



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



Our delegates posing for a photo are: Rich Whipple, John Riling, Gary Estermyer and Dennis Waling during the VVA National Convention in New Orleans. Read Gary's report on page 5 and Dennis' report on page 9 and 10. *Photo courtesy of Gary*

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

Welcome Home!

President's Corner

Just a little piece of useless miscellaneous information. General Bradley in 1946 became the head of the Veterans Administration Hospital system after World War II. He declared that all VA Hospitals will be located and associated with a major private hospital. Ann Arbor is tied to University of Michigan Hospital and Detroit is tied to the Harper Grace hospital system.

We are coming to the end of the current Sportsman's Raffle and we are not doing as well as we have in the past. We would normally be around 2500 tickets sold or more by this time in Raffles in the past. Remember this is the major fund raiser we do every other year. Without the income from this raffle we would not be able to do the things we do in the Veteran community. We need your help since we have about 30 days left before the drawing. Please, take some tickets and either sell or purchase. If each member purchased two tickets we would be up where we should be.

The Plymouth Fall Festival is happening on September 8, 9 & 10. We will have a pop and chips tent and product sales along with the Dog Tag Machine. The Festival Car Show is also being hosted by us. We need help with all the parts of the festival. We have enough things to do that you can decide what you want to do and be able to set your own schedule.



Dennis Bielskis, President

Berlin Brigade, 11th Armored Cav
 2nd Squadron, F-Troop &
 Cam Ranh Bay A-Cav & Long Binh





Digger's Desk

UPCOMING

Fall Festival on September 8-10. Kokomo on September 14-17. Annual VFW Golf Outing on September 23. Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Friday. Car Shows will wrap up the year on September 6. Golf every Monday into October. Sportsmen's Raffle tickets will be on sale at different venues into October. Please pick up 10 tickets to sell/buy.

SUPERCENTER CARWASH FUNDRAISER

We will continue our arrangement with Plymouth Super Center, 400 Ann Arbor Rd. (one block west of Lilley), on behalf of VFW Post 6695. For every silver or gold level carwash purchased, Post 6695 will receive one dollar; for every platinum carwash purchased, the Post will receive two dollars.

To activate this donation, pull into the carwash up to the dial wash kiosk and select:

- 1) Charity Carwash
- 2) Enter the code for the Post which is conveniently "6695"
- 3) Choose the level of carwash desired, i.e., silver at \$7, gold at \$10 or platinum at \$14.
- 4) Insert your bills and the appropriate amount of change will be returned.
- 5) Enter carwash area as usual. This can also be coordinated with a gasoline purchase.

The Super Center owner, Drew Wolford, will cut a check to the Post once a month for the designated amount. This project will continue all year long. It

doesn't get any easier than that. We have some great Veteran supporters in town.

KOKOMO REUNION

Next month, September 14-17, is our Kokomo Reunion which is attended by thousands of Veterans from across the country. Going to Kokomo is the most highly anticipated event of the year for more than 50 of our members. We have many of our members who have made this journey to the largest Vietnam Era Veteran Reunion in the Midwest for more than 20 years.

If you have any questions concerning this event, contact me or any Chapter members who have attended. Take a look at the Chapter website for a look back at Kokomo over the last several years at <http://www.vva528.org/kokomohoward.html>

If you anticipate going this year, contact Dale Luebke at dale45us@gmail.com or 248-403-4244. I'll be there for the 24th year in a row.

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



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





Odds & Ends

Membership

It is with sadness we report the death of member Max Bandy. Our thoughts and prayers go to Max and his family. There were 2 applications for membership this past month. Gregory Epacs, Army, and Dean Hurley, Navy, have joined our chapter. Welcome Greg and Dean to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 283 individual and 84 associate members. Of these we have 240 life VVA and 51 life AVVA members.

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

VVA: none

AVVA: Chris Roberts

Dropped from Roster: Bob Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Bob Carris, Ellen Howington

September VVA Renewals: John Berry, Tony Everett, Mack Gaut

September 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.

Plymouth Fall Festival

The chapter will again have a booth at the Fall Festival. We will be selling pop, water, dog tags and chapter merchandise. We will also be selling sportsman raffle tickets. Help will be needed for all times. Please donate a few hours to help make this event a success Here are the festival hours.

