



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

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Welcome Home!

“Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”

President's Corner

Greetings comrades,

I don't know about you, but I'm sure not ready for winter. I was fortunate to have a great summer and I hope you all were as well.

It looks like everyone collecting disability payments are going to get an 8.7% increase. I am not sure if this is going to keep up with inflation or not, but it is a start and better than nothing at all.

I just wanted to help spread the word that a lot of veterans aren't taking advantage of the shopping privileges at the commissary. Commissary shopping privileges are available for the following groups: veterans with service-connected disabilities documented by the VA, veterans who are purple heart recipients, veterans who are former POWs, individuals assessed, approved, and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under VA program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers. Please take advantage if you are of eligibility!

I also wanted to give everyone a heads up that there will be a little ceremony in downtown Plymouth by the veterans' memorial on Veterans Day!

Wishing you all a happy Veterans Day! Be safe and hope to see you all at the next meeting, November 14 at 7pm.



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





Digger's Desk



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



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 took place on Sunday October 9. Besides Co-chair Dale Luebke and myself, there was Ron King, Don Petrere, Rick Adis, Susie Wagner, John Stephens, Al Dorey, Mike Kelly, Tom McMullen, Bill Petrere, Mark Grzesiek, George Klepack, Jerry Thomason, Rich Whipple, Darrell Bazman, Marcel Loosbrock, Ron Thomey, Phil Pursell and Joe Maltese. From all of the customers of Plymouth and surrounding areas, we washed a total of 202 vehicles. After expenses, the Chapter netted \$3041.36. Thanks again to Joe and Sarah Maltese of Main Street Car Wash for their generosity.



Car Wash - Sunday October 9, 2022

Dale Luebke, Rick Adis, Ron King, Susie Wagner, Don Petrere and Don "Digger" Dignan. *Photo courtesy of Don Petrere*

The annual meat raffle will take place in November, particulars of the event elsewhere in the vast communications network.

POKER SHOOTOUT

The second of our semiannual poker shootouts took place on Friday October 14. When the smoke cleared and dust settled, seven players still standing decided to adjourn the final table and settle for the chips still in front of them. Three of the local survivors of this battle royale were Bob Bryan, Mike Kelly and John Krueger. Donations from the winners to Post 6695 totaled \$140, bringing the bottom line of this event to \$630. See you all again in February.

The next general membership meeting will be on Monday November 14 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.



Veterans Day 2013



Odds & Ends

Membership

Sadly, we have lost 2 long time members recently. Patrick Sullivan passed away in August and Jim Kimball last month. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families. There were no applications for membership this past month, but we did have 1 transfer. David Endyke has transferred from Chapter 267. Welcome David to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 310 VVA and 77 AVVA members. Of these we have 68 life AVVA members.

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

Dropped from Roster: none

November 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.

Canton VA

A few weeks back I visited the new Canton VA to check it out and inquire about switching from Ann Arbor. I did switch and just had my first office visit to meet my new primary care doctor and get my booster and flu shots. Everyone was super friendly and helpful. My doctor even thanked me for my service. Right now they have primary care, labs and various types of physical therapy. They will have an eye clinic as soon as they can get it staffed. It's great getting there in 10 minutes as opposed to 35 going to Ann Arbor. Check it out, it may be for you.

Veterans Day

There will be a ceremony on Veteran's Day at the Plymouth Veterans Park in Plymouth at 11:00. This event will be followed by a lunch of SOS at the VFW post. Everyone is invited to attend. Later that evening there will be a salute to service program at Cherry

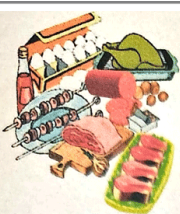
Hill Village Theater in Canton. The doors open at 6:00 and the free program starts at 7:00. As usual there are several restaurants also serving free meals to veterans throughout the day.

