



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

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Welcome Home!



President's Corner

Greetings Fellow
Veterans!

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Greetings,

Summer is coming to a quick end with only 2 more car shows left. However, we have enjoyed a successful string of Wednesday afternoons thanks to Darrell Bazman and all of the excellent volunteers who are always there to help where needed. These shows would not happen without our volunteers! Also, "Thank You" to Shirley Caldwell and her super group of VFW Ladies Auxiliary members who provide us with delicious baked goods at each car show event.

Another huge "Thank You" goes out to the volunteers who made the annual joint VFW/VVA/ VFW Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries Picnic a family fun event on August 23, 2014. With the end of the car shows, comes the unofficial beginning of the Fall season with our participation in the annual Plymouth Fall Festival. This is another labor intensive event which requires many volunteers to make it the success that it has always been. Please help us if you can. After the Fall Festival, a short break and we are off to our annual Kokomo Reunion. This is one of the chapter's most coveted events of the year and should not be missed if possible. In addition to the already mentioned events, we still have the annual Fishing Derby in late September and Main Street Auto Wash fundraiser in October.

Our chapter members, both men and women, are some of the finest, most unselfish people anywhere! You continually give of your time and effort to be at our activities and events. Your care and regard for the chapter is the reason we are always "over the top" when it comes to getting things done. I am honored to be among such wonderful veterans and their families and friends. Thank you for your continued support.



Ron King, President

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



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



Digger's Desk

BOWLING LEAGUE MEETING AUGUST 29

We are starting a VFW/VVA bowling league this fall beginning on September 28. It will run every other Sunday at 1:30PM at Plaza Lanes on Ann Arbor Road, almost kitty-corner to the Post. If you are of high or low skill level or no skill level at all, you are welcomed. In order to possibly include family or friends who are not members, teams will consist of three/four bowlers, only one of which must be a member of either VFW/Men's or Ladies Auxiliary/VVA/AVVA. This is a social event to deviate from our usual activities and should be fun. If you are a team, a couple or a single who would like to participate, you are encouraged to contact Patty/Bob Brothers at 734-420-0555 or myself at 734-525-0157. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board when entering the lounge. Our first league meeting will be on Friday August 29 at 6:00PM at the VFW. See you there.

CAR CRUZ

Come on down every Wednesday for a good time at the Car Cruz...great cars, music, food and friends. See you there. I'll be the bartender with the smiling face. We now have one car cruz left.

STEAK FRY

We have a system in place for the monthly steak fry and from comments regarding the first three events, everything came out well. See you at the next steak fry on September 12.

KOKOMO

The culmination of the year's events comes together the weekend of September 18-20 when our annual trek to Kokomo takes place. If you haven't been, you're missing out.

FISHING DERBY

The Chapter's sponsorship of the Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on Hines Drive is community driven at its best. The kids have fun, parents have fun and we have fun.

I'll see you at the September meeting. Don't forget to sign in. It's a great time to be a Veteran.



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



Car Cruz



Kokomo 2010



Odds & Ends

Membership

We welcome back Dan Stengle whose membership had lapsed quite some time ago. We had 2 applications for membership this past month. Tom Guditis and Paul Tripp have joined our associates. Welcome back Dan and welcome Tom and Paul to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 255 individual and 77 associate members. Of these we have 146 life VVA and 24 life AVVA members

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

VVA: Art Esper, Dennis Leahy, Robert Rood, John Sanborn, Rodney Tanner, John Thierry

AVVA: Kelly Ryan

Dropped From Roster: Richard Dunn, Mike Hoben, Christina Collins, Paul Collins

September VVA Renewals: Jim Austin, Norris Cutler

September AVVA Renewals: Jan Spittler
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.

Fall Festival

As the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end". We have been selling corn for a "buck-an-ear" for over 10 years. Unfortunately this price now barely covers our costs so we will be raising the price this year to \$1.25. The festival takes place on September 5 -7 with setup on the 4th. The hours are noon - 11:00 on Friday and Saturday and noon - 6:00 on Sunday. On Thursday if you have a truck or van we will meet at the post to load up and then meet at our site at 5:00 to set up. A sign-up sheet was sent out by Don Dignan by email. Please try to set some time aside to help out as this is a very big undertaking. **P.S. I still need a volunteer to take my place on Saturday as I will be of town.** My number is: (734) 397-8389.

