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Members watching Michigan beating Washington for the National Championship!

Photo courtesy of Mikey Smith

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Welcome Home!

**"Never Again Will One Generation of
Veterans Abandon Another"**



President's Corner

Greetings Comrades,

I hope everyone is staying safe now that winter has arrived. I can't wait till the end of February as I'll be heading to Florida for two weeks!

As the new year starts, we will again be planning all our fundraisers. The first one is coming up in a couple of weeks, at the Ice Festival in Downtown Plymouth. We will be manning the beer tent behind EG Nicks, taking cover charge money. All the money we collect goes to our chapter. We will again be having our steak dinner fundraisers along with our rib dinner and manning the parking lot behind EG Nicks for the Art in the Park Festival and Fall Festival. So, please try and take some time to help with some of these fundraisers!

In closing, I just want to let everyone know that we will be taking nominations for our elected officers and board so think about running for something or be ready to nominate yourself or a fellow member. Hope to see you at the next meeting on February 12th, at 7 pm. Stay safe and stay warm!!



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





Digger's Desk

LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Euchre continues on Wednesday starting at 7:00PM. Pinochle continues on Friday at 2:00PM until it shifts to Monday during Lent.

Call in and come on down to the Post for a bite to eat and a beer. Specials vary weekly. Be wise, stay safe.

The Soup and Salad was well attended and a success. Thanks to chairperson Judy Thomason and volunteers.

RECENTLY AND UPCOMING

The Chapter Committee regarding the dissolution of VVA National is ongoing, in an attempt to avoid surprises in the future at the National level.

The Annual Chili Cookoff will take place on February 10. A great treat for your taste buds.

See you at the Post for Super Bowl Sunday. Hopefully our Lions will be there. In any event, bring something to pass and enjoy the game, football pools and eats.

Fish Fries will begin on February 16, the best fish dinners around, bar none.

The next general membership meeting will be on Monday February 12 at 7:00PM. It's a great time to be an American, Veteran and member of Chapter 528. Until Valhalla to all who have gone before us.



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



Members watching Michigan vs Washington in the National College Football Championship on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Photo courtesy of Mikey Smith

IN-COUNTRY



POTLUCK, VIETNAM STYLE



Odds & Ends

Membership

It is with sadness we report the death of long-time member Roger Buelow. He was an active member who helped out and attended many events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Past member, Art Stanley is rejoining our chapter after moving back to Michigan after many years in Florida. Our current membership stands at 310 VVA and 86 AVVA members. Of these, we have 77 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of January 25, 2024, the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

AVVA: Troy Fisher, Tony Lipare

Dropped from Roster: Irfan Hameedi

February AVVA Renewals: Robert Noel

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.

Chapter Elections

Nominations for office will begin at the February meeting and continue in March and before the elections in April. If you wish to run for office have a fellow member nominate you or you can nominate yourself. We will elect the president, 1st VP, 2nd VP, secretary, treasurer, board members (4), and the election committee (3). This is an even-numbered year so we will also elect state council delegates. The chapter is always looking for members with fresh ideas to run for office so consider stepping up to the plate and putting your name on the ballot.

VVA Membership

Here are some statistics from the December membership affairs committee report.

Total VVA members: 91,053

AVVA members: 10,636

Total Michigan VVA members: 4,896 (4th highest)

AVVA: 855 (2nd highest)

Average chapter size: 116 members

Michigan now has only 1 chapter in the top 25: Chapter 154 is fifth with 812 members. We are a long way from 25th place which is at 344.

Super Bowl

Don't forget about the Super Bowl party at the post on February 11. Come early to get a good seat and bring a dish to pass to share with your friends. By the time the newsletter comes, we will know if the Lions will be one of the teams playing that night.



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



Members watching Michigan vs Washington in the National College Football Championship on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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Chaplain's Corner

Ripe for God's Restoration

From Our Daily Bread

By Arthur Jackson

The pictures coming from a friend's text stream were stunning! Photos of a surprise gift for his wife revealed a restored 1965 Ford Mustang: brilliant, dark blue, exterior; sparkling chrome rims; reupholstered black interior; and a motor to match the other grades. There were also "before" pictures of the same vehicle – a dull, worn, unimpressive yellow version. While it may be difficult to envision, it's likely that it was also an eye-catcher when the vehicle rolled off the assembly line. But time, wear and tear, and other factors had made it ripe for restoration.

Ripe for restoration! Such was the condition of God's people in Psalm 80 and thus the repeated prayer: "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved". Though their history had included rescue from Egypt and being planted in a land of plenty the good times had come and gone. Because of rebellion, they were experiencing the hand of God's judgment. Thus, their plea: "Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! (v.14).

Do you ever feel dull, distant, or disconnected from God? Is joyful soul satisfaction missing? Is it because alignment with Jesus and His purposes is missing? God hears our prayers for restoration. What's keeping you from asking?

Chaplain's Corner: Prayers for the family of member Roger Buelow who passed away earlier this past month.

As some of you know, I am currently in St. Kitts and will not be back in Michigan until February 8. Karen and I were fortunate to fly out of Michigan on January 12, and that evening when the snow and ice started to come down. We do not phone people while here because of the cost, however, we do text. So not knowing what's happening back in Michigan, I have nothing additional to send to you brothers this month.



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

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1968 - 1969



WINTER WARMUP CHILI COOK-OFF



DESSERTS
\$1.00

The VFW Aux. will be hosting a Chili Cook off on February 10th from 5pm-7pm. Dust off those favorite chili recipes and enter to win \$25, \$15 & \$10. All are eligible to enter the cook-off. There is no fee to enter (\$10 all you can eat chili and 3 votes).

