

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*



**February 2022,
Washtenaw County,
Michigan**



Editor's Note: Let me start out by thanking the contributors to the *310 Dispatch*. I believe I speak for the entire Dispatch Team that we are grateful for the high-quality photos and articles our VVA 310 members provide us for the *Dispatch*. The month of February features an abundance of materials. If you find that your contributed materials has been slightly shortened, the reason was the abundance of materials, but we strove to capture the essential parts of your contributed articles. — From the Dispatch Team,
-- Paulo-Juarez Pereira, *Dispatch* editor.

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From the Dispatch Team: Enjoy this issue of the Dispatch, and all the best!

President's Message

By Stan Harrison

Unexpectedly, at the end of the year, we found ourselves able to donate an extra \$5,000 to Fisher House Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Because we were able to donate



before the end of the year, they were able to take advantage of a dollar-for-dollar matching

gift. Our \$5,000 became \$10,000 for them. That put them over one million dollars in donations for the year. Fisher House Michigan is about halfway to its goal of \$20 million. Their plans include expansion and construction of a second Fisher House in Detroit. According to the Executive Director, Kate Melcher, since the first Fisher House opened in Ann Arbor in June of 2020, over 2,000 families have been provided lodging, free of charge, while their veterans received care at the Charles S. Kettles Medical Center. Kate told me that guests often come on short notice, with only the clothes on their backs. They can be provided with toiletries and sundries in-house, but they may need some shopping done for them around Ann Arbor for clothing, etc. If you have a little time and a vehicle for an occasional run, this would be a good volunteering opportunity. The Fisher House Michigan does a lot of good for veterans. Call 518-481-0552 for details.

Meanwhile, stay safe and stay proud.

Chaplain's Corner February 2022

By Rev. Gordon Moore

February brings with it the thought of love and Valentine's Day, the groundhog seeing his shadow, or not, as the case may be, as a harbinger of spring in a few weeks . . . all involve hope in the process. As veterans, we trust in—and remind each other to trust—the process of becoming well again.

Somewhere, in all that hope, there was a seed that was planted that gave us the ability to trust in others, the process, in what we see and feel because God created us and placed within us the ability to hope and trust.

Paul spoke of this process while living in a world with governments run aground, with no moral rudder to guide them. We live with similar



circumstances in which we groan for redemption from God.

Let's allow Scripture to apply salve to our minds and

hearts and regain any lost hope that God is working things to a wonderful end: Romans chapter 8:

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to

the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free.

. . . For those who the live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now, if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not [continue on p. 11]

VVA 310 Chapter Meeting Minutes

By Jon Luker, Secretary

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

13 January 2022

Call to Order by Harrison at 1900 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer: Robert 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 Bull/Clarke to approve the December Minutes as published in the *Dispatch*. Approved.

Officer Reports:

President's Report:

Because the Christmas program produced such good results, the Executive Committee voted to give \$5,000 to the Fisher House, which with matching funds put them over \$1,000,000 for the year. We also received a donation from friends and relatives of Lloyd Lee in his memory.

Treasurer's Report:

Berry Bourne. Reports were emailed to the Board. Reports

are also available to members and others via email on request. It appears that our year-end unrestricted fund balance will be plus \$10,000, rather than the deficit we projected at the beginning of the year. No questions.

Budget Introduced:

Bourne introduced the proposed budget approved by the Board for member review and comment. The proposed budget projects a \$3,100 surplus for the unrestricted fund balance. The budget will be voted on at the 10 February regular membership meeting.

AVVA Report:

Driscoll. Please see report in the *Dispatch*. We have 120 new wrist bracelets for our fundraiser. They come in two sizes. Girls State is going to be virtual this year. We are sending three people.

Committee Reports:

Merchandise: No report

Washtenaw County Council of Veterans: The Council's next meeting will be 17 January.

Michigan State Council: Luker. Next meeting will be on 7 March in Plymouth, sponsored by Chapter 528. The Annual Meeting will be held in Dearborn on 21-22 May. Our resolution to change VVA National membership requirements was going to be discussed at the 13 January Conference of State Council Presidents, but we don't expect it will be voted on.

Memorial Maintenance: Merritt. Not much to report. We are still looking for builders, trying to get quotes for pest control and so forth.

Website: McCrumb. 324,000 hits.

