



# VVA Chapter 528

## Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



Fish Fries at the V.F.W. begin  
on Friday, March 8th.

*March 2015 photo!*

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## Welcome Home!

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



## President's Corner

Our next membership meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 11th at the VFW Post in Plymouth. Nominations for 2019/20 Chapter Officers, Directors and delegates will be made at the March and April meetings. 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 submit your name for a position.

The 2019 Sportsman's Raffle tickets are available at the membership meetings. The raffle is the same format as the 2017 raffle. If you can help sell tickets at regional gun shows, Bass Pro Shop 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  
 Company (Longshoremen)  
 Cam Ranh Bay, RVN





## Digger's Desk

### 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 through March 1 and then switch to Tuesdays through Lent because of the Fish Fries.

### SHOOTOUT

The February version of our two annual shootouts netted \$501. In addition, I sold 22 sportsmen's raffle tickets. There were five winners still standing at the end. Win/win.

### CHILI COOKOFF

February 23 was the 2019 edition of our world famous Chili Cookoff, hosted by Nancy Dignan and the Auxiliary. It was a huge success with 106 customers. The three winners were Dave Randall (3rd), Tom Pardikes (2nd) and Mikey Smith 1st).

### GETTING OLD IS NOT FOR WIMPS

Many of our members are dealing with major health issues. Keep them in your daily prayers. Follow your doctor's orders with your meds and exercise.

### CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The nominations for officers and board members will continue at the March meeting and into April with the annual membership meeting. Have someone nominate you or you can nominate yourself.

### FISH FRY

Beginning March 8 and every Friday in Lent will be our Fish Fry. This is the best cod you will get anywhere. Come on down. You will not be disappointed.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday March 17 will welcome our famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This event will begin at noon until gone. I'll be there. How about you?

I'll see you at the March 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



### Pinewood Derby



Jessica Linna and Tom McMullen

*Photo courtesy of Dennis & Patty Bielskis*



## Odds & Ends

### Chapter Elections

The following members have accepted nomination for chapter office.

|                                    |                                                                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President                          | Ron King                                                                    |
| 1st Vice President                 | Jerry Thomason                                                              |
| 2nd Vice President                 | Gary Bush                                                                   |
| Secretary                          | open                                                                        |
| Treasurer                          | Bob Dew<br>John Fleming                                                     |
| Board Members (4)<br>(2-year term) | Larry Eichstadt<br>Mike Dicker<br>John Heraghty<br>Don Petrere<br>Al Sneath |

|                              |                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Natl Convention Delegate (7) | Dennis Bielskis<br>Don Dignan<br>Gary Estermyer<br>Ron King<br>Joe Tebor<br>Jerry Thomason<br>Rich Whipple |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                        |                                           |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Election Committee (3) | Bob Bryan<br>Bob Lamoureux<br>Dale Luebke |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|

Nominations will again be taken in March and in April before the elections. If you want to run for office, please make your intentions known. You may nominate yourself if you choose. **Note: You cannot run for office or vote in the elections if your membership is not current.**

### Membership

It is with great sadness we report the passing this past month of long-time member Brian Metzger. Brian and his red and white Falcon were frequent

attendees at our car shows. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brian's family.

We had 3 VVA applications for membership this past month. Marvin Booth and John Sliwa, (both Army), and Gary MacDonald, (Navy), have joined the chapter. Welcome Marvin, John and Gary to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 303 individual and 85 associate members. Of these we have 285 life VVA and 57 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of February 25, 2019 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Jim Kish

AVVA: John Stewart

Dropped from Roster: Mack Gaut, David Schisler

March VVA Renewals: none

March AVVA Renewals: Austin Bentley, Stephen Boucher, Ruth Bryan, Shirley Caldwell, Dave Randall

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 Fish Fry & St. Patty's Day

The weekly Lenten fish fries will begin on Friday, March 8 and run until April 19. Help is always needed so please lend a hand if possible. If you want an excellent fish dinner that is reasonably priced give the VFW a try. They run from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

The post will be serving corned beef dinners and sandwiches on Sunday, March 17. Serving starts at noon and continues until sold out. Since St. Patty's day is on Sunday this year business will be brisk so come early to avoid missing out.



