



Gene Spurgess selling
Sportsman's Raffle Tickets

Photo courtesy of Bryan Bentley

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Welcome Home!

“Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”

President's Corner

Well, Old Man Winter finally showed up. Snow and cold weather, but this is Michigan after all. Our next membership meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 11th at the VFW Post in Plymouth.

Nominations for 2019/20 Chapter Officers, Directors and Delegates will be made at the February meeting. These are the leadership positions in our Chapter. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, any member can nominate you, or you can put your own name in. Delegates will represent the Chapter at the quarterly Michigan State Council meetings, the Region 5 Convention in June in Springfield, IL and the National Convention in July in Spokane, WA.

The 2019 Sportsman's Raffle tickets are available at the membership meetings. The raffle is the same format as the 2017 raffle. Bob Dew will set up a website with pictures and information about the raffle items at <http://sportsman-raffle.weebly.com>. Tom Brown will also have a link on our website. If you can help sell tickets at regional gun shows and other events, sign-up sheets will be available at the monthly membership meetings.

There are many events and activities at the VFW Post each month. These events/activities support our host, the VFW Post. Check the articles and calendar that appear later in this newsletter.



John Spencer, President
U S Army 1965-67
123rd Transportation
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Cam Ranh Bay, RVN





Digger's Desk



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



LOUNGE & AREA EVENTS

Don't forget Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 8:00PM, Sliders from 5:00PM-7:00PM and Euchre at 7:00PM every Wednesday. Pinochle on Fridays at 2:00PM and on Saturdays at 3:00PM.

SOUP AND SALAD

January 12 was the annual Soup & Salad hosted by Judy Thomason and the Auxiliary. There was well over a hundred people feasting on the hot and cold dishes which turned out to be a huge success..

CHILI COOKOFF

February 23 will see the 2019 edition of our world famous Chili Cookoff, hosted by Nancy Dignan and the Auxiliary. Dust off your favorite recipe and enter the competition. Everyone wins in this case.

WE'RE GETTING OLDER

We have many Veterans and family members dealing with major health issues and it will only continue to get worse. Don't put off your annual physical and prescribed checkups. Keep the prayers coming for all who are battling illnesses.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The nominations for officers and board members will begin at the February meeting and continue each month until the annual membership meeting in April. Have someone nominate you or you can nominate yourself.

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

ByLaw News

The Chapter will be voting on this motion during our February General Membership Meeting. MOTION: Revise Chapter 528 Bylaws to remove the Policy Letter listing in the Appendix and references to Appendix Policy Letters. Generate a separate VVA Chapter BOD Policy Letter Reference Guide with a Table of Contents, listing all the current Policy Letters for Chapter 528. Keep Chapter 528 Policy Letters as individual publications as currently managed. These changes will make Chapter publications comply to VVA Nationals Constitution and National Board of Directors' Policy Reference Guide practices.

America's Wars Fact Sheet

American Revolution Last Veteran, Daniel F. Bakeman, died 4/5/1869, age 109 Last Widow, Catherine S. Damon, died 11/11/1906, age 92 Last Dependent, Phoebe M. Palmeter, died 4/25/1911, age 90	Mexican War Last Veteran, Owen Thomas Edgar, died 9/3/1929, age 98 Last Widow, Lena James Theobald, died 6/20/1963, age 89 Last Dependent, Jesse G. Bivens, died 11/1/1962, age 94
War of 1812 Last Veteran, Hiram Cronk, died 5/13/1905, age 105 Last Widow, Carolina King, died 6/28/1936, age unknown Last Dependent, Esther A.H. Morgan, died 3/12/1946, age 89	Civil War Last Union verified Veteran, Albert Woolson, died 8/2/1956, age 109 Last Confederate verified Veteran, Pleasant Crump, died 12/21/1951, age 104 Last Union Widow, Gertrude Janeway, died 1/17/2003, age 93 Last Confederate Widow, Maudie Hopkins died 8/1/2008, age 93
Indian Wars Last Veteran, Fredrak Friske, died 6/18/1973, age 101	Spanish-American War Last veteran, Nathan E. Cook, died 9/10/1992, age 106
World War I Last Veteran, Frank Buckles, died 2/27/2011, age 110	