Membership: We have 210 members. The new member hats have arrived. They have VVA 310 on the front and Vietnam Campaign Ribbon on the back.

Newsletter: No report.

Healthcare: No report.

LTCCSKMC: Kinzinger. The Christmas donors really came through this year. The VA is still not allowing very much volunteer activity.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Jon Luker, seconded by Berry Bourne, to amend Bylaw Article VI, Section 3, Board Meetings, to change the meeting start time from 1730 to 1800. First Reading Approved.

Good of the Order:

Harrison: Kate Melcher told me that it takes \$120,000 a year to run the place. Fisher House gives gift cards to folks who don't have what they need when they arrive at Fisher House. Now what we need is for volunteers who will do the shopping for those folks so they can stay with their loved ones. Palazzolo: We are near to finished with collecting items for the apartment. We need a few more things. The next big thing we need is help moving all the stuff into the apartment after construction is done in February.

McCrumb: Introduced Will Becket, a VFW member who is visiting tonight. He is a US Army medic. Bull: VFW will be open 2 Feb. The Veterans Resource Center will also

be open again on Wednesday and Saturday after that.

Bull: The Green Alert bill is going to be discussed at the 25 January commanders group meeting.

Bull: Food resources are plentiful now. This past month, only one person needed food. The focus must now be on making sure this food gets to those who need it before it goes bad. Veterans and their families are eligible.

Bull: Huron Valley Ambulance is working on donating an old ambulance for us to use as a Mobil Resource Center. This will allow us to offer these same services at more locations during the year.

Bull: 26 March is the next Open House.

Merritt: Breakfast Friday morning (11 Feb 2022) at 0900: TBD.

Closing Prayer: Robert Bull

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 1940 hrs.



I quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?"
-- And that, my friend, is the sad definition of "OLD."

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My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

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Patients and Volunteers

Submitted by John Kinzinger

There are two patients, and the third person is a volunteer. Each one has one of our shirts with special embroidery, given to them by their nurses from VVA.

Post-Holiday Sharing

By Chief George Perrault

While stationed in San Diego in 1966-70, my late wife Lois & I lived in a mobile home park about 5 miles from Tijuana, Mexico. Having the proper size, I was asked to play Santa over the years in various settings—mostly mobile home parks club houses. I was pretty good at it. Of great enjoyment was to have my son, 2+, sit on Santa's lap and just being curious at the voice of Santa (LOL).

Honoring February Anniversaries on the Wall

Specialist 4 Stanley James

Thompson was born on December



2, 1942 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Mr. James B. and Mrs. Mildred Thompson. Stanley is a graduate of Ann Arbor High School and the Alexandra

School of Cosmetology. He was also a former Washtenaw County Junior Deputy. He entered the Army and spent two years in Germany before re-enlisting in 1962.

Specialist 4 Thompson began his tour of duty in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam on September 21, 1965 serving as an infantryman with 3rd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. Stanley was killed on February 4, 1966 when he stepped on a Viet Cong land mine.

Stanley James Thompson is survived by his parents and wife. He lived 23 years 2 months and 2 days. Stanley'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 05E Line 001.

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Warrant Officer James Eugene Kirby



Kirby was born on October 27, 1941 to Mr. and Mrs. Grover P. Kirby of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

James graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1958. James Kirby was a professional serviceman serving in the Marine Corps for four years before enlisting in the Army in November of 1964. He attended jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and later attended Air Force Flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Warrant Officer Kirby was assigned to the 203rd Aviation Company, 223rd Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group of the First Aviation Brigade in Phu Hiep, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam.

Warrant Officer James Eugene Kirby began his tour of duty in Vietnam on November 2, 1968. James was flying a mission on February 11, 1969 when his aircraft was hit by enemy antiaircraft fire and the aircraft crashed killing James instantly.

James Eugene Kirby is survived by his parents, his wife, a son, and a daughter. He lived 27 years, 3 months and 14 days. James is resting in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial located in Ypsilanti Township under Ann Arbor. He is also listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 32W Line 013.

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Captain Clark Newell Woodworth, Jr.

was born on September 19, 1934 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Clark and Rose Woodworth, Sr. Clark graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1952, and from Michigan State University in 1958.

