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Wayne County Fishing Derby

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Welcome Home!

President's Corner

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

Greeting Comrades,

I can't believe summer is over, it sure seemed to fly by!

It was a good summer for our chapter, as we had some successful fundraisers. We had three steak dinners generating approximately \$1300. The fall festival on September 9, 10, and 11 generated approximately \$5500. I would say that all-in-all we did pretty good!

The "PACT ACT" that was signed into effect on August 10 will help veterans that had toxic exposures have an easier time filing claims associated with said exposures.

The PACT ACT, among other things concedes exposure to burn pits and toxic environments; adds 23 burn pits and toxic exposure-related diseases as presumptive; adds hypertension as a presumptive disease associated with Agent Orange exposure; provides a frame work for establishing future presumptive diseases;

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





Digger's Desk

LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Euchre is now on Wednesdays at 7:00PM and Pinochle has resumed on Fridays at 2:00PM. Sliders are available any Day. Specials vary weekly. Call in and come on down to the Post for a bite to eat and a beer. Be wise, stay safe.

RECENTLY AND UPCOMING

Our annual car wash will take place from 9:00AM-5:00PM on October 9 at Main Street Car Wash on Main Street between AA Road and AA Trail. I still have room for a few volunteers. All us old guys do nowadays is finish drying the vehicles for generally substantial tips. Come on down for a car wash, hot dog and pop...Miller time is 5:00PM when we're done.

ANNUAL VFW GOLF OUTING

Since I had COVID the day this took place, I had to sit home and wait for the Sports report to come on Channel 7 at 6:00PM. I'm sure everyone had a good time while dodging the proverbial rain bullet. Thanks to Bob Lamoureux and a few others for contributing and volunteering.

The next general membership meeting will be on Monday October 10 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



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and expands radiation risk activities to include veterans who participated in radiation clean up at Eniwetok Atoll, Pabmares, Spain; Thailand; Cambodia; Laos; Guam; American Samoa, and Johnston Atoll as conceded locations for Agent Orange exposure. The VA Secretary has said that the department will move expeditiously to implement law.

In closing, I hope everyone had a good summer and hope to see you at the next meeting on October 10 at 7pm. Stay Safe!

Fishing Derby - Sunday, September 25, 2022



Chairman Pete Glasgow and Rick Adis



Odds & Ends

Membership

There were no applications for membership this past month. Our current membership stands at 311 VVA and 77 AVVA members. Of these we have 68 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of September 25, 2022 the following individuals have not renewed their membership: none

Dropped from Roster: none

October 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.

VFW Golf Outing

Despite a few light rain showers a good time was had by the 17 teams entered in this year's event. Dave Wegmann's team won first place at -10. Scores ranged from -10 to +1. John McClure won the first closest-to-the-pin hole and John Stephens, the second. The event was a big success and next year's outing is already in the planning stages. Many thanks go to all who were involved.

Kokomo

The weather was almost perfect, warm days and cool evenings, for this year's reunion. A smaller than usual crowd was there but we all had a great time. Rick Adis's son, Matt, a first-timer said he is coming back next year and bringing some of his friends. The only problem we had was I mistakenly had Army put on Al Kerbyson's brick paver and we all know he was in the Air Force. I will have it corrected by next year. At Gary Pritchard's funeral his wife Sandy gave attendees a small stone to remember Gary by. I thought it would be a fitting tribute to place the 2 my wife and I received on Gary's paver (see photo).

Hall Rental

As a small gesture of thanks to the chapter for their generosity in renovating the hall bar the post has voted to allow chapter VVA and AVVA members to rent the hall for ½ the normal rates. As with post members you must be a member for 1 year to receive the discount. Some have already inquired about the discount and hopefully will take advantage of it.



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



Photo from Kokomo 2022 *Courtesy of Robert Lamoureux*



Gathering of members after a recent general membership meeting. *Photo courtesy of Ted Enright*



Chaplain's Corner

Showing Grace

From Our Daily Bread
Author: David McCasland

The US Masters Golf Tournament began in 1934, and since then only three players have won it two years in a row. On April 10, 2016, it appeared that 22 year old Jordan Spieth would become the fourth. But he faltered on the last nine holes and finished in a tie for second. Despite his disappointing loss, Spieth was gracious toward tournament champion Danny Willett, congratulating him on his victory and on the birth of his first child, something "more important than golf."

Writing in The New York Times, Karen Krouse said, "It takes grace to see the big picture so soon after having to sit through a trophy ceremony and watch someone else have his photograph taken." Krouse continued, "Spieth's ball-striking was off all week, but his character emerged unscathed."

The apostle Paul urged the followers of Jesus in Colosse to "be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let the conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (COL. 4:5-6).

