



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



The annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, June 11 from 8:00AM to 10:00AM at Waterford Bend Park off of Hines Drive in Northville. Volunteers are needed to help Jerry Thomason with setting up, weighing, measuring, judging casting contest, walking around making sure parents and children are following rules and helping parents and kids with catching fish. Volunteers need to be at the event by 7:30AM. Contact Jerry Thomason to let him know you are available to help with this fun and rewarding event.

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Welcome Home!

**“Never Again Will One Generation of
 Veterans Abandon Another”**



President's Corner

Greetings Comrades,

Hope everyone is doing well and surviving this crazy Michigan weather. I know I'm ready for it to warm up outside.

The last meetings attendance was below the 20% (62 members) needed to host our elections. Although we did have 57 members, we do need everyone to try their best to make the May 9 meeting in order to certify our election and start conducting business. We must get it done at this May meeting, so PLEASE attend! Thank you!

Not much else is going on at the moment. We just need to get our elections squared away. So, in closing, as I repeat myself, PLEASE attend the May meeting. See you there!



John Heraghty E-5
 2nd Infantry Division 4th Sq.
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 Army Nov. 1967 - June 1969





Digger's Desk



Don Dignan
D/2/16 "Rangers"
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1967-1968



LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Euchre will continue on Wednesdays at 7:00PM until the Car Shows begin (May 18th) and will then switch to Thursdays. Now that the Fish Fries have concluded, Pinochle has moved to Fridays at 2:00PM. Come on down to the Post for a weekly special and a beer. Be wise, stay safe.

RECENTLY AND UPCOMING

The Lenten Fish Fries were a total success, averaging just under 300 customers a night. Thanks to Patti Brothers for chairing this event and to all the volunteers who made it possible. Our annual night at the races was held on April 23rd and was a fun-filled and successful event. Great job by chair Ruthie Barnhill and her cast of volunteers. Poppy sales will commence on May 5th and run through May 7th. Contact Jim Tillman to give us a hand in this annual event which contributes to Veterans in need. Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 30th and contrary to the norm, this is the actual Memorial Day. There will be a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park but the status of the Parade is unknown.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ELECTION?

The annual general membership meeting and election has been rescheduled for Monday May 9th. The April meeting failed to produce enough members (20% or 62 individual members) to hold a valid election. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE MAY MEETING. I'll see you there. It's a great time to be an American, Veteran and member of Chapter 528. Until Valhalla to all members who have gone before us.



Volunteers enjoying one of our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Photo courtesy of Don Petrere



Customers waiting in line for one of our Fish Fry Dinners 2022.

Courtesy of Darrell Bazman



Odds & Ends

Chapter Elections

Per our bi-laws, to have a valid election we must have at least 20% of our total VVA membership present which is 62 members. We did not have a quorum at our last meeting, so elections could not be held and were postponed until the May meeting. Please make every effort to attend the next meeting so we can take care of our most important piece of business. The following members have accepted nomination for chapter office.

President	John Heraghty
1st Vice President	Bob Dew
2nd Vice President	Pete Glasgow
Secretary	Ron King
Treasurer	John Fleming
Board Members (4) (2-year term)	Darrell Bazman Don Dignan Glen Jewell Tom McMullen Gene Spurgess
State Council Delegate (2-year term)	Dennis Bielskis
Alternate S.C.D. (2-year term)	John Spencer Joe Tebor
Election Committee (3)	Bob Bryan Al Dorey Bob Lamoureux

The associate members elected Bryan Bentley as chapter representative.

Membership

Our current membership stands at 309 individual and 76 associate members. Of these we have 67 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of April 25, 2022, the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

AVVA: Kurt Smith

Dropped from Roster: none

May AVVA Renewals: none

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.

Memorial Day

Don't know if there will be a parade this year but there will be a ceremony at the Plymouth Veterans Park. The committee has been delayed in meeting to make the final preparations due to covid. They will be meeting next week. An announcement will be made as soon as details are available.

VFW Activities

The fish fries went very well with an average of 295 diners served per week. The post made a profit of almost \$10,000 for the 6 weeks. The "Night at the Races" was also a big success even though the hall was only 2/3 full. This event netted \$2,700. Thanks to Patti Brothers for chairing the fish fries, Ruth Barnhill the racing event and everyone who worked and attended. The assistance is very much appreciated.

The summer classic car shows will begin on Wednesday, May 18 and run through the end of August.



