

310 Dispatch

Never again shall a veteran coming home from battle be made to feel alone and unappreciated!



*Together We Make
A Difference*

*Charles S. Kettles
Chapter 310*



**July 2022,
Washtenaw County,
Michigan**



Editor's Note: July is the month we celebrate freedom and recall the sacrifice that American ancestors made for the sake of a free and fair nation. By signing the founding document of the United States in the form of a Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress of July 4, 1776 effectuated the separation of 13 North American colonies from Great Britain. In doing so, they declared that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states." May we preserve the treasure of our freedom.
-- Paulo-Juarez Pereira, Editor

What's New at VVA 310 . . .

<i>President's Message</i>	2
<i>Chaplain's Corner—July 2022</i>	2
<i>VVA310 Chapter Meeting Minutes</i>	3
<i>Honoring July Anniversaries on the Wall</i>	5
<i>Dispatch Recipients</i>	8
<i>AVVA Newsletter—July 2022</i>	9
<i>Current Events</i>	11
<i>Jocosity</i>	11

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it.

President's Message

By Stan Harrison

We have managed to stay busy during the past month. On June 12th, we helped host a Flag Day picnic at the VFW grounds. Our own Rev. Bob Bull and Stephanie Hall of WACU did the lion's share of the work. I saw people from several different veterans' organizations there. It was a pleasant day, even though attendance wasn't what we had hoped.

On June 20th, several members were on hand at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti to help honor black Civil War veterans. A monument commemorating their sacrifice and service was unveiled. We had no part in the program, but it was good to see so many Chapter members there in a show of support.

Then on the 25th, we attended an open house at Camp



Liberty. There was great weather, free food, and helicopter rides--and we were there selling pins. We did a pretty good business, too!

Our scheduled sales at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor had to be postponed once again

due to an uptick in Covid-19 cases. They must be so careful there, as we can easily understand. They will let me know when it is safe to return.

The highlight of the month for me was presenting a check to Kate Melcher for Fisher House. It is gratifying to know that we can help support something that does so much good.

This month we are looking forward to Vet Fest at Washtenaw Community College on the July 23rd. There will be a lot going on, with over 50 service organizations represented. We will be there selling our wares. There will be free food and music, but you need a ticket. To get a ticket, go to <https://tinyurl.com/washvet22>.

Of course, our major fundraiser of the year is coming up next month. Our 19th Annual Pig Roast will be on Sunday, August 28th, at the Saline American Legion

(corner of Michigan Ave and Mills, Saline) from noon until 5 pm. We have a generous donor who will match donations up to \$2000. It would be nice if you could chip in a little something so that we can take advantage of it.

I'll see you at our next meeting. In the meantime, stay safe and stay proud.

Chaplain's Corner—July 2022

By Rev. Gordon Moore

Walking by faith is a difficult task sometimes, especially when we take our eyes off the goal.

Moses was tested many times in his faith (and all



Israel, by default, with him) through his time in Egypt, wandering through the wilderness, going to the top of Mount Sinai to meet with God's very presence, and receiving the

law and instructions for how God's children were expected to live. He then was entrusted with training other leaders, especially the priesthood, on what God expected of them and why.

His protégé, Joshua, was also challenged as he did the actual leading of Israel into the promised land and across the Jordan. This is how Scripture describes the instruction and challenge to walk by faith from God:

Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, even as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory. No man will be

able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all law which Moses, My servant, commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Joshua 1:1-9 New King James Version)

The task God was commissioning Joshua with was daunting, to say the least. However, as long as Joshua followed God's instruction along the straight and narrow and did not deviate from it, there would be success. But it would take much courage and strength.

I think that we are in a similar situation in today's world. Many people trust in their own knowledge and belief system, trying to find success, and look where it has led us: back into the wilderness.

Let's be people of faith to trust in God and His word to lead us in our daily lives. It will take much courage, but I believe we are up to the task as veterans and our families.

Blessing and honor.

VVA310 Chapter Meeting Minutes

By Jon Luker, Secretary

**VVA 310 Chapter
Meeting Minutes
Vietnam Veterans of America
Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310
Regular Membership Meeting Minutes
9 Jun 2022**

Call to Order by Harrison at 1900 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bob Bull

Moment of Silence for POW/MIA'S, their families and those who are serving in hazardous places around the world.

