



VVA Chapter 528

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Terri Nicosia Evans, Debbie Ryan-Gallo, and Sue Reeves are just three of the many VFW Auxiliary helpers for the VVA barbecue dinners and parking attendants at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Photo courtesy of Cathy Brya-Rotta

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Welcome Home!



"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

President's Corner

Wow, September was a hectic month. I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make the RIB Dinner, Veterans Tent, and Parking Lot all successful. Seeing so many Members and Associates volunteering their time to participate in Chapter and VFW events was great. I'm looking for more joining us in the future. Don Dignan, John Heraghty, Mike Kelly, Al Sneath, Ruth Lamoureux, Irish Gallo, Sue McMullen, Tanner Trafelet, John Fleming, Gary Estermyer, Ruth Barnhill, Tom McMullen, Hanah Sneath, Bob Cohen, Terri Nicosia, Ron Bator, Bob Nicosia, Shirley Jaliad, Mark Gallo, Al Dorey, Tim Dunatchik, Darrel Bazman, Bob Lamoureux, Dale Lubke, Rick Waling, Ron King, Harley Wailing, Rich Whipple, John Heraghty, Tom Moricz, Mark Gallo, Charles Kovalik, Rich Adis, John Fleming, Don McLane, Don Dignan, Walt Munie, George Mason, Larry Eichstadt, Tom Fedewa, Pete Glasgow, Bob Lamoureux, John McClure, Bryan Bentley and myself. Several worked at more than one event during the weekend. I hope I didn't forget anyone.



Bob Dew, Sgt.
 Marine Corps Supply
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 DaNang Airbase 1969





Odds & Ends

Membership

There were no applications for membership this past month. Our current membership stands at 315 VVA and 86 AVVA members. Of these, we have 80 life AVVA members.

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

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.

Wednesday Car Shows

The car shows ended on September 4th on a perfect sunny day. We did have 4 weather-related cancellations this year but still had a very successful season. Thanks go to Dave Henwood and his crew for all their hard work.

VFW Golf Outing

The newsletter was published before the outing was held but I can tell you it will be profitable again this year mainly due to an increase in the number of teams entered. Last year we had 11 and this year we have 16 for sure and possibly a 17th. I'll have a full report next month.

Fall Festival

I don't know how we did it but we pulled it off. Running the parking lot behind E.G. Nicks for 3 days, preparing and serving the spare rib dinners on Friday, manning the beer tent on Friday and Saturday night,

and running the car show on Saturday and Sunday took a lot of coordination and manpower.

Thankfully many stepped up to the plate so we could get the job done and done well. The chapter and the post did well for our efforts. Kudos to all!



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



Photo courtesy of Cathy Brya-Rotta



Kokomo 2024

Photo courtesy of Norma Gordon Baxter



Chaplain's Corner

The Appointment

Author Bill Crowder

Our Daily Bread

On November 22, 1963, US President John F. Kennedy, philosopher and writer Aldous Huxley, and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis all died—three well-known men with radically different worldviews. Huxley, an agnostic, still dabbled in Eastern mysticism. Kennedy, though a Roman Catholic, held to a humanistic philosophy. Lewis was a former atheist who, as an Anglican, became an outspoken believer in Jesus. Death is no respecter of persons as all three of these well-known men faced their appointment with death on the same day!

The Bible says that death entered the human experience when Adam and Eve disobeyed in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3) - a sad reality that has marked human history. Death is the great equalizer or, as one person put it, the appointment no one can avoid. This is the point of Hebrews 9:27, where we read, "People are destined to die once and after that to face judgment."

Where do we find hope about our appointment with death and what follows? In Christ! Romans 6:23 captures this truth perfectly: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." How did this gift of God become available? Jesus, the Son of God, died to destroy death and rose from the grave to offer us life forever (2 Timothy 1:10).

Chaplain's Corner: Our VVA Chapter will not do the Joy Road Clean Up after doing it for nearly 30 years. Thank you to all of you who came out and did your thing. It's time for someone else to take our place! Don Dignan had an emergency appendectomy surgery and while he was recovering the doctors found he had a bleeding ulcer. Don is now recovering at St. Mary's Hospital. Mike Steffes' sister Judy, a long-time smoker, found out that she now has cancer, asking for prayers. Ted Enright moved from the VVA Hospital to Botsford/Beaumont on Grand River. Please check in with him at 734-564-1699.



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Plymouth Fall Festival 2024

Members preparing ribs for a rib dinner at E.G. Nicks of Downtown Plymouth tent.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Heraghty



Kokomo 2024

Photo courtesy of Norma Gordon Baxter

Joy Road - Adopt-A-Road Pick-up July 23, 2016



Back Row: Doug "Fox man" Fox, Bob "Ramalam" Lamoureux, Pat "All World" Doherty, Gary "Ouch" Boucher, Don "Digger" Dignan, Gregg "Double G" Kremkow, and Denny "Fill 'er up" Fuelling.

Front Row: Phil "Hawaii 5-o" Cabrerros, Rich "Airborne" Whipple, Al "1st. Cav rocks" Sneath, Larry "Gore man" Kilgore, Bobby "Go Blue" Somerville, Louie "Convertible man" Dorka, Terry "Not Mary" Wells, and Skip "Rope" Davison. Charlie "Ooh Ra" Kotcher caught up with us after the picture was taken and finished up strong.

The End of the Road

Talking to many guys who have helped to Clean Up Joy Road for many years, our guys say "Let's give it up". I phoned the gentleman in charge that we were done with Adopt-A-Road.

Our first "Adopt-A-Road Clean Up was in 1998. Those who were there were Skip Tregear, Tim Greenhoot, Art Stanley, Gary Estermyer, Dale Luebke, Bob Paul, Bill Gravett, John Fleming, Doug Fox, Joe Agius, Pete Glasgow, Ron Jones, and myself. The most we ever had for the Clean Up, was July 23, 2016, when we had 18 on hand. (See the above photo)

I have many of the "picker uppers" that some of you might want for picking up around your home, etc. Let me know if you would like some of these!

Thank all of you for participating.

Whip



October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AUX MEET 6:30	2 EUCHRE 7:00	3	4 PINOCHLE 2:00	5
6	7 GOLF	8 VFW MEET 7:00	9 EUCHRE 7:00	10	11 PINOCHLE 2:00 KARAOKE	12 CASSEROLE DINER 5-7
13	14 GOLF VVA MEET 7:00	15 HOUSE COMM MEET 7:00	16 EUCHRE 7:00	17	18 PINOCHLE 2:00	19
20	21 GOLF	22	23 EUCHRE 7:00	24	25 PINOCHLE 2:00	26
27	28 BLOOD DRIVEN 1:30- 7:30 GOLF	29 VVA BOARD MEET 7:00	30 EUCHRE 7:00	31 HALLOWEEN		

October Birthdays



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan

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

KOKOMO REUNION 2024



I want to thank everyone for ensuring I had a great time. One more reason for us to stay together. We are truly family.

Photos courtesy of Dave Banks

Photos from Kokomo Reunion 2024



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