

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*



**June 2023,
Washtenaw County,
Michigan**



Editor's Note: I had lunch with Pres. Vance McCrumb and set development parameters for the 310 Dispatch newsletter. As we go along, we may point out a few improvements. I continue to work with Adobe InDesign. At the same time, keep an eye in our VVA 310 website (www.310.org), which has received considerable improvements. And on behalf of the Dispatch Team, thank you for your continued patronage! Enjoy the coming summer season!
-- Paulo-Juarez Pereira, Editor

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President's Message—June 2023

By Vance McCrumb

I would like to start out by giving a shout-out to fellow Air Force Veteran Stanley Harrison. He did an outstanding job as our Chapter president for the last three years. He left large shoes for me to



fill. Oh, wait: Stanley wears cowboy boots, and I don't. I lucked out there!

A little about me. I'm a USAF Veteran: January 1963 to January 1967. After basic, AP School, and Sentry Dog School, I and my first dog Casey were sent to Altus AFB,

Oklahoma. Altus was a SAC base with B-52s and KC-135 re-fuelers. I volunteered for Vietnam in May 1965.

I joined Chapter 310 in December 2003 and have served as your membership chair for 15 years. I also worked as a committee member on several committees. I served as your vice president under Dave 'Doc' Martinez, Dave Draper, and Stan Harrison. By the way, if you don't remember when you joined, I can look it up for you on National's website. Just let me know.

Stan and I attended the May WCCV meeting at the Saline Legion, where 310 Chapter member Rev. Bob Bull is the commander. One of the items discussed was that today the number of VA volunteers is a bit more than two hundred, as compared with more than a thousand in the past. Many of our members were or are volunteers at the VA.

About the Recognition Dinner: We had a low turnout this year, with a head count of between 30 and 35. Kathleen and I missed it this year due to family commitments. John Kinzinger suggested we deliver the leftover food to Dawn Farm; we did that. I am sure they were appreciative. Going forward, the Board will look at what we can do to improve attendance.

Merchandise sales on the second Tuesday at the

VA are now allowed. We were shut down for almost three years due to Covid-19. We are not allowed to set up just outside the 3rd floor elevators, as we did in the past. Our new location is on the third floor Canteen. We are limited in space, which cuts down on how much Stan Harrison can display: a few T-shirts, hats, and pins. Sales based on location and selection are down. See Stan about volunteering, as additional help is welcome.

Memorial: Our Memorial has received major improvements this year. The infield has new sod; an irrigation system has been installed; and now there is a berm on the west side of the grounds. No more brown grass, and the berm has perennials and annuals planted, courtesy of Home Depot!

The grounds look gorgeous due to the efforts by Merritt, Luker, and their volunteers. Home Depot provided 35 volunteers to replace the bark, edge the walks, and trim the shrubs. They removed and hauled away the old shed and replaced it with a new 8x10 shed. Pictures are on our website (vva310.org). This, by the way, was at no cost to us. If you have some shopping to do, please consider Home Depot. They stepped up big time!

Chaplain's Corner — June 2023

By Rev. Gordon Moore

With Paulo taking the lead on praying for our nation on the first Saturday of each month, I decided to

use his theme for this month's article with the help of the Psalms. The Psalms selected help us focus on what is important before the Lord.



Psalm 123

Unto You I lift up my eyes,

O You who dwell in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God,

Until He has mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us!

For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

Our soul is exceedingly filled

*With the scorn of those who are at ease,
With the contempt of the proud.
(Psalm 123:1-4 New King James Version)*

Psalm 125

*Those who trust in the Lord
Are like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.
For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
And to those who are upright in their hearts.
As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
The Lord shall lead them away
With the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel!
(Psalm 125:1-5)*

Psalm 127

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows;
For so He gives His beloved sleep.
Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.
(Psalm 127:1-5)*

Psalm 128

*Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
WHO WALKS IN HIS WAYS.
When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
In the very heart of your house,
Your children like olive plants
All around your table.*

*Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you out of Zion,
And may you see the good of Jerusalem
All the days of your life.
Yes, may you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!
(Psalm 128:1-6)*

Blessings upon those that fear and serve God.

