



VVA Chapter 528

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Larry Kilgore Feb. 2, 1945 - Jan. 8, 2018
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Welcome Home!

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

President's Corner

The dog days of winter are here. Hope you are staying warm and healthy. Why not fill your days with the comradery, activities, and friendship at your Post. Thanks to all who supported our Auxiliary at their Soup and Salad on January 13. It was delicious.

We will be having a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4, a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 10 and Lenten fish fries start on Friday, February 9. We can ALWAYS use some extra hands for this, whether it be to help with preparation the day before, or one of the many jobs the day. You may just find that you have a real good time and meet new people. Other activities at your Post include: Euchre and sliders on Wednesdays and the pool league on Thursdays. We are having a blood drive on Monday, February 26. Also, our hall is available for rental. It would be appreciated if you pass the word on this. Happy Valentine's Day. See you at the Post.



Rick Adis
3rd Tac Fighter Wing
Bien Hoa R.V.N.
1966 - 1967





Digger's Desk

SOUP & SALAD

Saturday, January 13 had a great turnout for our Annual Soup & Salad chaired by Auxiliary whirlwind, Judy Thomason, and her cohorts. A goodly amount of money was raised for all the good things the Auxiliary likes to do.

CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, February 10, will usher in our Annual very delicious and very competitive Chili Cookoff. Moderate cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers, determined by the number of votes each gets. For \$5 you get to cast three votes and try as many recipes as you like. I grab the smallest styrofoam cups I can find and manage to sample about 15 different entries. There are all kinds of recipes to test your expert palate.

LOUNGE EVENTS

Don't forget Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 8:00PM, Sliders every Wednesday from 5:00PM-7:00PM followed by Euchre at 7:00PM which has drawn a lot of interest this year.

FISH FRIES

Fish Fries will begin on Friday, February 9, skip February 16 and continue every Friday - February 23 during Lent and conclude on Good Friday, March 30. This is the best Fish Fry around anywhere.

ELECTIONS

The February membership meeting will begin nominations for your Chapter officers and board members. Elections will take place in April. How about it, i.e., are you game?

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



Don Dignan
D/2/I6 "Rangers"
1st Inf. Div.
1967-1968



Photo courtesy of Patty & Dennis Bielskis

WINTER WARMUP CHILI COOK-OFF



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 (\$5 all you can eat chili and 3 votes). We need every chili to be in a crockpot.

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Odds & Ends

Membership

It is with great sadness we report the death of our longtime friend and member Larry Kilgore. Our thoughts and prayers go to Larry's family. He will truly be missed. There were 3 applications for membership this past month. Bruce Reynolds and Dave Larabell, both Army, have joined our chapter. We also welcome back one of our chapter's founding members, George Klepack, Navy, who has moved back to our area after being away for many years. Welcome Bruce, Dave and George to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 286 individual and 84 associate members. Of these we have 241 life VVA and 51 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of January 22, 2017 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Richard Suchan

AVVA: Shirley Caldwell, Jim Pappas

Dropped from Roster: Robert Bieske

February VVA Renewals: Pete Horning, Frank Jaskula, Robert Leshan, Doug Patterson

February AVVA Renewals: Scott Lewis, Earl Madison, Dave Randall, Jan Spittler

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, continue in March and conclude in April before the election. If you would like to run for office have a fellow member nominate you or you can nominate yourself. This year we will elect officers, 4 board members, the election committee, and state council representative. The AVVA will also elect a state council rep. All officers and the election committee are 1 year terms. Directors, state council rep and the AVVA rep are 2 year terms. We are always

looking for members with fresh ideas and input to provide new leadership for the upcoming year.

Chapter Raffle

There will be another drawing at the February meeting. There are 5 names in this month's drawing. If you are an annual paid member this is an excellent opportunity for you to win a life membership. All you have to do is attend the monthly meeting and put your name on the sign-in sheet. That is where I get the names for the drawing.

Life Memberships

Just a continuing reminder of the new AVVA membership fees. They are: age 60 and over - \$100, and 59 and under - \$175. Anyone over 60 who purchases a life membership must provide proof of age (copy of driver's license or birth certificate). The life membership fee for VVA members is \$100 regardless of age.



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



Soup & Salad January 13th
Photo courtesy of Patty and Dennis Bielskis



Chaplain's Corner

A New Creation

TGIF Today God Is First

Volume 2 by Os Hillman

January 04, 2018

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17).

A mulligan is a golf term which allows a player to play a second shot off the first tee if the first shot is poor. It's a second chance to get a fresh start without penalty. Sometimes in life we need a mulligan - a new start. Christ represents the invitation to throw away our first life and begin anew with Him as a new creation.

The Promised Land represented a new life for the people of Israel who had lived a life of bondage and slavery in Egypt. It is also symbolic of a new life in Christ. It says we are no longer going to be driven by the appetites of our old nature, but Christ now lives in us to live a righteous and holy life. It does not mean we're perfect, we're just forgiven.

