



Soup and Salad Fundraiser Jan. 18, 2025

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Welcome Home!

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

President's Corner

I hope everyone is having a good year so far and that we all are maintaining as healthy condition as possible. We finish up the month of January and the beginning of February with the Plymouth Ice Festival and our first fundraiser of 2025. (See the list of volunteers on page 2.) We are again handling the collection of entry fees, checking IDs, and attaching event bracelets to those enjoying the bands and drinks inside the parking lot party. We want to thank Frank and Tony for offering us the opportunity to help them during the festival events by providing nightly entertainment with great bands. Our next item coming up will involve working with "Eastern Market of Canton," delivering around 20 bundles of meat to Veteran families needing assistance. If you are aware of anyone needing assistance, please let a member of the BOD know so we can add them to our list. See you at our next General Meeting on February 10, 2025.



Bob Dew, Sgt.
 Marine Corps Supply
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 DaNang Airbase





Digger's Desk

LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Euchre continues on Wednesday at 7:00PM until Car Shows begin in May, then switching to Thursday.

Pinochle continues on Friday at 2:00PM until fish fries begin during Lent, March 7, then switching to Mondays at 2:00PM.

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

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 Soup 'N Salad was a success with a variety of flavors and 63 in attendance.

The Chili Cook Off will be on February 8 from 5:00PM-7:00PM. Bring your appetite and cast your votes.

The next general membership meeting will be on Monday February 10 at 7:00PM at which nominations will be taken for officers and directors being elected at the Annual Membership meeting in April.. See you there. It's a great time to be an American, Veteran and member of Chapter 528.

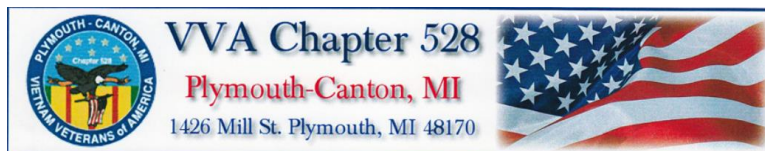


Don Dignan
D/2/16 "Rangers"
1st Inf. Div.
1967-1968



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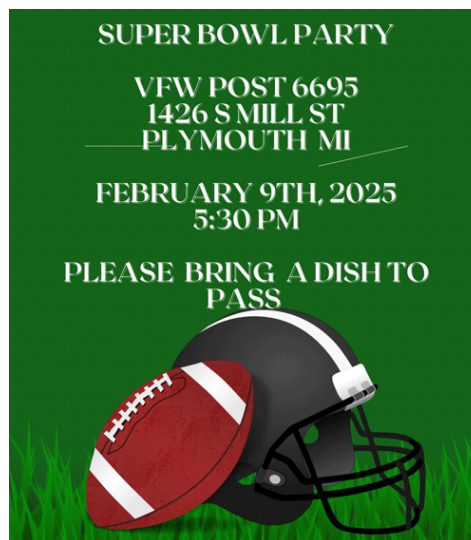


PLYMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL - VETERANS TENT - PARKING LOT BEHIND E.G. NICKS

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2025		SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2025	
NAME	PHONE NUMBER	NAME	PHONE NUMBER
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BOB DEW	734-968-3267	BOB DEW	734-968-3267

Frank would like to be there between 6:00 and 6:15 pm. Doors for tent will open at 7:00pm. We can sell wrist bands early to avoid line backup at 7:00pm. Band will start at 8:00 PM.

I AM NOT POSITIVE BUT THE BAND MAY STOP AROUND 11:00-11:30 BECAUSE OF CITY NOISE ISSUE. WE WILL FIND OUT WHEN WE GET THERE.





Odds & Ends

Membership

There were no applications for membership this past month. Our current membership stands at 314 VVA and 84 AVVA members. Of these, we have 79 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of January 25, 2025, the following individuals have not renewed their AVVA membership: none

Dropped from Roster: none

February 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.

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 odd-numbered year so we will also elect national convention delegates (7). 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.

Post Happenings

This winter has not been kind to the post so far. Just before Christmas a drainpipe under the floor in the vestibule collapsed and had to be repaired. With no water, we had to shut down for a week until repairs were made. In mid-January, the heater in the lounge quit due to a frozen bearing in the HVAC unit. This again closed us down for a day and a half until repaired. Finally, the tank behind the building holding old cooking oil cracked and leaked oil on the ground. Although it has been replaced with a new one there will be some cleanup when the ground thaws.

All is not bad though. If you haven't been to the post lately you need to come and check our 2 round tables in the lounge. The tops have been beautifully resurfaced by Mark Gallo's wife "Irish" with flag decals. Thanks, Irish and the whole Gallo clan for doing this.

Superbowl

Don't forget about the Superbowl party at the post on February 9. Come early to get a good seat and bring a dish to pass to share with your friends. We usually get 50-70 people attending but we have room for many more with the game shown on 6 tv's.

VFW Fish Fry

Fish Frys will start on March 7 and run through April 18. There will be a planning meeting in mid-February to make necessary preparations. The date and time will be announced later. We have a lot of volunteers already signed up, but more are needed. We also need a new chairman this year as Patti Brothers will be recovering from surgery and will not be able to do it this year. This is the post's biggest fundraiser, so making it a success is important.