We need every chili to be in a crockpot.

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Lamoureux 734-397-8389 or
Judy Thomason
734-545-0184



VFW Fish Fry 2011

In Memoriam



Roger Francis Buelow

JUNE 30, 1944 – JANUARY 4, 2024

Beloved husband of Trudy (Gertrude) for 55 wonderful years. Loving father of Roger II (Amy) and Jason (Amy). Cherished grandfather of Stella, Seamus, Phoebe, Sophia, Cassidy, Maya, Jack and Calvin. Dear brother of Edward (Connie) Buelow. Dear uncle of Charles Hansen and Alan Buelow. Loving brother-in-law of Howard and Jackie Hansen, Randy and Jennie Carlisle. He loved his cousins Denise Galloway and Cindy Lukas.

Roger worked for Ford Motor Company for 40 years as a Quality Control Auditor. He enjoyed making toys for the grandchildren in his wood shop and dollhouses for the granddaughters. Gardening and traveling were some of the many things he enjoyed doing. Roger also dedicated a lot of time being a Boy Scout leader with four troops and as a commissioner.

Roger served in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a longtime member of the American Legion Post 32 in Livonia, the Elks, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. He was a member of VFW where he served on the VFW Honor Guard. During the Christmas season, he enjoyed playing Santa Claus for kids at the Elks Club.

Roger will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Woman's War Memorial 30th Anniversary



I attended a twilight ceremony celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Woman's War Memorial, near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.. The man wearing the headdress is Jake Blackbear Singer. He is a Medicine Man for his Navaho tribe. He did an hour-long blessing of the Memorial. He returns every five-years to repeat the ceremony. His tribe guarded the Women's Memorial the night before its installation. The National Park would not provide security.



Pete Glasgow



Happy New Year 2024



Photos courtesy of Mikey Smith



VFW Fish Fry several years ago

VFW FISH FRY

FEBRUARY 16, 2024 - MARCH 29, 2024



FROM 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

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Extra sides

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\$2.00 each



Don't forget your yummy desserts for \$1.00





February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 PINOCHLE 2:00 ICE FESTIVAL	3 ICE FESTIVAL
4	5	6 AUX MEET 6:30	7 EUCHRE 7:00	8	9 PINOCHLE 2:00	10 CHILI COOK OFF 5-7
11 SUPERBOWL PARTY 12:00	12 VVA MEET 7:00 PINOCHLE 2:00	13 VFW MEET 7:00	14 EUCHRE 7:00 VALENTINE ASH WED	15	16 FISH FRY 4:30-7:00	17
18	19 PINOCHLE 2:00	20 HOUSE COMM MEET 7:00	21 EUCHRE 7:00	22	23 FISH FRY 4:30-7:00	24
25	26 PINOCHLE 2:00 BLOOD DRIVE	27 VVA BOARD MEET 7:00	28 EUCHRE 7:00	29		



**Calendar by
Nancy Dignan**

February Birthdays

Bruce Benyo, Tom Brown, Bob Bryan, Phillip Cabrerros, Thomas Dogonski, Larry Eichstadt, Tony Everett, Charles Fannin, Troy Fisher, Steve Frazer, Leroy Griffin, Mark Grzesiek, Paul Jagenow, Gary Koscielniak, Reginald Koziel, John Krueger, Dale Luebke, Ken Nelson, Harold (Bud) Pierce, Robert Rood, John Stern, Jerry Thomason, Ken Tregear, Thomas Trevarthen, Richard Waldecker, and Lawrence Willenborg

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
1970 RANDOM SELECTION SEQUENCE, BY MONTH AND DAY

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	305	086	108	032	330	249	093	111	225	359	019	129
2	159	144	029	271	298	228	350	045	161	125	034	328
3	251	297	267	083	040	301	115	261	049	244	348	157
4	215	210	275	081	276	020	279	145	232	202	266	165
5	101	214	293	269	364	028	188	054	082	024	310	056
6	224	347	139	253	155	110	327	114	006	087	076	010
7	306	091	122	147	035	085	050	168	008	234	051	012
8	199	181	213	312	321	366	013	048	184	283	097	105
9	194	338	317	219	197	335	277	106	263	342	080	043
10	325	216	323	218	065	206	284	021	071	220	282	041
11	329	150	136	014	037	134	248	324	158	237	046	039
12	221	068	300	346	133	272	015	142	242	072	066	314
13	318	152	259	124	295	069	042	307	175	138	126	163
14	238	004	354	231	178	356	331	198	001	294	127	026
15	017	089	169	273	130	180	322	102	113	171	131	320
16	121	212	166	148	055	274	120	044	207	254	107	096
17	235	189	033	260	112	073	098	154	255	288	143	304
18	140	292	332	090	278	341	190	141	246	005	146	128
19	058	025	200	336	075	104	227	311	177	241	203	240
20	280	302	239	345	183	360	187	344	063	192	185	135
21	186	363	334	062	250	060	027	291	204	243	156	070
22	337	290	265	316	326	247	153	339	160	117	009	053
23	118	057	256	252	319	109	172	116	119	201	182	162
24	059	236	258	002	031	358	023	036	195	196	230	095
25	052	179	343	351	361	137	067	286	149	176	132	084
26	092	365	170	340	357	022	303	245	018	007	309	173
27	355	205	268	074	296	064	289	352	233	264	047	078
28	077	299	223	262	308	222	088	167	257	094	281	123
29	349	285	362	191	226	353	270	061	151	229	099	016
30	164	----	217	208	103	209	287	333	315	038	174	003
31	211	----	030	----	313	----	193	011	----	079	----	100



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Phone _____

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Branch of Service _____

Date of Birth _____ Today's Date _____

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