



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



President Jay Roberts swears in Leroy Paige as our new 2nd V.P. during our February General Membership Meeting.

Photo courtesy of Ted Enright.

Index

President's Corner	1
Digger's Desk	2
Odds & Ends	3
State Council Report	4
Chaplain's Corner	5
Dr. Bob's Files	6
Bear's Den	7
DALATL.D#4	7
Welcome Home 303rd MP	8
Bob Evans Fund Raiser	9
Comedy For a Cause	10
Calendar of Events	11
Fish Fry	12
Message From The Editor	12
Ads	12
Membership & Ads	13
Membership Form	14

Homefront Staff

Tom Brown - Editor
 Don Dignan - Assistant Editor & Columnist
 Bob Lamoureux - Events & Columnist
 Jay Roberts - President & Columnist
 Gary Estermyer - Columnist - Calendar
 Rich Whipple - Chaplain & Columnist
 Bob Paul - Columnist
 Gary "Bear" Kubik - Columnist
 John Fleming - Columnist
 Leroy Paige - Columnist
 Ted Enright - Photographer

Distribution Staff

Dale Luebke - Dist. Chief
 Ron King - Distribution Assistant
 Darrell Bazman
 Bill Browning
 Jay Roberts
 John Iaquina
 Bill Browning
 Walt Gluvna
 Cheri and Mike Schlott

President's Corner

It's been a long winter and I for one am ready for spring. As we move into spring we should all be thinking of our individual commitment to this great organization. Nominations were opened at the February membership meeting and a lot of good people have been nominated to lead us next year. If you have been thinking about stepping up to help lead, make sure to attend the March and or April meeting and get your name on the ballot.

With the spring comes the annual chore of cleaning up the outside of the Post. I'm sure this event will take place in mid to late April because the Car Shows start May 1st. Let's all get behind this project and make the Post look sharp for the spring and summer.

Hopefully the chapter will vote to support the annual fishing derby schedule for May this year. This is a great project and a lot of fun for the children who participate. It's also a lot of fun for those who attend.

In closing, I want to personally thank each of you for your continued support.



Semper Fi!
Jay Roberts, President
1st Battalion
3rd Marine Division



Welcome Home!

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



Digger's Desk

LOUNGE SIGN-IN RAFFLE

Be sure to sign in before the meeting and any day you happen to visit the Post. Members of all groups (VVA, AVVA, VFW, Men's and Ladies Auxiliary) are eligible. The current jackpot would total over \$200 to the winner. It's a win/win situation.

TROOP SUPPORT

After the very recent return of the 303MP and D/2/16, 1st Inf Div, we are now supporting a small platoon of the 10th Mountain Division in a very treacherous part of Afghanistan. As soon as we've accumulated enough items, we will make a shipment. Their point of contact, Joe Morabito, put together his own list of wants and needs but said no matter what is shipped, nothing will go to waste. His list includes:

from the CO: shower gel/body wash, Pert/Head and Shoulders shampoo, decent razors (multi-blade), shaving cream, toothpaste, new toothpicks with tiny brush on the end, dental floss, deodorant, wet wipes, q-tips, anti-fungal foot powder, hair clippers, hair scissors, coffee and coffee pot filters, coffee mugs/travel mugs, pipe cleaners.

"Grocery List" from Joe (to avoid eating 3-year-old MRE's): cans of crushed tomatoes, roasted red peppers, artichoke hearts, pasta, Italian seasonings, ingredients for Mexican dishes, chili mix, chili powder, taco seasoning, etc. For his special Sunday breakfast-pancake mixes.

If you have a son/daughter, grandson/grand daughter, niece/nephew who is deployed overseas and might like some stateside support, get us a name and address and we'll be sure to get a package sent to them. Remember what it was like getting a package from home way back when? Keep all our troops in your daily prayers.

VALENTINE DAY FUNDRAISER

There was a Valentine's fundraiser at the hall on Friday February 15 in support of AAVA member Sue Willim to alleviate some of her outstanding medical bills. The event was a huge success both financially and in people support.

LENTEN FISH FRY'S

The annual Lenten Friday evening fish fry's will begin on Friday February 22 from 5-7PM through the week following Good Friday which is Friday April 5. The food is great and company even better.