DISPATCH RECIPIENTS

James Alford ~ December 2025
George Boone ~ February 2029
Berryman Bourne ~ August 2023
Cynthia Calhoun ~ April 2026
Gary L. Couture ~ April 2024
Edward Fuller ~ September 2023
Sarah and Brent Gephart, Sr. ~ March 2031
Corrine Gignac, in memory of her uncle Neil R.
Gignac, CMSAF ~ April 2024
Stan Harrison to honor Russ Michalke ~ March 2026
Ralph Henry ~ November 2023
Steve and Shirley Hitte ~ June 2024
Ray Hunter ~ December 2032
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
Lloyd Lee ~ March 2031
David Marshall ~ June 2024
Sandy Martinez ~ November 2024
Dell Mayes ~ March 2025
Alfred (Fredo) Merritt ~ March 2026
Ronald Oliver ~ August 2027
Paulo and Ann Dempsey Pereira ~ October 2024
George Perrault ~ October 2025
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

VVA 310 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of America Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310 Regular Membership Meeting Minutes 11 May 2023

Call to Order by President Harrison at 1900 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 Driscoll/Hitte to approve the April Minutes published in the Dispatch. Approved.

President's Report:

I tried to go to the sendoff for 177th MP company but they wouldn't let me in. We'll do a watchfire the night before Memorial Day. There will be a Memorial Ceremony at 1300 hrs, at the Memorial. There will be the usual parade in Saline. We will pass the hat for the Steve Robison family, who have been good friends to our chapter, who got hit by a driver attempting to allude the police. They have a GoFundMe page also.

Treasurer's Report:

Reports were emailed to the board and to members who wanted one. Let Bourne know your email address if you desire these reports. Nothing significant to report except that Merchandise Committee sold \$347 of merchandise at the VA Canteen, but it was not very profitable for us because the VA took twenty percent off the top. No questions

AVVA Report: Driscoll. Please see the report in the Dispatch. Tomorrow at 1000 hrs. we will be planting flowers at the Memorial. We are doing a table raffle at recognition dinner. Proceeds will go to Fisher House. We will also sell bracelets there for Fisher House. We are sending one person to Girls State in June. We are still collecting your gifts of trial size toiletries which we deliver to Fisher House every other month or so. Dell Mayes' and Steve Cox's internments are coming up.

Swearing In of New Board Members – Harrison

New board members and officers were sworn in except those who were excused from attendance.

Committee Reports:

Merchandise: We will do sales at the VA on Tuesday. Unload at 0700 hrs. with sales from 0800 hrs. to 1400 hrs. We are taking less to sell but still trying to make it work. We'll have some items to sell at the recognition dinner with setup at 1200 hrs on that day. Tickets are on sale here or at the door. We'd rather you buy tickets tonight. Doors open at 1730 hrs.

Washtenaw County Council of Veterans: The Council discussed changing the Council Constitution to add organizations that aid Veterans. Bylaws will be reviewed next.

Michigan State Council: The next meeting is still coming up.

Memorial Maintenance: Home Depot sent nearly 50 people out to the Memorial to do work for us. They weeded the stones, planted flowers and bushes on the berm, replenished the red cedar chips and placed new chips around the maintenance building. They refurbished the black rubber chips and releveled the POW/MIA picnic table. They took down the old shed and replaced it with a new, larger one. The Memorial is really improving every year. We'd like you to go there and check it out if you haven't been there recently. Sandie Martinez donated a new set of flags for the Memorial.

Website: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Newsletter: The newsletter committee would like to get some suggestions for how to change the Dispatch. Thank you all who are contributing new material. We thought about producing the dispatch in color, but it would cost too much - \$213.04 compared to the \$35 we pay for black and white. George has a few hard copies if you need one.