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

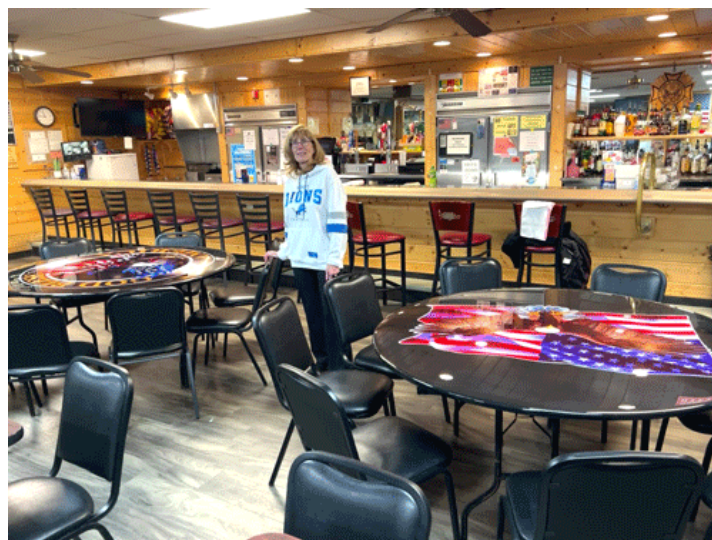


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Chaplain's Corner

A Good Reputation For Christ

Dave Brandon, of Our Daily Bread

During his college days at Florida State University, Charlie Ward was a two-sport student-athlete. In 1993, the young quarterback won the Heisman Trophy as the country's best college American football player and starred on the basketball team. During a pregame talk one day, his basketball coach used some foul language as he talked to his players. He noted that Charlie "wasn't comfortable" and said, "Charlie, what's up? Ward said, "Coach, you know, Coach Bowden [the football coach] doesn't use that language, and he gets us to play hard."

Charlie's Christlike character allowed him to speak gently to his basketball coach about the issue. The coach told a reporter: "It's almost as if an angel was looking at you" when he talked to Charlie.

A good reputation with unbelievers and a faithful witness for Christ are hard to maintain. But at the same time, believers in Jesus can grow to be more like Him as He helps and guides us. In Titus 2, younger men, and by extension all believers, are called to be "self-controlled" and to "show integrity ... and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned".

When we live that way in Christ's strength, we'll honor Him and build a good reputation. As God provides the wisdom we need, people will have reason to hear what we say!

Chaplain's Corner: I will be gone on vacation until February 19th. Praying for all those with needs. Doug Fox is currently in a hospital. Mike Steffes and Glen Jewell are in Marywood Hospital. Roger Shanks isn't doing well, Al Dorey is also having medical issues, and Jeff Yoshikawa is home with hospice care. Prayers for Dale Bosetti's family as they mourn their loss.



Rich Whipple
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1968 - 1969



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Nominating and Voting for our Chapter

It's just stuff that needs to be said or written. Be it a rant or factually checked, I don't care. It needs to be stated.

Three of the most important months in Chapter 528 are February, March, and April. In these at the General meetings, we nominate members to hold office for a year or two years. Come to all to speak your piece and select people to run and serve. If you make **ONLY ONE**, make it in **APRIL** when the General Membership votes and a needed quorum of members to vote. The ones that are nominated and to be elected are every member's responsibility to keep leadership foremost for Chapter 528. People you elect represent over 300 members first, then the elected position. Mark your April calendars. Free parking is available for all that come. Maybe even a slice of PIZZA if approved.

A word about volunteers and volunteering. It is such a small word, but for a smooth-running operation, it needs to have help. Most of the time is unpaid. In my copy of Webster's, it has "to offer one's self."

Thanks for your time.

Sgt. Don Petrere



Soup and Salad Fundraiser - 14 baskets, 20 soups, and a bunch of desserts - Jan. 18, 2025

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VFW Auxiliary Post 6695

CHILI COOK OFF

ONE OF THE HOTTEST EVENTS IN TOWN

Saturday, February 8, 2025

5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

\$12.00

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Cash Bar.... Basket Raffles 50/50... Desserts

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March 2nd, 2025
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Slovenian Players

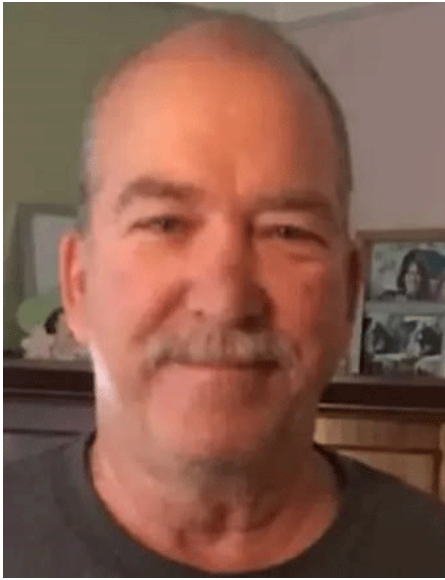
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Cash or Check at the door. Limited seating.

Call Andy Caruso for info at 734-796-4542

Location VFW Post 6695
1426 S Mill St. Plymouth MI, 48170

In Memoriam



Dale J. Bosetti

Dale J. Bosetti, age 76, passed away surrounded by his family on January 24, 2025. He is survived by his loving wife, Kimberly, and children Alyson (Jeff) Wrase, Samantha (Caleb) Ashley, and Matthew (Devany) Bosetti. He was the cherished "Papa" of Peyton, Emma, Quinn, Reese, and Dean.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, William and Anie Bosetti, sister, Carma Rand, and best friend, Dale Fisher (a deceased member of Chapter 528).

Dale was a proud Vietnam Army Veteran, serving from 1967-1969. He was also a drummer and singer in many bands and enjoyed listening to music, such as The Beatles.

Dale was a good friend and the original drummer in The Knight Kats band, which I joined in high school. Our band still gets together to jam out to songs. He will be greatly missed.

Dale will be buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Tom Brown



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February 2025



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



February Birthdays

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

**Calendar by
Nancy Dignan**



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