



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

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Kokomo Vietnam Veterans Reunion

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Welcome Home!

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

President's Corner

Greetings comrades:

Our Steak BBQ Cookout on July 15, 2022 was another successful event selling 85 dinners. Although we did run out of steaks and had to turn people away. We are ordering an additional quantity of steaks this month to ensure no one will be turned away because of a dinner shortage. Our next cookout will be held on August 26, 2022 featuring “Bone in Ribeye” steak, broccoli cauliflower and carrots in garlic butter sauce, baked potato with sour cream and roll with butter. In addition to ordering more steaks we have extended the time from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Thank you to everyone for their participation. We received many compliments on the New York Strips that we purchased from Eastern Market of Canton.

In closing, I'm hoping we can have August's meeting, Monday, August 8 at 7pm, outside, weather permitting. Please attend the meeting, this is your organization! Stay safe and healthy!



John Heraghty E-5
 2nd Infantry Division 4th Sq.
 7th Cav.
 Army Nov. 1967 - June 1969





Digger's Desk

LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

With the Car Shows on Wednesdays at 5:00PM, Euchre has switched to Thursdays at 7:00PM until the Car Shows end in September. Pinochle will resume in September on Fridays at 2:00PM. Come on down to the Post for a weekly special and a beer. Be wise, stay safe.

RECENTLY AND UPCOMING

Something new with our 2nd Steak BBQ taking place in July. Thanks to the crew, headed up by Bob Dew, for making this happen. Another Steak BBQ is scheduled for August 26 with Bone-in Ribeye as the main course. Stay tuned.

JULY 4TH

We never received an invitation for the July 4th parade so we could not participate. Somehow we got overlooked. The Post again hosted a Chicken BBQ commencing at Noon that day. We nearly sold out with 99 dinners served that day so it was a success.

The next general membership meeting will be on Monday August 8 at 7:00PM. 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.



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



Kokomo Vietnam Veterans Reunion



Kokomo Camping Trip is coming Up fast. It Starts out on September 12 with the SandBox Reunion then on the 15th the Vietnam Vets Reunion. The address is : 8313 E. 400 S. Greentown, IN. 46936. Our Campsites have been Renumbered this Year - so note Lot #'s E-246 thru E-251 and E-346 thru E351. Please, bring coolers, water and food.

Come on down for a GOOD TIME...

For the Chapter
Dale M. Luebke
Contact me at 248-403-4244



Kokomo



Odds & Ends

Membership

We have lost another member. Mark Mittleman passed away last month. Mark had been a member since 2016. Our condolences go to his family. There was 1 application for membership this month. Irfan Hameedi has joined our associates. Welcome to Chapter 528 Irfan. Our current membership stands at 312 VVA and 77 AVVA members. Of these we have 68 life AVVA members.

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

AVVA: Steve Boucher

Dropped from Roster: none

August 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.

Fall Festival

Our participation in the Plymouth Fall Festival has come to an end. After 30+ years it was decided the financial gain was not worth the huge effort needed to set up and run a booth at the festival. We will still have a presence as we will be manning the entrance to the beer tent on Friday and Saturday night and AVVA member Dave Henwood is in charge of the classic car show on Saturday and Sunday.

VFW Golf Outing

This year's golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 at Hickory Creek. A flyer and sign-up sheet will be out the middle of August. I am looking for donations of new golf balls and other items to be given out in the

golfer's goody bags. This will help defray the cost of putting on the outing.



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



Mark Andrew Mittleman

November 19, 1949 - July 05, 2022

Beloved husband for 45 years of Margaret. Loving father of Marissa (Antonio) Testa and James (Maria) Mittleman. Devoted grandfather to Antonio, Claire, and Angelina. He is survived by his siblings, Marshall (Lisa) Mittleman, Margaret (Steven) Marschke, and Martyn (Linda) Mittleman and sister-in-law, Cynthia (John Avallone) Mittleman. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Heather Anne Mittleman, his parents, Marshall and Margaret, and his brother Michael Mittleman and his grandparents, Margaret and Marshall Mittleman, and Elizabeth and Alfred Schulz.

Mark was very athletic, playing baseball, softball, bowling, and followed pro sports and both high school and collegiate sports. He was an avid investor in the stock market. Mark was a combat medic in the Vietnam War. He was taken by caisson to Michigan Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wounded Warriors, Tunnels to Towers, Disabled Veterans and NAVF.



Chaplain's Corner

No Greater Love

Author - Lisa Samra
from Our Daily Bread

Commemorations of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Day-Day in 2019 honored the more than 156,000 troops who took part in the largest seaborne invasion in history to liberate Western Europe. In his prayer broadcast over the radio on June 6, 1944, President Roosevelt asked for God's protection, praying for God's protection, praying, "They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate."

