



# VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

1426 Mill St. Plymouth, MI 48170



Chapter 528 Members singing the Navy Song Anchor's Away. *Photo courtesy of Norma Demerly*

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Welcome Home!



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



## President's Corner

Thanks to all VVA and VFW members who sold sportsmen's raffle tickets and helped out with the raffle. It was a great success and will help fellow veterans and community charities. Please, keep chapter member Ken Winkler in your prayers as he copes with brain cancer. Ken is a retired Canton police officer and an active volunteer in the Canton community.

Happy birthday to the USMC.



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





## Digger's Desk

### MONDAY GOLF

We have golfed at 58 different courses since 2013 and this year the weather has treated us well. If you are interested in golfing in a scrambles format, contact me and I'll put you on the weekly e-mail list. We will likely golf all through October and possibly beyond, depending on the weather.

### SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

With the final call on the Sportsman's Raffle, the Chapter sold in excess of 3000 tickets. The bottom line has not yet been determined but suffice it to say that it was a long, busy but profitable joint venture for the VVA and the VFW. Thanks to all who helped out beginning in October 2014 right up until the last winner was drawn.

### EUCHRE

Another social event taking place twice a month in the VFW lounge is Euchre. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30PM, the dealing starts. The cost is \$10 per person.

### TROOP SUPPORT

We have adopted another unit serving in Afghanistan, B Troop, 1-89 Cavalry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, and just finished shipping 16 boxes of various requested snacks and comfort items. The Post Office again raised their bargain shipping costs (\$2 off) to the troops up to \$15.90 a box. Some bargain, eh? Therefore the 16 boxes cost \$254.40 to ship. On hand for the packing party was chairperson Nancy Dignan, Bob & Shirley Caldwell, Jim Kimball, Mike Hucal, Cathy Bryar-Rotta and me. Thanks to everyone who donated goodies to be shipped and also those who contributed shipping costs.

### MAIN STREET CARWASH

Sunday October 18 was the day and Main Street Car wash was the place in a record setting day of washing cars. Thanks to volunteers Al Sneath, Chuck Bilyk, Jim Harvey, Jim Hodgson, Bryan Bentley, Mike Dicker, Jerry

Thomason, Gary Boucher, John Fleming, Ron King, Skip Davison, Rich Whipple, Mark Grzesiek, Dennis Waling, Bill Browning, Darrell Bazman, Jim Kimball, Art Ohanian, Frank Barkovich, Doug Fox, Bob Dew, Dennis Bielskis, and co-chairs Gary Kubik and Dale Luebke. The biggest thanks goes to Phil and Paula Pursell who very generously put their business into our hands for this annual event. Phil even purchased back the prepaid wash coupons that customers presented. The bottom line was 253 cars washed for an after expense profit of \$2983.44. Thanks to one and all who participated.

### VETERANS DAY

On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, we will conduct a Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth to remember all who have gone before us in battle. The ceremony will be followed by SOS at the Post as well as the usual Veterans Day meals at many local restaurants. I will publish a list of restaurants honoring this tradition sometime before Veterans Day.

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



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



**Troop Support "Boxing For Troops"**



## Odds & Ends

### Membership

We had 3 applications for membership this past month. John Stephens, Marines, Dale Bosetti, and Robert Williams, both Army, have joined the chapter. Welcome John, Dale, Tom and Bob to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 271 individual and 76 associate members. Of these we have 181 life VVA and 26 life AVVA members.

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

VVA: Cornell Osier, Dan Stengle

AVVA: none

**Dropped From Roster:** Robert Vanderhoff, Patrick Colbeck, Jill Hives, Stephen Hives

**November VVA Renewals:** Harold Hachigian, Ellen Howington, Phillip Lang

**November AVVA Renewals:** Steve Kozmor, David Perez, Phil Pursell, Jan Spittler, Sue Willim

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

Just a reminder that from now till the end of the year you can get a lifetime VVA or AVVA membership for only \$100, regardless of age. This applies to all new and current members. There were 8 individuals who took advantage of this offer this past month. I will keep repeating this message for the rest of the year because it is such a good deal but don't wait until the last minute because the application must be received by National in Baltimore, MD by December 31<sup>st</sup> and mail delivery is very slow around Christmas.

### Chapter Raffle

As the number of life members increases the odds of winning the chapter raffle gets better for those who are not life members and attend the monthly meeting. The reduced cost for a life membership also means more frequent drawings. There will be a drawing at both the November and December meetings.

