



VVA Chapter 528

Plymouth-Canton, MI

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Welcome Home!



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I had fun taking pledges at Detroit Public TV. Thanks to Loren and Barbara Roberts, Don Dignan and Paul and Donita Tripp for volunteering.

For those not going to Kokomo, there will be a POW/MIA ceremony on Sept 18th at the cemetery at 12 Mile and Novi Rd at 5:30 pm.

The Canton Community Foundation is sponsoring their 6th Veterans Summit at Vista Tech/ Schoolcraft College from 8:00 to 2:30 pm Saturday Oct 3rd. A lot of good benefits information will be presented.

Sportsmen's raffle is Oct 11th. Ticket sales are just over 2,000. There are several selling events scheduled over the remaining weeks. Contact Dennis Bielskis if you can help.



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



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



Digger's Desk

CARCRUZ

Only a few nights left in a season that has been reasonably nice weather wise. Come on down and enjoy a burger, a liquid refreshment, classic cars and good 60's music.

MONDAY GOLF

We have golfed at 55 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.

SPORTMAN'S RAFFLE

How about giving the Chapter a hand? This is the biggest fundraiser we have and it is an even split between the VFW and VVA. If you are nervous about selling tickets, sign up with an experienced seller like myself or a few others.

Due to time and location constraints, there are not that many scheduled opportunities left so we need to cover all of them. However, there are many other venues for friendly ticket selling. Do you belong to the Moose, Elks, Rotary, Lions, American Legion, DAV, AMVETS, golf or bowling league, etc.? How about your credit union? I did that two weeks ago and sold 22 tickets.

Stick a couple in your shirt pocket when visiting friends and relatives.

Finally, if you'd rather stick pins in your eye than sell tickets, there is the option of buying a few yourself.

We had two people (not me) who in the last raffle sold over 500 tickets apiece which took an enormous amount of effort and personal commitment. Do you think you can account for 5 or 10? Incidentally there is a seller's raffle with several \$500 gift cards at stake.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHAPTER AND POST.

KOKOMO

If you have never been, give it a try. Nancy and I will be there. How about you?

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



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



Odds & Ends

Membership

We had 4 applications for membership this past month. Donald Rauch, Stanley Truskowski and Anthony Brinza III, all Navy, have joined the chapter. Kevin Demsky has joined our associates. Welcome Don, Stan, Tony and Kevin to Chapter 528. Our current membership stands at 266 individual and 75 associate members. Of these we have 164 life VVA and 27 life AVVA members.

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

VVA: Robert Vanderhoff, Ron Wroblewski

AVVA: Patrick Colbeck, Jill Hives, Stephen Hives, Mike Sherry

Dropped From Roster: Carl Cooper, Gary Paver, George Surowy

September VVA Renewals: Norris Cutler, Richard Dunn, Ed Hopkins, Johnnie Johnson, Larry Kilgore, Chris Timco,

September AVVA Renewals: Betty Burkacki, Joanne Cook, Ron Cook, John Stewart, Paul Tripp

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.

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Life Membership

Just a reminder that from now till the end of the year you can get a lifetime VVA membership for only \$100, regardless of age. This applies to all new and current members. AVVA members will also be able to take advantage of this offer in November and December. This is a once in a lifetime offer and already 5 members have converted to life members.

Chapter Raffle

Because of the \$100 special we were able to have 2 drawings this past month. Congratulations to Al Sneath and John Krueger the latest winners of the chapter raffle. I also collected enough to have another drawing at next month's meeting.

Fall Festival

The Plymouth Fall Festival takes place on September 11 - 13 with setup on Thursday the 10th. Because we are not selling corn this year manpower needs will not be as great but we will still need 3-5 people at all times to sell the pop & water and chapter merchandise. Setup on Thursday is at 5:00 at our site. I will need one or two people to help transport the tent and coolers. Festival hours on Friday and Saturday are noon till 11:00pm and on Sunday from noon till 5:00pm. Please try to spend a few hours assisting in this annual event.



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



Chaplain's Corner

The Success Test

TGIF Today God Is First Volume 2

by [Os Hillman](#)

His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today" (Deut. 8:18).

Muhammad Ali is considered the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time. He won 56 of his 61 professional fights and knocked out 37 opponents. His most famous catchphrase was, "I am the greatest!"

