



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

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Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



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Welcome Home!

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

Happy Birthday, Marines!

If you have not heard yet, the National VVA changed member dues to \$50 for life membership. Sign up your buddies for a one time \$50 life member dues. More information will likely be in The Veteran magazine.

There will be several local Veterans Day events on November 11th: In Plymouth at 11:00 am at Veterans Park on Main Street. Canton will have their event at 1:00 pm at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park and at Canton's Village Theater at 6:00 pm with the program at 7:00 pm.

If you have a donation request, please see the donation policy and request form on our website vva528.org. Donation requests need to be submitted to Chapter Secretary Ron King several days before the monthly Board meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.



John Spencer, President
 U S Army 1965-67
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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.

MAIN STREET CAR WASH

Sunday October 7 was the date and Main Street Car Wash was the place for our 26th Annual Car Wash. Mother Nature was back to her dirty deeds in the morning and clouded up downtown Plymouth the entire day. However, generous hearts prevailed as we washed 53 cars and rounded up a net of \$827.53. With Phil Pursell and son-in-law Joe kicking in an extra \$250, our net total for the day was \$1077.53. Thanks to owners Joe and Sarah for continuing to support VVA Chapter 528 and all its endeavors. Thanks to my co-chair Dale Luebke as well as volunteers Al Sneath, Bill Brown, Larry Eichstadt, George Mason, Tom McMullen, Bill Petrere, Ric Adis, Jim Hodgson, Pat Doherty, George Klepack, Darrell Bazman, Gordie Bardeleben, Frank Barkovich, Roger Shanks, Don Shannon, Jerry Thomason, Ron King, Gary Bush.



Veterans Day of the Past

KOKOMO

If you made it to Kokomo, nothing else needs to be said; if you did not, your loss.

UPCOMING

Kids Trunk or Treat on October 27 and on into the holidays. Christmas trees will be delivered on November 21 with sales commencing on November 23.

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





Odds & Ends

Membership

We had 1 VVA application for membership this past month. James Day, Army, has joined the chapter. Welcome Jim to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 289 individual and 83 associate members. Of these we have 241 life VVA and 52 life AVVA members.

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

VVA: Dan Dreger, Greg Epacs, Dean Hurley

AVVA: Tom Moscardelli, Heather Mullin

Dropped from Roster: none

November VVA Renewals: Harold Hachigian, Ellen Howington, Jim Kish

November AVVA Renewals: none

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.

Veterans Day

There is a ceremony at the Plymouth Veterans Park on Sunday, November 11th at 11:00 am. This will be shorter than the Memorial Day service and will include an honor volley and TAPS for our departed comrades. Everyone is invited to attend and is invited to the post afterward for either SOS or chili. As always there are a large number of restaurants providing free meals to veterans on that day.

Christmas Trees

The VFW will be selling Christmas trees again this year. They are scheduled to be delivered the day before Thanksgiving and will go on sale the day after Thanksgiving. They will be sold daily until they are gone. We have ordered fewer scotch pines and more firs which people seem to prefer. If you can help with either the set-up or sales of the trees, contact Bill Browning or Ron King.

Life Membership

It is now official. Effective October 20 the VVA will only offer life memberships at a cost of \$50. Anyone with a 3-year membership will be converted to a life membership. Those with 1 year memberships will have to renew for \$50 when their renewal comes due. By next October everyone in VVA will be a life member. AVVA rates remain the same.

Chapter Raffle

Now that the new life membership price is in effect I can send in renewals for the following individuals: Tom Trestler, John Bertorello, James Grant, Harold Hachigian, Robert Kuhlman, Marcel Loosbrock, Bill Arm, Gordon Dodson, Tom Moricz, Tom McMullen and associate members Don Rachoza and Joe Radachy.



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



Veterans Day 2010





Chaplain's Corner

Fathers and Sons

From Our Daily Bread

Author: David Roper

My father was a good father, and in most respects, I was a dutiful son. But I allowed my father to starve for the one thing I could have given him: myself!

He was a quiet man; I was equally silent. We often worked for hours side-by-side with scarcely a word passing between us. He never asked; I never told him my deepest desires and dreams, my hopes and fears.

In time I woke up to my reticence. Perhaps the perception came when my first son was born, or when, one by one, my sons went out into the world. Now I wish I had been more of a son to my father.

I think of all the things I could have told him. And all the things he could have told me. At his funeral I stood beside his casket, struggling to understand my emotions. "It's too late, isn't it?" my wife asked quietly. "Exactly," I replied.

My comfort lies in the fact that we'll be able to set things right in heaven, for is that not where every tear will be wiped away? (Revelation 21:4).

For believers in Jesus, death is not the end of affection but the beginning of timeless existence in which there will be no more misunderstandings; relationships will be healed and love will grow forever. There, the hearts of sons will turn to their fathers and the hearts of fathers to their sons (Malachi 4:6). In God's power and love, draw closer to others while there's time.