Roll Call: A quorum was established. Welcome Home Everyone!

New Members: None

Guests: Gary Estermyer from Chapter 528 and Secretary of VVA Michigan State Council

Motion by Tim Driscoll, seconded by Rev. Bob Bull, to approve the 12 May 2022 minutes as published in the *Dispatch*. Approved.

Officer Reports:

President's Report: Stan Harrison commented on the following:

A big Thank You to Jon Luker and Wendy Hibbitts for staying with the Watch Fire until 0200 hours the next morning

Numerous Chapter and AVVA members participated in the Memorial Day parade in Saline

Thanks to all who prepared the Memorial site for the Memorial Day ceremony. He said it has never looked better

Thanks to Kate Melcher, Executive Director of Fisher House Michigan, and Brenda Stumbo, Ypsilanti Township Supervisor, for their participation and speeches at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Memorial Site.

Congratulations to Meni Draper on her acquiring United State Citizenship.

Treasurer's Report: Berry Bourne. Statements were circulated via email before the meeting to the Board and others. Let me know if you want to be added to that distribution list.

He stated that the major transaction for the month was \$1,899 received from VVA National as membership reimbursement.

He further stated the process is almost complete on moving our banking relationship from Level One Bank to Bank of Ann Arbor. There are four check signers; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; who all have equal authority under the account.

In addition, he also stated he is working with a professional financial advisory firm to prepare a draft Investment Policy Statement for approval

by the Finance Committee, then the Board, and finally present it to the Regular Membership. The professional financial advisory firm is doing the work "pro bono."

Committee Reports:

AVVA: Kathy Driscoll reviewed for the membership that AVVA 310 is not a legal organization. It is considered an Affiliated Chapter within VVA 310. Even though VVA 310 records the receipts and disbursements, internally she divides her records into the following four categories: 1) Lois Perrault Memorial Fund, 2) Fisher House Michigan Fund, 3) Operating Fund, and 4) Special Projects Fund. See *Dispatch* for the complete report.

Merchandise: Challenge coins, both Chapter and 30th Anniversary, are available for \$5.00 each

Originally scheduled to return to the VA on June 30th in the Cafeteria. Canteen and Volunteer Services subsequent informed us that we only allowed to have three people on site. We have cancelled the June 30th date. Now scheduled to sell merchandise at the VA on the third Thursday of every month.

Camp Liberty Open House on Saturday, June 25th, will be an opportunity for us to sell selective merchandise

Washtenaw County Council of Veterans: June 20 is next meeting

Michigan State Council – No report

Memorial Maintenance: Al Merritt thanked all who helped in preparing the site for the May 30th ceremony. He further stated water is available at the Maintenance Building and electricity is scheduled to be connected next week.

Website: No report

Membership: No report

Newsletter: No report

Healthcare: Sandie Wilson commented on the research discovery that Tylenol is a possible cause of autism. View the Environmental Health website for further information on autism.

LTCCSKMC: John Kinzinger stated that he is waiting for Voluntary Services to inform him of the steak dinner upgrades dates. Three dinner upgrades are budgeted.

New Business:

Berry Bourne made a motion, seconded by Al Merritt, to increase the line-item budget for VA AA HS patients restricted fund by \$5,000 from \$18,975 to \$23,975 for an additional \$2,500 for Fisher House Ann Arbor plus \$2,500 for MAP, Michigan Ability Partners. After discussion, the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Good of the Order:

George Perrault: He stated that Joe Palazzolo, Berry Bourne, and he took a field trip to the Michigan Heroes Museum in Frankenmuth yesterday. They had a VVA 310 Chapter Challenge Coin inserted in LTC Kettles' display.

Stan Harrison: Stan has been working with Al Merritt and they have found a source for Chapter jackets around \$90.00.

Dale Throneberry: Father's Day program will consist of, among other issues, an opportunity for each member to discuss his dad's military experience or critical industry position.

John Kinzinger: He stated that Camp Liberty's Open House is June 25th. Helicopter rides will be available for \$99.00. Several Chapter and AVVA members participated in the Saline Memorial Day Parade. VVA 310 began marching in this parade in 1988. He further stated he was trustee of Larry Proski's estate. Larry had over 1,500 volunteer hours at the VA. The Chapter received a \$10,000 donation from Larry's estate. This Saturday, June 11th, the 14th Annual Jackson Road Cruise will donate their proceeds to WACU.

