

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*



**November 2022,
Washtenaw County,
Michigan**



Editor's Note: This issue of the *310 Dispatch* was a product of team work. Thus, I take this moment to express my thanks to the Dispatch Team. And to all Dispatch supporters, we thank you! And to all Veterans, the Dispatch Team remembers your service to our nation and wishes all of you a blessed Veterans Day!
-- Paulo-Juarez Pereira, Editor

What's New at VVA 310 . . .

<i>President's Message</i>	2
<i>November 2022 Chaplain's Corner</i>	2
<i>VVA 310 Chapter Meeting Minutes</i>	3
<i>Honoring November Anniversaries on the Wall</i>	4
<i>Of Interest to Veterans</i>	8
<i>Christmas Care Packages: A Reminder</i>	9
<i>DISPATCH RECIPIENTS</i>	9
<i>Jocosity</i>	10
<i>Current Events</i>	10
<i>PTSD Warrior's Writings</i>	10
<i>Reminiscing</i>	11

President's Message

By Stan Harrison

I heard our Chapter member Dale Throneberry say, on his Veteran's Radio show, something to the effect of, "We had each other's



back when we were in the service. It helped us get through, and we should still have each other's back today." Dale surely lives by that, and I like to think that our Chapter does, too. We do it in obvious ways, like when we:

- Send packages to those stationed overseas. (Our next packing party is December 4th at 1445 hrs at the VFW Post on Wagner Road. Come on out.)
- Provide undergarments and sleepwear to patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.
- At the Hospital, have holiday parties and provide each patient with an embroidered shirt.
- Provide coffee to the volunteers there, and from time to time we upgrade the patients' meals.
- Furnish a condo for a homeless veteran family.
- Give monetary support to Fisher House Ann Arbor so that out-of-town relatives, helping to care for VA patients, have a place to stay.
- Give money to Michigan Ability

Partners to help Veterans get back on their feet with housing, transportation, food, clothing, and other needs.

- With the generous help of the Meijer's store in Ann Arbor, provide Thanksgiving dinner to the folks at Dawn Farm where so many veterans and family members have been helped.
- Carefully tend our Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Ypsilanti Township all year long, culminating with Memorial Day activities where we renew our promise to never forget the fallen.
- Support food banks, provide for special needs of local vets, pass the hat, and so on.

Less obviously, we support each other through socializing. We gather at meetings and other events—whether put on by our Chapter or by other Veterans groups. We get together formally or informally for meals or coffee, or we just talk on the phone. We attend funerals, even when we don't personally know the deceased Veteran.

These are a few of the ways we support our members and other Veterans. Let's keep it up! And let's keep listening to Veterans Radio, either via podcast or live at 5:00 pm on Sundays on WAAM (1600 on your AM radio dial)!

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



November 2022 Chaplain's Corner

By Gordon Moore

November brings with it cooler temperatures, changing visual appearances in nature, greater



visibility (because of the lack foliage of trees and shrubs), more time spent indoors, and of course, that great American holiday, Thanksgiving.

Great time around delicious food with family and friends and the preparation for the other fall/winter holidays.

Thanksgiving for my family means the counting and recounting of the things we are thankful for: family, friends, good health, a wonderful country to live in, shelter, delicious varieties of food, clothes on our backs, and so much more. But the height of our thankfulness revolves around the promises of God—one of which I share now, from Psalm 1:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth

its fruit in its season,
whose leaf also shall
not wither; and whatever
he does shall prosper.
The ungodly are not so,
but are like the chaff
which the wind drives
away. Therefore, the
ungodly shall not stand in
the judgment, nor sinners
in the congregation
of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the
way of the righteous, the
way of the ungodly shall
perish.

(Psalm 1:1-6 New King James
Version)

To know the love and forgiveness
of God and His goodwill toward His
children, which are so by faith, is
something to really be thankful for.
I hope we all are.

A most blessed Thanksgiving from
our family to yours.

VVA 310 Chapter Meeting Minutes

By Jon Luker, Chapter Secretary
Vietnam Veterans of America

Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310

Regular Membership Meeting
Minutes

13 October 2022

Call to Order by President Harrison
at 1900 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance: Harrison

Opening Prayer: 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: None

Motion by Bayha/Draper to approve
the September minutes published
in the Dispatch. Approved.

Officer Reports:

President's Report:

Clinton Fall Festival was a success.
Thanks to all who assisted in
selling the merchandise. VFW
Commander has requested that
VVA vacate the closet and remove
its refrigerator in the entrance
room. Everything in the barn is ok.