One day, Ali was seated in an airplane when the flight attendant came up the aisle to make sure that all the passengers had their seat belts fastened. Reaching Ali's seat, she asked him to buckle up. "Hmph!" the champ sneered. "Superman don't need no seatbelt!" The flight attendant smiled sweetly and replied, "Superman don't need no airplane, either." Ali fastened his seatbelt.

The greater our success, the greater the risk of us thinking too highly of ourselves. Scottish historian Thomas Carlyle observed, "Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity." And Oswald Chambers wrote, "Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exacting test of all to survive is prosperity."

Each of us must view success as a gift from God. We must learn to see all of our successes as a gift from God, not our own achievement. The Lord is the source of all success, all elevation, all blessing. If you have a good mind and a healthy body, if you live in a land of opportunity, if you have a good education, if you've had a few breaks go your way, then you have much to be grateful for - and no cause for arrogance. You didn't achieve success; you received it as a gift. Each of us must voluntarily humble ourselves before God - or God will have to humble us Himself. I have learned it is better to learn humility voluntarily, than involuntarily! Paul tells us: *"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you"* (Rom. 12:3).

Chaplain's notes: I checked in with Ken Winkler (brain cancer) and discovered that he is in very good spirits, and will soon have another MRI to determine what direction the doctors will go to thwart the cancer. Prayers requested for Pete Glasgow's sister Pam, fighting off pneumonia. Also prayers requested for Steve Radachy and his family on the sudden death of his daughter, Katy, in a car accident. Katy was the mother of three sons.

"But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms

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Also for healing for Mike Steffes, after a spell in the hospital with a bout of cellulitis on his left hand. Please let me know if you have a request for prayer. My contact information is below.



Rich Whipple
Chapter Chaplain
(A sinner saved by God's Grace)
Cell: 734-751-2992
rekjwhipple@yahoo.com
HHC/2/503d Infantry
173d. Airborne Brigade
1968-1969



Jim Hodgson
Delegate to the 2015
National Convention



VVA National Convention Report July 22-25, 2015

There were 756 VVA Delegates, Region 5 was second largest at 146 on last day (each day there was a variation in delegates)

There were 31 proposed revisions to the VVA Constitution 27 passed, many were just clerical. The following will impact us:

- 1) DD214 are no longer to be retained by Chapters
- 2) No longer use e-mail as an official method to provide "notice" of meetings – postal or in-person
- 3) State Councils may designate delegates to national conventions, even though the member is not designated a delegate by his/her chapter

A specific focus of this National Convention was on the Agent Orange Bills before Congress. John Rowan stated these just might be the VVA Legacy.

VVA has a new WEB site.. see: <http://www.vva.org/>

There are several Public Service Announcement videos regarding VVA and membership plus a DVD 1 hour movie regarding the History of VVA; John Spencer purchased both PSAs and Movie DVDs. We may want to give a copy of PSAs to local TV stations to plug VVA.

John Rowan announced a membership initiative where life membership now through Dec 31 will be just \$100.00 dollars for any age/status. It is not on the WEB Site as yet.

VA Director, Bob McDonald, gave a presentation to the delegates. It appeared that he used the same presentation he provided to Congress where he asked for funds. John Rowan said that he and General McDonald were on good speaking terms and answer each other's phone calls.

John Rowan said there will be a push to hire a new membership director at VVA after they clean up from this convention: hopefully a more talented director.

There is a Vietnam War 50 year commemoration under-way. The program is being run by DOD. It started last year and will run until 2025..

see: <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>

Jefferson Starship gave a concert at the Welcome Home Party. Two of the bands' members were part of Jefferson Airplane Band of Woodstock era.. The concert hurt my ears.

Springfield was a good location and the city was welcoming.

This was a most interesting convention experience for me: I learned much.

Thank You! for allowing me to attend!



Photo from 2015 National Convention
Springfield, IL



Jim Hodgson
120th AVN Co.
1st AVN Bde
1972-1973





**Gary Estermyer,
Representative
Michigan State Council
Report
August 9, 2015**

The 3 Amigos (John Riling, Phil Smith and I) made the ride to Howell the morning of Sunday, August 9, 2015 for the State Council meeting. Secretary Ray Essenmacher and Treasurer Dennis Cohoon were the other officers present. Vice President Tim Driscoll was excused. President John Riling announced that Second Vice President Bill Boudreau has resigned. 528 President John Spencer made a guest appearance and Dennis Bielskis attended also.

Ray handled the roll call and 12 chapters were in attendance. Ray read off a list of 10 chapters that had not turned in their chapter election report, 528 was not on that list. Ray also told the delegates that they should refer to the consent calendar for various committee reports for this meeting.