Dave Draper: He stated that this Saturday, the Veterans and Soldiers Committee within Dexter United Methodist Church will host an Ice Cream Social from 1500-1700 hours. Philip Pham will give a presentation on his family's escape from Vietnam. Proceeds are to benefit a planned outside flagpole. Saline Fiddlers will begin performing at 1500.

Guest: Gary Estermyer commented on the following topics: 1) Leadership Session in Greenville, SC this summer, 2) Current status of Agent Orange discussions in Congress, and 3) Jack McManus is encouraging all to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall celebration in Washington, DC, this fall.

Rev. Bob Bull: Flag Day celebration this Sunday at the VFW. The next VFW Open House will be July 23rd from 1100-1400 outside in tents at the Washtenaw

Community College campus Vet Fest.

Sandie Wilson: She stated that Jack McManus has offered funds to the send the Color Guard for Nov. Veterans Day 40th anniversary Nov 10-13

Horace Frazer: He stated he is a member of the Veterans Council at the VA. One of the major issues before them is reported sexual harassment issues at the hospital.

Stan Harrison: Great to see Dell Mayes in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Bob Bull

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned 2015 Hours

Honoring July Anniversaries on the Wall

Private First Class Douglas Paul Atkins was born on September 14, 1950, in Ann Arbor to Mr. and Mrs. Variell L. Atkins. Douglas is a 1968 graduate of Ann Arbor High School in Ann Arbor. He also attended Washtenaw Community College prior to his entry into the Army August of 1969.



Private First Class Atkins started his tour in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam on July 6, 1970, serving as a Medical Corpsman with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Douglas' unit was operating in an area that was full of "booby-

traps." Private First Class Douglas Paul Atkins was killed by a booby-trap explosion on July 27, 1970, just 23 days into his tour in Vietnam.

Douglas earned the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Expert Badge with Automatic Rifle Bar, and the Sharpshooter Badge with

Rifle Bar prior to his death. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Medical Badge.

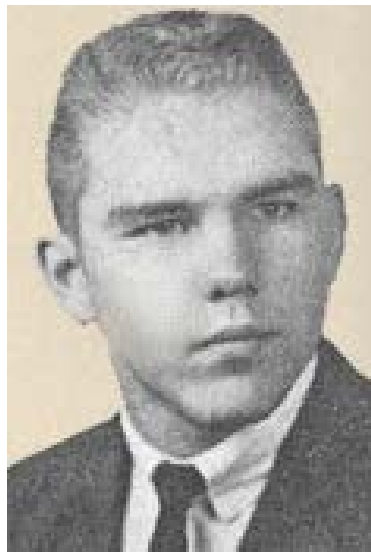
Doug is survived by his parents, family, and friends. He lived 19 years, 10 months, and 13 days. Douglas Paul Atkins is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ann Arbor. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 08W Line 058.

__++__

Lance Corporal David Dayle McKenzie was born on February 13, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. David D. McKenzie of Ann Arbor, Michigan. David attended Mary Magdalene Parish School in Melvindale, Michigan until 1959. He attended St. Francis Xavier Parish School for one year. His family moved to Ann Arbor where he attended St. Thomas High School. He was the captain of his football team and was on the All-City and All-Southwest football teams. He also lettered in basketball, baseball, and track. David enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school.

Lance Corporal McKenzie began his tour of duty in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam in June of 1965 serving as a rifleman with B Company, 1st Battalion,

9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Forces. David was killed early in his tour on July 12, 1965, when his unit was conducting a search and clear mission just south of Da Nang along the Song Cau Do River where mines were numerous.



David Dayle McKenzie is survived by his parents and four sisters. He lived

20 years, 4 months, and 29 days. He is resting in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Michigan. David's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in

Ypsilanti Township under Ann Arbor. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 02E Line 035.

__++__

Airman Second Class Charles Frederick Boss was born on July 16, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Boss of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Charles graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1965. He was very proud of a First Place Trophy he won at Milan Dragway for driving a 1959 VW to victory.

Airman Second Class Charles Frederick Boss



entered the Air Force in August of 1965. He underwent basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Charles received specialist training as a fire protection specialist at Kincheloe Air Force Base in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Airman Second Class Charles Frederick Boss began his tour in Vietnam

on December 15, 1966. He was stationed at the Da Nang Air Base in Da Nang, Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam with the 366th CE Squadron, 366th Combat Support Group, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing of the Seventh Air Force. Charles was killed during a rocket attack on July 15, 1967, along with seven others. One-hundred-seventy-three men were also wounded during the attack and forty-two aircraft were damaged.

