

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*



**May 2023,
Washtenaw County,
Michigan**



Editor's Note: As you will likely notice, this May issue of the *310 Dispatch* includes slightly shortened stories for each of the 12 KIA's. This in no way minimizes the dedicated service and great loss of each of these. For a more complete account of these stories and those of other Veterans, please click on this link: <https://www.vva310.org/memorial>. On behalf of the Dispatch Team, thank you!

-- Paulo-Juarez Pereira, Editor

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President's May Message

By Stan Harrison

We have a few things to look forward to in May. Of course, we have our regular meeting on the 11th where we will swear in the new officers and Board for the next year. Included in that group will be our new president, Vance "Dog Man" McCrumb,



and our new vice president, Marvin "Oorah" Rivers. At last, adult leadership! On Saturday, May 13th, we will celebrate at our annual "Gary Lillie Recognition Dinner." Tickets are \$15 each; and, as usual, it will start at 1800 (6pm) at the UAW Local

898 Hall at the corner of Textile and Tuttle Hill Roads. Also, as usual, we will need help putting on this event. Vance and Marvin can't do it all by themselves.

On Tuesday, the 16th, we will have a small sale at the VA hospital in the canteen on the 3rd floor near the Central Elevators. Due to lack of space, we won't have much merchandise on display; so, we won't need as much help with setup or takedown. Memorial Day festivities start for us on Sunday evening, the 28th, with a Watchfire/cookout. Bring a lawn chair and your own beverage to the Memorial at about 1800 (6pm) where we will eat hot dogs and respectfully retire American flags. Each flag will be dedicated to a deceased Veteran. It is a great way to remember a loved one. Chief George Perrault says that we have plenty (hundreds) of flags; so, there will be no shortage. Every day in May before Memorial Day, at 10 am, 22aday.org and VVA310 will be placing 22 crosses along Veterans Memorial Drive at Huron River Drive. Each cross will represent a military or Veteran suicide. Prevention begins with awareness. When all 660 crosses are up on Memorial Day, they will be a stark reminder of the magnitude of our loss each month. Be sure to sign up for a time or two to place crosses. It only takes about 15 minutes. Jon Luker can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the last three years. You have given me amazing help and guidance all along the way. I am very grateful. You have chosen excellent leadership for the future. If you support them as you have supported me, we can move forward with confidence.

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

May 2023 Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. Gordon

Moore



I would like to combine two prominent thoughts for the month of May: Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

We take the time to honor both

aspects in May, one being the second Sunday, and the other, the last Monday, when we take time to acclaim and remember those who are influential in our lives and in the foundations to our culture.

First, mothers. Proverbs 31 describes the vital role that women play in their families and in society: We read in Proverb as follows:

The Virtuous Wife

*Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
And willingly works with her hands.
She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.
She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.
She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,*

*And strengthens her arms.
 She perceives that her merchandise is good,
 And her lamp does not go out by night. . . .
 She extends her hand to the poor,
 Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. . . .
 Her husband is known in the gates,
 When he sits among the elders of the land. . . .
 Strength and honor are her clothing;
 She shall rejoice in time to come.
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
 And on her tongue is the law of kindness. . . .
 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
 Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:
 "Many daughters have done well,
 But you excel them all." . . .
 And let her own works praise her in the gates.
 (Proverbs 31:10-31 New King James Version)*

We remember because we recognize that life is fleeting, and those who departed from our midst were very much a part of who we are. They fought the good fight, and for that, we are thankful as a society as we are for the women who adorn our society as mothers.

Blessings upon all.

Honoring the May Anniversaries on the Wall

Sergeant Charles Patrick Brown was born on December 27, 1947, in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Brown. Charles graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1966. Sergeant Brown completed Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky,

Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Ord, California and Paratrooper Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Sergeant Charles Patrick Brown began his tour of duty in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam on November 5,



1967, serving with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division as an infantryman. He was killed on May 21, 1968, as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds.

Charles Patrick Brown is survived by his parents and one sister. He lived 20 years, 4 months, and 24 days. He is resting in Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Charles' 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 64E Line 012.

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Sergeant Charles Irvin Miller was born on March 2, 1946, in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Miller of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Charles is a 1964 graduate of Ann Arbor High School. He attended the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University before enlisting in the Army in March of

1966. He received his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Advanced Training at Fort Hood, Texas.



Sergeant Miller began his tour in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam on October 6, 1967, serving as a Military Policeman with MP Platoon, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 198th Infantry Brigade,

Americal Division. Charles was killed by an explosive device on May 13, 1968.

Charles Irvin Miller is survived by his parents and two sisters. He lived 22 years, 2 months, and 11 days. He is resting in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Charles' 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 59E Line 029.

