle	LG55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
DPMS Panther Arms Oracle Rifle	HP 17.3" notebook PC W/AMD Quadcore A8-7410
Savage Model 11/111 Hunter XP Rifle Package	LG55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
Camping Package	Canon 18 MP CMOS APS-C DSLR Kit
Mossberg Flex 500 Hunting Shotgun	LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
Remington Model 870 Express Shotgun Combo	Canon 18MP CMOS APS-C DSLR Kit
Benelli Supernova Comfortech Shotgun	LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
Weatherby SA-08 Synthetic Shotgun	Remote Controlled Abrams M1A2 Tank & Samsung Tablet
Mossberg all purpose shotgun	LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
Bear Archery Finesse Ready-to-hunt Bow Package	LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV

Additional in-house raffles will be available.

**All Prizes are awarded through Gander Mountain, Novi, MI.,
ABC Warehouse Canton, MI and Excel Drones Garden City, MI.**

***** FREE FOOD AND DRINK - RAFFLE TICKET REQUIRED FOR ENTRY *****

Drawing: Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

\$20.00 (US) per Ticket - Need Not Be Present To Win.

(Must Be 18 Years Old to Purchase Tickets)

*Prize winners responsible for taxes and all pertinent regulations.

\$20.00

\$20.00

******* Support Your Local Veterans and their Projects *******

Proceeds to benefit hospitalized veterans, community, veteran projects and the general fund of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. If 1500 tickets are not sold, the Sportsman's Raffle will revert to a 50/50 Raffle with a minimum prize of \$5,000.

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VVA 528 2017 Sportsman's Raffle Selling Events¹¹

This is a list of the locations that we will be selling our raffle tickets. Please, contact Dennis Bielskis and SIGN-UP to help the chapter sell tickets at one or more of the events. Our online website sportsman-raffle.weebly.com

SHOW	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Birch Run	11600 S. Beyer Rd.	Birch Run	48415
Gander Mountain	43825 W. Oaks Dr.	Novi	48377
Lansing/Mason	700 E. Ash St.	Mason	48854
Flint	3501 Lapeer Rd.	Flint	48503
ABC Warehouse	41690 Ford Rd.	Canton	48184
GTC - Mt. Clemens	237 North River Rd.	Mt. Clemens	48043
Novi	46100 Grand River	Novi	48374
Monroe	3775 S. Custer Rd.	Monroe	48161

Date	Day	Time	Location
4/29/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Monroe
4/30/2017	Sunday	1000-1500	Monroe
5/06/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run
5/07/2017	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run
5/20/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Gander Mtn.
5/21/2017	Sunday	1100-1800	Gander Mtn.
6/03/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi
6/04/2017	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi
6/17/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Gander Mtn.
6/18/2017	Sunday	1100-1800	Gander Mt.
6/30/2017	Friday	1200-1700	Lansing/Mas.



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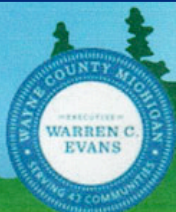
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Golf	2 VFW AUX MEETING 7:00	3 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	4	5 KARAOKE 8:00	6
7	8 Golf VVA MEETING 7:00	9 VFW MEETING 7:00	10 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	11 POPPY DAYS	12 POPPY DAYS	13 POPPY DAYS SOCK HOP 5:30
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15 Golf	16 VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:00	17 CAR SHOW 5:00-8:00	18	19 KARAOKE 8:00	20
21	22 Golf	23 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	24 CAR SHOW 5:00-8:00	25	26	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 9:00	30	31 CAR SHOW 5:00-8:00			



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Terry Blumberg, Les Brookins, Robert Caldwell, Shiley Caldwell, Guido Capaldi, Ernest Costantino, Irma Dorey, Danny Droz, Edward Florence, Jerry Galda, Mack Gaut, Frank Gilbo, Gary Grant, Jim Hodgson, Jurgen Juziuk, Gregory Kremkow, Leo Ksiazek, George Lalinsky, Richard Mamayek, Scott Olson, Terry Parks, Gary Paver, Roger Riddell, Roger Schlee, Mohamed Skander, Lucy Stern, Ben Tallman, Paul Tripp, Ronald Wilson and Dale Wofford.



Wayne County Parks
proudly presents



22nd Annual Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Waterford Bend Park

8:00 – 11:00 am

- The Middle Rouge River will be stocked with 10"- 12" rainbow trout. Prizes will be given away in a variety of categories. Three fish will be tagged for prizes.
- All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait.
- There is a three fish limit.
- Pre-registration is NOT required.
- No fishing license is required for this event.
- A casting contest will be taking place throughout the event in the field across from the playscape.



Sponsored in cooperation
with Northville Parks
and Recreation,
Cabela's, Eppinger
Manufacturing and
Vietnam Veterans
of America
Plymouth/Canton
Chapter 528



Waterford Bend Park
is located on the
corner of Six Mile and
Northville Roads in
Northville.

Schedule of Events

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 7:30 – 8:00 am | Registration on site |
| 8:00 – 10:00 am | Children 12 years old and younger can fish and participate in the casting contest |
| 10:00 am | Fishing for all ages |
| 10:30 am | Presentation of prizes to children |



For more info, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com

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Chapter Officers

President	Dennis Bielskis
1st Vice President	Dick Adis
2nd Vice President	Gary Pritchard
Secretary	Ron King
Treasurer	Bob Dew

Board of Directors

Mike Dicker	Max Bandy
Don Dignan	Joe Tebor
Pete Glasgow	Gene Spurgess
Don Petrere	Terry Wells

Committees

A.O./Health Care	Bob Dew
Agent Orange Events	Bob Dew
AVVA Representative	Bryan Bentley
By-Laws	Jim Hodgson
Chaplain	Rich Whipple
Chapter Historian	Rich Waldecker
Fundraising	Bob Dew
Homeless Veterans	John Fleming
Membership	Bob Lamoureux

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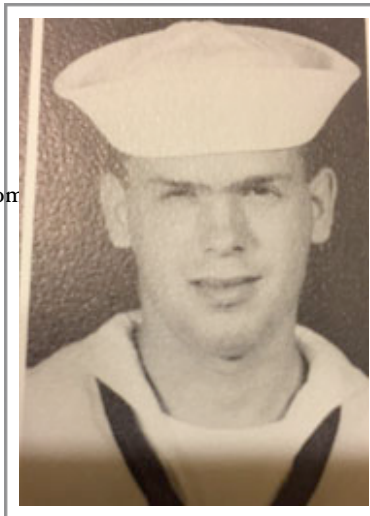
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VVA Chapter 528 has 125 members' service photos displayed on our website www.vva528.org/members528.html and in our display case. I'm sure most members have a photo of themselves laying around somewhere. When you find your photo you can either mail it to Tom Brown @ 17730 Snow Ave. Dearborn, MI 48124, scan it and send it to: tombrown1949@gmail.com, bring it to our general membership meetings or drop it off in "Bear's" Office. Longtime member and creator of our Service Photos Boards **Bill Boudreau** passed away on September 23, 2015. **Don Petrere** has graciously volunteered to take over our service photos in our display case.



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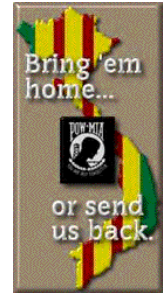
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