Thurs. 9/7 4:00 load up at post

5:00 set up on Main St at site

Fri. 9/8 Noon till 11:00

Sat. 9/9 11:00 till 11:00

Sun. 9/10 11:00 till 6:00

VFW Parking Lot

There was a snafu with the contractor over the repaving of the parking lot. As of right now the project is on hold with no firm date for completion. Hopefully it will be done before winter.

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.

Chapter Raffle

There was no raffle last month as I was on vacation. The good news is that there will be 2 names drawn at the September meeting.



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



Plymouth Fall Festival of 2013



Chaplain's Corner

Showing Grace

From Our Daily Bread

Author: David McCasland

The US Masters Golf Tournament began in 1934, and since then only three players have won it two years in a row. On April 10, 2016, it appeared that twenty-two year old Jordan Spieth would become the fourth. But he faltered on the last nine holes and finished in a tie for second. Despite his disappointing loss, Spieth was gracious toward tournament champion Danny Willett, congratulating him on his victory and on the birth of his first child, something "more important than golf."

Writing in The New York Times, Karen Krouse said, "It takes grace to see the big picture so soon after having to sit through a trophy ceremony and watch someone else have his photograph taken." Krouse continued, "Spieth's ball-striking was off all week, but his character emerged unscathed."

The apostle Paul urged the followers of Jesus in Colossae to "be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let the conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (COL. 4:5-6).

As those who have freely received God's grace, it is our privilege and calling to demonstrate it in every situation of life – win or lose.

Chaplain's notes: Max Bandy's sudden passing was difficult to digest to our chapter. I was to room with Max in New Orleans at the VVA National Convention as delegates of 528. Max had not been a member for very long and I only spoke with Max a few times, but according to President Bielskis, he was a wonderful man. Our prayers go out to his wife Susan and family.

Al Kerbyson is still at the Ann Arbor VA! Larry Bakucz has been home now for about a month and is adjusting to living with just using his right hand, however he is faithfully doing his prescribed

exercises. We all would love to see him get his left side working again!

It was great to see **Rick Popa** back at the meetings.

Prayers for member and pastor **Bill Kren**, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in his lung and ribs.

Roger Schlee just came home from Heartland Rehab, following an injury of his spine and will be at home for two months doing rehab.

Long time member, **Ben Tallman** who served in Thailand and Vietnam passed away from Parkinson's. No funeral plans have yet been announced. Prayers go out to Ben's Family!



Rich Whipple

Chapter Chaplain

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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HHC/2/503d Infantry

173d. Airborne Brigade

1968-1969



Dave Reeves, member of VFW 6695, standing by the winner of the Wayne County Fishing Derby. Dave for many years would take the largest fish caught and use his taxidermy skills to create a special mount of the Rainbow Trout which was caught by the winner of the fishing derby.



Gary Estermyer
Michigan State
Council Delegate &
Secretary

Chapter 528 Delegate to
2017 National Convention
New Orleans

I arrived late Tuesday (08/08/17) afternoon and got registered Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM.

On convention floor Wednesday morning with 724 delegates for opening session, enjoyed the bead distribution, welcome wishes and keynote speaker Charles Figley.

Wednesday afternoon I attended; PTSD & Substance Abuse Committee hearing where Dr. Tom Hall and Dr. Tom Berger spoke about the threat of self-medication abuse, military sexual trauma, behavioral health issues, suicide prevention and moral injury. They have both moderated town halls around the country and will travel with financial help from anyone requesting them.

I then attended the Public Affairs hearing where resolutions were reviewed and the JROTC program was discussed. Then I attended the Constitution Committee hearing where the proposed amendments were discussed. Leslie only covered the 7 amendments that would be reported out of committee. This included John Riling's state council fundraising amendment. This amendment created the most heated discussion in the hearing and later on the convention floor where it ultimately failed to get 2/3 approval. This amendment also had the distinction of requiring a standing roll call vote. Of the 724 delegates present this amendment received 409 votes, we needed 485.

Wednesday evening, I attended the Region 5 caucus and we heard from almost all of the director candidates. Region 5 Director Tom Burke presented the Achievement Award to **John Riling** and Larry May (267).

Thursday morning our guest speaker was Scott Blackburn, Acting Deputy Sec. for the Dept of

VA. Our morning delegate count was 810 which later in the day had increased to 816. Various awards were presented to chapters and state councils to include Chapter 310 receiving the Chapter Newsletter of the Year award. Later on Tom Meinhardt received the VVA Commendation Award from John Rowan.

We then acted on the constitution amendments and the resolutions.

