

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 2023,
Washtenaw County,
Michigan**



Editor's Note:

An Ode to the Dispatch Team
What is amazing about a team is that it is always there.
Month in, month out, the team is there--delivering
Whatever it is one expects from the team.
Saying "thank you" to the team doesn't always happen,
But it is comforting to know that the team is there. Thank you!

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President's Message – July 2023

By Vance McCrumb

Past President Harrison presented the awards we annually award at our Recognition Dinner. All three award recipients were unable to attend the dinner this year. They are **Brian Bayha** (*The Jerry Simms Always There Award*), **Marv Rivers** (*The Doc Martinez Presidents Award*), and **Brian Graef** (*The John Thompson Member of the Year Award*).



Brian Bayha (*the Jerry Simms Always There Award*)



Marv Rivers (*the Doc Martinez Presidents Award*)



Brian Graef (*the John Thompson Member of the Year Award*)



The Daughters of the American Revolution presented us a DAR flag and a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Certificate signed by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

We need to consider an interior flagpole and stand for the DAR flag.

WCCV meeting: Commander Bull is working to get more organizations to become active members. Sandie Wilson reported on the Agent Orange issues as well as a site to register birth defects, www.birthdefects.org. This site has a wealth

of information on birth defects, causes, veterans research, parental support, Autism, legal service and much more.

Al Merritt, Jon Luker, Wendy Hibbitts, Eric Downie, and I attended and spoke in favor of the House Bill #4602 to rename a section of I-94 between US 23 and Rawsonville Road "The Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway." The bill passed unanimously and moved on to the Senate for consideration after the summer recess.

Chaplain's Corner – July 2023

By Rev. Gordon Moore



Wikipedia explains independence as a "condition of a nation, country, or state" where the population exercises "self-government over its territory." The opposite situation is

the "status of a dependent territory." When a country or nation commemorates its day of independence, it celebrates the date when that country became free from "all forms of colonialism"—that is, it can now develop itself "without any interference from other nations" (see [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence)).

What does independence mean when speaking spiritually? How does this fit in with the theological concept of free will? Can an individual be freed from the penalty of sin and still choose to do what they please, whenever they please? And is this different from a person within a society bound by laws that protect the people of that society from choosing to do what they please?

We have seen in both arenas that there is a certain freedom that allows violation of laws (commandments, if you will), but not without consequences if those violations hurt or hinder another person's rights to self-governance. I still admire Apostle Paul's description of freedom when he said, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2nd Cor. 3:17 nkjv).

When we listen to God's Spirit in alliance with His Word, we find tremendous freedom to live our lives

with assurances that, come judgment day, we will stand not condemned, because of the finished work of Christ in the atonement. Let us enjoy our freedom as we celebrate this great nation and the many abilities it affords us to live and serve God by serving others.

A blessed Independence Day to all, citizens or not.

Announcing 2023 Pig Roast – 26AUG

By John Kinzinger



Our VVA 310 Chapter Pig Roast planners are getting things lined up for this year's Pig Roast on Saturday, August 26th, at the Saline American

Legion. Please mark your calendars. The planning committee needs volunteers to make this Chapter fundraiser a success. Please contact Stan Harrison for open volunteer positions. Thank you in advance.

We are also very fortunate our wonderful anonymous donor has returned this year and offered to match up to \$2,000 of our pre-event donations. This is our one annual Chapter 310 fundraiser, so if you are able, please consider joining in the effort to claim the entire \$2,000. You can make your gift to "VVA 310 – Pig Roast," and then mail it to VVA 310, PO Box 3221, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Our goal is to make this event a memorable occasion for all. Thank you in advance to all those who will work to help organize the Pig Roast and those share that event with us. See you then!

Needs List For VA Ann Arbor

Submitted by Dave Draper

Gift Cards- (Gas- Exxon, Kroger, Meijer, Shell.... Cards). Gift Cards- (Walmart, Kroger, Meijer, Bucsh's or Target). Our Vets are in need for grocery and fuel cards. Monetary Needs, Men's shoes (9-11), Toothpaste, Pumice Stones, Body Lotion, Reusable shopping bags, Men's Medium (Boxer) underwear,

Snack packs (all new items, please).