### Christmas Trees

The VFW is again selling Christmas trees this year. Tree sales will begin the weekend after Thanksgiving and continue until they are gone. The trees are fresh cut and come in a variety of sizes and types and are reasonably priced. Help support the Post by buying one of the trees or giving a few hours selling them.



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



### Sportsmen's Raffle 2015



Photos courtesy of Dennis Bielskis

## Main Street Car Wash 2015



Co-owner Phil Pursell



Photos courtesy of Bryan Bentley and Dennis Bielskis



## Christmas Events

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We are scheduled for Saturday, December 12 from 10am until 6pm, and we will be ringing at the Sam's Club on Ford Road in Canton. The sign-up sheet is on the website.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Clothing Drive

I will be putting out a box in the Lounge at the VFW in mid-November for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Clothing Drive which benefits the Detroit Veterans Center in Detroit.

The normal schedule is we gather the clothing at the Post and the First United Methodist Church of Garden City up until Sunday, December 13. Then on the day of delivery, we meet for breakfast at Bob Evans on Ford and Haggerty Roads for breakfast at 9am, then go to Kohl's on Ford Road in Canton, where our wonderful friend, Lisa, guides us to the best buys of winter clothing. Then we gather the clothes at the VFW and the Church and take them down to the Detroit Veterans Center, Temple and Woodward area. We deliver the clothing and get our last tour of the current facility. You can join us anytime along the way.

They expect to have the Groundbreaking Ceremony on the new facility (Grand River and Forest area) in the next month or so.

The plan is to complete the Drive during the week of December 14, dependent upon the best time to buy the items at Kohl's.



**John Fleming**  
92nd Finance Section  
Cam Ranh Bay





## STATE COUNCIL NEWS

### Gary Estermyer, delegate

Sunday, October 4, 2015 I drove to Howell for the State Council meeting in the rain. Dennis Bielskis (Finance Chair) was also present along with 15 other chapter delegates. All the officers were present and our newly elected Region 5 Director from Ohio, Tom Burke attended.

President John Riling started the meeting at 10:10 AM with the pledge and a prayer by 2<sup>nd</sup> V. President Tom Meinhardt.

John reported that he is now the Chairman of the Commanders Group of Michigan. He had visited Chapter 154 at their new location in Roseville and was very impressed with their AO. 154 has a food bank program (coolers and freezers included) that is operated exceptionally well. On Veteran's Day John plans on being at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tim Driscoll reported that he and John have started working the CFC program. Volunteers are needed to help staff the table when they attend the various CFC authorized locations. Tim continues to work with the Ann Arbor VA hospital and he reported they have admitted up to 125 new patients a day. Tim and Treasurer Dennis Cohoon plan to attend the "Michigan Says Thanks" event in Lansing on October 8, 2015.

Tom Meinhardt reported that he will begin work to reduce at-large membership in the state by sending out letters to those individuals asking them to consider joining a local chapter. Tom will also attempt to revive chapters that have folded. Ray Essenmacher also reported that Region 5 now has 10,334 members. Michigan has 4,392 in VVA and 637 in AVVA. Chapter 154 is in 4<sup>th</sup> place among largest chapters and Plymouth-Canton is now in 23<sup>rd</sup> place in the nation.

Secretary Ray Essenmacher reviewed the previous minutes and announced that any chapter considering hosting next June's State Council convention should get their bid in by the next meeting, December 6, 2015.

Treasurer Dennis Cohoon reviewed the financial reports he had prepared. The bills are paid and we still have money in the bank.

Brian Bobek, Chapter 154 announced that his chapter once again opened the POW-MIA ceremony in Novi on Sep. 18<sup>th</sup>. His color guard then returned to Macomb County for other events in their area. He had submitted

PSA's to his local outlets and he added an article about PTSD to the Macomb Daily newspaper. His intent was to reach out to veterans of all conflicts not just the Vietnam era. Terry of Chapter 274 reported they raised \$6,000 from POW-MIA poppy sales. Tim Driscoll was very proud of his Washtenaw County Chapter 310 winning the award for Chapter newsletter of the year.

Brian also reported on the Veterans Treatment Court. He is only familiar with the Macomb County court system which has been up and running since April 2012. It is an 18 month program with 33 graduates and 31 cases are ongoing. To his knowledge it is very successful with no known failures.

