



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



Welcome Home!



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It is an honor to serve as your Chapter President. Our Chapter has grown since its founding in 1989 and is recognized in our community for it's accomplishments helping veterans, promoting patriotism and performing community service. This is due to the hard work of the many volunteers over the years. Thank you for your service to our Chapter.

We have a busy year ahead that includes the Agent Orange Town Hall meeting on Saturday May 9th, Fishing Derby on June 13th, Plymouth Fall Festival September 11th to 13th and the Sportsmen's Raffle on October 11th. Plus Memorial Day and Veterans Day Services, parades on Memorial Day and July 4th and Kokomo reunion in September.

I attended the VVA Region 5 conference in Springfield, IL Saturday April 25th along with Gary Estermyer and Dennis Waling. Many National officers were present including VVA President John Rowan. The conference was hosted by the Illinois State Council.

I pledge to work with you and our Board of Directors to do the best I can to continue our service to veterans and our community.



John Spencer, President
 U S Army 1965-67
 123rd Transportation
 Company (Longshoremens)
 Cam Ranh Bay, RVN
 1966 (01/05/66-01/05/67)



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



Odds & Ends

Chapter Elections

The votes have been tabulated and the results are in. Here are your new elected officials for the upcoming year.

President	John Spencer
1 st Vice President	Dick Waldecker
2 nd Vice President	Mike Steffes
Secretary	Dennis Bielskis
Treasurer	Bob Dew
Board Members (2 year)	Mike Dicker Pete Glasgow Joe Tebor Rich Whipple
Natl Convention Delegate	Frank Barkovich Dennis Bielskis Gary Estermyer Jim Hodgson Ron King John Spencer
Election Committee	Joe Agius Dean Bell John Fleming

Let's take a moment to thank all those who stepped up to the plate and ran for office and to thank our outgoing officers for the great job they did this past year.

Membership

It is with great sadness we report the deaths of longtime members Vaughn Hull and Arnold "Gene" Roberts. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families. We had 1 individual and 1 associate applications received this past month. Robert Anderson, Navy, has joined the chapter and William Blue has joined our associates. Welcome Bob and Bill to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 265 individual and 79 associate members. Of these we have 155 life VVA and 26 life AVVA members.

Dropped From Roster: Carl Allen

Lapsed Members: As of April 22, 2015 the following individuals have not renewed their membership: Ron

Hoffman, Michel Johnson, John Krawcke and Robert Spaw

May VVA Renewals: Pat Gibbons, Leo Ksiazek, Loren Roberts, Ron Wroblewski

May AVVA Renewals: Nancy Dignan, Joe Radachy, Mike Sherry

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.

Life Membership

As we grow older a VVA or AVVA life membership becomes more affordable. If anyone would like to buy a life membership the cost is: (ages 56-60) \$200, (61-65) \$175, (66-71) \$150 and (72 & up) \$100. The cost can be paid all at once or in monthly installments of \$25 after a \$50 down payment. An added bonus is that you will never have to worry about when your dues are due or see your name in my newsletter article as being a lapsed member.

Color Guard

The color guard provided honor volleys and Taps at the funeral services for Vaughn Hull and Gene Roberts. The Memorial Day parade is on Monday, May 25th at 9:00am. We will be leading the parade as it marches north from Main Street and Wing to the Memorial Park.



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





“In Memoriam” May We Never Forget!