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





## Chaplain's Corner

The Black Hole  
TGIF Today God Is First  
Volume 1 by Os Hillman

If you are older than 35, you may recall the early days of the space program. I remember the early spacecraft launch with John Glenn. One of the most exciting and tense moments of his return to earth was his reentry to the earth's atmosphere. I recall the diagram on television of the heat shield on the capsule that had to withstand incredible temperatures to avoid complete destruction. There was a blackout period for several minutes in which mission control had no radio contact. He was in the "black hole." It was a tense time. Either he would make it through, or the spacecraft would burn up in the atmosphere. There were several minutes of silence that seemed like an eternity. Then, mission control shouted with joy when they reestablished contact with the spacecraft. It was a time of rejoicing.

Have you ever had a time when you were in a spiritual black hole in your life? I have. The pressure was unbearable. No sense of God's presence. No sense of anything going on around me. God was about as far away as the man in the moon - at least from my perspective. I think every Christian who is called to make a significant difference in his world experiences times like these. These are the times when we question the reality of God, the love of God, the personal care of God. And He demonstrates to us that He was there all the time. These are "faith experiences" that God does in every person who is called to a higher level of relationship with Him. These times are needful in order to know that we have the "heat shield" that can withstand the incredible heat that comes when we follow Him with a whole heart - a heart that is radical in a commitment to fully follow His ways. Elisha had that spirit. He slaughtered his 12 oxen and burned his plowing equipment so that he would not have the opportunity to return to anything if God didn't come through (see 1 Kings 19:21). The apostle Paul asked God to remove the heat from his own life one time. God's answer was not what he wanted to hear.

But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the

more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me! (2 Corinthians 12:9 AMP)

How's your heat shield today? Can it withstand the heat that would want to burn up everything in your life not based in Him? Christ said, "My grace is sufficient." Is that really true in your life? Let His grace be your shield today.

**Chaplain's notes:** I have experienced this "Black Hole" about 16 years ago, and I'll never forget it! Prayers needed for Bill (Sleeveless) Browning on his bout with pneumonia; Mike Dicker for his upcoming sixth chemo, and the shrinking of the tumor near his colon; Sharon Metzger and family with the loss of our member Brian: Norma Demerly having some health issues; John Heraghty recovering from his knee operation. Good news from Norris Cutler, he is cancer free!



**Rich Whipple**  
Chaplain (Certified)  
(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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1968 - 1969



## Vets For Christ



A picture was taken with our "Vets For Christ" which meets every Monday in Westland for dinner and Bible study. In this picture, second from the right is (Pastor) Mike Panich, Mike Steffes, myself, Terry Wells, and two down from Terry is Glen Jewell. We welcome our fellow vets to join us! Ask one of us if you have any questions.

## Freya's Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped make Freya's fundraiser a huge success! Thanks to your efforts, we were able to host an event that raised over \$7,100 – all going toward Freya's veterinary bills. We hosted not only a dinner for almost 200 people, but also a really fun night out. Thank you to everyone who donated to auctions and raffles, cooked, cleaned, set up, tore down, collected money, our DJ, and ran the Big Wheel. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us to advertise and promote, and everyone who came together to eat and be merry. The money raised for Freya and Stacey was all due to your efforts and we are so thankful!

A huge thanks to VFW post 6695 and 6695 AUX for all their help with this event. People who donated and volunteers Dave Henwood (Hell On Wheels), Peggy Henwood, Linda Mentink, Ron King, Diane Miller, Kurt Heise (Township Supervisor), Robert McCue, Larry Groth, Happy's Pizza (Ann Arbor rd), Joe's Deli (Manager Jill Joseph), Lee's Chicken, Einstien's AA rd (+manager Chris), O'Reilly (Tommy Williams), VFW 6695 House Committee, Bob Williams, Steve Kozmor (DJ), Donna Pastula, Mike Schlott, John Stewart, Wayne Buck, Chris Trtee, Larry/Pam Sargent, Don & Sharon R, Michelle, Al Sneath, Leslie, Ellie K, Judy & Jerry T, Bob & Ruth B, Big Wheel Ruthie, VVA 528, Cathy Brya-Rotta, Kelly K, Dale Luebke, Bob Lamoureux, Gary & Janet B, Rick & Sherri A, Shirley F, and Stella's of Plymouth, and anyone who made a cash or Anonymous donation.

