



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



New leadership at our VVA Chapter 528. Michigan State VVA President, John Riling III gave the oath of office to our 2019 Elected Officials.

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Welcome Home!

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

President's Corner

Greetings Membership,

With the onset of spring weather comes renewed outdoor activities for our Chapter. The bowling league has played their last game and our golfers have kicked off their new season. Good Friday will bring the last fish fry then the car shows will begin in May. There's always something going on within our chapter that requires membership participation to make it a success so let's all step up and do our part.

As your President I look forward to the coming year and all the charitable work we can do for our fellow Veterans and community causes. Please help me in this endeavor.



Jerry Thomason
NMCB 133
RVN 1969-70





Digger's Desk



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



LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Don't forget Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 8:00PM, Euchre at 7:00PM every Wednesday until Car Shows start then moving to Friday, Pinochle on Friday at 2:00PM.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The 2019-20 Vietnam Veterans of America will be led by Jerry Thomason, John Heraghty, Gary Bush, John Fleming and Ron King plus the BOD. Congratulations to all who have stepped forward for the membership.

FISH FRY

The final Fish Fry on Good Friday sold over 300 dinners with customers reiterating what we've known for years, i.e., "Best Fish Fry In Town". A complete success again. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible.

KIDS EASTER PARTY

Sunday April 7 brought the Easter Bunny to town. All kids/grandkids in attendance had a great time with a bouncy house, face painting, balloon shaping and ceramic Easter egg creation. Thanks to Jessica Linna and her helpers for organizing.

CAR SHOW

Every Wednesday, beginning May 15, will be the Cruz'n 528 Car Show going on for close to its 15th consecutive year. Come on down for classic cars, hot rods, burgers, hot dogs, pop, beer, pop corn, desserts and oldies spun by DJ Koz from 5-8PM.

POPPY DAYS

May 9-11 will mark the 2019 Buddy Poppy Days, proceeds of which go to the Post member relief fund. Please sign up with a few hours of your time to help out.

I'll see you at the May meeting. It's a great time to be a Veteran and member of Chapter 528.

Wayne County Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: 7:30 AM - help set-up our tables and equipment - 8 AM to 10 AM fishing derby - 10:30 AM hand out prizes to the winners. Waterford Bend Park in Northville is located at the corner of Six Mile Road and Northville Road.

VVA Chapter 528 has long been a partner with Wayne County Parks and Recreation to help provide this wonderful experience for children 12 and under. We help with providing the money and the man power. We purchase the 800 plus rainbow trout as well as providing winners with fishing poles and reels and tackle boxes. Tom Brown, Dean Bell, Gene Spurgess and Gary "Bear" Kubik co-chair this event.

To make this event successful, we need at least 16 volunteers. We need 3 people to write down the names of the children in 3 different age groups. One person to help coordinate the weighing and measuring area. Two people needed to weigh and measure the fish. We need 1 person to help with selling our Sportsman's Raffle Tickets. Two people are needed to conduct the casting contest. We need at least four volunteers to walk around and to help out the children, parents, and grand parents with catching the fish. These volunteers will also make sure everyone is following the rules of the event.

A sign-up sheet will be made available at our May General Membership Meeting. One may also volunteer by sending me an email or calling me. tombrown1949@gmail.com or Cell 313-336-0192

Tom Brown



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	Jerry Thomason
1st Vice President	John Heraghty
2nd Vice President	Gary Bush
Secretary	Ron King
Treasurer	John Fleming

Board Members	(2 year)	Bruce Benyo Mike Dicker Don Petrere Al Sneath
	(1 year)	Darrell Bazman Don Dignan Gene Spurgess Rich Whipple

Natl Convention Delegates	Dennis Bielskis Gary Estermyer Ron King Jerry Thomason Rich Whipple
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Election Committee	Bob Bryan Bob Lamoureux Dale Luebke
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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, especially Bob Dew, for the great job they did this past year.

Membership

We had 2 VVA and 1 AVVA applications for membership this past month. Frank Stecker, Army, and Michael Cline. Marines, have joined our chapter. Leroy Griffin has joined our associates. Welcome Frank, Mike and Leroy to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 306 individual and 85 associate members. Of these we have 293 life VVA and 57 life AVVA members.

Dropped From Roster: none

Lapsed Members: As of April 25, 2019 the following individuals have not renewed their membership: Frank Jaskula, Robert Leshan, John Stewart

May VVA Renewals: none

May AVVA Renewals: Betty Durham, John Nichols, Judy Petrere

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.

VVA Membership

According to the latest national membership report Chapter 528 remains in the top 25 in membership at number 25. We are joined on that list by Chapter 154 at number 4 and Chapter 267 at number 23. It is quite an accomplishment for Michigan to have 3 chapters in the top 25.