Deceased VVA Chapter 528 Members

Service

Dates of Service

Richard Diveto	1944 - 1994		
Jeffery Stewart	1949 - 1995		
Gary Smith	1943 - 1996		
Delbert Haddock	1948 - 1996	Army	January 68 - August 70
Marvin Schultz	1947 - 1999	Army	April 69 - December 71
Bryan Tubbs	1945 - 1999	Army	June 66 - May 68
Charles Sperry III	1951 - 2000	Navy	February 72 - September 76
Thomas Labowitch	1947 - 2000	Army	November 66 - August 68
John Hinman	1947 - 2001	Navy	June 70 - September 71
Edward Cafruny	1940 - 2002	Army	January 68 - October 70
Jerry Gibbons	1941 - 2002	Marines	November 59 - November 68
Robert Cicotte	1947 - 2003	Marines	February 64 - February 68
T. Joseph Dorey	1943 - 2004	Navy	October 61 - September 65
John Macik	1943 - 2005	Army	September 61 - September 64
Basilio Rivera	1953 - 2005	Air Force	June 73 - June 77
Chris Busse	1947 - 2005	Army	August 66 - August 69
Thomas Butterfield	1947 - 2006	Army	February 67 - January 70
Dennis Lowry	1948 - 2006	Army	June 67 - April 70
Michael Ramsey	1945 - 2007	Navy	June 65 - February 69
George Troell	1943 - 2007	Army	November 66 - September 68
Larry Jarvis	1948 - 2007	Marines	April 65 - March 69
Joseph Kato Jr.	1945 - 2007	Navy	March 65 - March 68
Tom Snell	1946 - 2008	Air Force	March 64 - March 68
Kris (KC) Brimer	1948 - 2008	Army	October 67 - July 69
Cornelius McGowan	1947 - 2009	Navy	July 66 - May 68
Harry Bryant	1948 - 2009	Army	January 67 - 1970
Richard Torossian	1941 - 2010	Army	February 67 - February 69
Franz Brenner	1941 - 2010	Army	June 64 - November 66
Tim Klopschinsky	1945 - 2011	Navy	September 65 - September 69
Michael Weaver	1949 - 2011	Army	June 68 - January 71
Wade Rothhoff	1946 - 2011	Army	Army June 66 - July 67
Carl Shefferd	1947 - 2011	Army	Army Airborne August 65 - October 69
Rolland Anderson	1948 - 2012	Army	December 68 - December 70
Bernard Burkacki	1947 - 2012	Air Force	July 66 - February 70
Eric Schwaller	1950 - 2013	Marines	February 68 - January 71
Eldon Frank	1946 - 2014	Marines	January 68 - August 69
Larry Luceus	1942 - 2014	Army	December 60 - February 65
Melvin “Moe” Swope	1949 - 2014	Army	January 69 - January 71
Arnold “Gene” Roberts	1949 - 2015	Army	August 67 - August 70
Vaughn Hull	1950 - 2015	Air Force	November 70 - Nov 71

Deceased AVV Members / Spouses

Henry “Bob” Smith	1923 - 1995
Robert Nelson	1929 - 1995
Cynthia Estermyer	1951 - 1998
George Salhaney	1931 - 1998
Stanley Jenkins	1924 - 2000
Judith LaGrow	1949 - 2003
Carol Luebke	1947 - 2003
William Jakobcic	1943 - 2003
Dorothy Dorey	1924 - 2004
Floyd Riley	1933 - 2004
Lynn Wallace	1961 - 2005
Denise Cain	1953 - 2005
Patricia Hull	1946 - 2006
James St. Holmes	1969 - 2007
Anna Smith	1923 - 2008
Adam Hays	1930 - 2010
Karen Ligner	1950 - 2010
Eileen Boucher	1939 - 2011
Dorothy Wallace	- 2011
Nancy E. Spencer	1947 - 2012
Robert W. Irwin	1935 - 2014
Barbara Bresnahan	1948 - 2014

Army

April 52 - January 54





Chaplain's Corner

What's Your Brand?

TGIF Today God Is First Volume 2

by **Os Hillman**

"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it" (1 Thess 5:24).

Coca-Cola is the number one "brand" in the world. Companies spend millions of dollars making their brands known in business. They want you to recognize their brand. When you think of their brand they hope you will have positive thoughts in hopes it will influence your next purchasing decision.

Every individual has a personal "brand" whether you want it or not. Cultures have a brand. Ethnic groups have a brand. Your brand is defined by your conduct. If you are always late, you'll soon develop a brand or reputation for being late. Others will even show up late because they know you will be late. If you are a person who exaggerates the truth, others will soon fail to take you seriously. However, the opposite can also be true. Your brand can be incredibly positive. By being a man or woman of your word, who is consistent in dealing fairly and honestly with others, your brand becomes known as someone who is faithful in all aspects of life.

