



July 4th, 2018 Parade
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Welcome Home!

The Wall that Heals will be in Howell, MI on August 24-26 at Spencer J Hardy airport. It is open 24 hours a day. It is hosted by DAV Chapter 125. Check it out online for volunteer opportunities. Our VFW/VVA is hosting a Car cruise every Wednesday from 5 to 8 through the summer. Food and beverages are available. We have euchre at the VFW every Thursday at 7 pm.

The Fall Festival is coming soon in September. More information will be provided at our August General Membership meeting. Our next membership meeting takes place on Monday, August 13th at 7 pm.

Hope to see you there!

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"



John Spencer, President
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Digger's Desk

LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Don't forget Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 8:00PM, Car Shows every Wednesday from 5:00PM-8:00PM and Euchre every Thursday at 7:00PM.

4TH OF JULY

The Independence Day Parade was awesome as usual. The Parade audience was once again very appreciative of our service. Kinda made you want to go back about 50 years when you came home. The annual Chicken BBQ got underway immediately following the parade and began serving at noon. Around 100 dinners were served including four to our local fire fighters...gratis of course. Good food, fun time.

STEAK DINNER

Back after a many year absence, we will again be serving a steak dinner with all the trimmings for a mere \$12 on Friday July 24 at 5:00PM. You will have the opportunity to have your steak cooked to order by our chef or exercise your barbecue-torial talents by cooking your own.

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM

On the 21st of July, 1967, coincidentally my Mother's and Sister's birthday, I got off the USNS Geiger in Vung Tau to begin my tour of duty in Vietnam. The only good thing was that the 22 day voyage knocked that many days off my year in country.

KOKOMO

On the weekend of September 13-15, Chapter and Post members will be taking part in the most anticipated event of the year just east of Kokomo, Indiana. Nancy and I will be attending for my 25th

year in a row. If that doesn't tell you something, ask me about it.

VFW GOLF OUTING

There is a golf outing on Saturday, September. 22, 2018 at Hickory Creek Golf Club (Ford RD and Napier). Sign in 8am - Shotgun start 9am, \$70. per person, and limited to 18 teams. Sign up at the VFW lounge. Full entry due by September 18th.

I'll see you at the August meeting. It's a great time to be a Veteran and member of Chapter 528.



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



VFW & VVA Membership Drive
Photo courtesy of Dennis & Patty Bielskis



Odds & Ends

Membership

It is with sadness we report the deaths of 2 long-time members. Art Sawyer passed away this past month and unbeknownst to anyone. Fred Sattler Jr. passed away in September, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families. We had 1 application for membership this past month. Thomas McMullen, Navy has joined the chapter. Charlie Kotcher has rejoined the chapter after a lengthy absence. Our current membership stands at 287 individual and 80 associate members. Of these we have 244 life VVA and 52 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of July 22, 2018 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Andrew Lawrence

AVVA: Tom Moscardelli, John Peterson

Dropped from Roster: Richard Bouchard

August VVA Renewals: Greg Epacs, Dean Hurley

August AVVA Renewals: Don Macrae, Heather Mullen, Joe Radachy

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.

VFW Parking Lot

Weather permitting, the parking lot is scheduled to be repaved on Monday, August 6th. The company has assured us it will be done in one day so the post will be closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday. The new pavement will be much safer and appealing to everyone especially our car show people. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to making this dream a reality.

Life Memberships

Only thing to report at this time is that a vote on the life membership program has been postponed until October according to state council president John Riling. If your dues will expire before then be

sure to send them in to keep your membership current.

Chapter Raffle

The next raffle will be at the August meeting. There will be multiple drawings in anticipation of the new fee schedule. Unless their dues come due, the winner's renewal will not be processed until the new fees go into effect. We also have some extra money thanks to 50/50 winner who gave back his \$90 winnings last month. A severe case of CRS prevents me from recalling his name but I thank you very much.

July 4 Parade

The chapter was well represented in the Plymouth parade on July 4th. The group was led by Frank Gilbo carrying the American flag. Frank opted out of the color guard uniform this year because of the heat but he still looked good. Walking instead of marching is so much more enjoyable as you can wave to the crowd and shake hands and talk to fellow veterans we see along the parade route.



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



VFW & VVA Membership Drive
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Chaplain's Corner

God of the Depths

"Our Daily Bread"

Author: Tim Gustafson

"When you go to the deep sea, every time you take a sample, you'll find a new species," says marine biologist Ward Appeltans. In one recent year, scientists identified 1,451 new types of undersea life. We simply don't know the half of what's down there.

In Job 38-40, God reviewed His creation for Job's benefit. In three poetic chapters, God highlighted the wonders of weather, the vastness of the cosmos, and the variety of creatures in their habitats. These are things we can observe. Then God spoke of the mysterious Leviathan – for an entire chapter. Leviathan is a creature like no other with harpoon-deflecting armor (Job 41:7-13), graceful power (v.12) and "fearsome teeth" (v.14). "Flames stream from its mouth...smoke pours from its nostrils: VV 19-20. "Nothing on earth is its equal (V.33).

Okay, so God talks about a huge creature we haven't seen. Is that the point of Job 41? No! Job 41 broadens our understanding of God's surprising character. The psalmist expanded on this when he wrote, "There is the sea, vast and spacious and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there" (Psalm 104:25-26). After the terrifying description in Job, we learn that God created a playpen for this most fearsome of all creatures. Leviathan frolics.

We have the present to explore the ocean. We'll have eternity to explore the wonders of our magnificent, mysterious, playful God!