VVA estimates the number of living World War II U.S. veterans will be:

9/30/22.....168,278	9/30/23.....122,485	9/30/24.....87,443	9/30/25.....61,256
9/30/26.....42,127	9/30/27.....28,444	9/30/28.....18,849	9/30/29.....12,247
9/30/30.....7,795	9/30/31.....4,853	9/30/32.....2,953	9/30/33.....1,753
9/30/34.....1,013	9/30/35.....507	9/30/36.....311	9/30/37.....164

Courtesy of Jim Hodgson



Odds & Ends

Membership

It is with great sadness we report the passing this past month of Tom Dorey, brother of Al and Jim Dorey and cousin of Gordie Dorey. Tom was preceded in death by chapter member Joe Dorey, his brother, and associate member, Dorothy Dorey, his mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the Dorey families.

We had 2 VVA applications for membership this past month. Dale Fisher and Paul Jagenow, (both Army), have joined the chapter. Welcome Dale and Paul to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 300 individual and 85 associate members. Of these we have 277 life VVA and 55 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of January 22, 2019 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Mack Gaut, David Schisler, Jim Kish

AVVA: Todd Busick

Dropped from Roster: none

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

February AVVA Renewals: Earl Madison

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 Membership

The six members I reported last month as being counted twice was incorrect. Actually there were 6 members who were mistakenly dropped from the roster. They were 3 year members who were being converted to life but had not yet submitted their DD-214 to National. It has been corrected and as you can see above we are back to 300. This is a major milestone for the chapter but we need to keep recruiting so we can continue to grow and thrive.

AVVA Membership

Although VVA rates have changed AVVA rates have not. The rates remain the same. 1-year - \$20, 3-year - \$50, life membership ages 59 and under - \$175, 60 and above - \$100. When purchasing a life membership proof of age must also be submitted. The easiest form of proof is a copy of your driver's license. Current VVA members can support the AVVA by purchasing a life membership in AVVA for only \$50.

Chapter Elections

We will begin taking nominations for office at the February meeting. They will continue in March and before the elections in April. Any member whose membership is current may run for any office they desire. You can get a fellow member to nominate you or you can nominate yourself. This year we will be electing delegates to the National convention which takes place July 15 – 20 in Spokane, Washington. If our official membership on February 28th is at or above 300 we are entitled to 7 delegates.



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



Service Photos



Bruce Benyo
USMC 1967



Steve Retherford
Army 1969



Chaplain's Corner

Craving vs. Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Author: the Apostle Paul

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

I love the above passage! We see commercials again and again with luxury car ads. We see mini-mansions in or near our neighborhoods. We see the Oscar Academies showing the "rich and the famous". Unfortunately we also see our friends and sometimes us, making a mistake of spending beyond our means, and getting into debt and trouble! Yes, it's easy to crave that sort of lifestyle.

Are we content with what we have? Contentment is the starting point, not the ending point, of life with God. Contentment is how you get to the good life that God is calling you to...not the result of it. It is the mindset that what we have is enough, not looking to something else to bring you contentment.

Hunger for wealth doesn't produce wealth.....it just produces more hunger! We can't take our money and valuables with us in the next life. I've never seen a U-Haul truck following a hearse to the cemetery!

The eleventh verse in 1 Timothy 6 reads: "But as for you, run from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

We have heard this phrase several times...."money is the root of evil". But what verse 10 states is that "the love of money is the root of evil". So be watchful to not be a slave to money, but do make wise choices of how you spend it.

Chaplain's Corner: Prayers for Pat Doherty and his family with the loss of his wife; Al Kerbyson with his ongoing issues with his leg; Mike Dicker with his fight with cancer; Pastor Bill Kren with his fight with cancer. Bill and his son are taking a trip at the end of this month to Vietnam for two weeks. He'll be visiting some areas that as an 11 Bravo (infantry) he fought at. Good for you, Bill!!!

As your chaplain, I would like to know if one of us is at the hospital for an extended stay, so please phone me or email me if you or someone you know is at the VA overnight. Thank you!

Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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HHC/2/503rd Infantry

173rd Airborne Brigade

1968 - 1969



Dale Bosetti
Army 1968.