One of God's most important characteristics is His faithfulness. Faithfulness means one is true to fulfilling their promises to others in the time which was committed. God is faithful to fulfill all His promises to His children.

Moses was also an example of faithfulness to his call. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house" (Heb 3:5-6). What is your brand among your peers? Is it a positive brand or does it need improvement? Allowing the Lord to make us more like Jesus is the only way our brand becomes trustworthy.

Ask the Lord today to make you a faithful brand in which others can trust.

Chaplain's notes: Karen and I recently both retired, and on March 22 we began a one month "Retirement Celebration Tour", driving to Florida, staying with friends we haven't seen in a long time, being with our seven grandkids and three children in Orlando for a week, followed up by a seven day cruise, stopping at Savannah, Georgia and Hilton Head Island on our drive back to Michigan. It was very relaxing and a wonderful way to start our retirement together.

However, it seems whenever we leave home for a week or more, someone special to us passes away. Such was the death of Vaughn, whom I met back in the early '90s. We will miss him around the VFW Hall, and so many of the Boy Scouts will not be benefitting from his service to the Scouting program. Vaughn and I shared our faith, and I know where he now resides!. Rest in peace, Vaughn! Also, Arnold (Gene) Roberts passed away earlier in March.

Please phone me or e-mail me if you have prayer requests that you'd like to share. There's nothing like "prayer warriors" that can lift a person up.



Rich Whipple

Chapter Chaplain

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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HHC/2/503d Infantry

173d. Airborne Brigade

1968-1969



VFW Plymouth Post 6695 Buddy Poppies

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Plymouth Post 6695 and their affiliates will be selling Buddy Poppies at the following local, business locations: on May 7th, 8th, 9th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Dunkin Donuts - Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
 Holiday Market - Lilley Rd., Canton
 Kroger's - Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
 Kroger's - Ford Rd., Canton
 Kroger's - Michigan Ave., Canton
 Busch's - Sheldon Rd., Plymouth
 K-Mart - Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
 Ace Hardware - Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
 Leo's - Ford Rd., Canton - Collection Canister

Last years donations totaled \$6,990.00. Our goal this year is \$8,000.00. The sign-up sheet is on the board. Choose your time or times. With your participation the goal of \$8,000.00 is achievable. If you are not able to assist in the available time slots, consider giving a donation. If you can help, please contact Frank.

Thank you,
 Frank S. Barkovich
 VFW Jr. Vice Commander
frabar@comcast.net
 (734) 397-9734