Charles Boss is survived by his parents, a brother and two sisters. He lived 19 years, 11 months, and 29 days. Charles is resting in Forest Hills Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His name is located on the Vietnam Memorial located at the Ypsilanti Township Hall under Ann Arbor. His name is also listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 23E Line 073.

__++__

Specialist 4 Philip Glenn Spencer was born on March 3, 1946, in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Mr. Glenn F. and Mrs. Jessie K. Spencer. Philip is a 1964 graduate of Willow

Run High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he was on the 1963 State Championship Football Team. He also was on the wrestling team, student council, Varsity Club and attended Wolverine Boys' State in 1963. He was also in Scouting. Philip attended Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan for a year before transferring to Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan majoring in mechanical engineering.

Specialist 4 Spencer enlisted in the Army on October 25, 1967, taking his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky with further training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



Philip began his tour of duty at Camp Carroll in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam on April 21, 1968, serving as a Field Artillery Surveyor with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery, 108th Artillery Group, XXIV Corps. He died of a very rare blood disease called agranulocytosis at the 108th General Hospital at Kishine Air

Force Base in Japan on July 10, 1968.

Philip Glenn Spencer is survived by his parents and his wife. He lived 22 years, 4 months, and 7 days. He is resting in Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Philip's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 52W Line 011.

__++__

Lieutenant William Lennington Brown was born on October 5, 1935, in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Mr. Robert S. and Mrs. Patricia Lennington Brown. William graduated from Roosevelt High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan. In June 1955, he received a Congressional Appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated from the Naval Academy on June 3, 1959. According to Captain John A. Standish, USN (Ret), "I met Bill Brown when I reported aboard my first ship, the Destroyer, USS Braine (DD-630) . . . in San Diego. I was assigned as Gunnery Officer; Bill was the Weapons Department



Head. Bill was a very conscientious, fun loving young officer, and quickly pulled me under his wing. He was a great mentor and coach, and much of my love for the Navy and its traditions were because of Bill's attitude and instruction . . . Bill also became a good friend . . . Bill was very religious

and tempted me with pizza if I would go to evening services with him, which I did on occasion. At some point, Bill picked up the nickname, "Squirrel's."

Lieutenant Brown served with the 15th Republic of Vietnam Navy, River Assault Group, Naval Advisory Group, MACV. He was acting as a Naval Advisor to the Marine Corps in Chu Lai, South Vietnam when the island of Ky Hoa was attacked by a large force of Viet Cong. Bill Brown was killed because of multiple fragmentation wounds on July 9, 1965, along with four other Americans.

Lieutenant William Lennington Brown is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister. He lived for 29 years, 9 months and 4 days. He is resting at the Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh, Michigan. According to USNA Classmate Greg Nolan, "He (Bill) is remembered in Memorial Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy with other 1959 Classmates while serving our Country." Bill's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 02E Line 033.

__++__

Hospitalman David Scott Palmer was born on October 6, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Palmer of Ypsilanti, Michigan. David is a 1963 graduate of Roosevelt High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he received honors in math. He was also the co-captain of the swimming team. David attended the University of Michigan before enlisting in the Navy in December of 1965.

Hospitalman Palmer began his tour of duty in Quang Nam Province with Headquarters and Service



Company, 1st Battalion, III Marine Amphibious Forces. David was killed on July 5, 1967, due to an explosive device.

David Scott Palmer is survived by his parents, a sister, and a brother. He lived 21 years, 8 months, and 29 days. David's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti.

His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 23E Line 014.

__++__

Thomas Leonard Cleland was born on November 5, 1941, to Mr. Leslie and Mrs. Coryell Cleland. His sister Andrea (Coron) remembered him as being very tall and thin. She writes, "To me it was like looking up at a very tall tree. He was very kind and protective of those he loved. He called me 'Honey.' He was well

liked by everyone. He had lots of friends and loved to laugh."



Thomas played baseball for Lincoln High School. His statement for his class yearbook was, "One today is worth two tomorrows." He loved to go fishing and swimming. There was a gravel pit behind his street. It was very deep and, even though Thomas was a good swimmer, his mother was always worried about

him when we went swimming in the pit. Thomas, his brother Dale, and his friends went to the pit often.