Health Care: No report.

LTCCSKMC: The VA is asking for more volunteers. If you are not vaccinated, they want you to wear a max. Several new Community Based Outpatient Clinics have opened in Adrian, Howell, Canton, plus one near Ohio. Please continue to encourage any Veteran you meet to sign up for VA healthcare and to meet with a VSO for a compensation review.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Kinzinger, seconded by Bull to spend \$5,000 from the restricted fund for underwear for VA hospital patients. Approved.

Good of the Order:

Merritt: Breakfast on Friday will be at 0900 hrs. at Brewed Awakenings Café, 7025 E Michigan Ave, Saline, MI 48176, (734) 316-2084.

Merritt: Thanks to Sandie Martinez for the new set of flags

Frazer: Joe Mishler goes around collecting stories about women who have served in the US military. He is still looking for new people to tell their stories. Joe Mishler 810 348-9960. Jmm1967@comcast.net 300 East St., Room C 309.Holly, Michigan48442.

Perrault: Saline parade is coming up. Steve needs help carrying flags to the truck tonight.

Throneberry: I was behind a truck with Marine stickers on it at KFC in Saline. When I got to the window to pay, I was told the Marine paid for me.

We had a group on Veterans Radio called The Fallen Patriots Foundation. They provide scholarships for children of US servicemembers who were killed in action. www.fallenpatriots.org. The speaker was a Chinook pilot in Afghanistan. Her husband, who was also a Chinook pilot, was killed in Afghanistan.

Bull

- I have been asking people if they will write a letter to Veterans. I have half page letters. I'd like to ask you to do them too. We send them to the soldiers' homes and the VA hospitals in Michigan.
- I'm collecting any power reading glasses for the hospital.
- Sock drive happens in August and September. The VA will accept new socks only, any color, men's and women's.
- If you come to the VRC you could help us make anti-depression kits. Each one is a small bag with a few things in them.

Kinzinger Camp Liberty is a 37-acre camp that was just reorganized. They do hunts for disabled Veterans. They've done four hunts this year. There will be a car show on 24 June there. It is Camp Liberty's annual fundraiser. The tickets are \$20 per adult. Everybody gets food, dog tags, live music and more. Camp Liberty will use the same DJ we use at the Pig Roast to provide music. VRC mobile van will be there also.

Driscoll

- The Memorial Day parade assembles in Saline at 0900 hrs. at the Michigan Ave fire station. The VRC van will be there. The parade begins about 0945 hrs, and ends at the cemetery where a service takes place at which we honor interred Veterans. Then we go to the Legion (across the street) for a free lunch. And then we go to the Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial. You can add your

vehicle to the parade. If you want to do that, let me know. If anybody needs a ride, Steve Hitte has room for a couple of people.

- John Kinzinger won the National Veterans Service awards from Daughters of the American Revolution. He will receive the award at the annual DAR convention in Washington, DC.

Harrison: We have tickets for dinner and coins for sale at the table up front.

Bourne: Passing the hat produced \$400 for the Robison family in Saline.

Closing Prayer Bob Bull

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 1941 hrs.

Polls will remain open until 2000 hrs.

Honoring June Anniversaries on the Wall

Second Lieutenant Philip Matt Crane II was



born on January 29, 1947 to Mrs. Howard P. Gragg and the late Philip M. Crane of Ypsilanti. Philip played the accordion when he was very small. He played Little League Baseball. Philip is a 1965 graduate of Ypsilanti High School where he played on the varsity tennis team, was a member of the

varsity debate team, and a member of the National Honor Society. He worked all during high school and college at the A&P Store. He went on to attend the University of Michigan until he enlisted in the Army on February 1, 1967. He completed Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Second Lieutenant Crane began his tour in Vinh Long Province, South Vietnam on May 14, 1968 serving as a Tactical Intelligence Staff Officer on Advisory Team 52, Headquarters, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV).

