



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

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Veterans Day Ceremony 2016

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“Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”

President's Corner

We have a very important Month before all of us, so make sure we all do our part and VOTE in the upcoming election. In addition, remind friends, relatives, and fellow citizens that their vote is an important part of maintaining our Country. It is that time of year again when the weather begins to create a change in temperature, color, and a build-up of leaves on the ground. I still miss the smell of burning leaves of days past.

Everyone should have received their copy of the Veteran and the articles covering the Toxic Exposure Research Act that the VVA fought for and a new bill Molly R. Loomis Research for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of 2024. Jack McManus asked us all to contact our members of Congress to sign-on to the bill and get it passed in the 118th Congress.

The Maple tree is down and cleaned up ready for the cement work to begin in the Leon Suchorski Memorial Area. The cement work will be starting next week and probably be completed within a few days.



Bob Dew, Sgt.
 Marine Corps Supply
 H&MS II, MAGII,
 1st MAW
 DaNang Airbase 1969





Odds & Ends

Membership

We lost 3 members this past month. I recently learned that Roy Pistor died in May 2023. Although not well known he had been a member for 17 years. Dean Bell and Bill Petrere have transferred out of our chapter. Dean is transferring to the Dearborn chapter which is closer to his home and Bill no longer wants to be associated with a chapter so he is becoming an at-large member. We wish them both well. Our current membership stands at 312 VVA and 85 AVVA members. Of these, we have 80 life AVVA members.

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

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.

VVA National Membership

The VVA achieved a milestone in September as its membership passed 92,000. It now stands at 92,169. Of those, we have 1,475 women veterans. AVVA membership stands at 11,169. It is amazing that our numbers continue to grow with all the uncertainty about our future. Michigan's Chapter 154 remains the 5th largest chapter in the country while Michigan remains the 5th largest state in VVA membership and 2nd in AVVA membership. The average chapter size is 120 members.

Veterans Day

There will be a ceremony on Veteran's Day at the Plymouth Veterans Park in downtown Plymouth at 11:00. This event will be followed by a lunch of SOS at the VFW post. Everyone is invited to attend. As usual, there are several restaurants also serving free meals to veterans throughout the day.

VFW Golf Outing

The day was dreary with light rain on and off most of the day but that didn't stop the 66 players who showed up. Mark Gallo's team won again this year and

unfortunately, my team came in last. The meal back at the post afterwards was delicious and everyone had a good time. The outing netted the post about \$3,000 with another \$700 spent in the lounge. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in any capacity.

Christmas Tree

My wife Ruth will 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"



Rick Adis was named the "Veteran Hero of the Game" at the Plymouth Ice Arena for the USA Ice Hockey team. The recognition was held on October 12, 2024.



Chaplain's Corner

The Appointment

Author Bill Crowder

Our Daily Bread

As the “voice of the Denver Nuggets,” team chaplain Kyle Speller is most known for his rip-roaring, public address announcing during the championship basketball club’s games. “Let’s go!” he thunders into the mic, and thousands of onsite NBA fans and millions more watching or listening to the action react to the voice that earned Speller’s nomination as the 2022 All-Star Game PA Announcer. “I know how to feel the crowd and kind of set that home court atmosphere,” he says. Still, every word of his voice artistry—featured also in TV and radio commercials—is to glorify God. His work, Speller adds, is “just doing everything for an audience of One.”

The apostle Paul stressed a similar ethic to the Colossian church, whose members let doubts about Christ’s divinity and sovereignty seep into their practical lives. Instead, Paul wrote, “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).

Paul added, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters” (v. 23). For Kyle Speller, that includes his role as a chaplain, of which he says, “That’s kind of my purpose here . . . and the announcing is the icing on the cake.” Our own work for God can be just as sweet for our audience of One.

Chaplain's Corner: I was very happy that my good friend, Roger Shanks, phoned me. He was at Medilodge in Milford for several months and is now home. It sounds to me like he is certainly getting better. Good work, Roger! As we all know,

Don Dignan is a tough guy, and we are all thankful that he is out of the hospital and back at home. Welcome home, Don! Ted Enright just got home from the hospital also and sounds very happy to be back home. Give him a call!



Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)

(A sinner saved by God’s Grace)

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HHC/2/503rd Infantry

173rd Airborne Brigade

1968 - 1969



Gary Estermyer and John Riling III attended VVA’s National Board meeting in Washington D.C. John is the President of Michigan State Council, Region 5 Director, and VVA National Veterans Benefits Committee Chairman. Gary is Michigan State Council Secretary, the Committee Secretary for VVA’s Veterans Benefits and the committee chair for the Constitution/Bylaws, Fund.



November 2024



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



**Calendar by
Nancy Dignan**

November Birthdays

Lewis Agius, Billy Ray Arm, Debby Bradley, Robert Brothers, Jason Bryan, Jerry Brzys, Gary Bush, Tim Curtis, Michael Dalessandro, Norma Demerly, Bob Dew, Richard Dunn, Ted Enright, John Fleming, Bruce Glenn, Robert Harris, William Kumm, William Lapham, John D. Larabell, Ronald Lowrie, Robert Maddox, Timothy Makins, Charles Migyanka, Art Ohanian, Danny Olson, Mary Jo Petrere, Michael Richardson, 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



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Time

Bell Ringer

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		Bob Dew	XXXXXXXXXX
10:00am to 11:00am	Name	Pete Glasgow	Gary Estermyer
		Rich Whipple	XXXXXXXXXX
11:00am to 12:00pm	Name	Jidm Hodgson	
		Gary Meier	XXXXXXXXXX
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Name	Dominic Grunas	
		Bob Cohen	XXXXXXXXXX
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Name	Dale Roeseler	
		Elaine Roeseler	XXXXXXXXXX
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Name	Roger Ridley	Terry Wells
		Denny Fuelling	XXXXXXXXXX

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Saturday, November 9, 2024



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Branch of Service _____

Date of Birth _____ Today's Date _____

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