Christmas Tree

A note from my wife Ruth: I'll be putting up our patriotic Christmas tree in the lounge in November. I invite anyone who has a family member or friend who is a deceased veteran to put an ornament with their picture on it on the tree so we can remember them as we gather at the post.



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



MEAT RAFFLE

VFW AUXILIARY 6695

IS HOLDING A FUND RAISER

MEAT RAFFLE!

Saturday NOVEMBER 12, 2022

FROM 3 - ? P.M.

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Meat Raffle Chairman

Patti Brothers

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Chaplain's Corner

Celestial Communion

From Our Daily Bread
Author: Xochitl Dixon

When Apollo 11's Eagle lunar module landed on the moon's Sea of Tranquility on July 20, 1969, the space travelers took time to recover from their flight before stepping onto the moon's surface. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin had received permission to bring bread and wine so he could take communion. After reading Scripture, he tasted the first foods ever consumed on the moon. Later, he wrote: "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup." As Aldrin enjoyed this celestial communion, his actions proclaimed his belief in Christ's sacrifice on the cross and the guarantee of His second coming.

The apostle Paul encourages us to remember how Jesus sat with His disciples "on the night he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:24). Christ compared His soon-to-be sacrificed body to the bread (V.24). He declared the wine as a symbol of "the new covenant" that secured our forgiveness and salvation through His blood shed on the cross (V.25).

Whenever and wherever we take communion, we're proclaiming our trust in the reality of Jesus' sacrifice and our hope in His promised second coming (V.26). No matter where we are, we can celebrate our faith in the one and only risen and returning Savior Jesus Christ, with confidence! AMEN!

Chaplain's Corner: Our member Dave Banks (Marine) phoned me last night and filled me in on what has been going on with him. As some of you know, Dave had a horrific car accident last September. He has been in an assisted living place since the accident and next week he will move to an assisted living center in Northville where he will be able to have his own apartment. I prayed for him and told him I would send this out to our chapter. So, please phone him, he would love to hear from you guys! His phone number is (734-476-4628). Remember the funeral for Jim Kimball on Saturday, November 5 at 11 AM at L. J. Funeral Home on Ford Road. Jim was a quiet guy, and Rick Popa kept bugging him to join our chapter. He loved being a member and jumped in to help in many ways! Prayers for Gene Spurgess, who is not only suffering

from several health issues himself, but is also dealing with the death of his beloved wife Christine, who just passed away on October 23. Also, prayers for Bill Brown and his wife Kay who has cancer.



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1968 - 1969



In Memoriam



Christine Ann (Przydzial) Spurgess

March 1, 1948 - October 23, 2022

Christine Ann Spurgess, age 74 of Highland/Milford, passed away surrounded by her family on October 23, 2022. Beloved wife of long time VVA 528 member Eugene for 54 years.

Chris was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was an active parent raising her children, whether it was with sports or various activities, she was always there. Chris worked as a School Bus Driver in the Huron Valley School district for 25 years but once she became a Gramma, her job was to spoil her 4 granddaughters and spend as much time with them as she could, never missing a sporting event and always cheering them on. Family was everything to Chris, and Chris was everything to her family. She will be deeply missed.



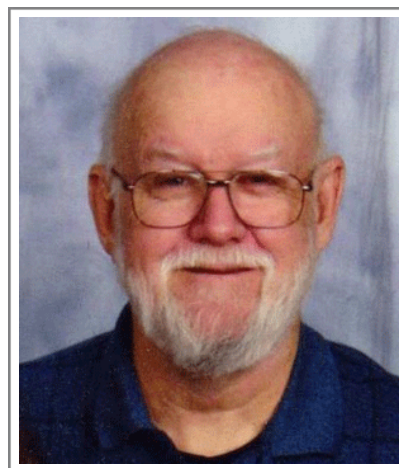
James M. Kimball

July 24, 1945 - October 2, 2022
Navy from April 1967 - April 1971

James M. Kimball, a resident of Canton Township, passed from this life on October 2, 2022 at the age of 77.