John formally invited the AVVA rep. to be included at the State Council Board meetings. John has been asked to serve on the Benefits Committee at National. He also reported that both U.S. Senators from Michigan have now signed on the current agent orange legislation. Three Michigan congressmen have signed on in the House.

“Raul” Roy Flores, former long time Dearborn Chapter 267 president was awarded the VVA Commendation Medal at the recent National convention in Springfield. John awarded the VVA Achievement Medal to Brian Bobek of Chapter 154 and Mike Goodpaster of Chapter 259. He reported that the VVA PSA videos were available for chapters to present to their local cable companies. The historical 1983 VVA video is also available for \$15.00.

John read off a list of 7 state chapters whose charters have been revoked. Five of them were incarcerated chapters. Lastly, John announced that the “at-large” Michigan membership list will be available to all chapters so they may try to recruit local veterans to join their chapter.

I then conducted the special election to fill the Second Vice President position. New delegate Phil Savage from the Battle Creek 313 chapter accepted the nomination as did Tom Meinhardt of Chapter 1083, Marysville, MI. Tom was elected.

Treasurer Dennis Cohoon then began discussion of the financial report. We’re still on the plus side with no major expense items other than the audit fee. Dennis reported that we recently paid \$9,080.00 for our annual audit. He will investigate ways to reduce that fee in the coming months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bay City Chapter 494 has begun a 50/50 raffle. Rich Lash of Oakland County Chapter 133 will be staging an A.O. Town Hall in Oxford, MI on October 24 beginning at noon. Register at VVA133AO@gmail.com. I announced our Sportsman Raffle and encouraged sales.

I then gave the Constitution report and reviewed some of the highlights of the convention. I will be editing our By-laws when the final draft of the newly revised VVA constitution is available. I reported that the next convention will be held at the Marriott in New Orleans from August 8 - 12, 2017.

Jack Devine, Government Affairs Chair, reported that major changes are being worked on at the state level regarding the Veterans Trust Fund. Adding a regional level staff is being considered which would greatly impact the current county representation. Jack will continue to attend and participate in these planning meetings.

Rich Lash reported he has a lead on a grant writer from Texas who specializes in securing grants of material goods, stuff as Rich describes. Tom Meinhardt reported that should a Vietnam vet visit a prison they should ask to speak to all veterans, not just Vietnam era. Tom will be working to reorganize some of the incarcerated chapters.

Phil Smith reported on the “Missing In America project”. There are still untold numbers of cremated remains of veterans in funeral homes throughout the state. The Michigan Dept. of Justice should be notified to allow for a proper burial for these veterans.

John reported that his Product Sales team will be traveling to Greenville and Lansing, MI in the next few weeks. They will once again be at Kokomo in September where John has been informed a huge concrete slab has been poured in the vendors area. No more dust and rocks and mud, imagine that. At Kokomo John will be moved to a corner spot.

Dennis Cohoon, former Region 5 Director spoke about his experiences while at the National level. He withdrew his name from consideration and endorsed Tom Burke of Ohio. Dennis felt he could contribute more at the local and state level to help veterans.

John reported that we need to continue to record volunteer hours at the VA hospitals when visiting or staging events for the veterans. John reported that during the recent CFC campaign he and others participated at numerous sites. They promoted the VVA “Veterans Support Foundation” which funds the service officer program. Help will be needed to staff the future campaigns.

Phil Smith, Service Office Director reviewed the “Choice Program”. Many veterans have already received their cards for this medical program. Phil and his staff continue to be extremely busy working on claims and covering as much ground as they can.

The next meeting will be held in Howell on 10/04/15 and the Christmas meeting will be held on 12/06/15 at a site TBD.



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





Gary Estermyer

**VVA National Convention
Report**

As President John mentioned in his convention report we were treated to a loud and rockin performance by Jefferson Starship. It was a great pre-convention event and the admission price was perfect ... o! I had arrived in Springfield earlier that Tuesday afternoon along with my Upper Michigan friends Vic & Carol Romback on our Harleys. Good weather, good trip. Upon checking in I was issued my convention booklet and nifty VVA book/laptop bag.

Wednesday morning Bill Robinson (keynote speaker) gave a very stirring talk about his POW experience. Bill is the longest held (2,703 days) enlisted POW from the Vietnam war. "The Longest Rescue" is the title of the book about Bill's captivity. Bill mentioned that for every one U.S. deserter there were three Canadians who served with us.