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS RAFFLE

The current jackpot for this event is over \$2,400. If you are not familiar with this raffle, get an explanation when dropping in for a visit. One dollar could net you a bundle.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day will re-introduce our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Post starting at noon until it is gone. If you don't care for the cabbage and carrots, you can opt for just a corned beef sandwich. Either way it is sensational. Last year we went to a nearby Post for their dinner which was held on a different day. It couldn't hold a candle to ours.

POKER SHOOTOUT

February 6 was the first poker shootout of the year and, although 11 members participated, when it came to countin' when the dealin' was done, Chapter 528 had been eliminated. The good news was that, after \$128 in tips from various winners, the Chapter cleared \$614.82. Thanks to all who participated and to bartender Darrell who not only snagged about \$40-50 in tips but also sold a number of tickets for the Men's Auxiliary Fishing Trip. Bill Browning polished off the night by peddling several Queen of Diamonds tickets. Next shootout likely is in October.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The March meeting will continue the Chapter election process. Ever think about stepping forward and giving that little extra for your brother and sister Veterans whether as an officer or BOD member? We won't let you fail. Now is the time.

I hope to see you at the March meeting. It's a great time to be a Veteran.



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





Odds & Ends

Chapter Elections

The following members have accepted nomination for chapter office.

President	Ron King
1 st Vice President	Bob Paul
2 nd Vice President	Leroy Paige
Secretary	Rick Waldecker
Treasurer	Bob Dew
Board Members (4) (2 year term)	Mike Dicker Don Dignan Al Kerbyson Pete Glasgow Ben Tallman Joe Tebor

Natl. Convention Delegate (5) Dennis Bielskis
Bob Dew
Ted Enright
Gary Estermyer
Ron King
Jay Roberts

Nominating Committee (4) Dean Bell
Gary Boucher
Bob Lamoureux
John Spencer
Rich Whipple

Nominations for office will again be taken at the March meeting and will conclude in April before the elections. If you are considering running for office please make your intentions known. You may nominate yourself if you so desire. **Note: You cannot run for office or vote in the elections if your membership is not current.**

Membership

We have 5 new individual members this month. Dennis Fuelling, Jerry Pazdan, William Taylor, and Harold Frye (all Army) have joined the chapter. Donald Hall (Air Force) has transferred his membership from Chapter 387. Welcome Home Dennis, Jerry, William, Harold and Donald and welcome to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 245 individual and 61 associate members.

Lapsed Members: As of February 22, 2013 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Ed Bowman, Harry Boyde, Mario Kamm, Richard Newberry, Julius Passeri, John Stillman

AVVA: Mike Karath

Dropped From Roster: John Phelps and Carmen Torchia

March VVA Renewals Bob Couturier, Rick Dunn, Mike Hoben, Cornell Osier, Rich Whipple

March AVVA Renewals: Ruth Bryan, Stephen Boucher, Mike Palmer

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

Not much to report for last month. The only activity we had was the posting of the colors at a local Cub Scout meeting on Feb. 25th. On March 17th we will again be posting the colors at the annual Boy Scout Blue and Gold Banquet in Novi. Nothing currently on tap for April.



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





State Council News

Gary Estermyer, delegate

Sunday, February 17, 2013 brought seventeen delegates and all the officers together for the first State Council meeting of the new year in Howell, MI. President John Riling welcomed everyone and we opened the meeting with the Pledge and a prayer.

John then introduced our guest speaker Robert Price, Veterans Service Administrator for the state of Michigan. Robert spoke to us for almost ½ hour and covered many topics. He and his staff will be working with the VA to help reduce the backlog of claims. Bob informed us that the VA lacks a method of receiving electronic medical information, primarily from the National Guard and the Reserves. This problem greatly increases the waiting time for routine and appeal claim processing. Did you know that only 12% of 685,000 veterans in Michigan receive benefits? Under Governor Snyder's leadership the State of Michigan plans to open five new veterans' affairs offices; Grand Rapids, Marquette, Lansing and two offices in Detroit. They will be hiring 33 full time service officers to work in those offices. Bob's office does not take part in the veteran's budget process in the state but he does support VVA efforts to receive part of those (\$2.9 Mil) state funds. Bob Price can be reached at; 517.335.6134 phone, 517.335.1634 fax or at his email pricers@michigan.gov.