James was the beloved husband of Connie and loving father of Amanda (Steve) Dancy. He was the cherished grandfather of Ryn and Makenna. James was the dear brother of Jeanette Marie Ferguson, and brother-in-law of Patricia (Guido) Piccoli, Pam (the late Raymond) Rodgers, and Denise (the late Harold) Rodgers.

He is survived by many treasured nieces and nephews. The Memorial Service for Jim will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (west of Lilley Road) in Canton.



Patrick Timothy Sullivan

October 1, 1945 - August 11, 2022
Navy from February 1967 - October 1968

As an evangelist, Patrick used sports to bring neighborhood youth to Christ at Grandale Presbyterian church in Detroit, Plymouth Rd. and Greenfield area, for 30 plus years. He coached softball and basketball to PeeWees, Intermediate and Senior boys. Took youth to their sports tournaments and summer camping trips to the Monroe KOA.

When Grandale Presbyterian Church closed, he threw his support into the sports and neighborhood programs at Grandale Salvation Army which was just around the corner. He volunteered as bell ringer for Salvation Army after Thanksgiving wearing his Santa hat to go with his white beard and mustache for several years until his health prevented him from continuing.

He served in several positions in the Northwest Inter-Church Athletic Association (NWICAA) a non-denominational league, serving northwest Detroit and suburbs.

Pat was also a Vietnam Navy Veteran and served in 1968-69. He was also the Union Steward during his employment for the City of Detroit, at the Southwest Pumping Station in Allen Park. He retired as Senior Water Plant Operator after 39 years.

Patrick loved traveling with his wife, Ellen, to 49 states including: Ireland, Scotland, Venice, Italy, Athens Greece, Istanbul Turkey, Belize and Cozumel Mexico.



November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 VFW AUX MEET 5:00	2 EUCHRE 7:00	3	4 PINOCHLE 2:00	5
6	7	8 VFW MEET 7:00	9 EUCHRE 7:00	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 MEAT RAFFLE 3:00
13	14 PIG ROAST 5:00 VVA MEET 7:00	15 HOUSE COMM MEET 7:00	16 EUCHRE 7:00	17	18 PINOCHLE 2:00	19
20	21	22 VVA BOARD MEET 7:00	23 EUCHRE 7:00	24 THANKSGIVING 	25 PINOCHLE 2:00	26
27	28	29	30 EUCHRE 7:00			

November Birthdays



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan

Lewis Agius, Billy Ray Arm, Richard Beach, Debby Bradley, Robert Brothers, Jason Bryan, Gary Bush, Timothy Curtis, Michael Dalessandro, Norma Demerly, Bob Dew, Richard Dunn, Ted Enright, John Fleming, Bruce Glenn, Robert Harris, William Kumm, William Lapham, John D. Larabel, Ronald Lowrie, Timothy Makins, Harry Art Ohanian, Danny Olson, Michael Richardson, Elaine Roeseler, Anthony Rypkowski, Charles Sauber, Bill Simpson, Philip Skover, Jeffrey Snyder, Judith Ann Sterling, John Stewart, Rodney Tanner, Alice Thomas, Bryan Wagner, Terry Wells, Rich Whipple, and Michael Willey.



VFW AUXILIARY 6695

IS INVITING CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER TO THIS YEARS:

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN ON DECEMBER 10TH BETWEEN 1 P.M. AND 3 P.M. TO VISIT ALL THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF POST 6695 VFW, AUXILIARY, VVA AND AVVA MEMBERS. PLEASE JOIN US FOR

- SANTA
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- TREATS

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2022

TIME: 1 PM TO 3 PM

WHERE: 1426 S. MILL ST., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

WHO: CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF POST 6695 VFW, AUXILIARY, VVA AND AVVA MEMBERS AGES 10 AND UNDER.

Must RSVP each child attending

with their name & age

RSVP's or questions please
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Chapter 528 Homefront

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November 2022



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Branch of Service _____

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