Lieutenant Crane was flying in a helicopter as a

special observer when a flare ignited inside the aircraft causing him to fall from the aircraft on June 26, 1968. He was "In-Country" for one month and 11 days.

Philip Matt Crane II is survived by his mother, his wife, and a sister. He lived 21 years, 4 months and 27 days. He is resting in Crestwood Memorial Gardens in Flint, 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 54W Line 002.

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Major Frank Rudolph Maki was born on March 13, 1928 in Rudyard, Michigan to Mr. Victor and Mrs. Lemple Ann Maki. Frank graduated from Rudyard High School before enlisting in the Army in 1946 where he completed his Basic Training at Fort Lee, Virginia. He



took part in the Berlin Airlift serving at the Rhein Main Air Base as an Air Ground Liaison NCO. He returned from Germany and spent some time as a civilian before returning to the Army in 1950 where he served with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea as a rifle and weapons squad leader. Sergeant

Maki accepted a reserve commission as a Second

Lieutenant while serving in the Korean War. He continued to serve in the Regular Army as an NCO, as he was promoted as a reserve officer. Since Korea, Frank served with the 821st Engineer Aviation Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri then serving with the 820th Engineer Aviation Battalion at Michigan State University as a military science instructor. According to the Battalion History of the Army ROTC Battalion at Eastern Michigan University, "in 1961, he taught ROTC at Eastern Michigan University for four years, where he led the rifle team to the championship and served as an advisor to Arm of Honor Fraternity. During this time, he accepted his promotion to Captain even though he was rated number one on the list to be promoted to Sergeant Major. He then served as a Company Commander at Fort McClellan where his troops would earn four consecutive Best Company awards."

Major Maki began his tour of duty in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam on May 7, 1971 serving as an Advisor, Advisor Team 3, Headquarters, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) Advisors, MACV. Captain Maki was killed in action at Fire Support Base Fuller in Quang Tri Province while coordinating medical aid to wounded soldiers on June 22, 1971 during his third tour in Vietnam. He was then posthumously promoted to Major.

Award of The Silver Star for gallantry in action: Captain Maki distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 20 - 22 June 1971 while serving as Senior Advisor to the 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam at Fire Support Base Fuller in Quang Tri Province. Captain Maki heroically participated in the defenses of Fire Support Base Fuller by accompanying and assisting his Vietnamese counterpart against the North Vietnamese Army thrust. After more than two continuous days of intensive direct and indirect fire and ground attacks, the NVA managed to breach the defenses. Captain Maki then directed many tactical air strikes and aerial rocket artillery against the enemy. During this time he continued to reappraise the tactical situation, adjust supporting fires and coordinate medical aid to the wounded Vietnamese soldiers. Though he had been sixty hours without rest, he continued to assist his counterparts up until the moment he

was mortally wounded by an enemy artillery round. His extraordinary example of leadership and valiant courage radiated throughout the Fire Support Base and inspired the Vietnamese to repulse the enemy attack. Captain Maki's conspicuous gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

(As written in Major Maki's Award of the Silver Star announcement, by LTC August G. Seifert)

Frank Rudolph Maki is survived by his wife, son, two daughters, his father, two sisters and two brothers. He lived 43 years, 3 months and 9 days. He is resting in Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Frank'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 03W Line 086.

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Corporal Richard Mark O'Neal was born on May 22, 1948 to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Neal of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Richard is a 1966 graduate of Ann Arbor High School. He entered the Marine Corps on July 6, 1966 going through Marine Corps Boot Camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. He received his Advanced Infantry Training at Camp Pendleton, California before being stationed with the Headquarters and Service Company, First Marine Brigade in Hawaii.



Corporal O'Neal began his tour of duty in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam on May 31, 1968 serving as a rifleman with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Forces. Richard died on July 26, 1968 of head injuries suffered in a truck accident.

Richard Mark O'Neal is survived by his parents, a brother and four sisters. He lived 20 years, 2 months and 4 days.

