



VVA Chapter 528

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Kokomo 2016

VVA 528 members had a great time. New memories will last a life-time. Check out the photos throughout this newsletter. Those who have never gone must go, if you don't you are truly missing a great time. Special issue with extra photos!

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"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

Welcome Home!

President's Corner

September is behind us with the Plymouth Fall Festival, Kokomo reunion and the Air Force birthday. The Marine Corp birthday and Veterans Day are coming up in November. There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park in Plymouth Friday, November 11th at 11 AM. There's also a Veterans Day Ceremony the same day at Canton's Heritage Park Veterans Memorial at 1:00 PM. In addition there is the Salute to Service program at Canton's Village Theater at 7 PM featuring Medal of Honor recipient Lt Col Charles Kettles.



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

EUCHRE

Wednesday Euchre will commence once more on Wednesday October 5 and continue every Wednesday until next spring. As always, it will be first come first served to get an even number of players so you should aim for a 6:30PM show up time. The cost is \$10 per person.

MONDAY GOLF

Our all member (VFW/Auxiliary/VVA/AVVA) Monday golf scramble has been underway and will continue through the Fall. If you are interested, let me know and I'll keep you on the weekly notification list.

KOKOMO

This year's trek to the Veteran's campout was again well worth the drive. I met up with two of my brothers from my company in Vietnam. We had three FNG's this year: Clyde Rains, Larry Bakucz and Bryan Bentley...any questions, ask these three. If you have been to Kokomo, no explanation is necessary; if you haven't, your loss.

UPCOMING

Our Annual Main Street Car Wash is scheduled for Sunday October 2. If you can help out, let me know. Taco night will resume on Friday September 30 at 5:00PM. Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Friday. On the 2nd and 4th Friday, there is a new band performing. Kids' Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sunday October 23. The second of our two Annual Poker Shootouts is Thursday October 27.

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

Photos courtesy of Dennis & Patty Bielskis



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



Plymouth Fall Festival

The weather was cool and rainy on Saturday but we made up for it on Sunday and had another successful Fall Festival. We made \$973 in our tent selling water, pop, dog tags and chapter merchandise. We received another \$335 in donations and \$1,053 at the E.G Nicks beer tent for a net profit of \$2,361 for the weekend. I would like to personally thank all those who came out to help make this event a success.

Odds & Ends

Membership

There were 3 applications for membership this past month. John Berry, Army, and Mack Gaut, Air Force, have joined our chapter and Ray Vincent, has joined our associates. Welcome John, Mack and Ray to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 271 individual and 78 associate members. Of these we have 221 life VVA and 39 life AVVA members.

Lapsed Members: As of August 22, 2016 the following individuals have not renewed their membership:

VVA: Carl Allen, William Azzopardi, Austin Bronson, Fred Hanna, Ron Jones

AVVA: Clint Dorey

Dropped from Roster: Bob Cohen, Roger Ratkowski, Sandy Bazman, John Nichols

October VVA Renewals: Don Green

October AVVA Renewals: Patty Brothers

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 Memberships

Just a continuing reminder of the new AVVA membership fees: They are: age 60 and over - \$100 and 59 and under - \$175. Anyone over 60 who purchases a life membership must provide proof of age (copy of driver's license or birth certificate). This change is a great opportunity for associates to become life members. The life membership fee for VVA members is \$100 regardless of age.

Chapter Raffle

Congratulations go to Lee Camilleri, the latest winner of the chapter raffle and a life membership. Lee is the 2nd consecutive associate to win the raffle. There will be another drawing at the next membership meeting. Remember there are only about 10 names in the drawing so if you are an annual paid member and attend the monthly meetings your chances of winning are pretty good.



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



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Chaplain's Corner

Hold On

Tianmen Mountain in Zhangjiajie, China, is considered one of the most beautiful mountains in the world. To view its towering cliffs in all their glorious splendor, you must take the Tianmen Shan cable car, which covers a distance of 7,455 meters (4.5 miles). It's amazing how this cable car can travel such long distances and scale such steep mountains without any motor on the car itself. Yet it moves safely up these spectacular heights by keeping a strong grip on a cable that is moved by a powerful motor.