John then reported that he, Phil Smith and Jack Devine attended a Secretary of State meeting where a veteran status code may be added to a driver's license. John will also be serving on the Constitution Committee of the Commanders Group.

Vice President Tim Driscoll spoke about all the good work many VVA members perform behind the scenes. More efforts should be made to coordinate programs and events with other veteran friendly groups such as the Masons. Tim complimented the Veterans Court program. He also reported that the AAVA hospital is expanding two units which includes I-Care.

Secretary Ray 'Doc' Essenmacher called role and reviewed the past minutes. Doc reminded the delegates about their chapter election report which should be sent to VVA National and the State Council. Chapter elections will be held in April and the VVA National Convention will be held in August. The election and financial reports from each chapter are required to be received prior to a delegate being seated at the Convention.

Treasurer Dennis Cohoon reviewed the current financial reports. We have funds to pay the bills but we're not getting rich. Dennis informed us that one bank account had been hacked by someone from Alaska. After reporting the incident and meeting with the bank all our funds were restored from that account. Alaska?

Jack Devine and Vic Romback then gave a report of their Habitat for Humanity trip to Vietnam last year. They were able to build 3 homes during that trip and are hoping to build 5 homes this year. They are expecting at least 45 or 50 people this year. The trip is planned from August 23 – September 6, 2013. The trip will cost \$1,790.00 plus airfare. Donations would be greatly appreciated. The Michigan State Council voted to approve a \$425.00 donation for the purchase of a cement mixer. Contact Kbensen@habitat.org for further information.

Dudley Cogburn (AO) reported that President Obama signed Public Law 112-154 that requires the VA to provide health care to veterans and eligible family members afflicted with one or more specific illnesses related to service at Camp Lejeune between 1/1/57 – 12/31/87. Veterans who served on the DMZ in Korea may also have been affected by dioxin spraying. Visit www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/ for further information.

I then reported on the upcoming Region 5 conference in July and the VVA National Convention. Chapter 154 President Brian Bobek was present to present their convention resolution which addresses the need to inform veterans of their rights and benefits. The delegates voted to support this resolution.

John asked for help to inventory all the MSC products that he has at his house in Garden City. Check with John for the work schedule.

Phil Smith then reviewed the Service Office report. If you are currently receiving a benefit check from the VA you need to set up DIRECT DEPOSIT as soon as possible. Beginning March 1, 2013 the VA will be using that system following the lead of Social Security. The VA plans to go paperless by March 29, 2013.

In closing I then gave a semi-final 3-digit raffle report. We were not as successful in February as we were in August but we did produce a profit of over \$2,000.00 for the State Service Program. I thanked everyone for buying and selling those fundraising tickets. There are no plans for any future raffles at this time.

The next meeting will again take place in Howell on Sunday, April 14, 2013.



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





Chaplain's Corner

Red Tape

(Excerpt from Our Daily Bread Devotional)

"The expression "red tape" describes the annoying way that bureaucracy prevents things from getting done. Originally, the phrase referred to the common practice of binding official documents with red ribbon.

In the early 1800s, the term was popularized by the writings of Scottish historian Thom Carlyle, who was protesting governmental foot-dragging. Following the American Civil War, the problem of "red tape" resurfaced as war veterans struggled to receive their benefits. The term denotes frustration and disappointment because of the burdensome hurdles it erects to accomplishing goals.

Bureaucratic red tape is almost legendary, but there is one place in the universe where it's never an issue....the throne of God.

In Romans 5:2, Paul speaks of Christ, "through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand." When our hearts are broken or our lives are troubled, there is no red tape hindering our access to God. Jesus Christ has paved the way so that we can have access to enter boldly into the presence of the King of heaven. (Hebrews 4:16).

Remember, when your heart is hurting, you don't have to cut through a lot of red tape to present your needs to God. Through Christ, we have full and immediate access."

So if you haven't "checked in" with God lately, He can't wait to hear from you, and there's no waiting on line to access him. God loves every one of you and He patiently waits for us to come to Him. Too many times it is because we are in danger, (health, finances, protection), and then we desperately ask Him to get us out of those issues. I am not sure if this is correct, but I think He would grant us better answers to our problems if we could sit down and "talk" with Him more often!

