



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



Welcome Home!



President's Corner



Warm greetings,

As another year is closing, we have so much to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day. First and most importantly, we have our families, friends, and fellow chapter members to help us get through our many activities and events. As always, our yearly activities are many and always extremely successful. Our Veterans Day ceremony was a moving tribute to our past and present veterans, and demonstrated to our communities what a powerful brother/sisterhood we share. Again, we thank VFW Post 6695 for hosting the anticipated Chili/Hot Dog treats after the ceremony.

December is the highlight of our year, because we are great care givers when it comes to helping veterans who are less fortunate than we are, or who are hospitalized. First, we stand in the community ringing bells to help raise awareness that there are so many people in need of help and support. Secondly, we conduct clothing drives so our homeless veterans can receive warm, comfortable clothing in a dignified and caring manner, and to show them they are not forgotten. Thirdly, we pair with VVA Chapter 310, Ann Arbor, to distribute clothing and comfort to hospitalized veterans who are unable to be home for the holidays. Lastly, we end the year with a super-fun Children's Christmas Party for our younger grandchildren.

It has been an extreme pleasure to serve as the Chapter's president through this amazing year. The pride and respect that I have for each of you is sincere and extremely heartfelt. Thank You. May God Bless You All, and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ron King, President

38th Air Rescue &
Recovery Squadron
Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
1971-1972



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

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Digger's Desk

SALVATION ARMY BELL RING

Saturday December 6 is the day and Sam's Club at 39800 Ford Road is the place. For the 20+ years the Chapter has been doing this, it is still fun to see the looks on people's faces....whatever the reason behind the look. An hour ringing the bells for this great organization is another hour they don't have to pay someone to do it although I'm guessing that the paid bell ringers probably need the employment however brief it may be. Thanksgiving is over but I'm still counting my blessings.

PEARL HARBOR DAY

Sunday, December 7 marks the 73rd anniversary of the dastardly sneak attack on our island state. The military and civilian casualties totaled over 2400 and ushered the United States into WWII with total victory coming almost four years later at a terrible costs of lives and resources. There will be a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth that day at 1:00PM followed by SOS at the Post.

MEMBERS MONDAY GOLF

The season ended with our last scrambles on November 10. We had a great season and we'll resume approximately the first Monday in May. Nancy was the only female participant although it is open to all members of the five organizations.

ANN ARBOR VAMC CHRISTMAS VISIT

Tuesday December 16 will mark the Chapter's annual patient Christmas visit to the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center. As a supplement to Chapter 310's annual visit, which has been going on for over 20 years, Chapter 528 makes an donation to assist with the buying of gifts for each patient. We also assist in visiting with the patients, many of whom will spend the holidays in the hospital. Do you want that "feel good" glow about you? See you there at 5:30PM that day.

MICHIGAN VETERANS FOUNDATION

Before being swallowed up by the Detroit Red Wings organization, we will make our annual visit to the Detroit Veterans Center sometime mid-December. We'll publish that time and date when determined by Kohl's Department Store. There is a storage box for new and slightly used clothes in the VFW lounge.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Get you grandkids down to the party on Sunday December 14. There will be tons of things for the kids to do.

I'll see you at the December meeting. Merry Christmas. It's a great time to be a Veteran.



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



The winner Wayne County's Fishing Derby for the biggest fish this year is 8 year old Curran Gyorke. Curran's fish above. Trout mounted by Dave Reeves. In my opinion this is Dave's best job yet!

Photo courtesy of Gary "Bear" Kubik



Odds & Ends

Membership

We had 1 application for membership this past month. William Kren, Army, joined the chapter at the last meeting. Welcome Home Bill and welcome to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 261 individual and 78 associate members. Of these we have 148 life VVA and 25 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of November 22, 2014 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Jim Austin, Charlie Kotcher

AVVA: Stephen Boucher, Thomas Mannix

Dropped From Roster: Dennis Leahy, Robert Rood, John Thierry

December VVA Renewals: Carl Allen, Glenn Jewell

December 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.

Color Guard

The color guard attended the Veteran's Day service at the Plymouth Veterans Memorial and provided the honor volley and Taps. The service was well attended and seems to grow each year. The Central Middle School band and student council came and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem. We also attended services to honor our veterans at Churchill H.S., Tyler Elementary, Independence Village and Waltonwood. On Sunday, Dec 7th there will a memorial service at 1:00 at the Plymouth Memorial to honor those who died at Pearl Harbor.

Christmas Trees

The VFW is again selling Christmas trees this year. They went on sale the day after Thanksgiving. If you're looking for a live tree come to the post and check out our great selection. Don't wait till the last minute because we have sold out the last 2 years. Prices are very reasonable plus veterans get a discount.

Chapter Raffle

Congratulations go to Mike Hucal, the latest winner of our chapter raffle. Mike will receive a life membership. There will be another drawing at the

December meeting so 1 lucky member will be getting an early Christmas present.



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



The Bear's Den

I should be hibernating, but the weather is going to be better this winter. Please, bring clothing to the Post before the middle of December. We can gather for men and women. All will go to good use at the shelters. Do not forget that we have adopted two families to make sure they have a good Christmas. Bring in those food donations or cash to help them out. 'Tis the season for giving!

The winner of the biggest fish this year is 8 year old Curran Gyorke (See page 2). He will be at the December 8th General Membership Meeting to accept the fish with his family. This is the best mount that Dave Reeves has ever done. I am going to hate to give it up, I get attached to them easily.