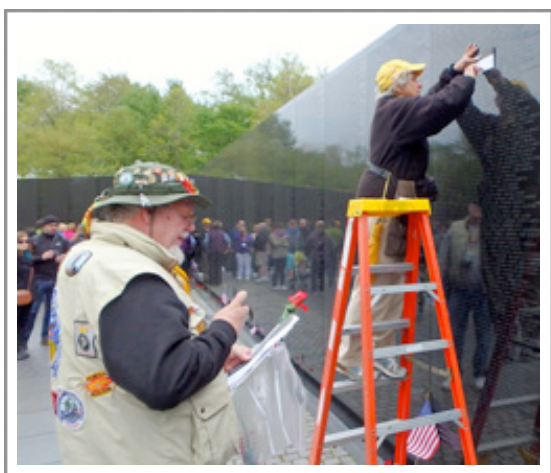


**Washington, D.C. Trip
April 24th - April 27th**



VVA members, AVVA members, members' wives and friends of Chapter 528 took a four-day trip to our Nation's Capitol. We left on Friday, April 24th and returned on Monday, April 27th. Attendees on the trip included: Mike and Sarah Dicker, John and Janet Hardie, Frank Barkovich and Gail Tioson, Rich and Betsy Mazurkiewicz, Don and Nancy Dignan, Tom and Cheryl Brown, Victor and Pam Lukasiak, Mike Steffes, Gary Pritchard, Jerry and Judy Thomason, Gene and Chris Spurgess, Pete Glasgow, Bob Redden, Bill and Grace Peltier, Larry and Cindy McGuire, Keith Schulte and our leader Bob Dew. It took us one day (12 hours) to get there by bus and one day to travel back to the VFW Post. We visited or drove by the following memorials and points of interest on our second day: The Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and Pennsylvania Ave. We also saw the White House and observed several public demonstrations - people exercising their right to protest. We also spent time at the Vietnam Memorial (The Wall), the Korean Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. Unfortunately, by the time we got to the Korean Memorial the rain started and the cool day became cold and wet. The sun came out on our third day and the temperatures finally got warmer so it made our visit to Arlington National Cemetery enjoyable. We watched the "Changing of the Guard" by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We took a small tram around most sections of the cemetery. We parked by the Lee/Custis home which sits at the top of a hill overlooking Washington D.C. At this location we visited John F. Kennedy's gravesite with the "Eternal Flame". Buried next to J.F.K. is his wife Jacqueline Lee "Jackie" (Bouvier) Kennedy Onassis, his brother Robert as well his brothers Joe and Ted. We next visited the Iwo Jima Memorial. We took a walk by U.S. Capitol and even though it was under construction it was still very impressive. Just a few blocks away from the Capitol Building was the new American Veterans Disabled For Life Memorial - a must see for every one. In the afternoon we visited several of the Smithsonian Museums. On our fourth and final day we were on our way headed back to Plymouth. Our last destination before coming back to Plymouth was to stop and eat at Tony Packo's famous Cafe. This was the same cafe that Jamie Farr made famous on a great TV series called MASH.

I've created a new web page <http://www.vva528.org/washingdc2015.html> for our chapter. The web page displays more than 50 photos that were taken during our trip. I've also uploaded these photos and many more online at <http://share.pho.to/9IZ8O>. These online photos have a much larger image than the ones found on our website so they will make a much better photo to keep. I would personally like to thank **Bob Dew** for organizing this wonderful trip. Our guide Mary K. and our bus driver helped make this trip first class. *Tom Brown, Newsletter Editor*





Digger's Desk

AGENT ORANGE TOWN HALL

On Saturday May 9, Chapter 528 will be hosting another Agent Orange Town Hall meeting at Northville High School. This time the focus will be on the children and grandchildren of Veterans exposed to Agent Orange. Doors open at 7:00AM with the program starting at 8:00AM. The event is free and open to the public. There will be Veteran Service Officers available with whom to consult.

STEPPING UP

Congratulations and thanks to president John Spencer and all other officers and board members for taking on your Chapter duties on behalf of the membership. We are looking forward to another successful year for Chapter 528.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Thanks to organizer Bob Dew, 30 of us were able to visit and marvel at all the history that our nation's capital has to offer. It was the first time I had visited Washington DC since I was 9 years old. This marked my first time seeing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with the names of my five comrades from D/2/16 who made the ultimate sacrifice during my 1967-68 tour. It was a tearful Reunion.

MEMORIAL DAY

Come out and March with our Chapter members on Memorial Day. The people of Plymouth are highly appreciative and supportive of their Veterans.

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



Vaughn Hull (1950 - 2015)

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528 are mourning one of their own this month, with the passing of Vaughn Hull. He was a proud and beloved member of VVA Chapter 528.

Air Force Sgt. Vaughn Hull served in the 35th Security Police Squadron, at Phan Rang Air Base, in the K-9 Section. He served from 11/70, thru 11/71. Vaughn, with his dog Beau, did perimeter security from 1830 - 0430, six nights a week for duration of his tour at Phan Rang. As one fellow veteran aptly stated, "Very few people know the kind of courage it takes to walk that fence in the middle of the night, in the rain, in the middle of Vietnam."

Vaughn was very active in our community, and in particular, the Boy Scouts. Vaughn had been involved with scouting as a boy growing up, and after Vaughn's enlistment in the Air Force was up, he returned to Michigan, and eventually became an Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 729. He had a positive influence on countless Boy Scouts, serving as Charter Organization Representative with VFW Post 6695, and Liaison for Boy Scout Troop 1539 right up until the time of his passing.

Mr. Hull was one of the guys that made new members feel welcome to the group. He would seek you out, introduce himself, and by the second or third time you met him, you felt like you had been lifelong friends.