Friday morning I voted and we were back on the convention floor at 11:00 AM. Other awards were presented and Senator Gary Peters of Michigan received the Legislator of the Year award. Senator Peters gave a very good speech which was well received.

We broke for lunch and returned for the afternoon session and heard from other speakers including Judge Michael Jackson who spoke about the Veterans Treatment Court. At 6:30 PM that evening I attended the film screening of "The Vietnam War".

Saturday morning I attended the Legislative Coordinator breakfast and heard from Rick Weidman. At 10:00 AM I was back on the floor where we were given the election results. As you know John, Marsha, Bill and Wayne remain on the top. Tom Burke and Sandie Wilson were re-elected as Directors. Of the previous 19 directors 12 were re-elected, 5 lost and 2 didn't run. We now have 7 new guys. After more announcements and comments from various delegates the convention was closed. I enjoyed the banquet that evening with my wife, Maureen and said good-bye to NOLA Monday afternoon.



Gary Estermyer
USARV
58th Field Depot
Qui Nhon
May 68 - May 69



The AVVA 2017 CONVENTION INFORMATION:

The AVVA Convention was a great success, and was also great fun. The new Board for 2017-2019 can be found at National Officers. There will be photos added soon to this website and to this page. The Award recipients are posted on the Awards page. The Amended Bylaws for 2017-2019 can be found at http://www.avva.org/documents/2017bylaws_adopted.pdf.

The results of the 2017 National Elections are:

National President: Sharon Hobbs
 National Vice-President: Elayne Mackey
 National Secretary: Nina Schloffel
 National Treasurer: Kathy Andras
 Region 1 Director: Joanne Blum
 Region 1 Deputy Director: vacant
 Region 2 Director: Nancy Rekowski
 Region 2 Deputy Director: Roberta (Bobbie) Morris
 Region 3 Director: Kaye Gardner
 Region 3 Deputy Director: Hope Summers
 Region 4 Director: Jeri Wallis
 Region 4 Deputy Director: Susan Henthorn
Region 5 Director: Cecilia Essenmacher
 Region 5 Deputy Director: Don Jones
 Region 6 Director: Fran Davis
 Region 6 Deputy Director: Diane Nicholson
 Region 7 Director: Terri Rangel
 Region 7 Deputy Director: Suzie Meeks
 Region 8 Director: John Birch
 Region 8 Deputy Director: vacant
 Region 9 Director: Casey Farrell
 Region 9 Deputy Director: vacant

2017 PROJECT FRIENDSHIP!

AVVA is proud to announce that we collected more than \$14,000.00 for this year's Project Friendship recipient, Volunteers of America, Greater New Orleans! This is more than \$2,000.00 above our original goal of \$12,000.00, and checks are still coming. Thanks to all who donated. This money will be used to help Veterans all over the New Orleans area. GREAT JOB MEMBERS!!!

New Partnership with MVCN

Military and Veteran Caregivers Network:
 Nearly 6 million Americans care for wounded, ill and injured military service members and veterans of the pre- and post-9/11 eras. These "hidden heroes," which include parents, spouses, children, extended family members, friends and battle buddies, are often overwhelmed. They face significant challenges including: scattered resources, isolation, poor health and emotional stress. The MVCN supports caregivers of all ages, eras and stages, offering peer support and access to partner organizations' resources and services, with the goal of increasing caregivers' connectedness, hopefulness, wellness, knowledge and skills.

If you are any kind of caregiver, you will most likely find wonderful support from the MVCN.

National Treasurer Kathy Andras, Speakers who won awards during PTS Seminar - Dr. Tom Hall, Dr. Tom Burger and past Region 3 Director Beverly Pounds. Past Region 3 Director Blanch Duggins won the highest award.

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Cathy Keister Chapter 542, Harrisburg, PA

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD:

Martha Escajeda, Chapter 574, El Paso TX

ANNUAL MEMBER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD:

Penny Meinhardt, Port Huron, MI

VISTA AWARD RECIPIENTS:

1st Place Chapter: Chapter 1004, TN (5,289.1 hrs)
 1st Place State: Tennessee (13,869.9 hrs)
 1st Place Region: Region 3 (15,131.8 hrs)
 1st Place Member: Connie Jones, WV (1,188.5 hrs)
 2nd Place Member: Linda Myer, TN (1,034.5 hrs)
 3rd Place Member: Rita Clifton, GA (987.2 hrs)
 Vista total of the year: 28, 450.4 hours nationally



Dennis Waling
AVVA Delegate



VVA Chapter 528 Honor Guard for member Max Bandy's Funeral. Dennis Bielskis, Dave Banks, 2 members of the Detroit Police Officer's Honor Guard buddies of Dennis and Frank Gilbo. *Photo courtesy of Patty Bielskis*



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



50th Commemorative Picnic, BBQ, and Family Event

Saturday, September 30, 2017

FREE for Vietnam Veterans and their Families

Inside the Hall:

HEP-C Presentation, VA Benefit Information,
Information about available services for
Veterans, Honor and Remember Flag
Ceremony. Service Officers will be available.