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George Vernon Airey, Jr. was born on July 21, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. George V. Airey, Sr. of Ann Arbor. Specialist 4 Airey, Jr. enlisted in the Army in 1966 and received his training at Fort Carson, Colorado as an



Armored Reconnaissance Specialist. George was assigned to the First Cavalry Division at Fort Carson. George started his tour in November of 1967 as an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist with D Company, First Battalion, Fifth Cavalry Regiment of the First Cavalry Division. Specialist 4 George Vernon Airey, Jr died of multiple

fragmentation wounds on May 9, 1968. He lived 23 years, 9 months, and 18 days.

George Vernon Airey, Jr. is resting now in Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor. George left behind his parents and two sisters. George was awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Expert Rifleman's Badge and posthumously awarded a second Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. His name is listed under Ann Arbor on the Ypsilanti Township Vietnam Memorial, and on Panel 57E Line 012 on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC.

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Private First-Class Paul Dean Elwart was born on June 14, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. David G. Elwart of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Paul is a 1964 Honor graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Dearborn, Michigan.



He entered the Army in September of 1968.

Private First Class Elwart began his tour of duty in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam on February 9, 1969, as an infantryman serving with C Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. Paul was killed on May 12, 1969, due

to multiple fragmentation wounds just three months and three days into his tour of duty "In-Country."

Paul Dean Elwart is survived by his parents and a brother. He lived 22 years, 10 months, and 26

days. Paul'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 25W Line 067.

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Specialist 4 Billy Ferrell was born on February 27, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky to Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Ferrell of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Billy attended Ypsilanti High School prior to enlisting in the Army on January 27, 1969.



Specialist 4 Ferrell completed his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and then attended Parachutist School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Billy began his tour of duty in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam on November 24, 1969, serving as a rifleman with B Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry,

173rd Airborne Brigade. He was killed as a result of a severe gunshot wound to his chest on May 29, 1970.

Billy Ferrell is survived by his parents, three brothers and eight sisters. He lived 19 years, 3 months, and 2 days. He is resting in Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Billy'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 10W Line 117.

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Specialist 5 Robert Lee Freeman was born on April 2, 1948, in Harlan, Kentucky to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Gilbert. Robert is a 1966 graduate of Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He also attended Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan.



Specialist 5 Freeman entered the Army in April of 1967. Robert began his tour of duty in Long Khanh Province, South Vietnam on April 9, 1969, serving as a Cannon Fire Direction Specialist with Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 35th Artillery, 54th Artillery Group,

II Field Force. Robert was killed as a result of enemy heavy arms fire on May 18, 1969, after serving "In-Country" for one month and nine days.

Robert Lee Freeman is survived by his parents and a sister. He lived 21 years, 1 month and 16 days. He is resting in Knollwood Memorial Park in Wayne 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 24W Line 040.

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Private First Class Roy Lee Branham was born on March 28, 1949, in Lancer, Kentucky to Mrs. Edra Sester.



Private First Class Branham entered the Army on September 1, 1966, completing his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Roy began his tour of duty in South Vietnam on April 2, 1967, serving as a Wire Systems Installer with A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Branham died on May 11, 1967, at the 106th General Hospital in Japan of wounds received in April. Roy Lee Branham is survived by his mother, one brother and a sister. He lived for 18 years, 1 month and 13 days. He is resting in Washtenaw Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Roy Branham is the youngest person from Washtenaw County killed in Vietnam. He is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Dexter. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 19E Line 089.

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Specialist 4 James Wilson Harter was born on May 16, 1947, to Mr. Henry W. and Mrs. Helen G. Carey Harter of Dexter, Michigan. James is a 1967 graduate of Dexter High School in Dexter, Michigan. He entered the Army on February 13,



1968, completing his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Specialist 4 Harter began his tour of duty in Binh Long Province, South Vietnam on July 13, 1968, as a Combat Engineer serving with B Company, 31st Engineering Battalion, 79th Engineering Group, 20th Engineering Brigade.

Larry was killed during a firefight with two enemy platoons on May 12, 1969. James Wilson Harter is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother. Two of his brothers preceded him in death in 1961 and 1968. He lived 21 years, 11 months, and 26 days. He is resting in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter, Michigan. James' name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Dexter. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 25W Line 070.

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Corporal Alan Hugh Parks was born on November 13, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Parks of Bronson, Michigan. Alan graduated from Union City High School in 1966. Corporal Alan Hugh Parks entered the Army on August 21, 1969.



Alan was trained as an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist and served with A Troop, First Squadron, First Cavalry, Americal Division in Vietnam, beginning his tour on January 11, 1970. Corporal Parks was stationed at Chu Lai and died as a result of burns when the vehicle he was driving was hit by enemy fire on May 27, 1970 in

Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam. Corporal Alan Hugh Parks is survived by his parents, wife, daughter, sister, and three brothers. He lived 21 years, 6 months, and 14 days. Alan is resting in Sherwood Cemetery in Union City, Michigan. Alan Hugh Parks name is listed under Manchester on the Vietnam Memorial located

in Ypsilanti Township, and on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 10W Line 110.