Member Dues

If you are paying your VVA dues by check please make it out to: VVA. If you are paying your AVVA dues by check please make it out to: AVVA. This way it can be forwarded to National and cashed more quickly. If you make the check out to the chapter it has to be submitted to the treasurer and another check written which is then sent to National.

VFW

Thanks to all the chapter members who helped or participated in the latest fundraisers: Lenten fish fries and Night-at-the Races. Both were very profitable events for the post. Don't forget the car cruises will begin May 15th.

Odds & Ends continued on page 6



Chaplain's Corner

God's Amazing Hands

From Our Daily Bread,
Author: Arthur Jackson

Twenty minutes into a flight from New York to San Antonio, the flight plan changed as calm gave way to chaos. When one of the plane's engines failed, debris from the engine smashed through a window causing the cabin to decompress. Sadly, several passengers were injured and one person was killed. Had not a calm, capable pilot been in the cockpit – one trained as a Navy fighter pilot, things could have been tragically rose. The headline in our local paper read, "In Amazing Hands."

In Psalm 31, David revealed that he knew something about the Lord's amazing, caring hands. That's why he could confidently say, "Into your hands I commit my spirit" (v.5). David believes that the Lord could be trusted even when life got bumpy. Because he was targeted by unfriendly forces, life was very uncomfortable for David. Thought vulnerable, he was not without hope. In the midst of harassment David could breathe sighs of relief and rejoice because his faithful, loving God was his source of confidence (vv.5-7).

Perhaps you find yourself in a season of life when things are coming at you from every direction, and it's difficult to see what's ahead. In the midst of uncertainty, confusion, and chaos one thing remains absolutely certain: those who are secure in the Lord are in amazing hands. (Have you committed your life, your earthly and eternal existence and well being to the Lord? How are you showing that you are trusting Him in good times and bad?)

Chaplains notes: Continue prayers for Pastor Bill Kren and Mike Dicker, both fighting cancer; Bill "Sleeveless" Browning with lung cancer; Bob Bryan fighting a type of lymphoma; Bobby Somerville had another operation for the cervical part of his spine, and will need to wear a neck brace for months. Joe Tebor is having a Reverse Full Shoulder Replacement surgery on 13 May followed by several weeks of therapy 3 days a week. Please phone these guys and let them know you're pulling and praying for them!



Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)
(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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Joy Road Clean Up Wayne County Adopt-A-Road

This is our 22nd year our chapter has participated in the Adopt-A-Road Program. The weather was ugly for the three days before Friday, April 19, our pick up date with Wayne County. I was concerned that it might just be me that would show up and I would have to eat the dozen of Meijer donuts by myself, but our "road crew" came one by one. Six brave souls came out, and we indeed "got'er done"! Larry Eichstädt was the stud this day, as he was dragging that large orange Wayne County bag as if he had a buck by the horns. When that man comes to work, he is definitely locked in! Must be that German blood! I must have had some rain drops on the lens of my camera because it wasn't up to snuff as it had been on those dry days in the past.

If you notice the sign, Wayne County gave us a brand new sign. About time as it was getting difficult to read.

From left to right: Me, Pat Dougherty (coming back off the injured list), Larry Eichstadt, Roger Riddell, Harold Hachigian, Greg Kremkow and Dennis Waling.

Our next date for Joy Road Clean Up will be Friday, July 19. I will not be there but will be in Spokane, Washington as one of your delegates for the VVA National Convention. Hopefully I can ask one of you to step up and take charge. Our last pick up will be on Friday, September 27.

Rich Whipple, Coordinator



Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528



2019 Sportsman's Raffle



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

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Benelli Nova Pump Shotgun CamoMax-5
Marlin 336W Lever-Action Rifle 30-30 Winchester
Remington Model 870 Express ShurShot Turkey
Henry Octagon Frontier Lever Action Rimfire 22 WMR
Weatherby SA-08 Compact shotgun
Camping Package
Remington 870 Shotgun Express Tactical
Winchester SXP Turkey Hunter Break-up shotgun
Stoeger M3000R slug Gun Semi-Auto Shotgun 12-ga
Savage 11 Scout Bolt-Action Rifle .308 Winchester
Remington 597 Rimfire Semi-Auto Rifle
Ruger Ranch Blot-Action Rifle .450 Bushmaster
Winchester XPR Hunter Bolt-Action Rifle
CVA Optima Muzzleloader W/Scope True-Timber
Ruger Air Hawk .177 Air Rifle combo