It is highly likely I have missed someone or three so if I did please accept my apologies. There are a lot of people on this list that put their heart and soul into this event but one does stand out. Leslie went around to local business getting donations, helped at the event, and promoted it. But she also went further: she wanted to share some of her homemade soup with Stacey, and finding out that he had no way to heat it up, she went and got a microwave for him and if that wasn't enough, she bought groceries and took them to him. When he has needed an ear, she has called and listened or Facebooked him to talk and make sure his spirits were continuing to remain as high as possible.

I know no one did whatever they did to receive a thank you, and I really think that no thank you we

could give is sufficient - but thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Kelly and James Kendall



Wayne County Fishing Derby Winner Colin Murphy



# 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

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**Support Your Local Veterans and their Projects**

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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                          |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 8/10/2019 | Saturday | 0900-1700 | Birch Run Expo                    |
| 8/11/2019 | Sunday   | 1000-1500 | Birch Run Expo                    |
| 8/17/2019 | Saturday | 0900-1700 | Monroe County Fairgrounds         |

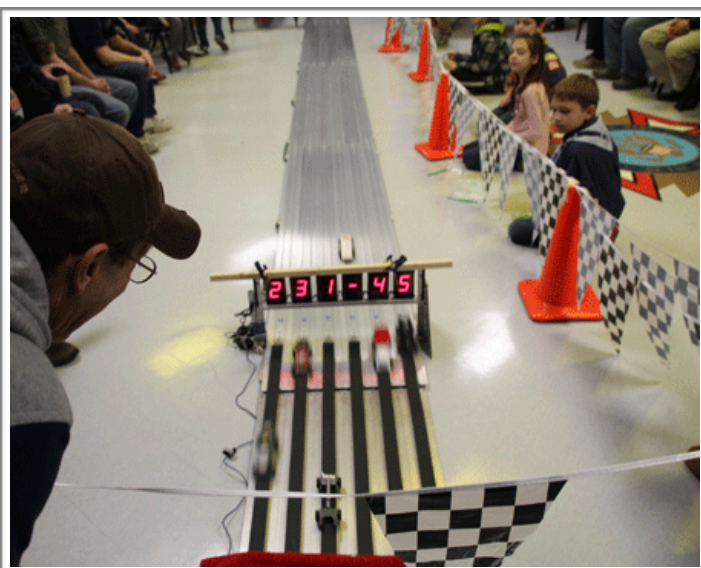


## Soup & Salad

Photos Courtesy of  
Dennis & Patty Bielskis



# Pinewood Derby



Photos courtesy of Dennis & Patty Bielskis



# March 2019



| Sunday                                                                                                   | Monday                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                  | Thursday  | Friday                                                                      | Saturday                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                        |                                                                            |           | <b>1</b><br><b>PINOCHLE</b><br><b>2:00</b><br><b>KARAOKE</b><br><b>8:00</b> | <b>2</b><br><b>DOUBLE</b><br><b>DECK</b><br><b>PINOCHLE</b><br><b>3:00</b>  |
| <b>3</b><br><b>BOWLING</b><br><b>LEAGUE 1:30</b>                                                         | <b>4</b>                                                 | <b>5</b><br><b>PINOCHLE 2</b><br><b>VFW AUX</b><br><b>MEETING</b><br><b>6:30</b>       | <b>6</b><br><b>SLIDERS 5-</b><br><b>7</b><br><b>EUCHRE</b><br><b>7:00</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br><b>FISH FRY</b><br><b>5-7</b>                                   | <b>9</b><br><b>DOUBLE</b><br><b>DECK</b><br><b>PINOCHLE</b><br><b>3:00</b>  |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                | <b>11</b><br><b>VVA</b><br><b>MEETING</b><br><b>7:00</b> | <b>12</b><br><b>PINOCHLE 2</b><br><b>VFW</b><br><b>MEETING</b><br><b>7:00</b>          | <b>13</b><br><b>SLIDERS 5-</b><br><b>7</b><br><b>EUCHRE</b><br><b>7:00</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><b>FISH FRY</b><br><b>5-7</b><br><b>KARAOKE</b><br><b>8:00</b> | <b>16</b><br><b>DOUBLE</b><br><b>DECK</b><br><b>PINOCHLE</b><br><b>3:00</b> |
| <b>17</b><br><b>BOWLING</b><br><b>LEAGUE 1:30</b><br><b>CORN BEEF</b><br><b>DINNER NOON</b><br><b>-?</b> | <b>18</b>                                                | <b>19</b><br><b>PINOCHLE 2</b><br><b>VFW HOUSE</b><br><b>COMMITTEE</b><br><b>17:00</b> | <b>20</b><br><b>SLIDERS 5-</b><br><b>7</b><br><b>EUCHRE</b><br><b>7:00</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br><b>FISH FRY</b><br><b>5-7</b>                                  | <b>23</b><br><b>DOUBLE</b><br><b>DECK</b><br><b>PINOCHLE</b><br><b>3:00</b> |