Annual subscriptions to local newspapers and magazines.

(Please make subscriptions to VAAHS Voluntary Service 135), 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 – (734) 845-3467.

Journal Entry: May - June 2023: VA Ann Arbor Fisher House

"WOW! Thank you! I go to bed at night, afraid this may just be a dream. I spend my 12-hour shift at UofM, caring for my husband. I come home to a supportive group of people that wait up for me.

I love the 'rules.' Treat it like home, clean up after yourself, and don't eat in your room.

Just like home! The staff has thought of every need/want you could have.

The best part is the therapy. Military families loving and supporting each other. I didn't realize how much I missed the active-duty lifestyle. This is a diamond in the rough!

Staff is exceptional. They walk the fine line of supportive, yet they allow you privacy. Life was really put in perspective for me. Total strangers are really my family.

Every detail was really taken care of... clean, beautiful, safe place, so I could focus on my husband. Still feel like I'm dreaming and I don't want to wake up!

Peace and love to all the families! Remember: if God brought you to it, He will bring you through it!"

~Veteran's Spouse



VVA 310 Chapter Meeting Minutes
By Jon Luker

**Vietnam Veterans of America Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310
Regular Membership Meeting Minutes
8 June 2023**

Call to Order by President McCrumb at 1900 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer: Tim Driscoll

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

Swearing In of New Officers: Sandie Wilson swore in the new slate of elected officers and directors for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Daughters of the American Revolution: The DAR, represented by six ladies, were in attendance to award Vietnam Veteran lapel pins to those who had not previously received the pins in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war. Lauren Smith read a proclamation from Secretary of Defense Austin. A certificate was presented to the Chapter from The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration by the Department of Defense honoring VVA Chapter 310 as an Honorary Partner. Other ladies in the group were Pamela Smock, Jane Griffith, Amy Burton, Martha Valen, and Kate Kirkpatrick.

Motion: Wilson/Throneberry to approve the May Minutes published in the *Dispatch*. Approved.

President's Report:

I attended the Washtenaw County Council of Veterans meeting with Stan Harrison.

Nothing significant to report. The local VA hospital has experienced a significant drop in the volunteers from around 2,000 to approximately 200 currently.

Treasurer's Report:

Merchandise team sold items at the VA for the second time since Covid-19. At \$347 revenue the net profit was \$122 after deducting cost of goods sold, and fees to the VA and credit card company for processing. \$750 was received from VVA Michigan State Council for attending the National Convention. \$1,140 revenue from Annual Recognition dinner which resulted in a \$2,047 deficit. Paid the Ann Arbor VA \$722 for the first of three steak dinner upgrades. Reports were emailed to the board and to members who wanted one. Let Bourne know your email address if you desire these reports. No questions

AVVA Report: Please see the report in the *Dispatch*.

Committee Reports:

Merchandise: See Treasurer's Report for merchandise sales event.

Washtenaw County Council of Veterans: None

Michigan State Council: The Michigan State VVA President oversees benefits at the national level.

Memorial Maintenance: Much work has been done at the Memorial this spring with new sod and an irrigation system. A great big thank you is due Al (Fredo) Merritt, Jon Luker and

Wendy Hibbitts for their leadership in overseeing these significant improvements. The entire site looked immaculate for the Memorial Day program.

Website: Approximately 376,500 hits since inception

Membership: 212

Newsletter: Paulo is considering newsletter changes and to submit same for Newsletter of the Year consideration. Your recommendations are welcomed.

Health Care: Sandie Wilson talked about her involvement at the national level as chairperson of Agent Orange Committee and the process the committee has made.

LTCCSKMC: John Kinzinger stated that new underwear has been delivered to the VA as part of the \$5,000 approved at last month's meeting. Fisher House capacity is at 87% and if it exceeds 90%, there would be discussions about building a second Fisher House in Ann Arbor.