Andrea continued, "Tom really liked to eat, and loved most foods. Mom used to say he had two hollow legs because she couldn't seem to fill him up. Dad had a garden and Tom and Dale would often help their father. If Dad needed help and couldn't find Tom, he'd always go to the Ford Lake Dam and find Tom there

fishing. When he was in the 11th grade, he got a job on a farm that had milking cows. Tom would have to get up and milk the cows by 5 AM each morning. Mr. and Mrs. Maleski, who owned the farm, invited Tom to stay with them during the week to make the milking easier. He would take the school bus from the farm. Tom worked at the farm until he graduated from Lincoln Consolidated High School 1959.”

The Fulton family lived across from the Maleski’s farm. Ken Fulton was Tom’s best friend. Ken was killed in Vietnam a couple months after Tom was killed. They both are listed on the Washtenaw County Vietnam Memorial.

After graduating from high school, Tom joined the Army; and, while in the service, he married a former classmate, Sharon Hubbard. Following Basic he was sent to Korea. His brother Dale enlisted the following year and was also sent to Korea. Dale discovered that Tom was only two miles away. They were always close, so this reunion was an especially happy time. When Tom’s time was up, he reenlisted for four more years. When he came home on leave, he told his family that he had volunteered to go to Vietnam. He had a choice to go to Korea as General Westmoreland’s driver or go to Vietnam. He chose Vietnam because he told his family that he would rather go back than for a seventeen-year-old to be sent there.

“The last time we heard from him was through a radio phone patch from Vietnam,” reports Andrea. “We talked and teased a little, and then he spoke to mom. She was so happy to hear his voice. Since his unit was ready to move out, he said it might be a while before we heard from him again. Two months later they got the news he had been killed.”

Thomas began his tour of duty in Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam on May 7, 1966, serving as an Antenna Installer Specialist with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He was killed on July 11, 1967, after serving “In-country” for one year, two months, and four days. Tom’s commanding officer wrote to the family saying that he needed someone to take a message to the front lines. Tom was killed while returning to his unit by someone from his unit. His commanding officer wrote the family that he had told Tom the password and to go in the back way, but Tom went in the

wrong way. A soldier on the perimeter asked for the password and Tom did not respond and crouched down. The soldier asked again and again, and Tom crouched down more, and the soldier fired and hit Tom. His sister Andrea stated, “I hope he reads this, to know that no one in our family resents or blames him. Our tears are for him, too! I wish I knew him. I would love to be able to tell him, so he could look in my eyes and see how sincere I am and hug him. I am so sorry for him too.”

After he was killed, “we received what turned out to be a prank Red Cross call. The person said that it was a mistake, and it wasn’t Tom who was killed. They said they would come out the next day and explain everything. Three days later they had not come. You can imagine how we were feeling. So, dad called the Red Cross. They told him that they would not have called but would have come out to the house to tell them. It was a terrible dirty prank that someone played. At the funeral his casket was open, or to this day I would not have believed it. He will always be remembered with laughter, tears, and a lot of pride for a very gentle man. These many years later the healing goes on for all of us.”

Specialist 4 Thomas Leonard Cleland was survived by his parents, his wife Sharon, two brothers (Dale and Terry) and a sister (Andrea Coron). He lived 25 years, 8 months, and 6 days. He is resting in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Whittaker, Michigan. Thomas’ name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 23E Line 049.

Dispatch Recipients

VVA 310 award-winning newsletter reaches approximately 500 people each month with 100 mailed USPS, 50 hits off the website (www.vva310.org), and 350 emailed. With good stewardship and networking, the cost to print the Dispatch approximates \$1,250 per year.

If VVA 310 members or others receiving the Dispatch via USPS desire to assist with the printing cost, a

suggested donation would be: one year at \$12.00, two years at \$22.00, and three years at \$30.00. Payment can be made payable to VVA 310 and mailed to P.O. Box 3221, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3221 indicating Dispatch on the memo line.

All other donations may be made payable to VVA 310 at the same mailing address by indicating Donation on the memo line.