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



Plymouth Memorial Day Ceremony



Chaplain's Corner

The Essence of Prayer

Author - Bill Crowder
from Our Daily Bread

When Abraham Lincoln became president of the United States, he was tasked with leading a fractured nation. Lincoln is viewed as a wise leader and a man of high moral character, but another element to his makeup, perhaps, was the foundation for everything else. He understood that he was inadequate for the task at hand. His response to that inadequacy?

Lincoln said, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

When we come to grips with the massive nature of life's challenges and the severe limitations of our own wisdom, knowledge, or strength, we find, like Lincoln, that we are utterly dependent on Jesus – the One who has no limitations. Peter reminded us of this dependency when he wrote, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). God's love for His children (that's all of us) paired with His absolute power, make Him the perfect Person to approach with our frailties – and that's the essence of prayer. We go to Jesus acknowledging to Him (and ourselves) that we're inadequate and He's eternally sufficient. Lincoln said he felt he "had nowhere else to go." But when we begin to comprehend God's great care for us, that's wonderfully good news. We can go to Him!!!



I took a road trip to meet up with troopers I served with in Vietnam. We first met in Tennessee, then in Texas and finally in Phoenix, Arizona. Also, one of the guys came in from California. We all met up in Phoenix for a couple of days. Great times!!!



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1968 - 1969



Al Dorey



“In Memoriam” May We Never Forget!



Deceased VVA Chapter 528 Members		Service	Dates of Service
Richard Diveto	1944 - 1994	Air Force	
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
Robert Valeri	1950 - 2013	Marines	October 67 - July 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 Tackett	1950 - 2015	Army	October 67 - October 71

William Boudreau	1948 - 2015	Marines	January 68 - November 70
Tim Devlin	1947 - 2015	Army	April 66 - April 68
Ken Winkler	1949 - 2015	Marines	1967 - 1970
Ray Plesiewicz	1947 - 2015	Army	1966 - 1968
David Wilder	1948 - 2016	Navy	September 67 - June 1971
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	February 1966 - February 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
Mike Dicker	1948 - 2019	Marines	January 1965 - January 1969
Glen Heinrich	1947 - 2019	Army	February 1967 - February 1969
Gary Kubik	1947 - 2019	Navy	September 1967 - August 1971
Leon Suchorski	1944 - 2019	Marines	?
William Kren	1946 - 2019	Army	January 1965 - January 1968
Don Shannon	1943 - 2019	Army	May 1966 - February 1968
Gary Boucher	1941 - 2020	Army	October 1965 - October 1967
Robert Anderson	1946 - 2020	Navy	May 1966 - February 1970
Anthony Brinza III	1947 - 2020	Navy	February 1970 - April 1975
Ed Dziadzio	1947 - 2020	Navy	September 1966 - September 1969
David Codd	1949 - 2020	Marines	October 1967 - December 1971
Clark Crain	1951 - 2020	Air Force	August 1973 - October 1977
Bill Browning	1953 - 2020	Marines	January 1971 - December 1971
Dennis Mozdzeń	1948 - 2020	Navy	August 1966 - August 1970
Roger Kehrier	1945 - 2020	Army	July 1965 - June 1968
Mike Kennedy	1946 - 2020	Army	February 1966 - February 1969
Frank Stecker	1946 - 2020	Army	May 1966 - May 1969
Michael Peter Cline	1950 - 2020	Marines	1969 - 1970
Les Brookins	1944 - 2020	Army	November 1954 - November 1961
William Adams	1943 - 2021	Air Force	March 1963 - March 1967
Dale Fisher	1947 - 2021	Army	January 1967 - September 1969
Robert Kuhlman	1948 - 2021	Army	September 1968 - April 1970
Philip E. Lang	1943 - 2021	Army	October 1967 - July 1969
Al Kerbyson	1946 - 2021	Air Force	March 1966 - July 1978
John Ligner, III	1949 - 2021	Army	August 1969 - March 1971
John Zielinski	1950 - 2021	Army	June 1969 - January 1972
Marvin Booth	1946 - 2021	Army	August 1969 - March 1971
Richard Stidham	19?? - 2022	?	?