We will close early on Christmas Eve and be closed on Christmas Day. Please, come in on New Year's Day to watch football. There will be specials. I am sure there will be a group here on the previous Eve.

Merry Christmas to all.....bear



Gary "Bear" Kubik
TM2 (SS)
USS Gudgeon SS567
USS Diodon SS 349
Sub Sq. 5





Chaplain's Corner

The Smells of the Stable

From Our Daily Bread

Author: Randy Kilgore

A stable? What a place to give birth to the Messiah! The smells and sounds of a barnyard were our Savior's first human experience. Like other babies, He may even have cried at the sounds of the animals and the strangers parading around His temporary crib.

If so, they would have been the first of many tears. Jesus would come to know human loss and sorrow, the doubts his brothers and family had about Him, and the pain His mother experienced as she saw Him tortured and killed.

All these hardships, and so much more, awaited the baby trying to sleep that first night. Yet from His very first moments, Jesus was "God with us" (Matthew 1:23), and He knew what it meant to be human. This would continue for over three decades, ending at His death on the cross.

Because of His love for you and me, Jesus became fully human. And being human allows Him to identify with us. Never again can we say that no one understands us. Jesus understands us!

May the Light that entered the world that night cast its brilliance into the deepest corners of our souls this Christmas, giving us the peace on Earth of which the angels spoke so long ago.

Chaplain's notes: *Christmas is just around the corner!*

Wow, it seems like July 4th was just a month ago.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Jim Harvey and his family in the sudden death of his 8 week old

grandson back in October; AVVA member Mike Johnson and family, in the passing of his father; Al Kerbyson still at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital; the full recovery of Ted Enright's health after the motorcycle accident; and Ken Winkler in his battle with brain cancer.

Also, a reminder that we have been having a good turnout at Denny's every Monday evening for the "Veterans for Christ" group. We start at 6:30 P.M. and go to 8:00 P.M. Ask me about it!!

May you all experience a merry, peaceful, and blessed Christmas!



Rich Whipple
Chapter Chaplain
(A sinner saved by God's Grace)
HHC/2/503d Infantry
173d. Airborne Brigade
1968-1969



Ann Arbor VA Hospital Christmas Visit



December 2014 - VVA Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6 Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Sam's Club 10 AM to 8 PM Ford Rd. Canton
7 Color Guard: Plymouth Memorial to honor those who died at Pearl Harbor 1:00 PM	8 VVA General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 Swing Dance Class 6 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16 Ann Arbor VA Hospital Christmas Visit - 5:30 PM	17 First day of Chanukah	18	19	20
21 Winter Solstice	22	23 No Board Meeting	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3



Tom Brown, Editor
2nd Missile Battalion, 44th
Artillery Pershing 1st year
HDG III Corps 2nd year
Ft. Sill, OK
1971 - 1972



Calendar by Tom Brown

Our active online calendar @
www.vva528.org/ourevents.html

**VVA 528 Membership Meeting Monday, December 8, 2014 1426 South Mill St.
VFW Plymouth, MI Come on and join us! 7:00 p.m. (1900 hours)**

VFW Calendar for December

Euchre - 1st, 3rd and 5th Wed. at 6:30 PM
2nd - Ladies Auxiliary - 7 pm
5th - Karaoke Night - 8 pm
9th - General Membership Mtg. 7 pm
18th - Men's Auxiliary - 6:30 pm
19th - Karaoke Night - 8 pm
19th - Steak Night - 5 - 7 pm



December Birthdays

Sandy Bazman, Bryan Bentley, Stephen Boucher, Ruth Bryan, Mike Crittenden, John Ericson, Doug Fox, Steve Kozmor, Lonnie Hampton, Michael Letourneau, John Ligner, Dan Michael, James Perkins, Paul Postula, Clyde Rains, Pete Reckinger, David Schisler, James Tilman, Ken Tregear, Roger Wild, David Wilder, Michael Williams, Ron Wroblewski, and Richard Wurtzel.



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2015 Sportsman's Raffle



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50" LED TV	Diamond Archery Outlaw Bow Package, RH, 60 lbs., Mossy Oak Treestand finish
50" LED TV	Benelli Nova Shotgun
Canon 18 MP Camera	Mossberg 535 Tactical Pump Shotgun
Galaxy IV Tablet	Stoeger Model 3000 Shotgun
Galaxy IV Tablet	Mossberg 535 ATS Turkey/Waterfowl Shotgun Combo
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Remington Model 770 Centerfire Rifle Package	Rossi Circuit Judge Firearm
Mossberg ATR Centerfire Rifle Package	CVA Optima V2 Camo Muzzleloader Rifle

Additional in-house raffles will be available.

**All Prizes are awarded through Gander Mountain, Novi, MI
or ABC Warehouse, Canton, MI**

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

Drawing: Sunday, October 11, 2015 – 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

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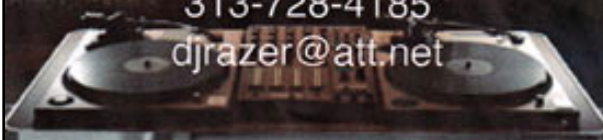
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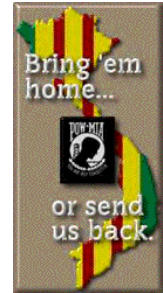


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