Recipients

Berryman Bourne ~ August 2023

Cynthia Calhoun ~ April 2023

Gary L. Couture ~ April 2024

Joseph Flint ~ January 2023

Edward Fuller ~ September 2023

Sarah and Brent Gephart, Sr. ~ March 2031

Corrine Gignac, in memory of her uncle Neil R. Gignac, CMSAF ~ April 2024

Ralph Henry ~ November 2023

Steve and Shirley Hitte ~ June 2024

Darlene Imus ~ January 2027

Jane and John Kinzinger ~ June 2024

Mary Kate Kirkpatrick ~ December 2023

Linda Lamey-Leonard, in memory of Lavern Lamey ~ July 2024

This KIA person is listed on our Memorial Wall.

Lloyd Lee ~ March 2031

David Marshall ~ June 2024

Sandy Martinez ~ November 2024

Del Mayes ~ March 2025

Alfred (Fredo) Merritt ~ January 2023

Ronald Oliver ~ August 2027

Paulo and Ann Dempsey Pereira ~ October 2024

George Perrault ~ October 2022

Helena Prince, in memory of deceased member Tom Prince ~ April 2023

Glenn Sakcriska ~ November 2026

Edith L. Semark ~ September 2023

Jim Sharp ~ April 2031

Chris Wetzler ~ July 2023

Elizabeth Wong ~ September 2023

AVVA Newsletter—July 2022

By Kathy Driscoll

We need better communication between our members. We need to setup welfare checkups between our members. Both Cindy and Steve Cox are hospitalized. Cindy is in U of M with an infection inside her foot; all of her toes were amputated. Steve Cox is in Charles S. Kettles VA for tests in room 523 West.

I spoke to Cindy Cox today, Tuesday, June 28th. Cindy has been in the hospital for the last twelve days. She is hoping to be discharged later today or tomorrow. She has a ride home and is getting a knee scooter and wheelchair. Cindy will call me later this week with a list of what she needs for her pantry.

Steve will remain at the VA until she is able to care for him.

Cindy is requesting meals to be dropped off. Please let me know if you can help with the meal request. We can set up a calendar. Single portions that can be frozen will be helpful. She cannot eat kiwi or beets.

They live in Scio Farms off Jackson Rd west of Zeeb. Their home is next to Menards on Staebler Rd. on the corner. Very easy to find.

Please send them get well cards:

Cindy Cox

150 S. Stabler Rd #854

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

To send Steve Cox a card:

Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center

Patient: Steve Cox, Room 523 West

2215 Fuller Rd

Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Membership Report:

AVVA 310 has 32 members. If you would like to join AVVA 310, please contact Kathy Driscoll. AVVA has changed their membership dues. There is no longer a 3-year membership.

https://www.avva.org/forms/membership/new_memberapp_2022.pdf

1 Year \$20

Lifetime membership \$100*

*There is a Lifetime Membership payment plan of \$25 down / \$25 monthly until paid in full.

VVA Dual membership \$50

Chapter Happenings!

We have 83 donated Wrist Story Bracelets left. Suggested donation is \$5. When we sell out, we will donate an additional \$600 to Fisher House Michigan. To date, we have raised \$516 specified to Fisher House Michigan. Contact Kathy Driscoll if you would like one. All proceeds will go to Fisher House Michigan.



AVVA total donation to Fisher House Michigan to date is \$12,300.00. We donated \$500 from our 2022 fundraisers; No Bake Bake-less Sale, Wrist Story Bracelets, and our Recognition Dinner raffle. This brings our new

total donations to Fisher House Michigan to \$12,800.

Paper Safes

We have AVVA Paper Safes from Nancy Switzer. Please let me know if anyone would like a Paper Safe.

Service Projects

Rev. Bob Bull needs volunteers to assist the Veterans Resource Center on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays at the VFW Post 423. The center is open from 09:30 am to 5:00 pm. You will assist in keeping Post 423 clean and sanitary. Please consider volunteering an hour or two. Breakfast and lunch provided by Rev. Bob Bull, VVA 310 member. For information on volunteering, please contact Rev. Bob Bull at 734-664-7878.

Please consider donating food to your local community food banks. Our communities still have families who are food insecure due to Covid -19.