Treasurer's Report:

Berry Bourne. Reports are emailed
to the board and any member that
desires one. Let me know your
email address.

Non-Restricted Fund: Clinton Fall
Festival merchandise sales were
\$3,065 with a \$1,441 profit, or 47%,
plus donations. \$200 was donated
to Veterans Radio America for their
fundraising drive.

Restricted Funds: A \$50,000
grant was received from Graef
Foundation to support projects at
our Memorial.

Copies of the proposed Investment
Policy Statement and Investment
Strategy are available for your
review prior to the motion in New
Business.

AVVA Report:

Driscoll. Please see report in the
Dispatch.

Committee Reports:

Merchandise: Clinton Fall Festival

merchandise sales exceeded
\$3,000. Thanks to all who assisted
in selling the merchandise. We have
paid our fee for the 2023 Clinton
Fall Festival.

**Washtenaw County Council of
Veterans:** No meeting

Michigan State Council: No
meeting

Memorial Maintenance: Merritt.
Water has been shut off for the
winter. Leaves are beginning
to accumulate. A local trade
organization performed some
landscaping. During the month
of September, "22 Flags a Day"
were displayed alongside the
Memorial site entrance driveway.
See www.22aday.org for additional
information on the 22 flags a day
effort.

Website: McCrumb. We are
at 356,801 hits and averaging
approximately 2,500 per month.

Membership: The official number
is 215

Newsletter: No report.

Healthcare: No report

LTCCSKMC: Still no personal
appearance at the VA. On
November 1st the Christmas
program letters will be mailed.
Voluntary Service will distribute
our gifts before Christmas. The VA
Hospital may allow small groups in
at Christmas time.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Bayha/Merritt to
approve the proposed Investment
Policy Statement and Investment
Strategy. Approved.

Motion by Bayha/St. Antonio to donate \$2,000 to Veterans Radio America for its Annual Fundraiser. Approved.

Good of the Order:

Harrison: December 4th beginning at 2:45 pm we will hold a packing party at VFW.

Bull: Open house at VFW on 22 October from 1000-1600 hrs.

Bull: Discussions have begun on a model car show for next spring.

Bull: Veterans Resource Center needs blankets, coats, jackets, gloves, hoodies, etc., to pass out before winter.

Bull: Discussed the claim process from the Camp Lejeune contaminated water issue. Do not contact a lawyer. Any fees that are paid to a lawyer to process the claim will be required to be repaid by the veteran to the government.

Hitte: Mentioned the Saline High School veteran's program on November 11th

Draper: Washtenaw Community College has a Veterans Day breakfast.

Rivers: Encouraged a meeting by those organizations that utilize the VFW with the VFW Commander to improve the communications.

Draper: Meni stated that most of the contents of the closet that were removed have been stored at Steve and Shirley Hitte's.

Bull: A Reserve Advent project will be held during December. Place a certain canned goods product in a container to be distributed by Veterans Resource Center to various organizations.

Merritt: Breakfast on 11 November at 0900hrs: TBD.

Closing Prayer: Bob Bull

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 2002 hrs.

Honoring November Anniversaries on the Wall

Private First Class Daniel John Illi was born on December 6, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin G. Illi at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Daniel graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1964 where he played football and was



a member of the Troubleshooting Mechanics Team. Before entering the Army on November 3, 1965, Daniel was a rental manager for Liberty Land Company affiliated with Butcher and Willits Building Company of Ann Arbor. He married on February 5, 1966.

Daniel Illi completed his basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado and was stationed there until transferred to Vietnam on

August 2, 1966. Daniel served with B Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division operating out of An Khe, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam. Daniel was killed by small arms fire on November 1, 1966.

Daniel John Illi is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife Shirley (Smith), parents, two brothers and a sister. He lived 20 years, 10 months, and 25 days. Daniel is resting in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ann Arbor. He is also listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 12E Line 002.

—++—

Private First Class Robert Allen Albertson was born on January 1, 1947, in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Albertson. Robert graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1966. He worked at the Ypsilanti Plant of the Ford Motor Company prior to entering service



in the Army on May 3, 1966.

Private First Class Robert Allen Albertson started his tour of duty in South Vietnam on October 11, 1967, serving as an infantryman with A Company, First Battalion, 8th Cavalry, First Cavalry Division. Robert died because of small arms fire on November 4, 1967, after being In-Country for only 23 days.

Robert Albertson is survived by his wife, parents, and two brothers. Robert lived 20 years, 10 months, and 3 days. He is resting in Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti, Michigan. His name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial located in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti. Robert's name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 29E Line 018.