Henry Golden Boy Lever-Action Rimfire
Mossberg 930 Slugster Semi-Auto Shotgun
Winchester XPR Hunter Bolt-Action Rifle
Thompson/Center Venture Blot-Action Rifle 30-06
Remington Model 700 ACL Blot Action Rifle Combo
Bear Archery Approach RTH Compound Bow
Browning AB3 Hunter Bolt-Action rifle .252
Mossberg Patriot Blot-Action Rifle 30-06 Springfield
Fishing Package
Parker Hammer 3325 Crossbow package
Spark Series Drone with HD Camera
Camping Package
Fishing Package
Remington 870 Super Mag Pump-Action combo
13 - \$500.00 VISA CARDS

**All Prizes are awarded through Bass Pro Shops
Excel Drones. Garden City, MI.**

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

Drawing: Sunday, October, 13, 2019- 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

V.F.W. Post 6695 - 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI.

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

Maximum of 5000 Tickets Printed!

(Must Be 18 Years Old to Purchase Tickets)

*Prize winners responsible for taxes and all pertinent regulations.

Mail-Order forms available by calling (248) 767 1654 or e-mailing dbielskis@att.net

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.

Mail to: 2018 Sportsman's Raffle
V.V.A 528
P.O. Box 6295
Plymouth, MI. 48170

Make checks to : VVA 528

Requests must be made prior to Monday, October 7, 2019
to allow time for processing and delivery.

License No. R50455

VVA 528 2019 Sportsman's Raffle Selling Events

This is a list of the locations that we will be selling our raffle Tickets. Please come out and visit with us.



Show	Address	City	Zip
Birch Run Expo	11600 S. Beyer Rd.	Birch Run	48425
Ingham County Fairgrounds	700 E. Ash St.	Lansing/Mason	48854
Flint Gun Show	3501 Lapeer Rd.	Flint	48503
Suburban Collection Showplace	46100 Grand River	Novi	48374
Monroe County Fairgrounds	3775 S. Custer Rd.	Monroe	48161
Brownstown Sport Center	21902 Telegraph Rd.	Brownstown	48283
Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills	4500 Baldwin Rd.	Auburn Hills	48326



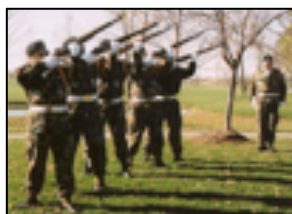
Date	Day	Time	Location
5/4/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run Expo
5/5/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run Expo
5/18/2019	Saturday	1000-2100	Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills
5/19/2019	Sunday	1000-1900	Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills
6/1/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
6/2/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
6/15/2019	Saturday	1000-1500	Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills
6/16/2019	Sunday	1000-1900	Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills
7/5/2019	Friday	1400-1900	Ingham County Fairgrounds
7/6/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Ingham County Fairgrounds
7/7/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Ingham County Fairgrounds
7/20/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
7/21/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
7/20/2019	Saturday	1000-2100	Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills
7/21/2019	Sunday	1000-1900	Bass Pro Shops Auburn Hills
8/10/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run Expo
8/11/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run Expo
8/17/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Monroe County Fairgrounds

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Memorial Day

The chapter will 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 27th 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.





“In Memoriam” May We Never Forget!



Deceased VVA Chapter 528

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 “Bill” 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
Dominick Grake	1941 - 2017	Army	May 66 - March 68
Max Bandy	1949 - 2017	Army	August 67 - August 70
Ben Tallman	1943 - 2017	Air Force	June 61 - June 65
Edward Florence Jr.	1945 - 2017	Army	September 65 - August 69
Roger Schlee	1948 - 2017	Navy	February 68 - December 71
Larry Backucz	1951 - 2017	Army	July 70 - March 72
Larry Kilgore	1945 - 2018	Navy	December 63 - September 67
Bill Hayes	1948 - 2018	Marines	1966 - 1970
Art Sawyer	1949 - 2019	Navy	December 1969 - September 1971
Fred Sattler, Jr.	1942 - 2013	Army	November 1960 - 1963
Wallace G. Dixon	1944 - 2018	Marines	August 1966 - June 1969
James Peterson	1939 - 2018	Navy	August 1958 - August 1962
Thomas Dorey	1949 - 2019	Marines	June 1967 - April 1969
Brian Metzger	1944 - 2019	Army	July 1969 - October 1978

Deceased AVVA Members / Spouses

Henry "Bob" Smith	1923 - 1995
Robert Nelson	1929 - 1995
Cynthia Estermyer	1951 - 1998
George Salhaney	1931 - 1998
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
Cheri Schlott	1946 - 2017
Bill Blue	1946 - 2018
Henry "Hank" Giles	1933 - 2018
Ann Doherty	1944 - 2019

Army

April 52 - January 54



Our 2019 Elected Leaders



Rich Whipple, Gene Spurgess, John Spencer, Gary Bush, Al Sneath, Jerry Thomason, John Fleming, Don Petrere, Bryan Bentley, John Heraghty and Ron King. Missing: Bruce Benyo, Mike Dicker, Don Dignan, Pete Glasgow and Darrell Bazman.