Mr. Hull touched many lives, and will be greatly missed by his family, as well as those in the Air Force community, countless Vietnam Veterans, and our local Boy Scouts.



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





Our Elected Leaders



Officers: President John Spencer, 1st VP Dick Waldecker, 2nd VP Mike Steffes, Sec. Dennis Bielskis and Treasurer Bob Dew. **Board Members:** Bill Browning, Mike Dicker, Don Dignan, Pete Glasgow, Rich Mazurkiewicz, Joe Tebor, Gene Spurgess and Rich Whipple. **National Convention Delegates:** Frank Barkovich, Dennis Bielskis, Gary Estermyer, Jim Hodgson, Ron King and John Spencer. **Election Committee:** Joe Agius, Dean Bell and John Fleming. Gary Estermyer conducting the swearing in ceremony.

Members Of The Year



Chapter Member of The Year - John Spencer and President Ron King.



Gordon Bardeleben AVVA Member Of The Year, President Ron King and AVVA Member Dennis Waling

Jim Hodgson, VVA Board
Member of the Year



Joy Road Pick-up (April 25, 2015) Wayne County Adopt-A-Road Project

To start off our chapter's 18th year of keeping Joy Road clean, fifteen brave souls came out on Saturday morning, April 25. The weather was cloudy, slightly breezy, and about 43 degrees, and the ground was damp from some rain the night before. Most of us dug into the fresh made Meijer doughnuts, and we donned our sexy lime green Wayne County issued safety vests. Pat Doherty showed up, keeping him in first place for the "All World" pick up team. Pat rarely misses and his attendance is definitely appreciated.

We had three newcomers ("rookies") attend, Roger Riddell, Skip Davison, and Bryan Bentley. Thanks for coming out and being a part of this well oiled machine. It was also an awesome sight to see Gary "Ouch" Boucher once again be a part of our group. It was Ouch that came up with the idea of using the "trash picker upper", which most of us enjoy (Bob Lamoureux has a good back, and he actually bends over to pick up the stuff!). Ouch was in the hospital just six days prior to the pick up.

The picture was taken at the UAW Hall's Military Memorial featuring the five branches of the service along with a huge flag pole and large American flag. Those in the picture, from left to right are: Skip Davison, Pat Doherty, Joe Tebor, Terry Wells, Roger Riddell, Larry Kilgore, Don McLane, Norma Demerly, Ron (past president) King, Rich Whipple, Gregg Kremkow, Bob Lamoureux (Bob was on the first Joy Road clean up back on April 12, 1997), Gary "Ouch" Boucher, Roger Buelow (usually Roger takes off before the picture, but I threatened him with 50 push ups and a mile run, so he wisely stayed for the picture), and last but certainly not least, Bryan Bentley, our chapter's current AVVA President, who sacrificed himself not being in the picture, by taking the snap shot of our illustrious trash team!

Here is the list of VVA members that participated in our first Adopt-A-Road assignment back on April 12, 1997. Current chapter president John Spencer, Gary Estermyer, Dale Luebke, Roger Bebow, Al Dorey, Don Dignan, Bill Gravett, Bob Lamoureux, Dennis Shrewsbury, Franz Brenner, Rick (Señor) Popa, and Tim Greenhoot. Little did we know that 18 years later, we're still happily serving the community in this endeavor!!!