Unfinished Business: Stan Harrison presented the following three awards to these individuals that could not attend the Annual Recognition dinner: Brian Graef as Veteran of the Year; Marv Rivers was awarded the Doc Martinez award; and Brian Bayha was awarded the Always There award.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Sandie Wilson stated that the Agent Orange flag displayed at the VFW should be replaced with the current Agent Orange flag.

Good of the Order:

Dale Throneberry – Show and dinner on July 9th at 1600-1900 hrs. He requested that individuals in the book, *We Answered The Call*, read their Vietnam experience. Sept. 23 is the 20th Anniversary of Veterans Radio.

John Kinzinger – Commented that the Memorial Day program at our Memorial was well planned and received. He mentioned the Car Show at Camp Liberty on June 24th. \$20 per car to enter the grounds and have lunch.

Vance McCrumb – Bill Henderson informed me of a Juneteenth celebration on June 24th at Washtenaw Community College. They will recognize Veterans in attendance. Vance needs to know if you would like to attend.

Marv Rivers – Their twin daughters are graduating from Chelsea High School with Honors. You are invited to a celebration at their house. Contact Marv for date, time and his address.

Chapter Breakfast on July 14th: TBD

Closing Prayer: Tim Driscoll

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 2015 hrs



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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Current Events

By Ann Dempsey Pereira

04 Jul: Independence Day (1776)

13 Jul: Monthly Meetings: AVVA, 1800 hrs; VVA Board 1800 hrs; VVA General Mtg 1900 hrs

14 Jul: VVA 310 Monthly Breakfast, 0900 hrs

17 Jul: WCCV Meeting, 1930 hrs, American Legion Post 322, Saline

22 Jul: Vet Fest, 1000- 1500 hrs, Washtenaw Community College

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

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

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

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 ~ March 2026
 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



AVVA Report

By Kathy Driscoll

****Please Note*

AVVA 310 will have an in-person and a ZOOM streaming meeting on July 13th at the VFW Post 423. I will send out the ZOOM link in an email to our members in case you are out of town and would like to connect. We would love for all of you to attend via ZOOM or in person.

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!

- VVA 310 Pig Roast
- AVVA 310 sponsorship of a table for eight Veterans to attend the Ann Arbor American Legion Post 46 100th Anniversary at Washtenaw Community College. Tickets are \$15 if you would like to attend. Please contact Dave Draper for tickets.

AVVA Chapter 310 Fundraising Report

- We have 60 donated Wrist Story Bracelets left. Suggested donation is \$5. When we sellout, 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.
- I emailed out our Annual No Bake/Bakeless Fundraiser to our members. This is our main source funding our Chapter. Please consider donating. I am mailing out fundraiser letters to our members without email address.

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.
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&SID=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 \$3,308.25.

AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News

I plan to attend the AVVA Michigan State Association meeting on July 23rd in Waterford, MI.

I will be our voting delegate at the AVVA National Convention in Orlando, FL in August.

WCCV

I attended the June 19th meeting at the Saline American Legion Post 322. I plan to attend the July 17th meeting. It will be held at the Saline American Post 322

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

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Ken Rogge’s Jocosity

One day, a man walks into a dentist’s office and asks how much it will cost to extract wisdom teeth.

“Eighty dollars,” the dentist says.

“That’s a ridiculous amount,” the man says. “Isn’t there a cheaper way?”

“Well,” the dentist says, “if you don’t use an anesthetic, I can knock it down to \$60.”

“That’s still too expensive,” the man says.

“Okay,” says the dentist. “If I save on anesthesia and simply rip the teeth out with a pair of pliers, I could get away with charging \$20.”

“Nope,” moans the man, “it’s still too much.”

“Hm,” says the dentist, scratching his head. “If I let one of my students do it for the experience, I suppose I could charge you just \$10.”

“Marvelous,” says the man. “Book my wife for next Tuesday!”

Camp Liberty



All About VVA 310

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National Chapter of the Year:
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2007, 2009, 2011, & 2015
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