__++__

Private First Class Donald Barrett Roddy was born on March 7, 1943, to Mr. William Roddy of Gloversville, New York, and Mrs. Mary B. Woolfenden of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Donald is a 1962 graduate of Ann



Arbor High School after attending Shaker High School in Latham, New York for his freshman and sophomore years. He also attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan where he was a member of the Chi Sigma Nu social fraternity. Donald entered the Army on January 13, 1965.

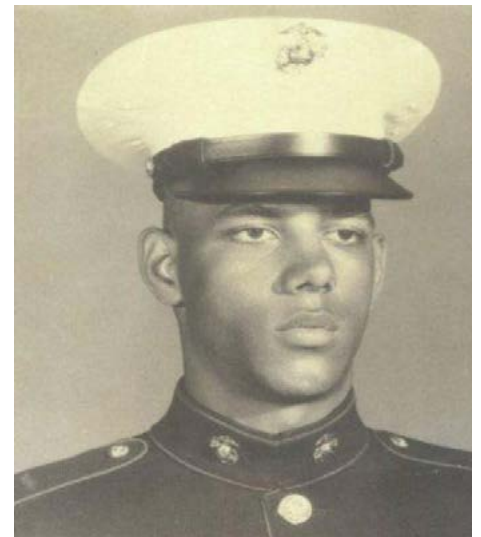
Private First Class Roddy began his tour of duty in South Vietnam on August 18, 1965, serving as an infantryman with B Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Donald was killed on November 15, 1965, because of enemy small-arms fire during the Battle for the Ia Drang Valley. According to an Ann Arbor Newspaper article written by Gary Lillie, "Taking part in the first battle of LZ X-Ray was PFC Donald B. Roddy, a 1962 graduate of Ann Arbor High School. As a member of the 'Lost Patrol' of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, he lost his life along with the rest of his machine gun crew as they fought to cover the withdrawal of their fellow troopers to safer ground. The account can be found on Page 87." ([We Were Soldiers Once...and Young](#) by Joseph L. Galloway and Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore). Donald was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Donald Barrett Roddy is survived by his parents, his stepfather, and a brother. He lived 22 years, eight months, and eight days. Donald'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 03E Line 061.

__++__

Private First Class Robert Clarence Skinner was born on June 21, 1951. Private First Class Skinner began his tour of duty in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam on September 27, 1969, serving as a Motor Vehicle Operator with Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Shore Party Battalion, 1st Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Forces. Robert was killed on November 16, 1969.

According to a posting left by Sergeant Eddie G. Hammonds, Jr., "I served with PFC Skinner in Vietnam. He was killed on his first



night patrol. I will never forget the night or his courageous valor. You will not be forgotten, because I remember."

Robert Clarence Skinner lived 18 years, 4 months, and 25 days. He is resting in the Platte Township Cemetery, Benzie County, Michigan. Robert'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 16W Line 086. __**__

Engineman Third Class Robert Edward Kushmaul, Jr. was born on August 9, 1948, in Adrian, Michigan, to Mr. Robert E. and Mrs. Maxine De Verna Kushmaul. Robert is a 1966 graduate of Chelsea High School where he was the President of his Class, a Charter Member of the Key Club, a member of the Student Council, and President of FFA.

Engineman Third Class Kushmaul entered the Navy on February 2, 1967. He began his tour of duty in Kien Giang Province, South Vietnam on February 15, 1969, serving with Patrol Boat River 8131, Task Force 116, United States Naval Forces Vietnam. He was



killed while on a river boat patrolling on the Song Hkau Giang River South of Saigon on November 16, 1969, from a rocket explosion.

Robert Edward Kushmaul, Jr. is survived by his parents, a brother, and a sister. He lived 21 years, 3 months, and 7 days. He is resting in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea, Michigan. Robert's name is listed

on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Chelsea. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 16W Line 084.

—++—

Sergeant Rickie D. Sparks was born on July 26, 1947, in Beecher City, Illinois to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sparks from Manchester, Michigan. Rickie is a 1965 graduate of Clinton High



School in Clinton, Michigan where he played varsity basketball and football. He entered the Army on September 1, 1965, and completed his Basic Training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He completed his advanced training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Sergeant Sparks began his tour of duty in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam on February 20, 1967, serving as an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. Rickie was killed on November 18, 1967, because of multiple fragmentation

wounds.

Rickie D. Sparks is survived by his parents, a wife, and three brothers. He is resting in the Riverside Cemetery in Clinton, Michigan. Rickie's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Manchester. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 30E Line 019.

AVVA Newsletter November 2022

By Kathy Driscoll

We need better communication between our members. We need to set up welfare checkups between our members.