Rich

I am the Outpost Leader for the Western Wayne County Point Man (International) Outpost. On the Point Man website www.pmim.org, this is what explains what we are about:

Outposts are led by Christian Vets who care deeply about veterans and their struggles. They fully understand the difficulties associated with returning home after a long and difficult deployment as well as the non-combat experiences. Outposts are places for veterans to talk, share and listen to others who have walked in their shoes. All Vets are welcome regardless of what country they served with and gender is irrelevant as both men and women have served and sacrificed for their respective countries.

I do want all of you to know, that if you ever need someone to talk to and there doesn't seem to be a neighbor, family member, etc. that you feel that would understand, please call me up and I will be available most any time to meet you for a beer, coffee, or whatever. I hope I have gained your confidence in keeping whatever is discussed, between you and me.

Prayers needed for recovery from operations for Bob Denstedt and Bob Caldwell, strength for Barb Bresnahan who is currently hospitalized, condolences to Pete Reckinger in the loss of his brother Bob, and prayers for many of us that have "silent requests" (just between us and our Heavenly Father).



Rich Whipple
Chapter Chaplain
HHC/2/503d Infantry
173d Airborne Brigade
1968-1969





DR. BOB'S FILES:

**Bob Paul, USMC
1st MAW, MAG-12, VMA-225
Chu Lai 1965**



Jet Aircraft of the Vietnam War

A4 Skyhawk: Marine Corps & Navy

Skyhawks were the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps primary light bomber used over North Vietnam during the early years of the Vietnam War while the USAF was flying the supersonic Republic F-105 Thunderchief; they were later supplanted by the A-7 Corsair II in the U.S. Navy light bomber role. Skyhawks carried out some of the first air strikes by the US during the conflict, and a Marine Skyhawk is believed to have dropped the last American bombs on the country. Notable naval aviators who flew the Skyhawk included Lt. Cmdrs. Evert Alvarez Jr. and John McCain, and Cmdr. James Stockdale. On 1 May 1967, an A-4C Skyhawk piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Theodore R. Swartz of VA-76 aboard the carrier USS Bon Homme Richard, shot down a North Vietnamese Air Force MiG-17 with an unguided Zuni Rockets as the Skyhawk's only air-to-air victory of the Vietnam War.



F4 Phantom II: Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force

During the Vietnam War the F-4 was used extensively; it served as the principal air superiority fighter for both the Navy and Air Force, and became important in the ground-attack and reconnaissance roles late in the war. The Phantom has the distinction of being the last U.S. fighter flown to attain ace status in the 20th century. During the Vietnam War the USAF had one pilot and two weapon systems officers (WSOs), and the US Navy one pilot and one radar intercept officer (RIO), achieve five aerial kills against other enemy fighter aircraft and become aces in air-to-air combat. The F-4 continued to form a major part of U.S. military air power throughout the 1970s and 1980s, being gradually replaced by more modern aircraft such as the F-15 Eagle and F-16 Falcon in the U.S. Air Force; the Grumman F-14 Tomcat and F/A 18 Hornet in the U.S. Navy; and the F/A-18 in the U.S. Marine Corps.



F-105 Thunderchief: Air Force

In spite of a troubled early service life, the F-105 became the dominant attack aircraft early in the Vietnam War. The F-105 could carry more than twice the bomb load farther and faster than the F-100, which was used mostly in South Vietnam. In a foreshadowing of its Wild Weasel role, the first F-105D combat mission of the war involved an attack on 14 August 1964 against an anti-aircraft artillery site on Plaine des Jarres. This mission was carried out by aircraft of the 36th TFS, 6441st Tactical Fighter Wing deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan to Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. The first Thunderchief lost in the war also occurred during this mission, although the pilot managed to return the aircraft to Korat. The first strike mission took place on 13 January 1965 with the destruction of the Ben Ken Bridges in Laos. In early 1965 additional F-105 squadrons were deployed to Korat and Takhli air bases in Thailand. At the start of Operation Rolling Thunder in March 1965, large numbers of F-105Ds were shipped to these bases to participate in intense bombing missions.



A7 Corsair II: Navy and Air Force

Arriving on station with the USS Ranger (CVA-61) in early December 1967, the first Corsair II squadron became operational immediately and sustained its first combat loss three weeks later. This book tells how the A-7 soon proved its worth supporting ground operations in South Vietnam. As it continued to serve in the ground support role, the navy swiftly introduced the A-7E which soon ran into difficulties with supply lines - perhaps on account of what many perceived to have been a rushed introduction to service. Once these teething problems were resolved, the A-7E became the primary air-to-ground aircraft of the fleet.