Captain Woodworth, Jr. began his career in the United States Army on January 2, 1959. He was assigned as the Drone Section Commander in the 503rd



Aviation Company of the Third Armored Division, United States Army, Europe (Germany). He was based at Fliegerhorst Airfield, Hanau, Germany from September, 1961 to January, 1964.

He also commanded C Company Seventh Battalion, Third Training Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia from December, 1964 to December of 1965.

Clark began his tour in Vietnam on January, 3, 1966 serving as an advisor with the 10th ARVN Infantry Division, Advisory Team 87, HQ, MACV Advisors, MACV. Captain Clark Newell Woodworth, Jr. was killed on February 28, 1966 as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds in Binh Thuy Province, South Vietnam.

Captain Woodworth, Jr. is survived by his wife and a sister. He lived 31 years, 5 months and 9 days. A memorial fund was set up in Clark's honor. The Woodworth Library is a 40,000 volume library

located inside the entrance at Fort Gordon, Georgia which is named in honor of Clark. There is a portrait of Clark that is hung in the library that was painted by Norman Adams.

Clark Newell Woodworth, Jr. is at rest in Arlington National Cemetery. His name is located under Ann Arbor on the Vietnam Memorial located in Ypsilanti Township. He is also listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 05E Line 092.

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Specialist 4 Larry Adams

was born on May 3, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to Foster

Adams and Merlin King. Larry attended Ypsilanti High School prior to enlisting in the Army on January 29, 1967.

Specialist 4 Adams went through Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood before attending a ten-week-long helicopter maintenance course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Larry started his tour of duty in An Kye, Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam on August 13, 1967. He served with B Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 11th Aviation Group, 1st Cavalry Division. Although trained as a helicopter mechanic, Larry was flying a mission on a helicopter as a gunner when the aircraft was struck by enemy small arms fire killing him instantly on February 23, 1968.

Specialist 4 Larry Adams lived 18 years, 9 months and 20 days. He left behind his parents, a brother and a sister. Larry is resting in United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, Michigan. His name is located on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 40E Line 072.

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Private Keith Arthur Stoddard was born on September 20, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Stoddard of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Keith is a 1968 graduate of Ypsilanti High School. After graduation, he worked in the laboratory of the State Highway Department. He entered the Army in March of 1970.



Private Stoddard began his tour of duty in Bien Hoa Province, South Vietnam,

serving as an Armored Crewman with headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Keith was killed on February 1, 1971 due to the accidental self-detonation of an explosive device.

Keith Arthur Stoddard is survived by his parents, one brother and five sisters.

Specialist 5 Kenneth Lige Fulton was born on September 7, 1946 to Mr. and Mrs. Lige Fulton, Jr. of Willis, Michigan. Kenneth is a 1964 graduate of Lincoln High School where he was the senior class president and recipient of the Willie Heston Sports Hall of Fame Award



as the school's outstanding scholar-athlete.

He played football, basketball,

and track. He attended Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan prior to entering the Army in 1966.

Specialist 5 Fulton began his tour of duty in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam, on February 28, 1967, serving as a Medical Non-Commissioned Officer with B Company, 588th Engineering Battalion, 79th Engineering Group, 20th Engineering Brigade. Kenneth was on a convoy in the Mekong Delta when it was ambushed. He was killed on February 15, 1968 as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds.

According to a posting from Jack Engle, "a plea for help was made and SP5 Fulton answered the call without concern for himself, as he always had for the last year. 'Doc' did not have to be in the position he was in; he could and should have been in the rear until the area was secured. He had less than 15 days before going back to his earthly home, but he chose to be where his 'duty' was. Instead, he went to his heavenly home. Going to the aid of a fellow soldier in

need, he was killed in action."

Kenneth Lige Fulton is survived by his wife, a daughter, and his parents. He lived 21 years, 5 months and 8 days. He is resting in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Michigan. Kenneth'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 39E Line 047.

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Private First Class Ronald Lee Koch was born on December 17, 1947 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Koch of Lima Township, Michigan. Ronald is a 1966 graduate of Chelsea High School in Chelsea, Michigan. He worked for the Larowe Feed Company in Chelsea before entering the Army on March 2, 1967. He received his Basic



Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Advanced Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Private First Class Koch began his tour of duty

in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam on July 27, 1967 serving as an infantryman with A Company, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. Ronald was killed on February 6, 1968 from shrapnel wounds sustained in an explosion.