John Fleming Treasurer - Ron King Secretary - Jerry Thomason President - John Heraghty 1st Vice President and Gary Bush 2nd Vice President.



MAY 2019



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



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan

May Birthdays

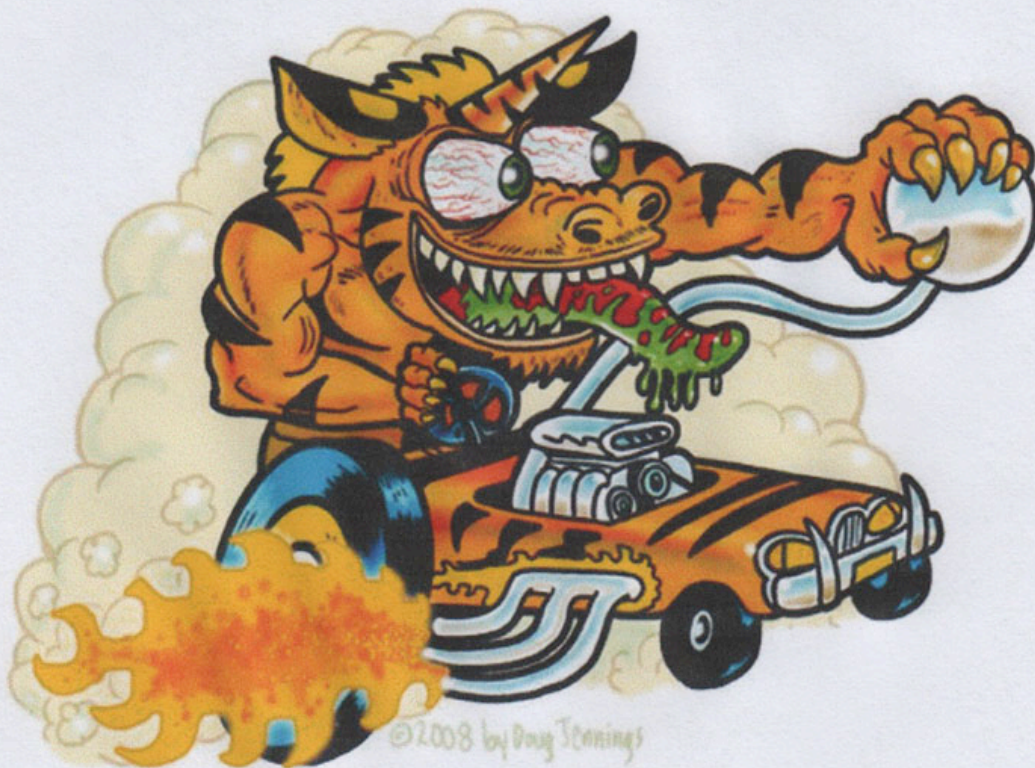
Terry Blumberg, Marvin Booth, Dale Bosetti, Les Brookins, Robert Caldwell, Shirley Caldwell, Guido Capaldi, Ernest Costantino, Irma Dorey, Danny Droz, Jerry Galda, Frank Gilbo, Gary Grant, Jim Hodgson, Jurgen Juziuk, George Klepack, Gregory Kremkow, Leo Ksiazek, George Lalinsky, Richard Mamayek, Thomas McMullen, Scott Olson, Terry Parks, Gary Paver, Judy Petrere, Dave Randall, Roger Riddell, Lucy Stern, Ronald Wilson, Dale Wofford and John Zielke.

CRUZ'N 528

The Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW 6695 working in conjunction with "Hell on Wheels" car club.

Presents its weekly car cruises.

Starting May 15 from 5p-8 and every Wednesday till the end of September.



Come join us for good music and great food.

We are located at 1426 S. Mill (Lilley) St. Plymouth, MI
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Chapter 528 Homefront

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Veterans Center	313-381-1370
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VA Ann Arbor Health Care System	734-769-7100

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VVA Chapter 528 has 146 VVA members' service photos displayed and 3 AVVA members' service photos 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 as a jpg or jpeg, bring it to our general membership meetings and give it to Tom or bring it to the VFW. Be sure to include your name, branch of service and the year the photo was taken. Don Petrere will place the copied service photo in our display case.



Tom Brown, Editor/Publisher
2nd Missile Battalion
44th Artillery Pershing 1st yr
HHD III Corps 2nd yr
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