In our journey of faith, how can we finish the race well and "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called [us] heavenward in Christ Jesus"? (Phil. 3:14). Like the cable car, we keep a strong grip on Christ, which is what Paul meant when he said "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1). We have no resources of our own. We depend fully on Christ to keep us moving forward. He will take us through the greatest challenges and lead us safely home.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7).

Toward the end of his earthly life, the apostle Paul declared, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). You can too. Simply keep a strong grip on Christ.

Chaplain's notes: Prayers needed for Dale Roeseler who is now home from Beaumont. Dale needs energy and the foods best for him are quite challenging, and also prayers for our members as many of us are fighting health issues!



Rich Whipple

Chapter Chaplain

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HHC/2/503d Infantry

173d. Airborne Brigade

1968-1969



Photos courtesy of Dennis & Patty Bielskis



John Fleming

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We are scheduled for Saturday, December 10 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.

11th Annual Winter Clothing Drive

We will be delaying the 11th Annual Winter Clothing Drive which benefits the Detroit Veterans Center in Detroit. Their plan is to be moving during the month of December, so we may wait until early next year to make our delivery.

I will check with the Center next month to see what they would prefer and let the Chapter know the schedule in next month's Newsletter.

Burger Christmas Carnival

We did not attend last year's Carnival since they changed the timing of the Carnival. I will let you know when I find out the schedule for this Event and if we are invited.

Please contact me at 734-604-0227 or john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com with any questions.



Photos courtesy of Dennis & Patty Bielskis



John Fleming
92nd Finance Section
Cam Ranh Bay



Kokomo 2016



Photos courtesy of Gary "Bear" Kubik



Members singing The Air Force Song in recognition to the birthday of our Air Force. *Photo courtesy of Tom Brown.*



The Bear's Den

We had another great time in Kokomo (Greentown). Quite a few new people who attended this year said that they will be back. As usual the food was excellent, people were great, and the drinks were outstanding. We got Bryan Bentley to his flight on time. Ask him what he thought of it, unless you have already heard. I even met another submarine sailor!!

We will have margaritas on Friday Taco Nights. The first one is Sept 30th from 5 to 7 PM. If you know of someone that would like to be a replacement bartender, please send them around. Looking for someone close and trustworthy to fill in as needed. We will train but some experience would help.

Come and watch the pool teams. We have 2 teams so there should be a team at home every Thursday. Remember the "TRUNK OR TREAT" coming up. You can call the post for information.



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



Plymouth Fall Festival and Car Show



Photos courtesy of Patty and Dennis Bielskis

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OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Joy Road Clean-up 8:30 a.m.
2 Main Street Car Wash 9:00 - 500	3 GOLF	4 VFW AUX MEETING 7:00	5 EUCHRE 7:00	6	7 KARAOKE 8:00	8
9 BOWLING LEAGUE 1:30	10 GOLF VVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00	11 VFW MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00	12 EUCHRE 7:00	13	14 BAND 8:00	15
16	17 GOLF	18 VFW HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00	19 EUCHRE 7:00	20	21 KARAOKE 8:00	22
23 BOWLING LEAGUE 1:30 TRUNK & TREAT 1:00	24 GOLF BLOOD DRIVE	25 VVA BOARD MEETING 7:00	26 EUCHRE 7:00	27	28 TACO NIGHT 5:00-7:00 BAND 8:00	29 ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE LOUNGE
30	31 GOLF Halloween					



Calendar by
Nancy Dignan
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Douglas Appleyard, Richard Balish, Darrell Bazman, John Bresnahan, Anthony Brinza, Michael Cloar, Patrick Colbeck, Danny Cook, William Cottrell, Doyle "Skip" Davison, Betty Durham, James "Jack" Fortney, Robert Genna, Donald Green, Michael Hoben, Robert Humphrey, John Krawcke, Earl Madison, Brian Metzger, Ron Michalak, Kimberly Moscardelli, Dennis Northrop, Margot Parr, Douglas Patterson, Jerry Pazdan, Vincent Petrasky, Roy Pistor, Stephan Retherford, Loren Roberts, Fred Sattler, Don Schnettler, Glen Sedam, Mohamed Skander, Gerald Stesiak, Patrick Sullivan, William Taylor and Raymond Thomas.



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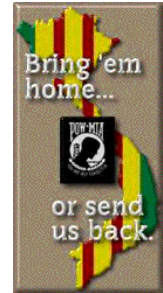
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