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
Barbara Jean Roberts	1953 - 2016
Ann Rains	2016
Sue Willim	2016
Cheri Schlott	1947 - 2017
Bill Blue	1946 - 2018
Henry "Hank" Giles	1933 - 2018
Ann Doherty	1944 - 2019
Cynthia Dziadzio	1953 - 2020
Sue Dodson	1944 - 2020
Lucy Stern	1946 - 2021
Maureen Estermyer	1952 - 2021

Army

April 1952 - January 1954





Good Day All, Good Afternoon All

Keep this number in mind “over 300” and read on. Yep, there are over 300 members in 528 VVA that can possibly vote and attend our monthly general membership meetings. On April 11, during our General Membership Meeting, it was the last day to nominate officers, board members and other open positions. But after nominations ended, we didn't have a quorum of our membership to be able to vote. We fell short of the necessary minimum by 6 people. Six people and six possible votes. Remember that number “300”. We didn't get the necessary 62 members or above to vote. So everything is now on hold until the May General Membership Meeting on May 9th.

The VVA 528 is an integral part of this post along with the VFW. To make it function we need our members involvement to keep elected officers. I agree that some can't drive, some forgot, some had other plans made and so on. Surely six or seven more members could have come to vote and keep 528 moving forward with good leadership. So from over 300 members on May 9th, we needed 6 more members in attendance. By the way, those six missed a great slice of pizza at the April meeting.

It's a great day to be a Veteran, so please come to our General Membership Meeting on May 9th. We need six more people to come. Be here to vote and be heard. Next question.... “You down front?” Oops that chair is empty. Must be one of the six. A salute to all.

Thanks

Sgt. Don Petrere
BOD



Photos courtesy of Don Petrere



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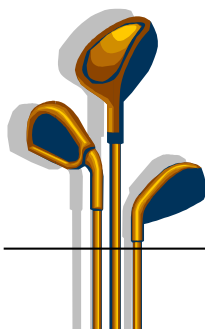
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15	16 GOLF	17 HOUSE COMM MEET 7:00	18 CAR SHOW 5-8	19 EUCHRE 7:00	20 PINOCHLE 2:00	21
22	23 GOLF	24 VVA BOARD MEET 7:00	25 CAR SHOW 5-8	26 EUCHRE 7:00	27 PINOCHLE 2:00	28
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May Birthdays

Terry Blumberg, Dale Bosetti, Robert Caldwell, Shirley Caldwell, Guido Capaldi, Ernest Costantino, Irma Dorey, Danny Droz, Jerry Galda, Mack Gaut, Frank Gilbo, Gary Grant, Jim Hodgson, Daniel Jason, Jurgen Juziuk, George Klepack, Gregory Kremkow, Leo Ksiazek, George Lalinsky, Richard Mamayek, Thomas McMullen, Scott Olson, Gary Paver, Judy Petrere, Roger Riddell, Ronald Wilson and John Zielke.

Calendar by
Nancy Dignan



10th ANNUAL GARY BATES MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Event Location:

Links at Gateway
33290 Gateway Drive
Romulus, MI

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, May 21
9am Tee Time
Lunch & Awards Ceremony to
follow at the Gateway Clubhouse

Registration:

\$95 per golfer
Due by May 14
Make Checks Payable To:
John Fleming

Proceeds of the Event:

The American Diabetes Association
The American Cancer Society

Send Payment & Registration

to:

ADA/ACS Golf Outing
PO Box 819
Garden City, MI 48136

Event Highlights:

18 Holes of Golf
Shotgun Start, Four Person Scramble

For more information,

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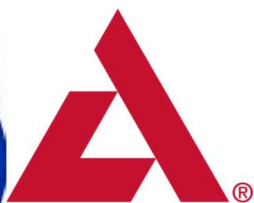
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Chapter 528 Homefront

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May 2022



VVA membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 22, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975

Name _____ email _____

Phone _____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Branch of Service _____

Date of Birth _____ Today's Date _____

\$50.00 Lifetime Membership Enclosed _____

_____ I am a Vietnam Era Veteran and would like to be a member. Enclosed is a copy of my DD 214 Form. One must have served a minimum of 180 days of active service.

_____ I am not a Vietnam Era Veteran, but would like to be an Associate Member

One may become an Associate Member (AVVA). _____ 1 year (\$20), _____ 3 year (\$50), _____ Life membership ages 59 and under (\$175), _____ 60 and above (\$100). When purchasing a life membership proof of age must also be submitted. The easiest form of proof is a copy of your driver's license. There is one new AVVA option available. Current VVA members can support the AVVA by purchasing a life membership in AVVA for only \$50.

Return this form to:
Vietnam Veterans of America
Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528
P.O. Box 6319
Plymouth, MI 48170-0473



With a little creativity we were able to have a meeting and hold our elections last month. The meeting was held outside in the pavilion area behind the post. All

Chapter Elections