Dale is the drummer and Tom Brown is the accordionist. The photo was taken in 1965

DEA Warns Public of Extortion Scam by DEA Special Agent Impersonators

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the public about criminals posing as DEA Special Agents or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme.

The criminals call the victims (who in most cases previously purchased drugs over the internet or by telephone) and identify themselves as DEA agents or law enforcement officials from other agencies. The impersonators inform their victims that purchasing drugs over the internet or by telephone is illegal, and that enforcement action will be taken against them unless they pay a fine. In most cases, the impersonators instruct their victims to pay the "fine" via wire transfer to a designated location, usually overseas. If victims refuse to send money, the impersonators often threaten to arrest them or search their property. Some victims who purchased their drugs using a credit card also reported fraudulent use of their credit cards.

Impersonating a federal agent is a violation of federal law. The public should be aware that no DEA agent will ever contact members of the public by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment. The DEA reminds the public to use caution when purchasing controlled substance pharmaceuticals by telephone or through the Internet. It is illegal to purchase controlled substance pharmaceuticals online or by telephone unless very stringent requirements are met. And, all pharmacies that dispense controlled substance pharmaceuticals by means of the internet must be registered with DEA. By ordering any pharmaceutical medications online or by telephone from unknown entities, members of the public risk receiving unsafe, counterfeit, and/or ineffective drugs from criminals who operate outside the law. In addition, personal and financial information could be compromised.

Anyone receiving a telephone call from a person purporting to be a DEA special agent or other law enforcement official seeking money should refuse the demand and report the threat. using the online form below. Please include all fields, including, most importantly, a call back number so that a DEA

investigator can contact you for additional information. Online reporting will greatly assist DEA in investigating and stopping this criminal activity. Forms to report the incident can be found on the DEA website.

Courtesy of Jim Tillman

WINTER WARMUP CHILI COOK-OFF



The VFW Aux. will be hosting a Chili Cook off on February 23rd 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.

VFW
Mayflower/Lt Gamble post 6695
1426 Mill St
Plymouth

To enter contact Nancy Dignan at
njd600@sbcglobal.net or call
734-525-0157 or 734-673-2026



Chapter Veteran Service Officers (VSO)

Our Chapter currently has 2 members who are Veteran Service Officers (VSO). **Dennis Bielskis** dbielskis48@gmail.com or 810-623-8002 and **Gary Estermyer** gary.Estermyer@va.gov or 313-961-9568 . Toll free phone number for **Michigan VVA Service Program 1-844-885-6424**. If you need assistance with the VA, they are ready and able to help you!



Department of
Veterans Affairs

America's Wars

Office of Public Affairs
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 461-7600

Nov 2017

American Revolution (1775-1783)

Total U.S. Servicemembers ¹	217,000
Battle Deaths	4,435
Non-mortal Woundings	6,188

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	286,730
Battle Deaths	2,260
Non-mortal Woundings	4,505

Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate)	106,000
Battle Deaths (VA estimate)	1,000

Mexican War (1846-1848)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	78,718
Battle Deaths	1,733
Other Deaths (In Theater)	11,550
Non-mortal Woundings	4,152

Civil War (1861-1865)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Union)	2,213,363
Battle Deaths (Union)	140,414
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Union)	224,097
Non-mortal Woundings (Union)	281,881
Total Servicemembers (Conf.) ²	1,050,000
Battle Deaths (Confederate) ³	74,524
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate) ^{3,4}	59,297
Non-mortal Woundings (Confederate)	Unknown

Spanish-American War (1898-1902)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	306,760
Battle Deaths	385
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	2,061
Non-mortal Woundings	1,662

World War I (1917-1918)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	4,734,991
Battle Deaths	53,402
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	63,114
Non-mortal Woundings	204,002

World War II (1941 -1945)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	16,112,566
Battle Deaths	291,557
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	113,842
Non-mortal Woundings	670,846
Living Veterans ⁵	771,000

NOTES:

- Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 – 250,000.
- Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000 – 1,500,000.
- Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
- Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
- Estimate based upon new population projection methodology.