Links to local Food Banks:

Saline Social Services:

<https://www.salinesocialservice.com/ways-to-give/donate/>

Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor:

<https://www.foodgatherers.org/?module=Page&slID=donate-funds>

SOS Community Services Ypsilanti, MI:

<https://soscs.org/ways-to-give/>

Catholic Social Services

<https://csswashtenaw.org/family-children/cssw-food-pantry/>

Google Search for Food Banks in Washtenaw County:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=washtenaw+county+food+banks>

AVVA Chapter 310 Fundraising Report

When I toured the Ann Arbor Fisher House in October 2021, their staff mentioned that they need gift cards for Kroger or Sam's Club for weekly food shopping. We would like to take up a collection to purchase a \$250.00 gift card to be sent to April LaRock, manager of FHM Ann Arbor. Please consider a \$5 or \$10 donation at our next meeting. I will purchase the gift card. Please mail your donation directly to me. Please make your check payable to VVA 310, with AVVA FHM Gift Card on the memo line.

Kathy Driscoll

172 Oakwood

Saline, MI 48176

Excerpt from email from April LaRock:

"Highest need for gift cards is for groceries: Kroger and Sam's Club (they accept Walmart gift cards too). That's where we shop the most. The larger the quantities too (each trip runs us about \$250-300), and we go at least twice a week. It takes a lot of time to process multiple \$25 gift cards for one trip (if that makes sense just from a donation tracking system)."

Lois Perrault Memorial Fund – 2022 Girls' State Update!

The fund balance is \$3,028.25. Our delegates attend

the virtual Girl State. All enjoyed the sessions.

AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News

2022 – Leadership Conference – Hyatt Hotel, Greenville, SC

2023 - National Convention – Orlando, FL

WCCV

I attended the WCCV June 20 meeting. The meeting was at the VFW Post 423 hosted by the VFW. The July 18th meeting will be at VFW Post 423, hosted by VVA 310. I plan to attend.

Upcoming Events!

Keep up to date with our Chapter: All AVVA and VVA 310 events are posted on our Chapter’s webpage, www.vva310.org in the VVA News Flash section on the right column on the homepage.

AVVA Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310 proudly supports the AVVA Mission and Vision Statements.

AVVA Mission Statement:

To provide support to Veterans and their families through programs, projects, and education.

AVVA Vision Statement:

To create a better everyday life for Veterans and their families.

Kathy Driscoll

Chapter Representative, AVVA Chapter 310

Past President, AVVA Michigan Association

dkathyr16@gmail.com

734-355-4897

Current Events

By Ann Dempsey Pereira

04 Jul: Independence Day (1776)

14 Jul: VVA 310 Monthly Member Meeting, 1900 hrs

15 Jul: Chapter Monthly Breakfast, 0900 hrs

18 Jul: WCCV Meeting, 1930 hrs, VVA 310

21 Jul: Merchandising at the VA, 3rd floor cafeteria, 0800 hrs

23 Jul: Vet Fest, 1100-1500 hrs, Washtenaw Community College, Ypsi

** Visit Veterans Radio online (veteransradio.net - click here) and make a contribution to help keep this vital program on the air.

Jocosity

By Ken Rogge

Her husband had passed on, and the new widow was so distraught that she sought out a spiritualist, who told her that her husband was just fine.

The spiritualist added further that the husband was eagerly awaiting a reunion with her.

“Is there anything he needs?” the distraught woman asked, between tears.

The spiritualist went into a transient state, then replied, “He says he’d love a package of cigarettes.”

“I’ll send a carton immediately,” the woman said joyfully. “But did he say where I should send them?”

“No.” replied the Seer somberly. “But he didn’t ask for matches.”



Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and to institute new government.

~ Thomas Jefferson

All About VVA 310

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310
National Chapter of the Year:
1999 & 2007
Newsletter of the Year:
2007, 09, 11, & 15
E-Newsletter of the Year 2017

Chapter President: Stan Harrison
Vice President: Vance McCrumb
Secretary: Jon Luker
Treasurer: Berry Bourne
Chapter Membership: Vance McCrumb
Sergeant at Arms: Joe Palazzolo
Chaplain: Rev. Gordon Moore
Dispatch Editor: Paulo-Juarez Pereira

Website: <https://www.vva310.org/>
Email: membership@vva310.org
Follow us on 310 [Facebook page](#)
VVA 310 Chapter Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 3221
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3221

Contact Us: Please direct any
communication to Vice President
and Webmaster "Vance McCrumb"
<dogman2@reagan.com>.

Vietnam Veterans of America
Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310
P.O. Box 3221
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3221
Please forward. Thank you!