



VVA Chapter 528

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Gary Pritchard
USMC 1966 - 1968

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Welcome Home!

“Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”

President's Corner

Greetings comrades:

I would like to start by saying thank you to Bob Dew, Al Sneath, Tom McMullen, Walt Munie, Ron Thomey, Bruce Benyo, Bryan Bentley, my sister Jackie Benyo and my wife Lisa Heraghty for all their help on our first successful “Steak Dinner Fundraiser”! We plan to have another on Friday, July 15, 2022, from 5pm – 7pm. Also, thank you to Marv from Eastern Market for supplying the delicious, discounted steaks. I hope to see an improved turnout from our chapter at this next dinner!

The landmark “Burn Pit Bill” passed 84-14 by the Senate. This bill will add two new conditions to the list of Agent Orange related illnesses: hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance, also known as MGUS. This is great news!

In closing, I'm hoping we can have July's meeting, Monday, July 11th at 7pm, outside. 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 first Steak BBQ taking place on June 17. Thanks to the crew, headed up by Bob Dew, for making this happen. Details are forthcoming but another Steak BBQ is scheduled for July 15. Stay tuned.

JULY 4TH

After a two year absence, the City of Plymouth is actually holding a parade on the 4th of July. Details are sketchy but it should step off at 9:00AM. The Post will again host a Chicken BBQ commencing at Noon until sold out. You can eat outside, inside or carry out your dinner. See you there.

FISHING DERBY

The Wayne County Annual Kids Fishing Derby was cancelled due to turbulent conditions in the Rouge River that morning. It has been rescheduled for some time in September, one of our busiest months of the year. Stay tuned.

The next general membership meeting will be on Monday July 11 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



Members enjoying each other's company after a recent Membership Meeting. *Photo courtesy Ted Enright*

Independence Day Celebration



Plymouth Independence Day 2014

VFW Hall Bar

The renovations to the bar in the hall are coming along nicely. A new floor drain, new cabinets, bar front and countertop have all been installed. The rest of the project will be completed by July 9 if not sooner. Come to the next meeting and check it out. It's going to really improve the look of the hall and hopefully increase bookings.

Odds & Ends

Membership

It is with great sadness we report the passing of long-time member and friend, Gary Pritchard. He was involved in numerous chapter activities and was my co-pilot for many years driving to Kokomo. I will really miss him. Let's keep Gary's wife Sandy and the rest of his family in our thoughts and prayers.

We had 3 applications for membership this past month. Estelle Kiser, Walt Munie's sister, Walter Henson (both Army) and Michael Richardson (Navy) have joined the chapter. Welcome Estelle, Walt, and Mike to chapter 528.

Our current membership stands at 313 individual and 77 associate members. Of these we have 68 life AVVA members.

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

AVVA: Steve Boucher

Dropped from Roster: none

July 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.

July 4th

There will be a parade in Plymouth this year at 9:00 but the chapter failed to submit an application so I don't think we will be participating this year. Any change will be sent out by email. The post will be serving BBQ chicken dinners starting at noon until they are gone.

Golf Packages

I have a number of golf packages that are available for \$50 each. They include golf for 4 with cart. Included are: Brookside, Hilltop, Downing Farms, Inkster Valley and 2 for Fellows Creek (1 expires 8/1/22 and 1 expires 9/30/22). Contact me if you are interested or need more information. (734) 397-8389 or rlamoureux@wowway.com



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



Members of Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans from Plymouth, Mi out at Fox Hills Golf Course getting golf lessons on the 2nd hottest day so far this year. Getting ready to play at Riverview Highlands. *Photo courtesy of Doug Fox.*





Chaplain's Corner

Set Apart

Author - Bill Crowder
from Our Daily Bread

In November 1742, a riot broke out in Staffordshire, England, to protest against the gospel message Charles Wesley was preaching. It seems Charles and his brother John were changing some longstanding church traditions, and that was too much for many of the townsfolk.

When John Wesley heard about the riot, he hurried to Staffordshire to help his brother. Soon an unruly crowd surrounded the place where John was staying. Courageously, he met face to face with their leaders, speaking with them so serenely that one by one their anger was assuaged.

Wesley's gentle and quiet spirit calmed an angry mob. But it wasn't a gentleness that occurred naturally in his heart. Rather, it was the heart of the Savior whom Wesley followed so closely. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29). This yoke of gentleness became the true power behind the Apostle Paul's challenge to us: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

In our humanness, such patience is impossible for us. But by the fruit of the Spirit in us, the gentleness of the heart of Christ can set us apart and equip us to face a hostile world. When we do, we fulfill Paul's words, "Let your gentleness be evident to all" (Philippians 4:5).