| <b>24</b><br><b>FIREKEEPERS</b>                                                                          | <b>25</b>                                                | <b>26</b><br><b>PINOCHLE 2</b><br><b>VVA BOARD</b><br><b>MEETING</b><br><b>7:00</b>    | <b>27</b><br><b>SLIDERS 5-</b><br><b>7</b><br><b>EUCHRE</b><br><b>7:00</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br><b>FISH FRY</b><br><b>5-7</b><br><b>KARAOKE</b><br><b>8:00</b> | <b>30</b><br><b>DOUBLE</b><br><b>DECK</b><br><b>PINOCHLE</b><br><b>3:00</b> |
| <b>31</b>                                                                                                |                                                          |                                                                                        |                                                                            |           |                                                                             |                                                                             |



Calendar by  
**Nancy Dignan**  
The Auxiliary

## March Birthdays

Nancy Anderson, Sharon Cabrerros, Don Dignan, Ronald Dillingham, Al Dorey, Patrick Gibbons, Micheal Goldstein, Dominic Grunas, Marty Heikkinen, Ellen Howington, John Itsell, Kathy Jarvis, Albert King, James Kish, Thomas Markowski, Mike Patten, Bob Paul, Bill Petrere, Joseph Radachy, Stephen Radachy, Michael Schlott, Don Schnettler, Kurt Smith, Larry Snowden, Stanley Truskowski, Paul Yeagy and Jeff Yoshikawa



# Chapter 528 Homefront

## Chapter Officers

|                    |                |              |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
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|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
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## Committees

|                     |                |              |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
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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

Articles, flyers, calendar, event dates and photos must be submitted by the 25th of the month in order to be considered for publication. Send the article, flyer or photo to Tom Brown 17730 Snow Ave Dearborn, MI 48124 or email Tom at tom@vva528.org. Except as otherwise noted, all published articles become the property of VVA Chapter 528 and may not be reprinted without the Chapter's permission. Chapter 528 reserves the right to edit for space. Views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Chapter, the editor, or the National VVA. **Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 (734-459-6700).**

March 2019

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## Service Photos Needed

VVA Chapter 528 has 144 members' service photos displayed on our website [www.vva528.org/members528.html](http://www.vva528.org/members528.html) and in our display case. I'm sure most members have a photo of themselves laying around somewhere. When you find your photo you can either mail it to **Tom Brown** @ 17730 Snow Ave. Dearborn, MI 48124, scan it and send it to: [tombrown1949@gmail.com](mailto:tombrown1949@gmail.com) as a jpg or jpeg, bring it to our general membership meetings and give it to Tom or bring it to the VFW. Be sure to include your name, branch of service and the year the photo was taken. **Don Petrere** will place the copied service photo in our display case.



**Tom Brown, Editor/Publisher**  
**2nd Missile Battalion**  
**44th Artillery Pershing 1st yr**  
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