A6 Intruder: Marine Corps and Navy

A-6 Intruders first saw action during the Vietnam War, where the craft were used extensively against targets in Vietnam. The aircraft's long range and heavy payload (18,000 pounds or 8,165 kilograms) coupled with its ability to fly in all weather made it invaluable during the war. However, its typical mission profile of flying low to deliver its payload made it especially vulnerable to anti-aircraft fire, and in the eight years the Intruder was used during the Vietnam War, the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps lost a total of 84 A-6 aircraft of various series.



Bear's Den

Important news first. Sloppy Joes on VVA General Membership Meeting on Monday, March 11th and the sign-in is really growing along with the "Queen of Diamonds" - someone is going to win.

Remember on St Patrick's Day we will be serving starting at noon. Great eats at the same price again! I will have some give-aways from our beer distributors as usual.

If you are having a party think about renting the hall. It is a lot easier than at home because of parking, lots of room, and accessibility.

Down to serious stuff. The lounge has rules that will be followed. If you don't have something good to say, put it in writing and give it to me. If I can not solve the problem it will go to the "Housing Committee" for further action. Patrons of the lounge must drink responsibly and if the bar staff informs you that you have had enough, that is it! Failure to adhere to the rules could stop your lounge privileges. The VFW POST LOUNGE is a place to come and enjoy with your friends. Thanks for all considerations and say hello to Wanda, the newest of our staff. Call (734) 459-6700 for more information.

DALATL.D. #4, Sir

Welcome Home, Chapter 528. First of all, I would like say that I hope I can do what is expected of me as the 2nd V.P. of Chapter 528. I also would like to say that accepting this position gives me a challenge to show you that I want to work with the membership. The many functions and community programs that Chapter 528 has undertaken shows the pride and solidarity that you , as a Chapter, will always be ready to do what you need to do for fellow Veterans and your community.

Thanks for being who you are. Have a great day every day.

Leroy Paige
RVN 69-70
1st Signal Brigade

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

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US
IN WELCOMING HOME
THE 303RD MP UNIT!**

**WHEN: Saturday MARCH 9TH
TIME: 5PM
WHERE: POST 6695 VFW
1426 S. MILL ST
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS. THE
POST WILL BE SERVING PASTA AND
ARE ASKING FOR SALADS & DESSERTS
& BREADS TO SHARE.**

**CALL DENNIS OR PATTY BIELSKIS FOR INFO &
TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING.
DENNIS 248-912-8825
PATTY 248-977-9862 OR 248-486-0001**

Bob Evans®
COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISER

Dine to make a difference

**Mayflower/
Lt. Gamble VFW
Post 6695**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013
6:00 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales
when you present this flyer* to

Bob Evans®

41190 Ford Rd (Ford Rd @ I-275), Canton

*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

#50

LADIES AUXILIARY #6695

PRESENTS...

A Night of Laughs - Comedy for a Cause

* Wednesday, April 24, 2013

* Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

* Seating for show begins at 7:30 p.m.

* Tickets are \$15 each (must be 21 years or older)

*****100% of ticket sales go to our cause!!!!

* A \$5 minimum food or drink order will be required
for each person during the show

* 25% of the total dollar amount spent on appetizers
during the show goes to our cause

* 15% of total food purchases in the Perfect Ten Dining
Room go to our cause (with reservations)

Joey's Comedy Club at the Kicker's Complex
36071 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 261-0555

*** Contact a Ladies Auxiliary Member for Tickets ***

Nancy Dignan njd600@sbcglobal.net 734-525-0157

Tickets available @ VFW

“Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”

“Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another”



P. O. Box 6319
Plymouth, MI 48170-0473
www.vva528.org
Check out our Travel Site at:
www.travelvva528.com

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
Plymouth—Canton, MI Chapter 528

March 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fish Fry 5-7	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Fish Fry 5-7	9 5:30pm Welcome Home party 303rd MP
10 >>>> Nominations for Officers & BOD continue >>>>	11 General Membership Mtg. 7 pm	12	13	14	15 Fish Fry 5-7	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22 Fish Fry 5-7	23
24 / / 31	25	26 Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm	27	28	29 Fish Fry 5-7	30