Chaplain's Notes: Please lift up Mike Dicker as he just found out he has a mass near his stomach area (at this time not known if it is cancerous); Dale Leubke who admitted himself to the Ann Arbor VA for a Urinary Tract Infection; and Pastor Bill Kren fighting cancer for more than a year. Al Kerbyson is now at his residence and finally the VA sent him the foot brace he needs.



Rich Whipple

Chaplain (Certified)

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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HHC/2/503rd Infantry

173rd Airborne Brigade

1968 - 1969



Joy Road "Adopt a Road" Clean-up Wayne County



Since I was AWOL on Friday, September 28, Mr. "Do It ALL" Bob Lamoureux stepped in to coordinate the Road Crew. Knowing Karen was going to be house bound for her hip replacement, we were able to have some time alone before her operation (my daughter and two grandkids live with us) so Bob's leadership was much appreciated!

There were sixteen members that came out to "get er done".

The "faithful" from left to right: Al Sneath, Skip Davison, Jerry Thomason, Harry Hachigian, Joe Tebor, Gary Boucher, Dennis Waling, Gregg Kremkow, Terry Wells, Rick Dunn, Larry Eichstadt, Bill Brown, Mike Hucal, Jim Hodgson, Gary Bush, and Bob Lamoureux taking the picture.

So we have completed the three clean ups for the year that Wayne County requested us to do. See you next Spring!

Rich Whipple

Adopt-A-Road Coordinator



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We are scheduled for Saturday, December 8 from 10am until 4pm, and we will be ringing at the Holiday Market on Lilley Road in Canton. The sign-up sheet is on the website. The sheet will be updated once per week.

13th Annual Winter Clothing Drive

I will be putting out a box in the Lounge at the VFW in mid-November for the 13th Annual Winter Clothing Drive which will benefit a Veterans Center in the Metro Detroit Area.

The normal schedule is we gather the clothing at the Post and the First United Methodist Church of Garden City up until Sunday, December 16. Then on the day of delivery, we meet for breakfast at Bob Evans on Ford and Haggerty Roads for breakfast at 9am, then go to Kohl's on Ford Road in Canton, where we will shop for the needed clothing. We then gather the clothes at the VFW and the Church and take them to the chosen Veterans Center.

Please, contact me at 734-604-0227 or john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com with any questions.



John Fleming
92nd Finance Section
Cam Ranh Bay



Salvation Army Bell Ringing Holiday Market 520 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI Saturday, December 8, 2018

Time	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
10:00am to 11:00am	Name _____	_____
11:00am to 12:00pm	Name _____	_____
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Name _____	_____
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Name _____	_____
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Name _____	_____
3:00pm to 4:00pm	Name _____	_____

Come and join us for the annual

Children's Christmas Party

Calling all children and grandchildren of Post 6695 VFW, Aux, VVA and AVVA members.

December 8, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Located at 1426 S. Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170

Come on over to the VFW Post 6695 to visit Santa, decorate some cookies, sing some karaoke, Get your picture taken in a Photo Booth, Arts & Crafts, games and food.

Please RSVP by November 24, 2018 to:
Jennifer DeLong at
734-664-7627 - jede7627@yahoo.com
Call, Text or E-mail:



NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 KARAOKE 8:00	3 PRO WESTLING 6:00
4	5	6 VFW AUX MEETING 6:30	7 EUCHRE 7:00	8	9	10 MEAT RAFFLE 7:00
11 VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY 11:00	12 VVA MEETING 7:00	13 VFW MEETING 7:00	14 EUCHRE 7:00	15	16 KARAOKE 8:00	17
18	19	20 VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00	21 X-MASS TREES ARRIVE EUCHRE 7:00	22 THANKS-GIVING	23 X-MASS TREE SALES BEGIN	24
25 BOWLING 1:30	26	27 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	28 EUCHRE 7:00	29	30	



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

NOVEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

Lewis Agius, Robert Anderson, Billy Ray Arm, Richard Beach, Debby Bradley, Jason Bryan, Robert Brothers, Gary Bush, Timothy Curtis, Norma Demerly, Bob Dew, Richard Dunn, Ted Enright, John Fleming, Bruce Glenn, Robert Harris, Michael Kennedy, John D. Larabell, Ronald Lowrie, Mark Mittleman, Harry "Art" Ohanian, James Peterson, Elaine Roeseler, Anthony Rypkowski, Charles Sauber, Bill Simpson, Philip Skover, Jeffrey Snyder, Judith Ann Sterling, John Stewart, Leon Suchorski, Rodney Tanner, Alice Thomas, Byron Wagner, Terry Wells, Rich Whipple and Michael Willey.

Our Front Foyer





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Branch of Service _____

Date of Birth _____

email _____

\$20.00 Annual Dues Enclosed _____ (\$50 - 3 years _____) \$100 Lifetime _____

_____ I am a Vietnam Era Veteran and would like to be a member

(Copy of your DD-214 Form Enclosed). One must have served a minimum of 180 days of active service.

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Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 _____ 1 year \$50.00 3 years _____

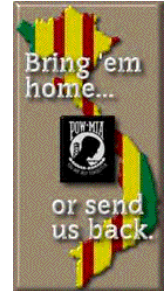
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No. _____

Today's Date _____

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