Outside the Hall:

Military Equipment Display, games for all
ages, apple cider with fresh donuts in the
morning, BBQ is from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Bring
lawn chairs due to limited tables outside.



VFW Post 6695
1426 S. Mill Street
Plymouth, MI

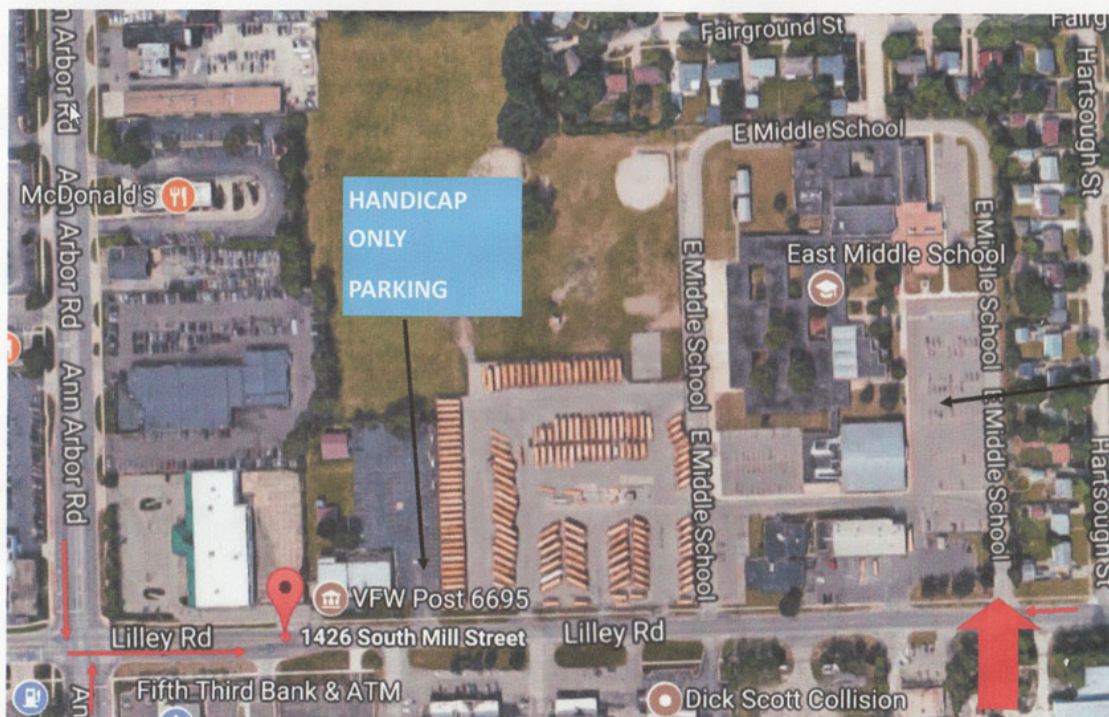
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

*Follow the Signs for Parking
Shuttle Service is Provided*

50th Vietnam Commemorative Picnic Family Event Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

HEADING
EAST ON ANN
ARBOR ROAD
TURN LEFT AT
LILLEY/ S.
MILL ST.
FOLLOW
SIGNS FROM
THERE

HEADING
NORTH ON
LILLEY GO
PAST ANN AR-
BOR RD
TURNS INTO S.
MILLS STREET
FOLLOW
SIGNS FROM
THERE



Parking
Shuttles
To VFW
Post

Heading
South on
S. Mill St.
Pass Ann
Arbor Trail
Right At
East
Middle
School

HANDICAP ONLY PARKING AT VFW POST 6695
REGULAR PARKING AT EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
SHUTTLES AVAILABLE TO/FROM EVENT

WEST FROM I-275 FOLLOW ANN ARBOR RD. GO UNDER
TRAIN OVER PASS TURN RIGHT NEXT LIGHT LILLEY/S.
MILL ST. FOLLOW SIGN FROM THERE. HANDICAP PARK-
ING AT POST REGULAR PARKING AT E. MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SHUTTLES AVAILABLE TO/FROM VFW POST 6695.