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Sergeant Peter Lyle Valencich was born on January 1, 1947, in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Naomi Gidley Valencich of Manchester, Michigan. Peter is a 1965 graduate of Manchester High School. He entered the Army on May 16, 1966.



Sergeant Valencich began his tour of duty near Tan Tru, South Vietnam on December 1, 1966, serving as an infantryman with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. He was killed on May 22, 1967.

Peter Lyle Valencich is survived by parents, a brother, and four sisters. He lived 20 years, 4 months, and 21 days. He is resting in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Manchester, Michigan. Peter'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 20E Line 088.

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Storekeeper Third Class James Michael Bryan was born on November 2, 1946, in Portsmouth, Ohio to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Bryan. James is a 1964 graduate of Milan High School.

Storekeeper Third Class Bryan was stationed at Da Nang, Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam where he served with Supply Operations, Naval Support Activity Danang. On May 14, 1967, James was riding in a truck as a passenger returning to base when the truck became involved in an accident. He was thrown from the truck receiving multiple concussions and



died before he arrived at the Base Hospital.

James Michael Bryan is survived by his parents and one brother. He lived 20 years, 6 months, and 12 days. James Bryan is now resting in Memorial Burial Park in Wheelsburg, Ohio. James' name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial located in Ypsilanti Township under Milan. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 19E Line 115.

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Corporal Russell Arthur Michalke was born on July 24, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Art Michalke of Saline, Michigan. Russell graduated from Saline High School in 1966. He entered the Army on August 8, 1967. He completed his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky with further training at Fort Edwards, Louisiana.



Corporal Michalke began his tour of duty in Chu Lai, Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam on January 20, 1968, serving as an infantryman with A Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, 198th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Russell was killed on May 24, 1968, as a result of enemy small arms fire.

Russell Arthur Michalke is survived by his parents and two sisters. He lived 19 years and 10 months. He is resting in Oakwood Cemetery in Saline, Michigan. Russell's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Saline. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 68E Line 005.

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
 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

Current Events

By Ann Dempsey Pereira

08 May: VE Day (1945)
 11 May: Monthly Meetings: AVVA, 1800 hrs; VVA Board 1800 hrs; VVA General Mtg 1900 hrs

12 May: VVA 310 Monthly Breakfast, 0900 hrs, Holiday's Restaurant
 13 May: Recognition Dinner, 1800 hrs, UAW Local 898 Union Hall, 8975 Textile Rd, Ypsi
 15 May: WCCV Meeting, 1930 hrs, American Legion Post 322, Saline
 20 May: Armed Forces Day
 25 May: National Poppy Day
 28 May: Watchfire Flag Retirement at the Vietnam Memorial, 1800 hrs. Bring a chair, hot dogs, and beverage.
 29 May: Memorial Day (1868). Saline Memorial Day Parade, 1000 hrs, march or ride. 1300 hrs: Vietnam Memorial program. Bring a chair. Recognition of Chapter members who have died since the last Memorial Day.
 ** Visit Veterans Radio online (Veteransradio.net - click here) and make a contribution to help keep this vital program on the air.

DAR State Award

[From Various Reports]

On April 22, John Kinzinger received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) State Award and the East Central Division Award for Volunteerism. John said this was quite unexpected, but he was very honored to receive it. That was not the end of the story though. At that ceremony, John was also told he will be receiving the DAR's National Service for Veterans Award at the July 2 DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC. Kate Kirkpatrick of the DAR said that "this is the highest award possible" from the DAR.



We are very proud of John for the accomplishments and contributions he has made to the veteran community. The attached picture shows John with his award certificate, along with Kate Kirkpatrick. Make sure you shake John's hand and congratulate him the next time you see him.

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310
Regular Membership Annual Meeting Minutes
13 April 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 Stuart/Merritt to approve the March Minutes published in the Dispatch. Approved.

Adjourn to Nominations

There were no new nominations. Candidates for election are:

President:	Vance McCrumb
Vice President:	Marv Rivers
Treasurer:	Berry Bourne
Secretary:	Jon Luker
Sergeant at Arms:	Eric Downie

Two-year Board members moving to 1-year positions are: Bob Bull, Sandie Wilson, Steve Hitte, Dave Draper and Al (Fredo) Merritt

Candidates for Two-year Board are Bill Stuart, Tim Clarke, John Kinzinger, Dale Throneberry.

We need up to five members to volunteer to be State Council Delegates. So far, we have: Tim Driscoll, Brian Bayha and Sandie Wilson. They will go to the VVA National Convention 8-12 August, in Orlando, Florida.