According to a posting by Richard's nephew, "I never had the chance to meet you, but I just wanted to say that I love you and I appreciate everything that you did for our country. Your brother named me in honor of you. I hold your name in high regard and I continue to work harder every day to be the best person I can be. Every day I wake up is a chance to become better than I was the day before. I have been fortunate enough to marry the woman of my dreams and, thanks to the people that matter to me the most, I have been able to work hard enough to receive my B.A. in Journalism-Public Relations from SHSU. Thank you to everyone on here that has posted something, it was moving to read events that happened in his life. Uncle Richard, I will continue to hold our name in the highest honor. I love you and I will meet you some day."

Richard is resting in United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, Michigan. Richard'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 50W Line 015.

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H. Neil Stehle was born on March 30, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Stehle in Ann Arbor. Neil is a 1963 graduate of Ann Arbor High School where he was on the gymnastics team. He attended Eastern Michigan University majoring in psychology prior to entering the United States Army on April 29, 1967.

Specialist 4 H. Neil Stehle completed his basic training, and radio and communications courses at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He went to Fort Benning, Georgia where he received training at the paratroop school. Neil was sent to Vietnam on December 13, 1967 where he was assigned to B Company, First Battalion, 503rd Infantry, of the 101st Airborne Division. On



June 3, 1968, Specialist 4

Stehle was serving in Thua Thien Province in South Vietnam when he was wounded by small arms fire.

Neil was transported to a hospital in Japan where he died of his wounds on June 11, 1968. He lived 23 years, 2 months and 11 days.

H. Neil Stehle is resting in Washtenong Cemetery in Ann Arbor. He is survived by his parents and two sisters including seven nieces and nephews. Neil is listed under Ann Arbor on the Ypsilanti Township Vietnam Memorial and is located on Panel 58W Line 027 on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC.

Of Interest to Veterans

Submitted by Various

If you haven't been to the Memorial in a while, you should. We now have new sod and a sprinkler system as well as another storage building. The grounds that honor our fallen have never looked so good. Click [here](#) to view the spring clean-up.

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American Flags at the Cemetery

Dave Draper reported that we continue our annual tradition of placing flags at Bethlehem Cemetery. It was a very beautiful day to place them, although it was pretty chilly when we started at 9:00 am. We were joined this year by around twelve members of Bethlehem Church. They were very eager to help and did a fantastic job. They were enthused enough to want to join us again next year. Later that day around 4:00 pm our Post reconvened at the cemetery, where our Cub Scout Pack 131 joined us to place the last of the flags in an area we reserved just for them. They learned the respectful way to place the flags and also about etiquette on the handling of the flags. They too did a great job, and together with their parents, they seemed to have a great time.

Thanks to everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule to help us pay respects to our fellow Veterans who have gone on to the Post Everlasting. You can [click here](#) click to see what few pictures we took. There may be more photos coming, as others took pictures as well.

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Discussing Memorial Day and Remembering the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

By John Kinzinger

Just thought you might like to hear this with Memorial Day about here. Please take a few moments and reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day. [Click here](#) for a discussion on this topic.

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Veterans Honored at the Ball game

By Tony Keezer

At the Tiger ball game in May, I was honored on the field as a Vietnam Veteran, sitting above the dugout! Our seats were not bleacher seats; we were comfortable and had plenty of room. Our free parking pass was literally the first place across from the entrance. I was so excited. I was the only Vet on the field. Got a jersey with my name on the back, an official hat, and a baseball signed by Miggy in a case! What a memory! The Tigers won 7 to 2 against the Chicago White Sox. I'm walking on air!

Remembering AVVA Newsletter for June 2023

By Kathy Driscoll

AVVA 310 will have an in-person and a Zoom streaming meeting on June 8th at the VFW Post 423. I will send out the Zoom link in an email to our members. If you are out of town and would like to connect, we would love for all of you to attend via Zoom or in person.