We also heard from a retired general who serves on the advisory board of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary project. He mentioned that there are still 7.2 million living Vietnam veterans who will be honored and remembered during this project's ten year run. As of today there are now 8,719 commemorative partners in 43 states who have planned 2,580 events. I'm proud of the fact that VVA 528 is a partner. Check out www.vietnamwar50th.com for current information.

When the convention officially started it was announced that 698 delegates were registered. On day two the count went up to 753. By Friday morning the count was near 800 who were able to vote.

I attended the committee hearings for; POW/ MIA, Membership and the Constitution. It was reported that VVA membership has now hit 75,373. For some reason an anomaly exists in that as we are aging the VVA membership is rising. Also as you have probably heard by now VVA Membership Committee has announced a \$100 life membership

special! How great is that? This is an excellent time to recruit. The price is right. Hurry, this special only runs until Dec. 31, 2015.

On the convention floor Wednesday and Thursday we reviewed and acted on the resolutions and constitutional amendments, many were housekeeping related. A few chapter and state related amendments were passed. The final draft should be available soon on www.VVA.org.

All of 528's delegates attended the Region 5 caucus's on Wednesday and Thursday nights to listen to and ask questions of the candidates. We all gained some insight on their positions and background.

After voting Friday morning I said my goodbyes and headed home energized and focused on VVA issues and our future. I thank our 528 membership for allowing me to represent you at this 17th National VVA Convention. This was my 15th convention and they never get old. I'm already looking forward to New Orleans in August 2017.



Gary Estermyer

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Dennis Waling
National AVVA
Report - July 2015

NATIONAL AVVA REPORT

Sharon Hobbs, President, opened the session at 1:00PM. Introduced the current Board Made statements that AVVA membership includes 26 states and 76 Chapters. Also spoke about the Friday Elections.

Pressed upon Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) a program dealing with volunteer hours in military facilities or helping Veterans in other ways like taking them to appointments, cleaning and cooking for them, etc. Our organization accumulated 9,000 voluntary hours of service in the past year.

Project Friendship is a fundraiser to repair the Memory Plaque. This is for Veterans that pass away post Vietnam. At the luncheon, 4 Star General, B.B. Bell, U.S. Army, retired. 39 years of military service. Served under General Norman Swarzkopf's Executive Officer during Desert Storm. Spoke about the importance of duty and volunteering.

On Thursday July 23rd, Sharon Hobbs said the branding of "Together Always" was approved for the AVVA. It took 3 years to go through the process. The AVVA has been involved in 35 Agent Orange meetings. There are 10 Incorporated states and three in process of becoming incorporated. Disabled (HOSPITALIZED) veterans can now join the AVVA at no charge.

Detroit Vet Center at 4161 Cass Ave. can help families suffering from secondary PTSD. We went over Convention Rules item by item. Made changes to several sections with deletions and additions of terms and sentences. Changes were made in the following sections: Board of Directors, Article VII, Section 7.01 and 7.03, Chapters, Section 8.02, 8.03 and 8.04.

Election results

Sharon Hobbs – President
Cathy Keister -Vice President
Joanna Henshaw –Secretary
Kathy Andras – Treasurer
Cecilia Essenmacher – Region 5 Director

The next National Convention will be in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2017 and the Leadership Conference will be in Tucson, Arizona in 2016.



Kokomo 2015

Our annual campout at Kokomo, Indiana is coming up in a few weeks. The event begins on September 17th thru September 20th, 2015. The camping site is at the East of the Main area. Sites 239E thru 244E and 339E thru 344E.

If you are going, please bring jugs of water - some for washing dishes and some for drinking. Please, bring your coolers and your own beverages and food. Also, if you haven't been there, please contact me and I'll get your name on the list.

Absolutely no large motor homes. The area is too small for us to allow them. Bring pop-ups, tents or a van. You're responsible for the \$10.00 arm band at the gate.

My Cell # is [734-239-3463](tel:734-239-3463)



Dale M. Luebke
355th Tac Fighter Wing
357th Tac Fighter
Squadron



The Bear's Den

I hope that all of our members can go to Kokomo in a couple of weeks! Great things are in the Lounge starting in October: Sliders every Wednesday along with alternating euchre and dance. Karaoke will take place on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. We will have tacos on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. A live band will entertain us on the 2nd and 4th Friday in October (you saw them at the

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car show). Meeting night specials in the Lounge. We will be busy with many different ongoing projects.