Korean War (1950-1953)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	5,720,000
Total Serving (In Theater)	1,789,000
Battle Deaths	33,739
Other Deaths (In Theater)	2,835
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	17,672
Non-mortal Woundings	103,284
Living Veterans	2,275,000

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) ⁶	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia ⁷	3,403,000
Battle Deaths ⁸	47,434
Other Deaths (In Theater) ⁸	10,786
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) ⁸	32,000
Non-mortal Woundings ⁹	153,303
Living Veterans ^{5,10}	7,391,000

Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	148
Other Deaths (In Theater)	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	1,565
Non-mortal Woundings	467
Living Veterans ^{5,10}	2,244,583

America's Wars Total (1775 -1991)

U.S. Military Service during Wartime	41,892,128
Battle Deaths	651,031
Other Deaths (In Theater)	308,800
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,254
Non-mortal Woundings	1,430,290
Living War Veterans ¹¹	16,962,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	23,234,000

Global War on Terror (Oct 2001 -)

The Global War on Terror (GWOT), including Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), are ongoing conflicts. For the most current GWOT statistics visit the following Department of Defense Website:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcass/pages/casualties.xhtml>

6. Covers the period 8/5/64 - 1/27/73 (date of cease fire)

7. Department of Defense estimate

8. Covers period 11/1/55 – 5/15/75

9. Excludes 150,341 not requiring hospital care

10. Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) estimate, as of 4/09, does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

11. Total will be more than sum of conflicts due to no "end date" established for Persian Gulf War.

Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2010.

Thanks, Jim Hogdson!



Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528



2019 Sportsman's Raffle



40 Prizes To Be Awarded - Winning Tickets Go Back Into Hopper!

WWW.VVA528.ORG

Benelli Nova Pump Shotgun CamoMax-5
Marlin 336W Lever-Action Rifle 30-30 Winchester
Remington Model 870 Express ShurShot Turkey
Henry Octagon Frontier Lever Action Rimfire 22 WMR
Weatherby SA-08 Compact shotgun
Camping Package
Remington 870 Shotgun Express Tactical
Winchester SXP Turkey Hunter Break-up shotgun
Stoeger M3000R slug Gun Semi-Auto Shotgun 12-ga
Savage 11 Scout Bolt-Action Rifle .308 Winchester
Remington 597 Rimfire Semi-Auto Rifle
Ruger Ranch Blot-Action Rifle .450 Bushmaster
Winchester XPR Hunter Bolt-Action Rifle
CVA Optima Muzzleloader W/Scope True-Timber
Ruger Air Hawk .177 Air Rifle combo

Henry Golden Boy Lever-Action Rimfire
Mossberg 930 Slugster Semi-Auto Shotgun
Winchester XPR Hunter Bolt-Action Rifle
Thompson/Center Venture Blot-Action Rifle 30-06
Remington Model 700 ACL Blot Action Rifle Combo
Bear Archery Approach RTH Compound Bow
Browning AB3 Hunter Bolt-Action rifle .252
Mossberg Patriot Blot-Action Rifle 30-06 Springfield
Fishing Package
Parker Hammer 3325 Crossbow package
Spark Series Drone with HD Camera
Camping Package
Fishing Package
Remington 870 Super Mag Pump-Action combo
13 - \$500.00 VISA CARDS

**All Prizes are awarded through Bass Pro Shops
Excel Drones. Garden City, MI.**

***** FREE FOOD AND DRINK - RAFFLE TICKET REQUIRED FOR ENTRY *****

Drawing: Sunday, October, 13, 2019- 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

V.F.W. Post 6695 - 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI.

\$20.00 (US) per Ticket - Need Not Be Present To Win.

Maximum of 5000 Tickets Printed!

(Must Be 18 Years Old to Purchase Tickets)

*Prize winners responsible for taxes and all pertinent regulations.

Mail-Order forms available by calling (248) 767 1654 or e-mailing dbielskis@att.net

Support Your Local Veterans and their Projects

Proceeds to benefit hospitalized veterans, community, veteran projects and the general fund of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. If 1500 tickets are not sold, the Sportsman's Raffle will revert to a 50/50 Raffle with a minimum prize of \$5,000.