Chapter Raffle

Due to the heavy rains on the night of our last meeting I was not able to get to the post so the raffle was not held. I tip my hat to the 53 members who were able to get through the flooding and attend the meeting. I've collected enough so at the September meeting there will be 2 drawings. Come on out and see if you are one of the lucky winners.



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



Plymouth Fall Festival





Chaplain's Corner

Whoppers Or Adventures?

Author: Randy Kilgore, from
Our Daily Bread

My grandfather loved to tell stories, and I loved to listen. Pawpaw had two kinds of tales..."Whoppers" were stories with a whiff of truth, but which changed with each new telling. "Adventures" were stories that really happened, and the facts never changed when retold. One day my grandfather told a story that just seemed too far-fetched to be true. "Whopper", I declared, but my grandfather insisted it was true. Although his telling never varied, I simply couldn't believe it, it was that unusual.

Then one day, while I was listening to a radio program, I heard the announcer tell a story that confirmed the truth of my grandfather's tale. My grandfather's "whopper" suddenly became an "adventure." It was a moving moment of remembrance that made him even more trustworthy in my eyes.

When the psalmist wrote about the unchanging nature of trustworthiness of God (Psalm 102:27), he was offering this same comfort...the trustworthiness of God, to us. The idea is repeated in Hebrews 13:8 with these words, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." This can lift our hearts above our daily trials to remind us that an unchanging, trustworthy God rules over even the chaos of a changing world.

Chaplain's notes: It never amazes me with how our VVA chapter members are there for each other. For example, how many of you have been able to get out and visit Ted Enright and Al Kebyson while in the hospital.

This is what our chapter is all about, and I hope we never lose this attitude of "having each others' back". There are so many things that change in this world, and many not for the better. However as the message above tells it, the one steady thing that a Christian can hang on to, it that our eternal Father, God, and His son

Jesus, will never change. They are the "rock", the one steady thing that I can hang my hat on in this "upside down" world we live in.

The newly formed "Vets for Christ", meeting at Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, just east of I-275, every Monday evening at 7 P.M. is a comforting place to be, with good teaching of God's Word, the Bible, and the camaraderie of several veterans around the tables.

I strongly suggest that you pay this group a visit, but watch out.....it could be a "life changing experience", but one you will never regret!



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

Wayne County Fishing Derby - Sep. 27th

The fishing derby was postponed back in May due to flooding conditions. 18 members have already volunteered (signed-up) to help children 12 and under have a fantastic time.

The Fishing Derby takes place at Waterford Bend Park (Hines Drive) in Northville. Waterford Bend is located at the corner of Six Mile and Northville Road in Northville, MI. Volunteers are expected to arrive at 7:30 AM to help set up the tables for registration, weighing and measuring rainbow trout. The derby starts at 8 AM and ends at 10 AM. Co-Chairing this event are Gary "Bear" Kubik, Bill Boudreau, Dean Bell and Tom Brown. Chapter 528 has donated \$500.00 to help purchase 500 rainbow trout and prizes for the winners of the longest, heaviest and smallest fish. If you would like to help and didn't sign-up, please contact any of the Co-Chairs.



The Bear's Den

It is September!! Last car show, fall fest and car show, and best of all KOKOMO.

I hope to see a good turn out for all three. We hope to have the tickets for the Sportsman's Raffle for all three. If you know of any servicemen that are deployed or going to be deployed, I have calling cards available for them. See me or get their address to me. We are still accepting cell phones and are exchanging flags.

We can use all of the help that we can get to sell tickets. There should be some place that you might be able to sell. Don even sold at his Credit Union.