Together Always

50th Vietnam Commemorative Picnic and Family Event

REMINDER: September 30, 2017 we are holding the event At the VFW 6695 Post for all our members and additional Vietnam Veterans Invited within a 20-mile radius of the Post. Current Medal of Honor Recipient Charles Kettles will be presenting a 50th Vietnam Commemorative Pin to each Veteran in attendance. The event starts at 9:00 AM with an Honor and Remember Flag Ceremony at 10:00 AM. Opening Ceremony at 11:30 AM followed by lunch / picnic events lasting until 5:00 PM,



HELP WANTED!

Help Wanted , Volunteers, Assistants, etc. The sign is out again or should we say it is ALWAYS OUT. Our membership totals over 200 members. It seems that when pictures are placed in our 1st class paper you see the same people for most every event. You see the same names. We need to change that thinking and helpers. You see a new person at an event helping, make sure they're welcomed and thanked. Ask do they know everybody. I'll bet they'll be back and enjoy the event they attended.

We are now in the need for sellers for the Sportsman's Raffle Ticket Sales. The sale of these is behind totals from 2015. So maybe we all need to get five or ten tickets and take them to work (if not retired), family picnics, parties, after church and your neighbors (if you talk to them) and see how many you can sell. How many times has your arm been twisted to buy a ticket, girl scout cookies, etc. With the loss of Gander Mountain this year as a prize it may have impacted our sales. I really think people like the prize rather than a Visa card but we had to do something fast. A possible thought for our next raffle in 2019.

Have you noticed.....At meetings, events, parties, dinners, golf, etc. the same people will get with you or even say hi and then at some other events these people won't say a word to you. Do It This Way.... When you take over an ongoing position from the out going member sometimes tells the new person, to do like this, I didn't do it like that, etc. The new person took over with new ideas and a plan. This new person must be the one in charge and be able to make it his own.

Yes, they'll have questions, but in making things better they need not be concerned with, "did you ask for approval with this idea, etc.?" We all know that too many cooks in the kitchen can ruin the dinner. New ideas will spring like new flowers and possible extra revenue for the post.

Remember, The Help Wanted Sign Is Always Out.
Start Helping And Read This...Thanks



Sgt. Don Petrere
1st Armored Division
1/81st 1966-1967



KOKOMO 2017 September 14th-17th

Hey Everyone, Kokomo is coming real soon. I hope everyone is ready. Our campsites are 239-E thru 244-E and 339-E thru 344-E. All Lot holders will receive a confirmation card stating that you have paid for one armband. I got mine in the mail on July 21st. Please, bring this card to Kokomo with you - this is a **MUST!** Bring water - we need it to wash our dishes and for drinking. You also need to bring coolers and food as necessary as well as your beverage of choice.



Dale M. Luebke
355th Tac Fighter Wing
357th Tac Fighter
Squadron



FALL FESTIVAL - 2017
Volunteer Signups

10

DRINK & PRODUCT SALES TENT	
<u>Thursday - Sept 7 - Setup</u>	<u>Time</u>
Ron King	4pm @ VFW
Mike Steffes	
Don Dignan	
Pat Doherty	
Al Sneath	5pm @ Fall Fest
Pete Glasgow	
Bryan Bentley	
Dennis Waling	

DRINK & PRODUCT SALES TENT	
<u>Saturday - Sept 9</u>	<u>Time</u>
Pat Doherty	11am until 3pm
John Heraghty	
Bruce Benyo	
John Ligner	
Terry Wells	3pm until 7pm
Roger Riddell	7pm until 11pm

BEER TENT	
<u>Friday - Sept 8</u>	<u>Time</u>
Bob Dew - Mike Dicker	7pm until 11pm
Frank Gilbo - Bob Lamoureux	

DRINK & PRODUCT SALES TENT	
<u>Friday - Sept 8</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mike Steffes	11am until 3pm
Bill Browning	3pm until 7pm
Rich Whipple	
Bryan Bentley	7pm until 11pm
Joe Tebor	

DRINK & PRODUCT SALES TENT	
<u>Sunday - Sept 10</u>	<u>Time</u>
John Fleming	11am until 3pm
Mike Steffes	
Larry Kilgore	
John Fleming	3pm until 7pm
Ron King	
Rich Whipple	

BEER TENT	
<u>Saturday - Sept 9</u>	<u>Time</u>
Bob Dew - Mike Dicker	7pm until 11pm
Ron King - Frank Barkovich	

To All Members:

Please e-mail me at John@FlemingFinancialSvc.com or call me at 734-604-0227 to sign up to help at the Fall Festival.