Bob Cummings, Alpena Chapter of Agent Orange Riders reported the next Agent Orange Town Hall will be held on October 24, 2015 at 1550 W. Drahner Road in Oxford, MI. It will be co-hosted by Oakland County Chapter 133. Registration is helpful at [VVA133AO@gmail.com](mailto:VVA133AO@gmail.com). Bob reminded everyone that the AO Riders continue to support Betty Mekdeci at [www.birthdefects.org](http://www.birthdefects.org). Sandie Wilson urged everyone to put pressure on their local political leaders to get the A O. legislation voted on this month.

I then reported on the State Council by-laws and mentioned that the newly revised version of the VVA constitution is now available at [www.VVA.org](http://www.VVA.org).

Dennis Bielskis, Finance Chair, announced that he is asking for written budget requests from all committee chairs.

Jack Devine, Detroit Chapter 9, Government Affairs Chair spoke about the State Capital "Michigan Says Thanks" event.

Jack also spoke about pending changes regarding the veterans homes in Michigan. Medicare and Medicaid programs may be taking a bigger role in these policy changes. Not sure if this is good news or bad news at this time. Jack invited everyone to come to Detroit for their Veterans Day parade.

Phil Smith, Service Office Director next gave his report (claims increase and he remains busy). He will start visiting the veterans at Milan Federal Penitentiary soon. The service office continues to utilize the scanning process for claims. Phil reported there are 268 new claims pending (Detroit VA) and over 6,000 appeals pending in the system. Phil spoke a little about the upcoming National Veterans Golden Age Games event scheduled for July 10-14, 2016. For further information check out [www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov](http://www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov).

John Riling reported that he and his Product Sales team had attended 9 events in 24 days. A Veterans Expo is next on his list scheduled for November 6-7, 2015. Bill Boudreau was one of John's constant

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traveling companions and Bill will be missed by John and all that knew him.

Our guest Tom Burke spoke about his committee assignments. He will chair the Veterans Benefits Committee and serve on the Finance Committee and the Disciplinary Committee. Tom promoted the \$100 life member special and spoke about the 'last man standing' issue.

Tim Driscoll spoke about the Iraq and Afghanistan vets. Many more women vets served than before and there have been increased cases of PTSD issues and suicides by these young veterans. Tim reminded everyone of the VVA "Paper Safe" that all veterans should complete to ease the potential problems that arise when a veteran dies. Also, don't forget to get your flu shot.

Sandi Wilson spoke about the "Red - White - Blue" group that supports veterans. She also suggested that we read the VVA Veteran article about the new Hep C treatment plan.

Betty Pike, AVVA President spoke about their business in the state. The AVVA will assist with the Dec. 6 Christmas luncheon also. Chapter 310 volunteered to host the December meeting in Ann Arbor.

Keith King, Veterans Support Foundation, reported that Comcast has already run ½ million dollars worth of coverage of the VVA PSA's with another ½ million to be provided sometime in the near future. WOW is also getting on board in promoting VVA. Keith reported that the VVA history CD that was produced was sold out at the convention. 1,000 more copies were ordered and sales are brisk for that supply.



## Joy Road Clean Up

Our chapter's last Wayne County Adopt-A-Road assignment for this year was held on Saturday, October 10.

Since Joy Road had been cleaned by the Court Issued Community Service personnel, the road was already picked up quite well. Of course, the above group did not have fresh Meijer doughnuts to munch on before our group fell out of the "Donut Formation" that started our work off!

Nineteen of our membership showed up to take on Joy Road! I believe this is a record for the 19 years we've been responsible for Joy Road.

I had with me a new camera, and had never worked the delayed timer. As I was attempting to set this time up, there was a tremendous amount of "incoming" from our road crew! I have faced "incoming" back in the Nam, but all this flack I was getting from the crew was just as intimidating as the real thing back in Nam!! It was only after I threatened them with 25 "Airborne" push-ups, did the flack subside (don't mess with Sgt. Whipple).

Those in the picture are from left to right: Roger Buelow, Al Sneath, Pete Glasgow, Jerry Grzesik, Jack Massarello, me, Brian Bentley (were you standing in a hole?), Norma Demerly, Gary "Ouch" Boucher, Mike Dicker, Susie Wagner, Pat Doherty, Dan Droz, Roger Riddell, Larry Kilgore, Bobby Sommerville, Dennis Waling, Ron King, and Jim Hodgson.