I presented an AVVA Certificate and flowers to our Girls' State Delegate, Josephine Scanio, at our Recognition Dinner. A few of our members attended. Our raffle fundraiser raised \$65, and Chris Wexler, VVA 310 member, donated his 50/50 winnings back to AVVA 310 for our Service Emblem Blanket Throws. I will be ordering one for each service, and hopefully we will receive them by our June 8th meeting.

I attended the AVVA Michigan State Association

meeting in Battle Creek, but due to an unexpected health issue, Tim and I were unable to attend Del Mayes Burial in Carson City, MI. We had to turn back home when we reached Ionia, MI. Jane and John Kinzinger were able to attend. Thank you, Jane, for representing AVVA 310.

Tim and I are escorting Cindy Cox and Steve Cox's, VVA 310 Member, cremations to Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI, on Wednesday, May 24th. As this article is being written before May 24th. I will report on the grave service in the July Dispatch. We look forward to the Annual Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service on Memorial Day. I would like to thank our members who attended this ceremony, the Saline Memorial Day Parade, and Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery.

We are collecting donations for our US Service Emblem throws. We raised enough funds to purchase one blanket throw with the Service Emblems for the US Army, US Navy, US Air Force, and US Marines.

We will march in the Saline Memorial Day Parade. Please meet at the Saline Lutheran Church, intersection of US 12 (Michigan Ave) and N. Harris Street by 09:00.

AVVA Chapter 310 Fundraising Report

We have 50 donated Wrist Story Bracelets left. Suggested donation is \$5. When we sellout, we will donate an additional \$300 to Fisher House. Contact Kathy Driscoll if you would like one.

I emailed out our Annual No Bake/Bakeless Fundraiser to our members. This is our main source to fund our Chapter. Please consider donating.

Service Projects

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

Lois Perrault Memorial Fund – 2022 Girls' State Update!

The fund balance is \$3,308.25. We are sponsoring one

delegate to Girls' State.

AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News

I attended the AVVA Michigan State Association on the May 21st meeting in Battle Creek. I will attend the AVVA National Convention in Orlando in August. There are By-Law changes that will be voted on at the convention.

AVVA Michigan State Association presented \$300 to me for AVVA 2023 convention expenses. This will pay for half of my plane fare. I thanked them for this disbursement. Our Chapter has budgeted \$115 for AVVA expenses for the Convention Registration fee and the AVVA Luncheon.

WCCV

I attended the May 15th meeting at the Saline American Legion Post 322. I plan to attend the June 19th meeting. Meni will have a WCCV report at our June meeting.

Kathy Driscoll

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A Little Assistance to Legion Post 46

By Dave Draper

On May 20, the three Amigos, Stan Harrison, Al Merritt, and Ed Scruggs, all came out to Busch's on Main Street to help American Legion Post 46 with their Poppy Drive. The donations will benefit Warriors and Caregivers United (WACU). Sales were not great that day; the weather cooled off quite a bit, resulting in fewer people shopping. It was also thought that, because of increased food costs, fewer people had been shopping. On

that one day, the donations collected came to a little over \$237. The Poppy Drive for WACU spanned three days: one day at Westgate Kroger and two days at Busch's. WACU ended up with a total of \$793 in donations.

Jocosity

By Ken Rogge

Down around the Texas-Louisiana border, there has been a recent rash of illegal cock fighting, with quite a bit of gambling. The director of the Louisiana State Police finally bent to public pressure and sent an investigator to get to the bottom of the problem. The crack investigator, Boudreaux, took an unmarked cruiser and headed for Mamou. He was gone for two days and arrived back in Baton Rouge to report to the director. He reported that there were three major groups involved in the illegal cock fighting: Texas Aggies, Cajuns, and the Mafia. As expected, the boss wanted to know how he surmised this. He had a method, he replied.

-> He knew there were Texas Aggies involved when he saw someone enter a duck into the fight.

-> He knew that there were Cajuns involved when someone bet on the duck.

-> And he was absolutely positive the Mafia was involved when the duck won!

Action in May



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