Ronald Lee Koch is survived by his parents, a brother, and a sister. He lived 20 years, one month and 19 days. He is resting in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea, Michigan. Ronald's name is listed on the

Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Chelsea. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 37E Line 060.

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Lieutenant Robert Clarence Marvin

was born on February 10, 1940 in Boone, Iowa to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Marvin of Dexter, Michigan. Robert is a 1958 graduate of Greenville High School



in Boone, Iowa. Bob earned a Navy Scholarship and attended the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Naval ROTC program. He was

commissioned upon graduating in 1962.

Lieutenant Marvin flew 111 missions from the USS Kitty Hawk before going to the USS Hancock with VA-115, Task Force 77, 7th Fleet operating in the Gulf of Tonkin, North Vietnam. According to a synopsis written on the POW Network, "On February 14, 1967, Marvin flew an A1H (Skyraider) from the Hancock on a mission. His plane developed trouble shortly after takeoff. He and his wingman turned to return to the carrier, but Bob's engine stalled and cut off all electrical power, so no radio messages were received from him. His wingman tried to set a glide path to conform to the powerless glide Marvin's plane would be in, but never caught sight of Marvin's plane. The day was overcast. The Navy searched the area for two days but did not find any debris or

sign of Marvin or his plane."

Robert Clarence Marvin is survived by his parents, wife, a son, and a brother. He lived 27 years, 3 months, and 14 days. He was awarded 10 Air Medals, the National Defense Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the South Vietnamese Government's Armed Services Expeditionary Medal. Robert's body was never recovered, but his name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial as "Missing In Action (MIA). His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 15E Line 028.

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Specialist 4 Jimmie Sherrill Warren

was born on December 30, 1948 to Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Warren of Milan, Michigan. Jimmie is a 1967 graduate of Dundee High School in Dundee, Michigan. He entered the Army in January of 1968 completing his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Specialist 4 Warren began his tour of duty in Cu Chi, Tay Ninh Province, on August 16, 1968, serving as a Radio Operator with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Jimmie was killed on February 23, 1969 as a result of enemy small arms fire.



Jimmie Sherrill Warren is survived by his parents. He lived 20 years, one month, and 23 days. He is resting in Shephard

Memorial Park in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Jimmie's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Milan. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 31W Line 029.

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Specialist 4 William David Gouger, Jr.

was born on May 3, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs William D. Gouger, Sr. of Ypsilanti, Michigan. William is a 1967 graduate of Lincoln High School. He attended Eastern Michigan University before entering the Army.



Specialist 4 Gouger began his tour of duty in Long An Province, South Vietnam on October 26, 1968 serving as an infantryman

with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. William was killed on February 11, 1969 from enemy small arms fire. According to a posting by Joseph Bogucki, "I served in Nam with Bill Gouger with Recon 2nd/60th Inf. 9th Inf Division. We called him 'Big G'. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Bill was our platoon's unofficial armorer. 'G' was a big man, but as kind and gentle as any you would ever meet. Rest in Peace, Big G."

William David Gouger, Jr. is survived by his parents and a brother. He lived 19 years, 9 months and 8 days. He is resting in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat

Rock, Michigan. William's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Milan. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 32W Line 012.

Silver Star Citation

William David Gouger, Jr. Date of birth: May 3, 1949. Date of death: February 11, 1969. Place of birth: Tennessee, Chattanooga. Home of record: Trenton Michigan. Status: KIA AWARDS AND CITATIONS

Silver Star Awarded for actions during the Vietnam War SYNOPSIS: Specialist Fourth Class William David Gouger, Jr. (ASN: 67156074), United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in connection with military operations against the enemy while serving with Recon Platoon, Company E, 2d Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, in the Republic of Vietnam. Action Date: Vietnam War Service: Army Rank: Specialist Fourth Class Company: Company E Battalion: 2d Battalion Regiment: 60th Infantry Regiment Division: 9th Infantry Division

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Dispatch Recipients

VVA 310 award-winning newsletter reaches approximately 516 people each month with 115 mailed USPS, 52 hits off the website (www.vva310.org), and 349 emailed. With good stewardship and networking, the cost to print the Dispatch approximates \$1,380 per year.