Thanks for all of you that have participated in this fun service to our community! Next April we start our 20<sup>th</sup> year!



Rich Whipple  
Wayne County Adopt-A-Road Coordinator

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



*passing of his wife, Sandy; and Joe and Dayle Agius with her post gall bladder removal and recovery.*



## Chaplain's Corner

My forefathers were pioneers in Michigan. They cleared the land, planted crops, and cultivated gardens to raise food for their families. This agrarian bent has been passed down through the generations.

My dad grew up on a Michigan farm and loved gardening, which may explain why I love gardening, and the smell of fertile soil. Cultivating plants that bear beautiful flowers and tending roses that fragrantly grace our yard with beauty are enjoyable pastimes for me. If it weren't for the weeds it would be wonderful!

When I have to wrestle with the weeds, I am reminded of the garden of Eden; it was a perfect garden until Adam and Eve disobeyed God and thorns and thistles became a reality for them and every gardener since then (Genesis 3:17-18).

The Bible also mentions another garden – the garden of Gethsemane where Christ, in deep distress, pleaded with His Father to find another way to reverse sin's consequences that were born in Eden. In Gethsemane, Jesus surrendered to His Father by uttering words of full obedience in the face of great pain: "Your will be done" (Matthew 26:42).

Because Jesus surrendered in that garden, we now harvest the benefits of His amazing grace. May this lead us to surrender to His weeding of sin from our lives.

*Chaplain's notes: November brings us the holiday that is one of my favorites. No, not Halloween! Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because we have an excuse to "pig out" on great food, hopefully with loved ones, and a day set aside to appreciate health, shelter, family, good friends, and how blessed we are. I am very thankful for knowing Jesus as my Savior, who loves me and guides me through life. My worries of my afterlife are gone. I know where I will be when I breathe my last breath!*

*I hope and trust you all will take the time to count your blessings during this month!*

*Prayers for: Clyde Rains, as the doctors have found cancer in his liver, and he will immediately begin chemo therapy; Mary Boudreau and family with the sudden loss of husband and past president Bill; Bob Hallmark going into surgery for a new ball and socket for his shoulder; Mike Cloar and the*



## Rich Whipple

Chapter Chaplain

(A sinner saved by God's Grace)

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**HHC/2/503d Infantry**

**173d. Airborne Brigade**

**1968-1969**



Taking a break during Main Street Auto Wash!

## A Marine's Story

November is a special time for me. I was born on the 8th. I went active for 4 years, by arriving in Marine boot camp on the 9th. The 10th is the Marine Corps Birthday and the 11th is Veterans Day. A day to remember the buddies that I have lost, including the first one, who died in boot camp.

My grandparents and uncle came from a Polish city that was in the Austrian sector of Poland by the name of Lwow. It's city crest was given to it by Josef Pilsudski, who is considered to be the George Washington of Poland. At the end of WWII, that area of Poland was given to the Russians, who gave it to the Ukraines. The name of the city now is Lviv, Ukraine. But the city crest is still the same with it's motto in Latin. You guessed it, SEMPER FIDELIS. I found all of this out just a couple of years ago, when I was researching my family on the net. Sometimes, truth is stranger than fiction.

Leon Suchorski.