Chaplain's Notes: After three years of no reunions with the 173d Airborne Brigade, we finally just finished our reunion in Scottsdale, AZ. with about 500 paratroopers. I missed fellow trooper Jeff Yoshikawa being there with me. I noticed that a lot of these guys have changed over the last 20 years. We have an awesome chaplain that has brought a lot of guys to our Savior, Jesus, and it is quite noticeable.

Here is the unfortunate story of the 173d and Hill 875: Hill 875 was loaded with the dug in enemy but the 173rd had to ascend the hill to win the hill. The cost of the battle: the 2/503rd 87 killed, 130 wounded, and three missing; 4/503rd suffered 28 killed, 123 wounded, and four missing. Combined with noncombatant losses, this represented one-fifth of the 173rd Airborne Brigade's total strength. For its combined actions during this operation, the 173rd Airborne Brigade was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Bob Bryan is hanging in there and getting better. We thank his wife, Ruth, for her updates! Please, be praying for Bob!

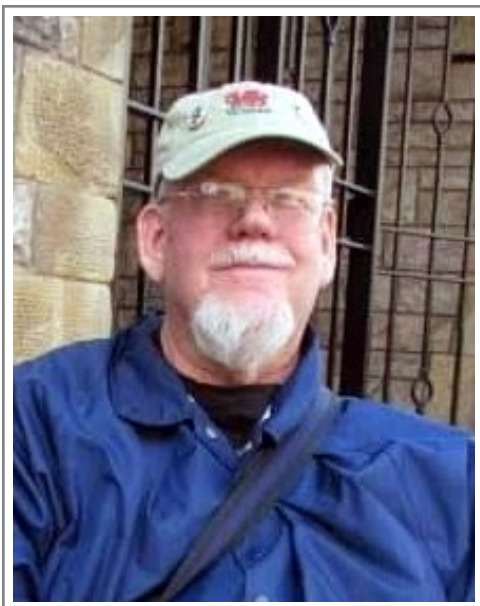


Rich Whipple
Chaplain (Certified)
(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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173rd Airborne Brigade
1968 - 1969



Al Dorey had his first Hole In One on the par 3 hole 16 at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. 140 yards 6 Iron.



Gary Norris Pritchard

April 19, 1946 – May 31, 2022

Gary Norris Pritchard was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 19, 1946 to Mark and Henrietta Pritchard. Gary passed away peacefully with his family by his side on May 31, 2022. He was under the gentle care of Residential Hospice.

Gary was the beloved husband of Sandra for 56 years. Loving father of Jessica Lynn Williamson (Aaron), and the late Wayne Norris Pritchard. Father-in-law of Julie Pritchard. Dear grandpa of Alexander Williamson, Xavier Williamson, Ava Pritchard, Aubrey Pritchard, Griffin Pritchard and Greyson Pritchard. Brother of Sally Pawlowski (the late Darrell).

Gary was a decorated United States Marine Corps Veteran who served proudly in the Vietnam War. He was a member of VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth / Canton, MI. Gary was also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton, Michigan.

After leaving the military, Gary was an accountant for Ford Motor Credit and retired after a successful 31-year career. Gary had a love of history and anything to do with history. He was a proud founding member of the 17th Michigan Company E; a group dedicated to the reenactment of the Civil War. Gary was also a member of Sons of the Union Veterans and a former member of the St. Andrew's Society and he held the title of Historical Commissioner for the City of Livonia.

Gary was a servant of God and was an attending member with his wife Sandra of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Gary enjoyed traveling and took his daughter to England and Scotland to experience the historical countries of their roots. Gary was a "Foodie" He definitely had an appreciation for good food and would eat almost anything put in front of him. He also had an appreciation for good music of all genres and even enjoyed a good musical from time to time.

However, his passion was his family; he simply loved being a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to all. Gary had a huge smile, a warm heart; he never met a stranger, and will be missed by all.



Gary having fun with his friends at the 2010 Kokomo Reunion.



Kokomo Reunion 2012



July 2022



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



July Birthdays

Dennis Aten, Terry Atkins, David Beaty, Dennis Blake, Bill Brisbois, David Cole, Randall Cooper, Richard Corrow, Gordon Dorey, James Harvey, Ed Hopkins, Mike Hucal, Giovanni "John" Iaquina, James Kimball, Timothy LaGrow, Bob Lamoureux, Ruth Lamoureux, Jerry Lesniak, Victor Mamayek, Phil Menendez, Donald Nippa, Stephen Olson, James Pawlukiewicz, Brank Randall, William Ray, Richard Schmidt, John Stephens, Robert Taylor, Tom Trestler, Terry Wasalaski.

Calendar by
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