Chaplain's notes: Long time members Art Sawyer and Fred Sattler, Jr have passed away. Art passed on July 11th and Fred in September of 2013. Prayers for Gene Spurgess who is recovering from surgery after enduring much pain from a pinch nerve in his back which kept him from walking and for Al Kerbyson who had to go back to the Ann Arbor VA to get his blood platelets up. Prayers also for Bill Kren who has been battling stage 4 cancer for more than a year now.



Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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1968 - 1969



Joy Road Clean Up (Wayne County Adopt-A-Road)

On Friday, July 20 fourteen of our VVA came out for our second "pick up" of the summer. There were no "rookies", as all of these guys are now veterans of handling the trash!!

From left to right: Gregg "Pick up man" Kremkow, Dale "Dogtag" Luebke, Gary "Ouch" Boucher, Don "the sun never sets on the Shannon Empire" Shannon, Al "A player" Sneath, Bob "man of many titles" Lamoureux, Jim "Sky pilot" Hodgson, Harold "no more rookie" Hachigian, Joe "community hours" Tebor, Roger "cool moustache" Riddell, Don "Digger" Dignan, Bryan "don't get bent" Bentley, and Roger "Swab the deck" Shanks.

Most of us ended up at Zak's in Plymouth for an excellent breakfast and a lot of B.S. Thanks to all who participated!

Our next Joy Road Clean Up will be on Friday, September 28 at 0830 hours.

Rich Whipple
Wayne County Adopt-A-Road Coordinator

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHPT. 528
2018 SUMMER RAFFLE



1st PRIZE: HENRY MILITARY COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE 22LR MAG

2nd PRIZE: VISA GIFT CARD VALUE \$300.00

3rd PRIZE: HUFFY 24" ALPINE ATP BIKE

4th PRIZE: \$100.00 GIFT CARD AT E.G.NICKS RESTURANT

5th PRIZE: OIL CHANGE, TIRE ROTATION AT BELL TIRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT VFW 6695 LOUNGE AND FROM VVA 528 MEMBERS. EACH TICKET \$5.00 OR BOOK OF THREE FOR \$10.00.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29, 2018 AT THE VFW 6695 CAR SHOW (7:00 PM). Lic. R46969



Chapter President John Spencer was given a check for \$1,000.00 from Jim Haling who is a member of Dearborn Congregational Church. The check is in honor of their Pastor - Bill Kren. Tom Brown is also a member of this church.

Photo courtesy of Rich Whipple



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VFW 6695 Annual Fall Golf Outing

Hickory Creek Golf Course

3625 Napier Road
(NW corner of Ford Rd. & Napier Rd.)

Saturday September 22, 2018

Check In at 0800, Shotgun start at 0900

\$70 per golfer/\$280 per team

Golfing entrance fee must be paid in full by COB Tues. SEPT 18th
*Checks ONLY! Payable to "VFW Post 6695", note it "For Golf Outing"

- ★ 18 holes with a cart ★
- ★ Hot dog, chips & beverage at the turn ★
- ★ Dinner & door prizes afterwards at VFW lounge ★

- ✪ Closest to the Pin ✪
- ✪ Closest to the Squiggly Line ✪



STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
September 21, 2018

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, approximately 1,598 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, approximately 7,704 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and 72,934 from WWII. Many of those missing are citizens of the Great Lakes State; and,

WHEREAS, these service members sacrificed greatly in service to their country. Their families, friends and other concerned citizens live with uncertainty concerning their fates; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that we continue to demonstrate the utmost gratitude and admiration for these brave Americans with unrelenting efforts to bring them home; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, we encourage every resident in Michigan to honor returned U.S. POWs, and all Americans still captured, unaccounted for and missing in action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2018 as POW/MIA Recognition Day in Michigan.



Rick Snyder

Rick Snyder
Governor





AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CAR CRUZ 5-8	2 EUCHRE 7:00	3 KARAOKE 8:00	4
5	6 GOLF	7 VFW AUX MEETING 6:30	8 CAR CRUZ 5-8	9 EUCHRE 7:00	10	11
12	13 GOLF VVA MEETING 7:00	14 VFW MEETING 7:00	15 CAR CRUZ 5-8	16 EUCHRE 7:00	17 KARAOKE 8:00	18
19 FIREKEEPERS CASINO TRIP	20 GOLF	21 VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00	22 CAR CRUZ 5-8	23 EUCHRE 7:00	24 STEAK DINNER 5-7	25
26	27 GOLF	28 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	29 CAR CRUZ 5-8	30 EUCHRE 7:00	31	



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

AUGUST 2018 BIRTHDAYS

Joe Agius, Frank Barkovich, Dennis Bielskis, Patty Bielskis, Gary "Ouch" Boucher, William Brown, Rick Ciaramitaro, Keven Demsky, Nancy Dignan, Wayne Duerling, Michael Dupuis, Richard Gebstadt, Darrel (Tom) Gibson, Bob Hallmark, Scott Lewis, Donald Macrae, Brenda Menendez, Linda Mentink, Peter Morning, Dean Hurley, John Kish, Michael Kokoszka, Robert Kuhlman, Marcel Loosbrock, Cindy Northrup, LeRoy Paige, Raymond Pasquantonio, Clinton (Russ) Sanford, Mikey Smith, Casper "Cass" Swamba and John Vincenti.



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Tom Brown, Editor/Publisher
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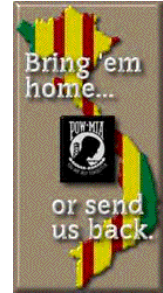
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