Cindy and Steve Cox are back at home. Please send them a card to lift their spirits. Welcome Home Steve and Cindy!

Cindy and Steve Cox

150 S. Stabler Rd # 854

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Eight members attended our October meeting. Six members came in costume. There were two Witches, Little Red Riding Hood, Bat Girl, a Bumble Bee, and, of course, Minnie Mouse!



****Please Note****

There will not be a AVVA 310 November meeting. The Dexter United Methodist Church is having a Veterans Dinner on Thursday, November 10.

If you would like to attend, please register at www.dexterumc.org. Nonveterans are \$15 donation. The Veteran and their spouse are free, but all must register in advance.

AVVA 310 will have an in-person meeting on December 8th at the VFW Post 423. Please bring a Toys for Tots donation.

Our AVVA 310 January, February and March meeting will be via ZOOM. I will send out links before each meeting. If you would like to meet in person in January, February, or March, please let me know. I can host the ZOOM meetings from the VFW Post.

Membership Report:

AVVA 310 has 33 members. If you would like to join AVVA 310, please contact Kathy Driscoll. Our newest Lifetime member is Sandy Martinez. 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!

Jane, Sandy, Shirley, and Steve Hitte cleared the Memorial Flower beds for the winter. The Memorial

Committee will re-grade the flower bed.

AVVA Chapter 310 Fundraising Report

We have 60 donated Wrist Story Bracelets left. Suggested donation is \$5. When we sell out, we will donate an additional \$300 to Fisher House Michigan. Contact Kathy Driscoll if you would like one. All proceeds will go to Fisher House Michigan.



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 Veteran 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 are provided by Rev. Bob Bull, VVA 310 member. For information on volunteering, please contact Rev. Bob Bull at 734-664-7878
- Bob Bull has set up a Toys for Tots donation box at the Veterans Resource Center at the VFW Post 423. We will collect our donations at the December 8th meeting. Please drop off your donations on Wednesdays or Saturdays
- 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&slD=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>

Lois Perrault Memorial Fund – 2022 Girls’ State Update!

The fund balance is \$3,528.25. We plan to sponsor four delegates to the 2023 Girls State. Hopefully, it will be in person next year. Please forward me the name of any junior high school student who is interested in attending 2023 Girls State.

Requirements are that the delegates will complete their junior year in 2023 in a Michigan high school.

Link to the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Brochure.

https://michalaux.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ALA_Girls_State_Brochure-lp.pdf

AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News WCCV

The October 17th meeting was cancelled.

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

Of Interest to Veterans

Submitted by various
VVA 310 Webmaster Vance



McCrumb has added a new page under the Memorial menu titled Memorial Construction Images. These are images from John Kinzinger, Gary Lillie, and others. These historical pictures capture a special moment in VVA310's history. Click here to view.

<https://www.vva310.org/memorial/memorial-construction-images>

—**—

A Soldier Did It (author unknown)

Submitted by Dave Draper

It's the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of



speech.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians, who ensures our right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

It's the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

—**—

Storage Building

Submitted by vance McCrumb

Not all of us have seen the storage

building at the Washtenaw County Vietnam Memorial. So, now we have a few images added to the VVA 310 website to provide a view. The images show the old, the new, and some site preparations for the building. You can see the images here: <https://www.vva310.org/memorial/memorial-maintenance-building-construction>

—**—

Remembering . . .

By Jane Kinzinger

The joy of season is also remembering how we celebrated years ago. Here are a few images of long ago. Perhaps you remember, too.



Pumpkins for Joy: Halloween 2002 Chapter member Ron Henley stands between the two artfully crafted pumpkins that were pushed around the VA Hospital halls and into the patients' rooms, to the delight of hospitalized veterans.

—**—

Clowning around: As we celebrate the bounty of the harvest season, we also remember those Veterans

who are at the hospital. At the VA Hospital hall, one often finds a clown (AKA John Kinzinger)



moving from room to room and delighting patients.

For a good cause: November 19, 2000, Rebecca Rinkoski and Jane Kinzinger are selling \$2 pocket calendars outside Kroger in Ann Arbor. Proceeds went to support the "Friends" projects for Veterans.



__**__

**Happy Veterans Day
2022. Thank you for
your service.**

Christmas Care Packages: A Reminder

By John Kinzinger

Sunday December 4th at 2:45 pm, we will be packing Care packages for military personnel overseas. This will be at the Ann Arbor VFW Post on S. Wagner Road. As a Chapter, we have been sending packages since 2004. To date, we have mailed 4,447 packages, with a postage cost of between \$75,000 and \$80,000. We have received many cards of appreciation over the years. We know our work has raised the morale of thousands of young men and women doing the hard work for us overseas.