If VVA 310 members or others receiving the Dispatch via USPS

desire to assist with the printing cost, a suggested donation would be: one year at \$12.00, two years at \$22.00, and three years at \$30.00. Payment can be made payable to VVA 310 and mailed to P.O. Box 3221, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3221 indicating Dispatch on the memo line. All other donations may be made payable to VVA 310 at the same mailing address by indicating Donation on the memo line.

RECIPIENTS

Berryman Bourne ~ August 2023

Cynthia Calhoun ~ April 2023

Tim Clarke ~ March 2022

Joseph Flint ~ January 2022

Edward Fuller ~ September 2023

Sarah and Brent Gephart, Sr. ~ March 2031

Corrine Gignac, in memory of her uncle Neil R. Gignac, CMSAF ~ April 2024

Ralph Henry ~ November 2023

Steve and Shirley Hitte ~ June 2024

Darlene Imus ~ January 2027

Jane and John Kinzinger ~ June 2024

Mary Kate Kirkpatrick ~ December 2023

Rudy and Jane Kozal ~ May 2022

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 2022

Sandy Martinez ~ November 2024

Del Mayes ~ March 2022

Alfred (Fredo) Merritt ~ January 2023

Ronald Oliver ~ August 2027

Paulo and Ann Dempsey Pereira ~ October 2024

George Perrault ~ October 2022

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

Glenn Sakcriska ~ November 2026

Edith L. Semark ~ September 2023

Jim Sharp ~ April 2031

Larry St. Antoine ~ March 2022

Chris Wetzler ~ July 2023

Elizabeth Wong ~ September 2023

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Current Events

By Ann Dempsey-Pereira

19 Feb: Coast Guard Reserve Birthday (1941)

21 Feb: WCCV Meeting, 1930 hrs, VVA 310, 3230 S. Wagner Rd

21 Feb: President's Day (1885)

03 Mar: Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)

05 Mar: Seabee Birthday (1942)

10 Mar: Chapter Monthly Board Meeting, 1730 hrs; Monthly Membership Meeting, 1900 Hrs (Click Here to attend by Zoom)

11 Mar: Chapter Monthly Breakfast

21 Mar: WCCV Meeting

25 Mar: Congressional Medal of Honor Day (1863)

29 Mar: National Vietnam Veterans Day (2017)

AVVA Newsletter February 2022

Happy New Year! 2022 is AVVA Chapter and State elections. AVVA 310 is an AVVA Unincorporated Chapter and we elect a Chapter Representative every even year for a two year term. Our AVVA 310 Chapter Representative election will be held in April the same day that VVA 310 elections occur.

If you would like to be our Chapter Representative, please review:

https://www.avva.org/documents/policy/section5_rev2020.pdf Page 10 has all of the information for AVVA Unincorporated Chapter Elections. The deadline to commit to run for Chapter Representative is our March 10th Membership meeting. The Chapter Representative is AVVA 310 voting delegate at State and National Meetings.

Please review the Unincorporated Chapter Representative position responsibilities.

XVI. POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES: Unincorporated Chapter Representative

A. DUTIES

1. Must communicate with the AVVA members in your chapter.
2. Must communicate with your state president or state representative on a regular basis.
 - a. Part of this communication includes sending reports of your chapter's activities to your state representative or state president on a quarterly basis, which dates will coincide with the deadline dates for the UPDATES Newsletter. Contact your state representative or president at the end of each calendar year, or periodically, for dates.
 - b. Must register with the national secretary for the National Information Distribution List. (Also known as the Flash Notice email list.)
 - c. Must fill out the We/Email Roster Access Form and submit it to the AVVA National Membership Committee chair after each election to be approved to receive the chapter roster. (See FORMS/Membership forms at the AVVA website)
3. Must lead the chapter within the guidelines of AVVA's policies and bylaws.
4. Shall be the voting delegate for their chapter at AVVA state meetings. Should the chapter representative be unable to attend the state meeting, he/she may appoint an alternate.
5. Shall be the voting delegate for their chapter at AVVA national conventions. Should the chapter representative be unable to attend the national convention, he/she may appoint an alternate.

Revised: 08/24/21 Last Reviewed: July 2021 18

B. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
2. Must be an AVVA Regular Member in good standing for at least three (3) months prior to election, with no pending disciplinary action against them. Exception: If it is a newly formed chapter holding their first election.
3. Must have been actively involved in the AVVA chapter to which he/she belongs, as determined by the majority of the members of that chapter.