A willingness to put one's self in harm's way to restrain evil and liberate the oppressed brings to mind Jesus' words: "Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). These words come in the midst of Christ teaching His followers to love each other. But He wanted them to understand the cost and depth of this type of love: a love exemplified when one willingly sacrifices his or her life for another person. Jesus' call to sacrificially love others is the basis of His command to "love each other" (V.17).

Perhaps we could show sacrificial love by giving time to care for the needs of an aging family member. We could put the needs of a sibling first by doing their chores during a stressful week at school. We might even take extra shifts with a sick child to allow our spouse to sleep. As we sacrificially love others, we demonstrate the greatest expression of love.

Chaplain's Corner: My wife Karen and I decided to go to the 173d Airborne Reunion, held in Scottsdale, Arizona. After three years of not having our reunion because of the covid, it was wonderful to catch up in person with our guys. However, the covid is still out there, and several of us got it. I had it first, and about five days later, Karen got it for the second time. So it is taking me some time to catch up with our chapter! Bob Bryan is certainly one that we should be on our knees praying for him to persevere. We all thank his wife, Ruth, that she sends us his updates. We're praying for you, Bob and Ruth! Pray for Joe Radachy

who is "house bound" taking care of his wife Connie. We love you Joe, and miss you golfing!



Rich Whipple
Chaplain (Certified)
(A sinner saved by God's Grace)
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HHC/2/503rd Infantry
173rd Airborne Brigade
1968 - 1969



Joy Road Clean Up

Last Friday nine members of our VVA 528 gathered for our second "pick up" of 2022 for the "Wayne County Adopt-A-Road". Since 1997, we have taken care of Joy Road for 25 years now.

I enticed our guys that there would be donuts, and there were donuts, but you should have heard the "horse shit" coming out of these guys, because I didn't get what they wanted! So immediately, as a buck sergeant, I had them in the "lean and rest" position until they started crying! You should have heard the whining!

Thank you guys for helping out! Here are the the guys that made it happen on Friday.

Harold Hachigian, Tom Fedewa, Al Sneath, Bob Lamoureux, Hank Eichner, John McClure, Jerry Thomason, Pastor Mike Panich, and yours truly! Our last schedule for the clean up will be Friday, September 30.

Sergeant Whip



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 GOLF	2 AUX MEET 6:30	3 CAR SHOW 5-8	4 EUCHRE 7:00	5	6
7	8 GOLF VVA MEET 7:00	9 VFW MEET 7:00	10 CAR SHOW 5-8	11 EUCHRE 7:00	12	13
14	15 GOLF	16 HOUSE COMM MEET 7:00	17 CAR SHOW 5-8	18 EUCHRE 7:00	19	20
21	22 GOLF	23 VVA BOARD MEET 7:00	24 CAR SHOW 5-8	25 EUCHRE 7:00	26 STEAK BBQ 5-7	27
28	29 GOLF	30	31 CAR SHOW 5-8			



August Birthdays

Joe Agius, Frank Barkovich, Dennis Bielskis, Patty Bielskis, William Brown, Bob Carris, Rick Ciaramitaro, John Ciuffetelli, Kevin Demsky, Nancy Dignan, Wayne Duerling, Michael Dupuis, Richard Gebstadt, Darrel (Tom) Gibson, Bob Hallmark, Peter Horning, John Kish, Michael Kokoszka, Marcel Loosbrock, Bill McCully, Brenda Menendez, Linda Mentink, Cindy Northrop, LeRoy Paige, Raymond Pasquantonio, Donald Rachoza, Clinton (Russ) Sanford, Mikey Smith, Casper "Cass" Swamba and John Vincenti,

Calendar by
Nancy Dignan



WE EXTENDED TIME AND ORDERED MORE STEAKS TO AVOID RUNNING OUT

AUGUST- STEAK DINNER COOKOUT



BONE in RIBEYE
VEGETABLES in
garlic butter sauce
Broccoli, Carrots,
Cauliflower
Baked Potato with
Sour Cream
Roll and butter



FRIDAY AUGUST 26, 2022

Cost: \$15.00

Location: Mayflower VFW 6695

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Leon Suchorski BBQ Area and Pavillion

Lounge available for eating inside

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Bob Dew

Wayne County Parks proudly presents
25TH ANNUAL FISHING Derby

**Sunday
September 25, 2022**
Waterford Bend Park
(Corner of Six Mile and Northville Road in Northville)
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- The Middle Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout. Prizes will be given away in a variety of categories.
- All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait.
- There is a three fish limit.
- A casting contest will be taking place throughout the event.

Schedule of Events

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Registration on site
8:00 AM – 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

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Wayne County Parks & Recreation Fishing Derby
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Fishing Derby Winners from a few years ago



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August 2022



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