Mail to: 2018 Sportsman's Raffle
V.V.A 528
P.O. Box 6295
Plymouth, MI. 48170

Make checks to : VVA 528

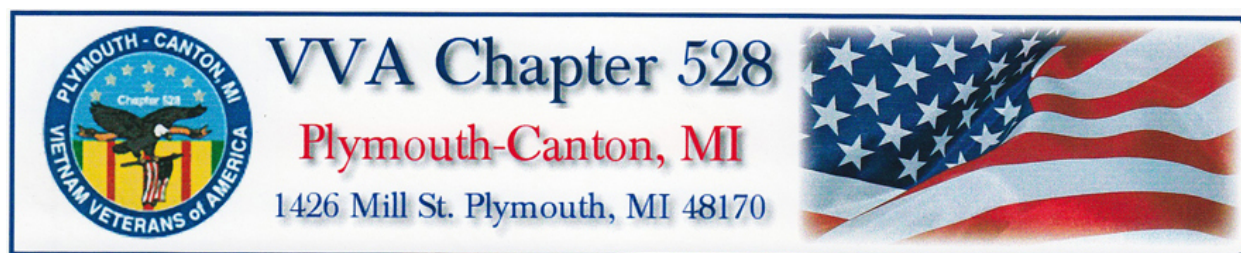
Requests must be made prior to Monday, October 7, 2019
to allow time for processing and delivery.

License No. R50455

VVA 528 2019 Sportsman's Raffle Selling Events

This is a list of the locations that we will be selling our raffle Tickets. Please come out and visit with us.

Show	Address	City	Zip
Birch Run Expo	11600 S. Beyer Rd.	Birch Run	48425
Ingham County Fairgrounds	700 E. Ash St.	Lansing/Mason	48854
Flint Gun Show	3501 Lapeer Rd.	Flint	48503
Suburban Collection Showplace	46100 Grand River	Novi	48374
Monroe County Fairgrounds	3775 S. Custer Rd.	Monroe	48161
Brownstown Sport Center	21902 Telegraph Rd.	Brownstown	48283



Date	Day	Time	Location
2/8/2019	Friday	1400-1900	Ingham County Fairgrounds
2/9/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Ingham County Fairgrounds
2/10/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Ingham County Fairgrounds
2/16/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Monroe County Fairground
2/17/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Monroe County Fairground
2/23/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
2/24/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
3/2/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Flint Gun Show
3/3/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Flint Gun Show
3/16/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run Expo
3/17/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run Expo
4/5/2019	Friday	1400-1900	Ingham County Fairgrounds
4/6/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Ingham County Fairgrounds
4/7/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Ingham County Fairgrounds
4/13/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Brownstown Sport Center
4/14/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Brownstown Sport Center
4/19/2019	Friday	0900-1700	Brownstown Sport Center
4/20/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
4/21/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
5/4/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run Expo
5/6/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run Expo
6/1/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
6/2/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
7/5/2019	Friday	1400-1900	Ingham County Fairgrounds
7/6/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Ingham County Fairgrounds
7/7/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Ingham County Fairgrounds
7/20/2019	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase
7/21/2019	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Suburban Collection Showcase



February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PINOCHLE 2:00 KARAOKE 8:00	2 DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE 3:00
3 SUPERBOWL PARTY	4	5 VFW AUX MEETING 630	6 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	7	8 PINOCHLE 2:00	9 DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE 3:00
10	11 VVA MEETING 7:00	12 VFW MEETING 7:00	13 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	14 VALENTINES DAY	15 PINOCHLE 2:00 KARAOKE 8:00	16 DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE 3:00
17 BOWLING LEAGUE 1:30	18	19 VFW HOUSE COMTEE MEETING 7:00	20 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	21	22 PINOCHLE 2:00	23 DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE 3:00 CHILI COOK OFF 5-7
24	25	26 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	27 SLIDERS 5-7 EUCHRE 7:00	28		



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

February Birthdays

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



Chapter 528 Homefront

February 2019



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Chapter Officers

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Vietnam War 50th Com.	Ron King	734-454-4522
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Chapter 528 VVA Service Officers (VSO)

Dennis Bielskis - 734-459-6700
Gary Estermyer - 313-961-9568

Veterans Crisis Centers

Veterans Center	313-381-1370
Dearborn Crisis Center	313-584-7800
VA Medical Center Detroit	313-576-1000
VA Ann Arbor Health Care System	734-769-7100

Editor's Note and Disclaimer

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