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



Calendar by Gary Estermyer

VVA 528 Membership Meeting Monday, March 11, 2013 1426 South Mill St.
VFW Plymouth, MI Come on and join us! 7:00 p.m. (1900 hours)

VFW Calendar For March

1st - Karaoke Night - 8:00 pm
5th - Ladies Auxiliary - 7:00 pm
12th - General Membership - 7:00 pm
15th - Karaoke Night - 8:00 pm
19th - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
20th - Men's Auxiliary - 7:30 pm



March Birthdays

Dennis Crimboli, Don Dignan, Ron Dillingham, Al Dorey, Irma Dorey, Patrick Gibbons, Michael Goldstein, Ellen Howington, Kathleen Jarvis, Albert King, Cornell Osier, Lynne Patten, Bob Paul, Steve Radachy, Dave Randall, Mike Schlott, Janice Spittler, Phil Wertenan, Jeff Yoshikawa

 No. 213208
 


Great Lakes

TROPHIES & ENGRAVING

Ed Duprey
Owner

32635 Ford Road
 Garden City, MI 48135
 (Between Venoy & Merriman Roads)
 Hours: 9 - 6 Weekdays / 9 - Noon Sat.

Phone: (734) 266 - 1815
 Fax: (734) 266 - 1817
 www.greatlaketrophies.com
 E-mail: sales@greatlaketrophies.com



HOMETOWN III

6231 N. CANTON CENTER RD., SUITE 106
 CANTON, MI 48187
 OFFICE (734) 459-9898
 CELL (734) 716-1371
 FAX (734) 459-9092
 AmandaBradleyRE@gmail.com
 RemericaHometown3.com

AMANDA BRADLEY
REALTOR®

Each Office Independently Owned & Operated



Frank S. Barkovich

Accounting & Tax Service

- * Individual / Business Taxes
- * Small Business Specialists
- * Business Coaching
- * Veteran Owned

P.O. 871831
 Canton, MI 48187-7531

734-397-9734
 frabar@comcast.net

alphagraphics®

DESIGN ■ COPY ■ PRINT ► COMMUNICATE

7994 Lilley Road • Canton, Michigan 48187
 Phone 734.455.6550 • Fax 734.455-3740
 Email us336@alphagraphics.com
 www.us336.alphagraphics.com



DONATE YOUR CAR TO

 **CHARITY MOTORS**
Helping Those Who Help Others

- Where you can still claim Fair Market Blue Book Value
- Car donation is 100% tax deductible and pick up is free
- Assisted over 2,000 worthy organizations in our community

CALL TODAY: (313) 255-1000
 or donate online at charitymotors.org

**Be sure to designate VVA Chapter 528
when turning in your vehicle.**



VFW Post 6695
 1426 S. Mill Street
 Plymouth, MI

2013 Fish Fry
 Every Friday, February 22, till April 5, 2013
 5 pm to 7 pm

FISH FRY MENU

Fish Dinners - Fried or Baked Fish

3pc. Fish	\$8.00
4 pc. Fish	\$9.00
2 pc. Child/Senior Citizen	\$6.00
Fish Sandwich Dinner	\$6.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$8.00

Chicken Strip Dinners

4 pc. Chicken	\$8.00
2 pc Child/Senior Citizen	\$6.00

Side Orders

Fries	\$1.50
Mac & Cheese	\$1.50
Baked Potato	\$1.50
Coleslaw	\$.50

All dinners served with choice of Fries, Baked Potato or Mac & Cheese, Slaw, Roll & Butter and Coffee

Editor's Message

I am asking all members who are currently receiving their newsletter by postal mail and who have Internet service to please choose not to have our newsletter mailed to you anymore. Instead, please contact Dale Luebke either by emailing or calling him and let Dale know of your new choice.

Each newsletter costs us nearly \$1.00 per issue to publish and mail. Please help save us money for our chapter. The money saved can be spent on more important matters.

Dale Luebke" dale68us@yahoo.com or 734-395-5144.

Thanks!