## 2015 SPORTSMEN'S RAFFLE WINNERS

|    |                                                         |      |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1  | Phillips smart led 50 inch color TV                     | 3905 |
| 2  | Rossi Circuit Judge combo 45/410                        | 2621 |
| 3  | Phillips smart led 50 inch color TV                     | 2338 |
| 4  | RUGER 10/22 TAKEDOWN RIFLE                              | 1315 |
| 5  | Phillips smart led 50 inch color TV                     | 4141 |
| 6  | Savage Axis rifle cal. 308 w/Scope                      | 2109 |
| 7  | Remington 770 rifle package cal. 30-06                  | 3859 |
| 8  | Phillips smart led 50 inch color TV                     | 3242 |
| 9  | Ruger American 270 w/Scope                              | 3428 |
| 10 | Cannon 18mp camera set w/case                           | 1076 |
| 11 | Ten point wicked ridge invader G3 crossbow package      | 2346 |
| 12 | Galaxy Tab A tablet                                     | 730  |
| 13 | Matrix Grizzly Mossy Oak Break crossbow                 | 413  |
| 14 | Galaxy tab A tablet                                     | 774  |
| 15 | Bear Archery Authority ready to hunt bow package        | 3536 |
| 16 | HP laptop 17.3" 500gb HD 4gb ram                        | 141  |
| 17 | Diamond Archer Carbon Core RH 70 Bow Pkg.               | 3823 |
| 18 | HP all in one 500gb HD 4gb ram win 8                    | 3357 |
| 19 | Benelli Nova 12 Ga. shotgun                             | 2686 |
| 20 | LG 55" smart color HDTV                                 | 2388 |
| 21 | Mossberg 835 12 Ga. Pump Shotgun                        | 1372 |
| 22 | LG 55" smart color HDTV                                 | 2931 |
| 23 | Mossberg 535 tactical pump 12ga. mag shotgun            | 774  |
| 24 | LG 55" Smart Color HDTV                                 | 169  |
| 25 | Stoeger Model 3000 12 Ga. shotgun                       | 999  |
| 26 | LG 55" Smart Color HDTV                                 | 1056 |
| 27 | Remington model 870 express tactical 12ga mag           | 1603 |
| 28 | LG 55" Smart Color HDTV                                 | 162  |
| 29 | Marlin 336C lever action c30/30 Rifle                   | 2105 |
| 30 | Remington Model 700 BDL 30-06 rifle package             | 879  |
| 31 | Savage mdl 11/111 hunter 3 cal. 7 mm mag rifle package  | 1391 |
| 32 | Savage mdl 11/111 hunter 2 cal. 308 rifle package       | 1741 |
| 33 | Tikka T3 Light                                          | 3886 |
| 34 | Remington model 700 ADL center fire rifle pack cal. 308 | 3532 |
| 35 | Ruger 10/22 reaper buck camo. w/4.32 scope              | 397  |
| 36 | Henry Golden boy 22cal youth rimfire rifle              | 1438 |
| 37 | Rossi Circuit Judge 410/45                              | 2142 |
| 38 | CVA optima V2 50 ca; muzzleloader rifle                 | 917  |
| 39 | Phillips Smart LED 50" color TV                         | 2604 |
| 40 | Mossberg Silver Reserve II 20 Ga. Shotgun               | 2370 |

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| Sunday                                                                                 | Monday                                   | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                 | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8                                                                                      | 9<br>VVA General Membership Mtg. 7:00 pm | 10                                      | 11<br>Veterans Day<br> | 12                                                                                       | 13     | 14       |
| 15                                                                                     | 16                                       | 17                                      | 18                                                                                                      | 19                                                                                       | 20     | 21       |
| 22                                                                                     | 23                                       | 24<br>VVA Board Membership Mtg. 7:00 pm | 25                                                                                                      | 26<br> | 27     | 28       |
| 29                                                                                     | 30                                       | 1                                       | 2                                                                                                       | 3                                                                                        | 4      | 5        |



**Tom Brown, Editor**  
**2nd Missile Battalion,**  
**44th Artillery Pershing**  
**Missile -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](http://www.vva528.org/ourevents.html)

**VVA 528 General Membership Meeting Monday, November 9, 2015 1426 South Mill St.**  
**VFW Plymouth, MI Come on and join us! 7:00 p.m. (1900 hours)**

## VFW Calendar for November

3rd - Ladies Auxiliary - 7 pm  
 6th - Karaoke Night - 8 pm  
 10th - General Membership - 7 pm  
 17th - Board Meeting - 7 pm  
 19th - Men's Auxiliary - 6:30 pm  
 20th - Karaoke Night - 8 pm



## November Birthdays

Robert Anderson, Richard Beach, Debby Bradley, Robert Brothers, Jason Bryan, Timothy Curtis, Bob Dew, Norma Demerly, Richard Dunn, John Fleming, Michael Kennedy, Bob Lamoureux, Ronald Lowrie, Art Ohanian, James Peterson, Jeff Rousseau, Anthony Rypkowski, Charles Sauber, Bill Simpson, Philip Skover, Jeffrey Snyder, Judith Ann Sterling, Lucy Stern, John Stewart, Richard Suchan, Leon Suchorski, Rodney Tanner, Alice Thomas, Terry Wells, Rich Whipple and Michael Willey.



### Chapter Officers

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
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|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
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| VA Medical Center Detroit       | 313-576-1000 |
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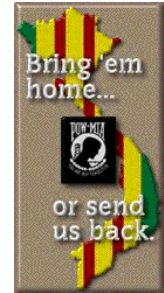


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