As those who have freely received God's grace, it is our privilege and calling to demonstrate it in every situation of life – win or lose.

Chaplain's notes: Prayers needed for Bill Brown's wife, Kay; Gene Spurgess' wife Christine who has four stage cancer, also Gene who needs prayer for some of his issues. Give Bill and Gene a call when you can to brighten their day!



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

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1968 - 1969



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Wayne County Fishing Derby 2022

Touch a Truck



Photo courtesy of Bob Dew

Sunday, August 27 was the Livonia Rotary Club **"Touch a Truck"** event that I attended along with Ruth Barnhill in an effort, to obtain new members for the VVA, VFW and VFW Aux. The event ran from 8am until 12 noon and provided families the opportunity to bring their families to see and explore a variety of trucks. We had several families stop by inquiring about membership. Handed out a few applications and given \$10 in donations. We were next to the Yankee Air Force team offering products for sale from the museum.

On the top is a picture of their team who helped me set up the canopy and take it down when the event was over. They also gave me some passes for the Yankee Air Force Museum good through August 23rd of 2023. If anyone is interested in visiting the YAF museum I will have those tickets at our October meeting. Thanks to the Yankee Air Force Team for their assistance.

Bob Dew



Leon Suchorski Memorial

We saw an increase of activity utilizing the BBQ area this year with the Cruz N 528 Car Shows, the VFW Aux Bake Sales, the VVA BBQ Steak Dinners in June, July, August and a Surprise Birthday Party for Bob Ostendorf. Currently we are looking at additional steak dinners for next year and other events utilizing the BBQ and Pavilion area.

The steak BBQ dinners were successful this year although each event we had to turn people away because we ran out of steaks. In June we served 50 New York Strip dinners, July we served 85 NY Strip dinners and in August 180 Bone in Ribeye dinners were served. A very successful string of BBQ events during the summer. We are not planning any more steak BBQ events this year but plan on a trial run with a BBQ Pig in October for our monthly meeting. Along with of course a Birthday cake for the Navy.

Car Show 2022

Despite the 8 weather-related Car Show cancellations, the remaining shows raised \$2200.00 for the Post. Moreover, this event would not have been possible without the unselfish volunteers that made it happen.

THANK YOU volunteers Dave and Peggy Henwood, Jim Tillman, Bob Dew, Gordy Bardeleben, Dale Luebke, Walt Munie, Bob Garrett, Jim Kimball, Bob, Ruth, and Jason Bryan, Ruth McCarthy, Judy Thomason, Cathy Bryar-Rotta, Shirley Foster, Sharon Stevens, Rick, Sherrie, and Jeff Adis, Ruth Lamoureux, Koz, Jim Day, Janet Nippa, Helen Griffin, Jack Hirkey, and myself.

Ron King, Chairman

Dave Henwood, Co-Chairman

**MAIN STREET CARWASH, MAIN ST. BETWEEN AA TRAIL AND AA ROAD
VVA CHAPTER 528 CARWASH
SUNDAY OCTOBER 9 FROM 9AM-5PM**

9:00AM-11:30AM

11:30AM-2:00PM

2:00PM-5:00PM

- 1) Don Dignan
- 2) Dale Luebke
- 3) Frank Barkovich
- 4) Ron Thomey
- 5) Don Petrere
- 6) Rick Adis
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

- Don Dignan
- Dale Luebke
- Mike Kelly
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Please call me (Don Dignan) with your preferred volunteer time (734) 525-0157

Wayne County Parks and Recreation Annual Fishing Derby September 25, 2022



National Honor Society Students
from Northville High School

Photo courtesy of Rick Adis



October 2022



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

October Birthdays



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan

Douglas Appleyard, Richard Balish, Darrell Bazman, Andrew Benyo, Richard Blandina, John Bresnahan, Michael Cloar, Patrick Colbeck, Bob Cohen, Danny Cook, William Cottrell, Skip Davison, Betty Durham, Paul Enderle, Jack Fortney, Robert Genna, Donald Green, Michael Hoben, Robert Humphrey, Michael Kelly, Estelle Kiser, Drew Koet, Ruth Koscielniak, John Krawcke, Lawrence Letke, Ruth Lamoureux, Emory Meier, Ron Michalak, Thomas Moricz, Walter Munie, Dennis Northrop, Margot Parr, Douglass Patterson, Jerry Pazdan, Vincent Petrasky, Roy Pistor, Debra Schnettler, Glen Sedam, Stephan Retherford, Loren Roberts, John Shenkaruk, Henry Sikes, Gerald Stesiak, Ronald Stochine, Patrick Sullivan, Arthur Surdu, William Taylor and Raymond Thomas



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