Tom Brown, Editor



March 2013



Chapter 528 Web Site: www.vva528.org

Chapter Officers

President	Jay Roberts
1st Vice President	Bob Paul
2nd Vice President	Leroy Paige
Secretary	Ron King
Treasurer	Bob Dew

Board of Directors

Darrell Bazman	Gary Boucher
Bill Browning	Gary Pritchard
Don Dignan	Mike Steffes
Gary Kubik	Richard Waldecker

Committees

A.O./Health Care	Vaughn Hull
AVVA Representative	Norma Demerly
By-Laws	Bob Paul
Chaplain	Rich Whipple
Chapter Historian	Dick Waldecker
Color/Honor Guard	Bob Lamoureux

Constitution	Rick Ciaramitaro
ETABO	Gary Estermyer
Fundraising	Gordon Dorey
Government Affairs	Bob Dew

Homeless Veterans	John Fleming
Membership	Bob Lamoureux
Homefront Newsletter	

Editor & Publisher	Tom Brown
Assistant Editor	Don Dignan
Distribution Chief	Dale Luebke
Assistant Chief	Ron King
Product Sales	Dale Luebke
	Bill Browning
Point Man Ministries	Rich Whipple
	Ron Wroblewski

POW/MIA	Al Kerbyson
Public Affairs	Don Dignan
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Fleming
Scholarship	Dean Bell
	Don Dignan
	Ron King

Service Rep.	Aggie Little
Sportsman's Raffle	Dennis Bielskis
State Delegate	Gary Estermyer
State VVA Product Sales	John Riling
VAVS Deputy	Vaughn Hull
Website	Tom Brown

VVA Service Officer - State of Michigan

Phillip Smith - Director 313-961-9568 313-226-4181

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, event dates, and photos must be submitted by the 21st of the month in order to be considered for publication. Send the article or photo to Tom Brown 17730 Snow Ave Dearborn, MI 48124 or email Tom at tom@vva528.org or email Bill Boudreau at wboudreau@comcast.net. 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)**

Chapter 528 Travel Site: www.travelvva528.com

Advertising Rates: 1 year \$60; 6 mos. \$45; 1 issue \$15

Fleming Financial Services, Inc.

John A. Fleming National Association of Tax Professionals

29217 Ford Road, Suite 119
Garden City, MI 48135

phone 734 525-4560 fax 734 525-5280
toll free 888 240-1550 john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com

Suburban Legal Services PLC

Dennis F. Shrewsbury
Attorney at Law

119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128
151 Adams, Plymouth, MI 48170
Craig F. Shrewsbury Dennis F. Shrewsbury
Phone: 734-451-0475 Phone: 734-451-0475
Cell: 734-223-4225

WWW.MYLIFEFORCE.NET/RT

RON & THERESA

1 248 677 2280

PRODUCTS THAT MAKE
PEOPLE HEALTHIER

www.mylifeforce.net/rt



Main Street Auto Wash
"the freshwater wash"

1191 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170

Phil Pursell
(734) 455-9685

LPL Financial

Bob Carris
Registered Principal

40400 Ann Arbor Rd
Suite 204-B
Plymouth, MI 48170
734 453 7304 office
734 453 7461 fax
bob.carris@lpl.com
www.lpl.com/bob.carris

OSJ Branch: 31700 Middlebelt Rd
Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 626 2000 office

Member FINRA/SIPC

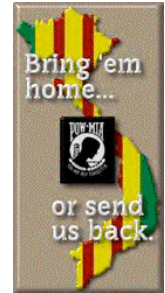


Vietnam Veterans of America

Membership in Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. is open to Vietnam Era Veterans as well as Associate Members of the Public at Large.

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Present Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____
 Branch of Service _____
 Date of Birth _____
 email _____
 \$20.00 Annual Dues Enclosed _____
 _____ I am a Vietnam Era Veteran and would like to be a member
 (Copy of your DD-214 Form or other proof of Service Enclosed)
 _____ I am not a Vietnam Era Veteran, but would like to be an Associate Member
 I want to give more. Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 _____ \$50.00 _____
 Other _____
 New Member _____ Renewal _____ Membership Card
 No. _____
 Today's Date _____

Return this form to:
Vietnam Veterans of America
Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528
P.O. Box 6319
Plymouth, MI 48170-0473



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Vietnam Veterans of America
 Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528
 P.O. Box 6319
 Plymouth MI 48170-0473