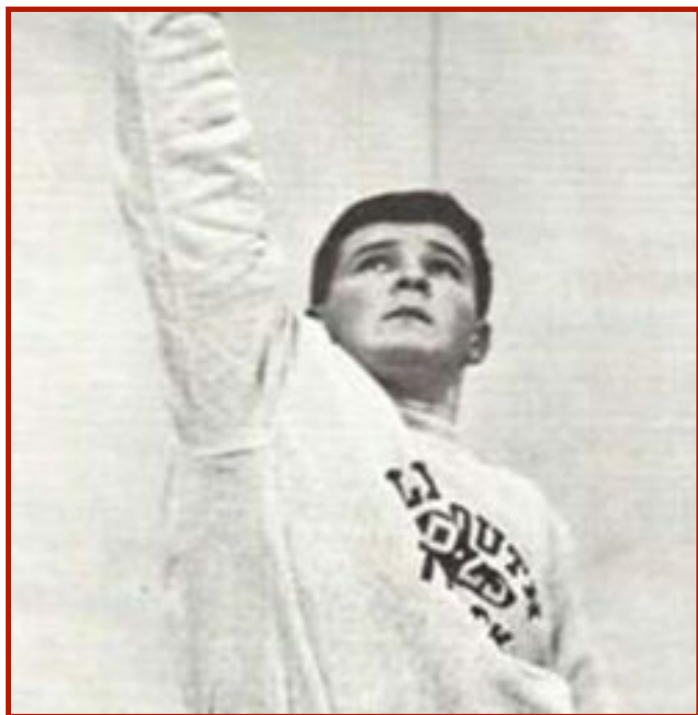
Any ideas or suggestions, please call or see me. And please, if you have a gripe or complaint, put it in writing and get it to me. When I get them 3rd hand, it is hard to straighten it out.

Thanks!
BEAR



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

The Fallen Heroes of Plymouth-Canton



Wall Name: HUGH HENRY SARAH

Date of Birth: 8/5/1945

MOS: 11B10 - Infantryman

Unit: D Co, 2nd Bn, 8th Cav, 1st Cav Div, USARV

Start Tour: 7/1/69

Date of Casualty: 9/23/1969

Location: Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam

Remains: Body recovered

Casualty Type: Hostile, died of wounds

Casualty Reason: Ground casualty

Home of Record: Plymouth

County: Wayne County

State: Michigan

Branch of Service: Army

Rank: SP4

Panel/Row: 17W, 1



Leroy Paige
RVN 69-70
1st Signal Brigade



September 2014 - VVA Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Fall Festival 11 am - 7 pm	1 Labor Day	2 Cruz'n 528 5 - 8 pm	3 Fall Festival Setup - Time 5 pm until ?	4 Fall Festival 11 am - 11 pm	5 Fall Festival 11 am - 11 pm	6 Fall Festival 11 am - 11 pm
7 VVA General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Patriot Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 KOKOMO Air Force Birthday 1947	18 KOKOMO	19 KOKOMO	20 KOKOMO
21 KOKOMO	22 Autumnal Equinox VVA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27 Wayne County Fishing Derby. 7:30 am - 10:30 am
28 Bowling League	29	30	1	2	3	4



Tom Brown, Editor
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1971 - 1972



Calendar by Tom Brown

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

VFW Calendar For September

2nd - Ladies Auxiliary - 7 pm
5th - Karaoke Night - 8 pm
9th - General Membership Mtg. - 7 pm
12th - Steak Dinner 5 - 7 pm
13th - CBMA Poker Run
16th - Board Meeting - 7 pm
18th - Men's Auxiliary - 6:30 pm
19th - Karaoke Night - 8 pm
27th - Men's Auxiliary Golf Outing



September Birthdays

Carl Allen, Roger Bebow, Dan Bowe, Leon Carter, Clark Crain, Bob Denstedt, Tom Forster, Pete Glasgow, Dominick Grake, David Henwood, Stewart Israel, Richard Lewis, Ron Little, Victor Lukasiak, Charles Neal, Don Petrere, Dave Ramsey, Eric Schwaller, Albert Sneath, Robert Somerville, John Spencer, John Thierry and Roger Wild

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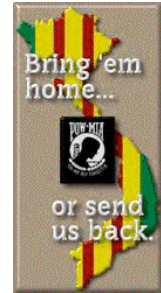


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