Recall to Order

President's Report:

I appointed Bob Bull as Chapter Service Officer. He will be the point person for any Way Forward Fund request. We did go to the VA Vietnam Veterans Day at the VA Hospital. Planning for Recognition Dinner is going fine. It will be held 13 May, remember. Marty Cothorn represented us at the opening of the Ann Arbor VA's new Women's Healthcare Clinic.

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. It was an active month. Unrestricted fund events include \$1,908 received from VVA National for Membership at \$9 per member (212 members). \$1,500 deposit paid to Caterer for Annual Recognition Dinner. \$1,800 to VFW for \$1,200 donation and \$600 Wi-Fi access for the entire year. On restricted funds, we paid \$1,332 for a 50% down payment for reprint of 500 books "We Answered the Call." When we pay the balance, that will about extinguish the Charles Kettles Book restricted Fund. Operating cash decreased \$30,422 due primarily to \$25,714 capital expenditures for Vietnam Memorial project plus the above receipts and expenses. No questions

Health Care: Wilson.

VVA is going to sue the VA for not obeying the law requiring toxic exposure research ordered by Congress. We have a professor who just returned from sabbatical leave who is going to draft the language needed for us to file the complaint.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

Wilson: President McManus has called a meeting in Washington DC for the VVA Board of Directors. The meeting is about the future of VVA. I will be there, of course. One proposal is to find a way that Chapters and State Councils can carry on after National is shut down. The Council of State Council Presidents will be at the meeting for two hours as well.

Merritt: Breakfast on Friday will be at 0900 at The Bomber Restaurant at 306 E Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, (734) 482-0550.

Rivers: Camp Liberty is having a fundraiser car and bike show from 0900 to 1500 on 24 June. No vehicle registration will be charged for vehicles on display. Adult visitors will pay \$20. Our Chapter Merchandise team will be there. (As always, a little help setting up, selling and packing up would be appreciated). Expect an email flyer about it in tonight's email.

Bull:

- 177th MP unit is being deployed. Nobody is saying where they are going. There is a send-off planned for them in the afternoon of 29 April at Eagle's Nest Marriot on Huron River Drive, just south of the expressway. They have briefings in the morning followed by lunch and then the send-off.
- VetFest is set for Washtenaw Community College (WCC) on 22 July from 1000 to 1500. VVA Merchandise Team will be there.
- The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) has moved to the second floor of the Industrial Technology building on WCC's campus. Our hours are still 0930 to 1700, but it is on Wednesday and Friday now. Everything else is the same: Donuts, coffee, hotdogs and so forth.
- The Mobile Unit is getting its wrap soon. It will show the name of our sponsor.
- I am working to help introduce a new piece of legislation called the Next of Kin Act. Too many veterans die without telling anybody who should be notified of their death. After they sit around in morgues or mortuaries for six months, they are buried in a pauper's grave with no markings of any kind and without any type of ceremony or military honors being given. The Next of Kin Act would allow veterans to name their favorite veterans service organization as their "next of kin" for purposes of making sure their remains are properly cared for and honored.

Harrison: The VA is letting us set up a small merchandising activity in the third-floor canteen. We will do this on each Tuesday that follows the VVA meeting. Our first sale will be on 18 April. We will need help setting up at 0630, taking down at 1400 and selling from 0800 to 1400. You don't need to stay for the whole thing. Just show up and help for a little while. We won't have as much space as before, so this will be a learning experience.

Closing Prayer: Bob Bull

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 1941 hrs.

Polls open until 2000 hrs.

AVVA Newsletter May 2023: Please Note:

For the Zoom meeting on May 11th, I will send out a link. We would love for you to attend.

Membership Report: AVVA 310 has 32 members. Please contact Kathy to join or receive further information.

Chapter Happenings!

- Planting at the Memorial is Friday, May 12th. Please contact Jane Kinzinger for more information.
- 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 at 09:00.

AVVA Chapter 310 Fundraising Report

- We will have a bucket raffle at the Recognition Dinner on Saturday, May 13th at the UAW Hall in Ypsilanti Twp. We need raffle items. Please bring your raffle item donations to our May meeting or to the UAW Hall on Saturday at setup. We have six items donated. This fundraiser usually raises \$100 for our Chapter General Fund.
- Recognition Dinner is Saturday, May 13th. Tickets are \$15. Our delegate to Girls State will attend with her family as our guests.
- 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

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 balance is \$3,308.25. **AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News:** No information from AVVA Michigan Association. I am unable to attend the May 21 meeting in Battle Creek. **WCCV:** I did not attend the April meeting as I was in NJ. I plan to attend the May 22nd meeting at the Saline American Legion Post 322.

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.

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