Rich Whipple
Adopt-A-Road Coordinator



Vietnam Veterans of America

Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528

2015 Sportsmen's Raffle



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

WWW.VVA528.ORG

50" LED TV	TenPoint Wicked Ridge Invader HP ACU-52 Crossbow Package
50" LED TV	Excalibur Ibox SMF Crossbow Kit
50" LED TV	Bear Archery Attitude Ready-To-Hunt Bow Package, RH, 29", 70 lbs., Realtree APG
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
HP Laptop Computer 17.3" 500GB HD 4GB RAM webcam	CZ-USA Mallard Shotgun
HP All In One Desktop 1TB HD 4GB RAM Win 8	Remington Model 870 Express Tactical Shotgun
55" LED TV	Marlin 336C Lever Action Centerfire Rifle
55" LED TV	Remington Model 700 ADL Centerfire Rifle Package
55" LED TV	Savage Model 11/111 Hunter XP Centerfire Rifle Package
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55" LED TV	Thompson/Center Venture Centerfire Rifle
Rossi Circuit Judge Firearm Combo	Remington Model 700 ADL Centerfire Rifle Package
Ruger 10/22 takedown rifle	Ruger 10/22 Reaper Buck Camo w/4x32 scope
Savage Axis Stainless Centerfire Rifle	Henry Golden Boy Youth Rimfire Rifle
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.

V.F.W. Post 6695 - 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI. 48170-4321

\$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 state and federal regulations.

******* Support Your Local Veterans and their Projects *******

Proceeds to benefit hospitalized veterans, community and veteran projects and the General Fund of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. If 1500 tickets are not sold, the Sports men's Raffle will revert to a 50/50 Raffle with a minimum prize of \$5,000.

Mail to:
2015 Sportsmen's Raffle
V.V.A 528
P.O. Box 6295
Plymouth, MI. 48170-4321

Make checks to : VVA 528

Requests must be made prior to Friday,
October 9, 2015 to allow time for
processing and delivery.

License No. R23562

2015 Sportsmen's Raffle

Name: _____

Check No. _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

☐ I am 18-years old or older
(We will return check if box is not checked.)

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

U.S. Funds only

2015 VVA 528 & VFW Post 6695 Sportsmen'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	11600 S Beyer Rd.	Birch Run	48415
Gander Mountain	43825 W. Oaks Dr.	Novi	48377
Lansing/Mason	700 E. Ash St.	Mason	48854
Military Collectibles	31117 Plymouth Rd.	Livonia	48150
ABC Warehouse	41690 Ford Rd	Canton	48043
Taylor Town	22525 Ecorse Rd	Taylor	48180
Novi Expo	46100 Grand River	Novi	48374
Monroe	3775 S. Custer Rd	Monroe	48161
Saline	5055 Saline-Ann Arbor Rd	Saline	



5/2/2015	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run
5/3/2015	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run
5/16/2015	Saturday	0900-1800	Gander Mtn Novi
5/17/2015	Sunday	0900-1800	Gander Mtn Novi
6/6/2015	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi
6/7/2015	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi
6/20/2015	Saturday	0900-1800	Gander Mtn Novi
6/21/2015	Sunday	0900-1800	Gander Mtn Novi



John Spencer



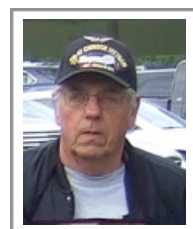
Bob Dew, Fund
Raising Chair



Don Dignan



Dennis Bielskis
Chair



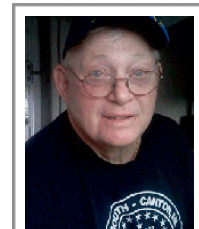
Gene Spurgess



Joe Agius



Jerry Thomason



Gary "Bear" Kubik



AGENT ORANGE

EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

AGENT ORANGE TOWN HALL

MAY 9, 2015

Northville High School

Auditorium

45700 6 Mile Rd. Northville,

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Dave Trott, U.S. Congressman

Patrick Colbeck, *Michigan State Senator*

*Trude Bennett, Associate Professor Emerita, Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

*Mokie Porter, *Vietnam Veterans of America*

*Bob Cummings, Agent Orange Riders, Vietnam Veteran

*Lori Weber, Daughter of Exposed Vietnam Veteran

*Nancy Switzer, Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America

* Panel Discussion answering Questions from audience will include Ed Martini author: "Agent Orange" 2012

FREE - for Veterans,
their Families, Medical
staff and the General Public

PRESENTED BY:

**Vietnam Veterans of America,
Chapter 528**

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528

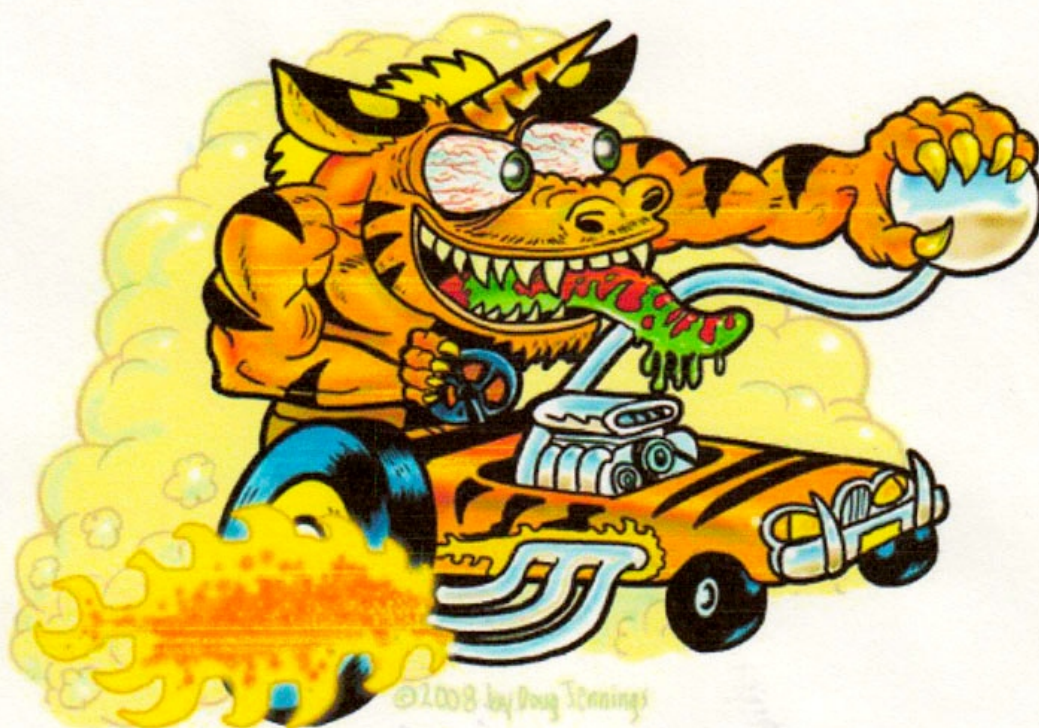
Coffee - Tea - Breakfast Snack • Advance Registration Helpful • Register online at WWW.VVA528.ORG or call (734) 421-1805, press 2 (Leave name, and number attend-
THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR ALL VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES, MEDICAL STAFF AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC



CRUZ'N 528

1426 S. Mill Plymouth, MI

Starting May 13th from 5p-8p and every
Wednesday till the end of September



Come join us for good music and great
food at the

Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW 6695 at
1426 S. Mill St. Plymouth, MI

Ph. # 734.459.6700.



May 2015 - VVA Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Chapter Trip To Washington D.C.	27 Chapter Trip To Washington D.C. Arrive back home!	28 VVA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	29 Vietnam Veterans Dance at John Glenn High School in Westland	30	1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 VVA General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 Armed Forces Day Northville High School The Wall That Heals	14 Armed Forces Day Northville High School The Wall That Heals	15 Armed Forces Day Northville High School The Wall That Heals	16 Armed Forces Day Northville High School The Wall That Heals
17 Armed Forces Day Northville High School The Wall That Heals	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 VVA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



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 General Membership Meeting Monday, May 11, 2015 1426 South Mill St.
VFW Plymouth, MI Come on and join us! 7:00 p.m. (1900 hours)**

VFW Calendar for May

1st - Karaoke Night - 8 PM
5th - Ladies Auxiliary - 7 PM
12th - Gen. Membership Meeting - 7 PM
15th - Karaoke Night - 8 PM
19th - Board Meeting - 7 PM
20th - Steak Dinner - 5 - 7 PM
21st - Men's Auxiliary - 6:30 PM



May Birthdays

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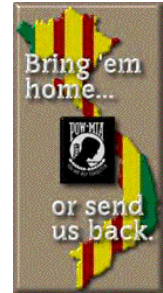
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