



Long time member Bob Bryan invited our entire membership to be honored at Rivergate Veteran Appreciation Day in Riverview, MI. Bob's daughter helped organized this event.

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Welcome Home!

The Fourth of July "Good Morning America" parade in Plymouth kicks off at 9 am on Main Street by the CSX railroad tracks. Consider joining our Chapter walking in the parade. Muster at 8 am. Gather at the VFW afterwards for food and camaraderie.

Car cruise every Wednesday from 5 pm to 8 pm through the summer. Food and beverages available.

Euchre at the VFW every Thursday at 7 pm.

Fall Festival coming soon in September.

Our next member meeting is Monday July 9th at 7 pm. Hope to see you there!

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"



John Spencer, President
 U S Army 1965-67
 123rd Transportation
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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.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Plymouth Memorial Day Parade had some very warm weather but spirits were high as usual. The crowd was very large, receptive and appreciative.

4TH OF JULY

I hope to see one and all at our Independence Day Parade. It will start at Bode's restaurant near the railroad tracks. Following the parade, the annual Chicken BBQ will begin serving at noon until gone. C'mon down and enjoy.

GOOD NIGHT VIETNAM

On the 29th of June at 11:15PM, it will have been 50 years to the minute that I left Vietnam. I've said before and will say again that it was/is/will likely always be the happiest day of my life....bar none. Enough said.

I'll see you at the July 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



Plymouth Memorial Day Parade 2018

Photos courtesy of Mikey Smith





Odds & Ends

Membership

This is the first month in quite a while we haven't had at least 1 application for membership. Our current membership stands at 287 individual and 80 associate members. Of these we have 243 life VVA and 51 life AVVA members.

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

VVA: Richard Bouchard

AVVA: John Peterson

Dropped from Roster: Scott Lewis, Jan Spittler

July VVA Renewals: Dan Dreger

July AVVA Renewals: Mike Wisinski

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

Thanks to your generous donations, fund raisers, proceeds from the sportsman raffle and other sources we finally have enough to repave the parking lot. We have received quotes from 6 companies and will select one at the next VFW meeting in July. The cost will be about \$60,000 and the work will be done within the next few months. Anyone who has been to the post lately knows this is long overdue. It's great what we can accomplish when we all work together.

Life Memberships

As I wrote last month only life memberships will be offered sometime after July 1 at a cost of \$50. Those who are currently on a 3-year membership will be converted to life at no cost. There are currently 12 members in this category. Those on a 1-year membership will have the opportunity to convert to life for \$30 before their renewal date. After that it will cost \$50 to renew. More details to follow.

Chapter Raffle

The next raffle will be at the July meeting. The winner's renewal will not be processed until the new changes (see above) go into effect. This will allow us to pick additional winners.

July 4 Parade

The chapter will be walking in the Plymouth parade on July 4th. The parade starts at 9:00. We will meet in the parking lot of Bode's Restaurant between 8:00 – 8:30. All are welcome to participate. Be sure to wear patriotic attire. It is truly gratifying to see the huge and enthusiastic crowd that lines the entire parade route on Main Street.



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



The Memorial Day Parade in Plymouth 2018

Photo courtesy of Mikey Smith



Chaplain's Corner

The Light of the World

Author: Lisa Samra from Our Daily Bread

. One of my favorite pieces of art hangs in the Keble College chapel in Oxford, England. The painting, The Light of the World by English artist William Holman Hunt, shows Jesus holding a lantern in His hand and knocking on a door to a home.

One of the intriguing aspects of the painting is that the door doesn't have a handle. When questioned about the lack of a way to open the door, Hunt explained that he wanted to represent the imagery of Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."

The apostle John's words and the painting illustrate the kindness of Jesus. He gently knocks on the door of our souls with His offer of peace. Jesus stands and patiently waits for us to respond. He does not open the door Himself and force His way into our lives. He does not impose His will on ours. Instead, He offers to all people the gift of salvation and light to guide us.

To anyone who opens the door, He promises to enter. There are no other requirements or prerequisites.

If you hear the voice of Jesus and His gentle knock on the door of your soul, be encouraged that He patiently waits for you and will enter if you welcome Him in.

Chaplain's Notes: We are all hoping that our good friend, Al Kerbyson, will be able to see us at the VFW Post. He is in the process of getting a new brace that will allow him to become mobile again.

I am putting out a welcome for you to join myself and a handful of some of our VVA members every Monday evening at the IHOP in Canton (Sheldon Road and Ford Road) for our "Vets for Christ". We meet at 7 PM and we study a chapter of the Bible weekly and ask for prayer requests. We currently have up to 24 men attending and it is a great group of guys.



Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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HHC/2/503rd Infantry

173rd Airborne Brigade

1968 - 1969



Team Plymouth finished in 3rd place!





Steak Out

Come on down to the Post for a delicious steak cookout and some fellowship on July 20 and again on August 17 from 5 to 7 pm. Prime steaks (7-8 oz Rib Eye), assisted by baked potato and tossed salad and roll are on the menu – all for only \$12. You will have the opportunity to cook your own steak or one of our “top chefs” will cook it for you. Don’t miss out. We will not have an unlimited number of steaks, so come early to get yours.



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



Memorial Day



Photos courtesy of Patti Glasgow

Fish On For Freedom

In 2018, 120 veterans participated in a free salmon fishing trip on 29 charter boats with captains to guide the trip. The captains line up their boats for a 6am tournament-style shotgun start outside the pierheads, then head off to fish until 12pm, when a welcome home procession led by the United States Coast Guard and Ludington Fire Patrol boat enter the harbor. After the boats are docked, participants are honored at a weigh-in event and luncheon for all guests and volunteers of the morning's activities. After the fish have been weighed, guests fed, and fishing stories exchanged, awards are given for the day's fishing activities.



Rich Whipple, Gene Spurgess, Don McLane, Al Sneath, Zoltan Nagy and Bob Monteith having a great time. They finished in 3rd place out of 30 boats.



Wayne County Fishing Derby June 9, 2018



Al Sneath, Gene Spurgess, Dale Luebke, Gary "Bear" Kubik, Zoltan Nagy, Dean Bell, Bryan Bentley, John Hubert, Tom Brown, Dennis Bielskis, Don McLane, Jessica Linna, Patrick Doherty and John Spencer.



The 2018 Wayne County Fishing Derby Winners!

Rich Whipple, Gary "Ouch" Boucher,
Pete Glasgow & Doug Fox

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



Memorial Day Parade in Plymouth 2018
Photo courtesy of Mikey Smith



Photos courtesy of Tom Trestler



Help for Ann Arbor VA Hospital and Health Services

To those members who use the VA Ann Arbor Health Services and are intimidated by the bureaucracy or want and need assistance to become a patient, I and two others have volunteered to drive and escort members to VA appointments. If you have physical disabilities we may or may not be able to offer assistance but please call or email me.

Thank you,
Peter Glasgow

734-454-9663 phgusmc@gmail.com



JULY 2018

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



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

JULY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

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Tom Brown, Editor/Publisher
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Bob Bryan and Jerry Thomason holding up their plaques during the ceremony at Rivergate Veteran Appreciation Day in Riverview, MI.

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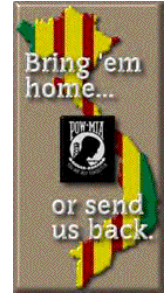
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