We have had quite a packing machine of volunteers in the past, and we should have a similar one on the 4th. We will begin packing after our 3:00 pm prayer. If you do not get there before 3:15 pm, you may not get to pack a box!

__*****__

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 2025

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

Glenn Sakcriska ~ November 2026

Edith L. Semark ~ September 2023

Jim Sharp ~ April 2031

John C. Shook ~ July 2028

Larry St. Antoine ~ September 2025

Chris Wetzler ~ July 2023

Elizabeth Wong ~ September 2023

Hank Woods, in memory of Past President Paul S. Dumsch ~ September 2027

Jocosity

By Ken Rogge

When my husband and I arrived at



an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic feverishly working to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger's side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was open.

-- "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!"

-- "I know," answered the young man. "I already got that side."

Current Events

By Ann Dempsey Pereira

10 Nov: Monthly Meetings: AVVA not meeting; VVA Board 1830 hrs; VVA General Mtg 1900 hrs

10 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday (1775)

11 Nov: VVA 310 Monthly Breakfast, 0900 hrs

11 Nov: Veterans Day (1918)

20 Nov: WCCV Meeting, 1930 hrs

24 Nov: Thanksgiving

04 Dec: VVA 310 Christmas Care Package Event, 1500 hrs. Come early.

** Visit Veterans Radio online (<https://veteransradio.net/>) and make a contribution to help keep this vital program on the air.

PTSD Warrior's Writings

Submitted by John Kinzinger

The following is the fourth in a series of writings by deceased Charter VVA 310 member Paul S. Dumsch. The tortuous stranglehold PTSD had on Paul comes out in his writings. The sense of his PTSD-burdened journey after Vietnam can be felt in his writings. As Paul's friend for many years, I believe he would want his writings shared

with others. Paul was a good man, who experienced a terrible event in Vietnam that never let him go.

02JUN

Then she was gone.

I was left alone

With my thoughts.

"I'll be thinking about you."

Cheryl said,

And she will.

Thirty-one years ago

I hit this mine.

I relive it every day.

Three wounded and three dead.

I can't or won't let go,

It's impossible to forget.

(Or forgive)

Just as I hit the mine,

I'm dancing on one,

On and off this edge.

I want to fire

Up the bike,

But my back won't let me.

Hank called last night.

He remembers with me

And worries for me.

I talked to Tom.

Chappy will keep me

In his prayers.

I'll get through another year.

Paul Stewart Dumsch

Reminiscing . . .

Contributed by various

The fall season seems particularly suitable for reminiscing. And the VVA 310 Chapter members have much to remember. In a way, remembering the past is a form of celebration for the past. For indeed, our Chapter members have much to celebrate. And, of course, photos go well with remembering. And I thank those Chapter members who have contributed photos. Here are a few images.



VVA 310. This year, Chapter members will be providing Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving. We have done this since the beginning of the Chapter.



And throughout the year, VVA 310 Chapter members find time to enjoy in many different ways, such as dressing up as witches.

Perhaps there is something especially charming about Michigan that inspires people



onto generosity, kindness, and accomplishments, such as Meni Draper delivering food to Staples Center.



The gentle beauty of Michigan calls for acts of service and friendship.



The incomparable foliage of Michigan and its magnificent lakes inspire devotion and public service.

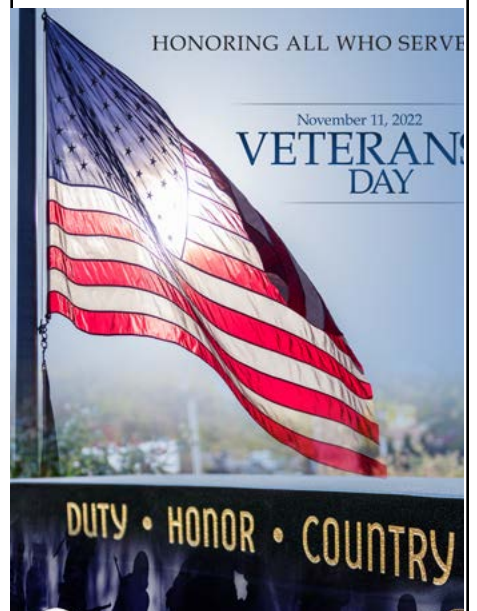


Where nature is beautiful and generous, people strive for greatness.



Thus, we conclude this issue of the *310 Dispatch* with a greeting from the Dispatch Team, as the Irish would say:

Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day."



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!