The new life in Christ has nothing to do with church attendance or even doing good things. Christ said there will be many people who will claim Him as their Savior but they never really knew Him. In other words, there was no evidence of the living Savior in them. "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (Matt 7:22-23).

Jesus invites everyone to partake of the new life He offers. We only must believe, invite him to remove our sins and allow Him to live as Lord through our lives. "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me?" (Rev 3:20). If you've never had a mulligan in life, now is the time to let Jesus give you a brand new start. Ask Him for that new start today.

Chaplain's Notes: Prayers for Dale Luebke who is plagued with infection that has kept him in and out of the hospital. Prayers needed for Pastor Bill Kren, still giving stage 4 lung cancer a courageous battle. Prayers for Mrs. Jerry Kilgore and family in the loss of Larry Kilgore and his sudden death. There was an awesome attendance of 528 members and wives at Larry's funeral!

"Cleaning Out Larry Bakucz' House" Detail

It was time for Beth Bakucz, Larry's sister, to rent a U-Haul to come up from Ohio, and empty Larry's house of furniture and appliances. Beth phoned me to tell me what time she would show up at Larry's home in Ypsilanti, along with two male friends. She was looking for help, and "man-power". Chapter 528 supplied it! So on Thursday, January 18, a five man team from 528, with backgrounds of service in the Navy, Air Force, and Army Strong, got the job done.

Many thanks go out to Jim Kimball, Ron King, John Spencer, Bob Lamoureux, and who had the muscle and fortitude to pack *that trailer to the gills*.



Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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HHC/2/503rd Infantry

173rd Airborne Brigade

1968 - 1969





FEBRUARY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 KARAOKE 8:00	3
4 SUPER BOWL PARTY	5	6 AUX MEETING 6:30	7 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	8	9 Fish Fry begins 5 - 7 pm	10 CHILI COOK OFF 5-7
11	12 VVA MEETING 7:00	13 VFW MEETING 7:00	14 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	15	16 KARAOKE 8:00 No Fish Fry	17
18	19	20 VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:00	21 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	22	23 FISH FRY 5-7	24
25	26	27 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	28 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00			



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

FEBRUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Benyo, Austin Bentley, Thomas Brown, Bob Bryan, Todd Busick, Phillip Cabrerros, Thomas Dogonski, Larry Eichstadt, Tony Everett, Charles Fannin, Troy Fisher, Steve Frazer, Mark Grzesiek, John Krueger, Gary Kubik, Dale Luebke, Robert Rood, John Stern, Jerry Thomason, Ken Tregear, Richard Waldecker and Lawrence Willenborg.



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Saturday March 10, 2018

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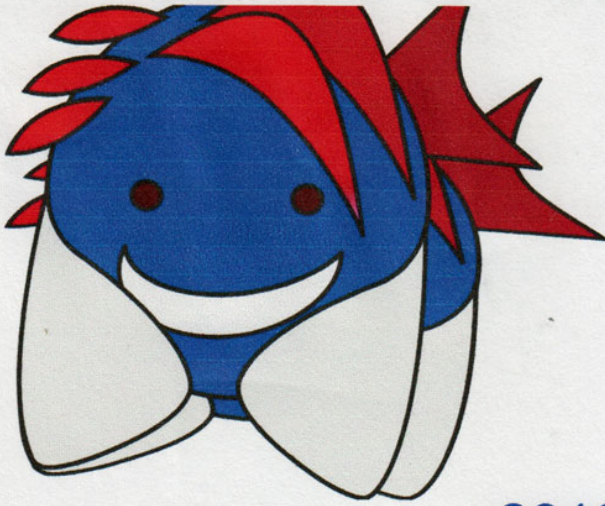
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includes food and prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Cash Bar

50/50 & Basket Raffles

To register please email

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2018 Fish Fry

Friday, February 9th, **skip February 16**, then
February 23 through March 30, 2018

5 pm to 7 pm

FISH FRY MENU

Fish Dinners - Fried or Baked Fish

<u>3pc. Fish</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>
<u>4 pc. Fish</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>2 pc. Child/Senior Citizen</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>6 pc. Shrimp Dinner</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>
<u>Canadian Walleye Dinner</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>

All dinners served with choice of Fries, Baked Potato or Mac & Cheese, and Slaw, Roll
& Butter and Coffee

Chicken Strip Dinners

<u>4 pc. Chicken</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>
<u>2 pc Child/Senior Citizen</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>

Side Orders

<u>Regular fries</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>
<u>Mac & Cheese</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>
<u>Baked Potato</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>



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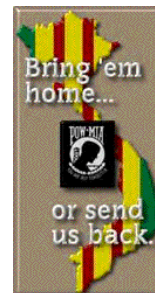
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