Please, keep selling our Sportsman Raffle Tickets. Selling tickets is really not hard, you just have to ask for help! I will have tickets and they are behind the bar.

Thanks to all! bear



Gary "Bear" Kubik

TM2 (SS)

USS Gudgeon SS567

USS Diodon SS 349

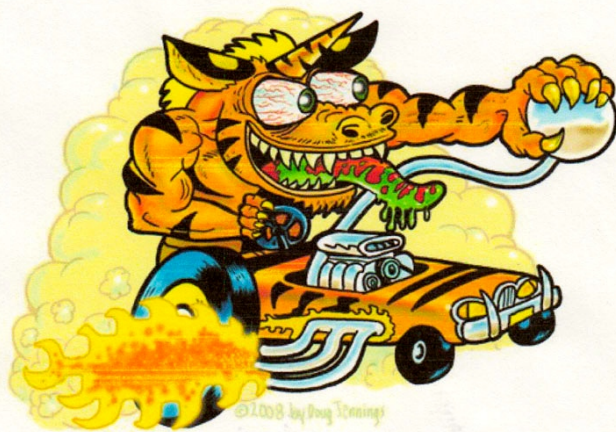
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CRUZ'N 528

1426 S. Mill Plymouth, MI

Starting May 13th from 5p-8p and every
Wednesday thru September 9th.



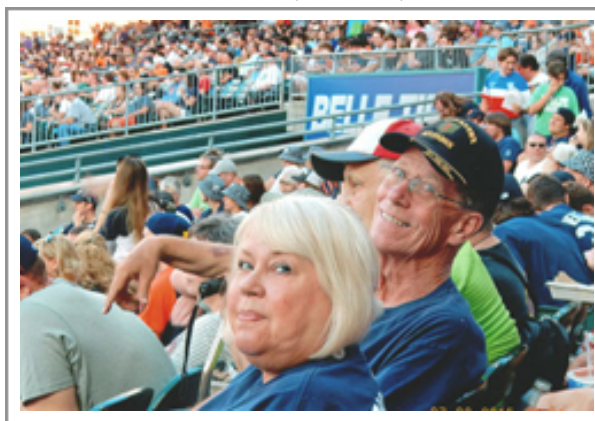
Come join us for good music and great
food at the

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

Ph. # 734.459.6700.

Vets Night at Comerica Park

Photos courtesy of Wally Dixon





Vietnam Veterans of America

Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528

2015 Sportsmen's Raffle



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

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50" LED TV	TenPoint Wicked Ridge Invader HP ACU-52 Crossbow Package
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Canon 18 MP Camera	Mossberg 535 Tactical Pump Shotgun
Galaxy IV Tablet	Stoeger Model 3000 Shotgun
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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
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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.

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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
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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.)

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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	



9/05/2015	Saturday	0900-1600	ABC Warehouse
9/05/2015	Saturday	1000-1600	Gibraltar Mt. Clemens
9/13/2015	Sunday	0900-1430	Military Collectibles Livonia
9/19/2015	Saturday	0900-1700	Birch Run Gun Show
9/19/2015	Saturday	1000-1600	Taylor Town Gun Show
9/20/2015	Sunday	1000-1500	Birch Run Gun Show
9/20/2015	Sunday	1000-1600	Taylor Town Gun Show
9/26/2015	Saturday	0900-1700	Novi Gun Show
9/26/2015	Saturday	0900-1600	ABC Warehouse
9/27/2015	Sunday	1000-1500	Novi Gun Show
10/03/2015	Saturday	0900-1600	ABC Warehouse



John Spencer



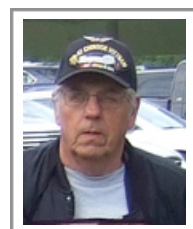
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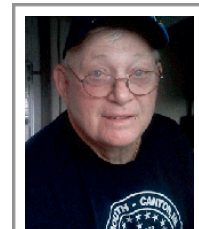
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1st - Ladies Auxiliary - 7:00 pm
4th - Karaoke Night - 8:00 pm
8th - General Membership Mtg.- 7:00 pm
15th - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
17th - Men's Auxiliary - 6:30 pm
18th - Karaoke Night - 8:00 pm



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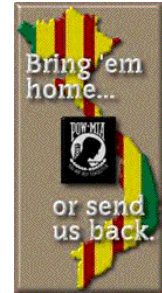


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