



Monument

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ypsilanti MI

The greatness of a country can in large part be measured by the way it honors those who have generously sacrificed themselves for the nation. The members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 have built a beautiful memorial to honor Washtenaw County residents who sacrificed their lives during the Vietnam War. We honor our Heroes on the Memorial not just with ceremonies but also with the care with which we maintain the beautiful grounds and surroundings.



Serving Veterans and their Families

Here are just a few projects to which our VVA310 members dedicate themselves on a daily basis:

- Packing care packages for troops; VA Medical Center visits;
- The USS Washtenaw display; Flag Retiring Ceremony;
- Gold Star Mothers luncheon;
- Provide the Thanksgiving dinner for Dawn Farms.



Vietnam Veterans of America

Washtenaw County Chapter
Ann Arbor, MI

<http://www.vva310.org/>

Passing the Torch



Our Chapter works with veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.



Our VVA Moto:
"Never again shall a Veteran coming home from battle be made to feel alone and unappreciated!"



The members of VVA310, Associates VVA, Friends, together with family members and supporters—we get together from time to time to prepare and send packages to our troops in harm's way. It is so heartening to hear from the troops, who are always grateful to receive something from back home. We are passing on this tradition to a younger generation of veterans, who will continue to honor and appreciate those who serve our nation.

Who are the Vietnam Veterans?

You find Vietnam Veterans in all walks of life and in positions of leadership. Your banker, your pharmacist, your college professor, your financial adviser—these may very well be people who served during the Vietnam War (1964 – 1975). Over nine million people were on active duty during that time. Two and a half million served within the borders of Vietnam.

Having returned home to a country torn by controversy about the unpopular Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans soon created an organization where they could both find and offer support. That became the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Solidarity, a sense of belonging to a family of veterans, the feeling of honor for having served our country well—those feelings kept the VVA

growing, vibrant and strong. We were dealing with physical and emotional conditions that were not very well understood at the time.

In spite of the enormous obstacles and difficulties, we persevered over the years and created a strong organization of support to veterans and their families.

The members of the Vietnam Veterans of America assist veterans and their families in time of need. We honor the memory of the deceased in funeral ceremonies, especially through the Honor Guard, We visit those who are sick. We care for older flags through a flag retiring ceremony. We educate members about Agent Orange. We reach out to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Q&A

WHEN WAS VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA FOUNDED?

The VVA was founded in 1978.

IS THE VVA A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION?

Yes. The VVA is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)19 of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

HOW MANY MEMBERS DOES THE VVA HAVE NATIONWIDE?

The VVA has over 50,000 individual members in 630 local chapters.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES?

The VVA advocates for all issues that are important to veterans and their families: access to healthcare, identification of disabling injuries and illnesses incurred during service, positive public perception of Vietnam veterans, full account of POW/MIAs, support for next generation of veterans, service to the community.