Thank you for helping!!!

John Fleming



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAPTER 528



2017 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE



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

WWW.VVA528.ORG

Gander Mountain stores are going out of Business and we are unable to obtain the prizes as Stated, we are going to replace the prizes with a \$500.VISA cards to be used anywhere.

- LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
- LG 55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
- Remote controlled Phantom 3 Standard Drone
- LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
- All in one HP PC W/integrated 23" Display
- LG55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
- HP 17.3" notebook PC W/AMD Quadcore A8-7410
- LG55" 1080 P Smart LED TV
- Canon 18 MP CMOS APS-C DSLR Kit
- LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
- Canon 18MP CMOS APS-C DSLR Kit
- LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
- Remote Controlled Abrams M1A2 Tank & Samsung Tablet
- LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV
- LG 55" 1080P Smart LED TV

All Prizes are awarded through Gander Mountain, Novi, MI., ABC Warehouse Canton, MI and Excel Drones. Garden City, MI.

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

Drawing: Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.
V.F.W. Post 6695 - 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI.

\$20.00

\$20.00 (US) per Ticket - Need Not Be Present To Win.
Maximum of 5000 Tickets Printed!
(Must Be 18 Years Old to Purchase Tickets)

\$20.00

*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: 2017 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 Friday, September 29, 2017 to allow time for processing and delivery.

License No. R39172

2017 Sportsman's Raffle

Name: _____ Check No. _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Quantity: _____ at \$20 ea. = Total: _____

☐ I am 18-years old or older

(We will return check if box is not checked.)

U.S. Funds only



VVA Chapter 528 & VFW Post 6695 2017 Sportsman's Raffle Selling Events



This is a list of the locations that we will be selling our raffle tickets. Please, contact Dennis Bielskis and SIGN-UP to help the chapter sell tickets at one or more of the events. Our online website sportsman-raffle.weebly.com

SHOW	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Birch Run	11600 S. Beyer Rd.	Birch Run	48415
Lansing/Mason	700 E. Ash St.	Mason	48854
Flint	3501 Lapeer Rd.	Flint	48503
ABC Warehouse	41690 Ford Rd.	Canton	48184
GTC - Mt. Clemens	237 North River Rd.	Mt. Clemens	48043
Novi	46100 Grand River	Novi	48374
Monroe	3775 S. Custer Rd.	Monroe	48161

Date	Day	Time	Location
9/09/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Jackson
9/10/2017	Sunday	1000-1500	Jackson
9/16/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run
9/17/2017	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run
9/23/2017	Saturday	0900-1500	ABC Warehouse
9/30/2017	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi
10/01/2017	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi

2017 VVA National Convention - New Orleans, Louisiana





SEPTEMBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 KARAOKE 8:00	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 VFW AUX MEETING 6:30	6 LAST CAR SHOW 5-8	7	8 PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL	9 PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL
10 PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL	11 GOLF VVA MEETING 7:00	12 VFW MEETING 7:00	13	14 KOKOMO	15 KOKOMO KARAOKE 8:00	16 KOKOMO
17 KOKOMO	18 GOLF	19 VFW HOUSE COMMTTEE MEETING 7:00	20	21	22	23 VFW GOLF OUTING
24	25 GOLF	26 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	27	28	29	30 Joy Rd. Clean- up 9AM 50th Vietnam Comm. Picnic 9AM to 6PM



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
The Auxiliary

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Baringer, Roger Bebow, Daniel Bowe, Leon Carter, Clark Crain, Robert Denstedt, Timothy Dunatchik, Thomas Forster, Peter Glasgow, David Henwood, John Heraghty, William Kren, Stewart Israel, Rich Lewis, Ron Little, Victor Lukasiak, Charles Neal, Don Petrere, Dave Ramsey, Albert Sneath, Robert "Bobby" Somerville, John Spencer and Douglas Stemmler.



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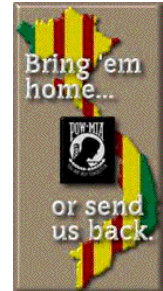


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