Please encourage all your family and friends to get their vaccines and wear masks!

COVID 19 Update from Health Department Washtenaw County Michigan

COVID-19 Cases in Washtenaw County

Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when out in public, especially if you're in an enclosed space or you're likely to come within 6 feet from others.

If you are viewing this page on a mobile device, it is best viewed in horizontal or landscape mode.

Updated: January 21, 2022 at 1:45 pm

Disparities

We know viruses do not discriminate based on location, race, ethnicity, or national origin. However, viruses like COVID-19 can highlight health disparities that are deeply rooted in our society. COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting some communities in Washtenaw County, including Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti township zip codes and our county's African American population. Similar disparities have also been seen in [Michigan](#) and elsewhere in the United States. [Read more](#) about why these inequities may be present, how the Washtenaw County Health Department is working with communities facing health disparities, and community resources.

People of every race, economic status, and age are at risk for coronavirus and should continue taking every precaution to help slow the spread of illness. We must continue to push for policies that address the inequities that this pandemic has brought to light, including paid time off and access to health insurance. Discrimination and disparities are unjust and put us all at greater risk. Individuals in need of essential resources can view [Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development's list of community services](#) or call 2-1-1.

We have a responsibility to provide data that reflects health inequities so that everyone can take action and have the ability to protect themselves from COVID-19. We continue to work with community partners to address these inequities.

Evidence of Community Spread

There is evidence of community spread locally. We have seen cases with no known contact with confirmed cases of COVID-19 or recent travel. Washtenaw County Health Department continues to work with diagnosed individuals to identify close contacts so they can be notified, quarantined, and alert to the possibility of symptoms.

Because there is evidence of community spread, the Washtenaw County Health Department is no longer naming public low-risk exposure locations. Residents can assume there is a possibility the virus may be present when they are in public places in the community. The Health Department is not announcing evidence of community spread to cause panic, but to reinforce that people should be taking all recommended prevention measures. View [community mitigation recommendations and orders](#) and [prevention methods](#).

Case total table and charts are updated on **Monday and Thursday**. Probable case counts and demographic tables are updated on **Thursday only**. The past 24-hour case count will be updated daily, **Monday – Friday**. The "Weekly Summary of Key COVID-19 Indicators in Washtenaw County" is updated weekly on **Fridays**.

State and local data is also updated on the [Michigan coronavirus website](#) on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. You can see data and modeling updates from the state [here](#).

Please note: the information in these charts are provisional and subject to change. Use care interpreting.

- **Total cases include:** Outpatient, Hospitalized, Deceased, and Recovered individuals.
- **Confirmed cases:** Individuals who have been tested and received a laboratory-confirmed positive result.
- **Probable cases:** Individuals that have been directly linked or in close contact to a confirmed case, and have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, but did not have confirmatory testing.
- **Students:** College students living locally are included in Washtenaw County case counts.

Of Interest to Veterans

This message came from our reader Alan Wood, in Australia:

John, that article on George Wilson's ring, on page 11 of the January 2022 Dispatch, is so very interesting, and how much luck was involved in it finding its way back to his family after so many years had

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Thank You, Members and Friends

By John Kinzinger

Our VVA 2021 annual VA Medical Center Christmas fundraising was most successful. Donations from many Chapter 310 members and wonderful Friends of the annual program raised enough funds to allow us to donate \$5,000 to Fisher House. That amount was doubled as part of a year-ending matching program.

For our local hospitalized Veterans, we delivered our annual gift of thousands of dollars of needed underwear to the Voluntary Services to distribute to patients as they need them. We also gave the Voluntary Services office our annual gift of 150 specially embroidered shirts of different styles and sizes. The embroidery includes a Flag and the words "Proud American Veteran, Freedom Is Not Free."

Our VAMC committee sincerely thanks everyone who contributed to making this our best year ever to help hospitalized local veterans. Further spending will include

upgrading a few special occasion meals to a steak entrée for the hospitalized Veterans.

If you would like to be part of this annual effort, please contact John Kinzinger at 734-645-8647. In November, the first week, you will receive our yearly letter and information to make a gift to the program.

[Next comes the remainder of Rev. Gordon Moore's inspirational message, continued from page 2]

receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope

for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. . . . And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

(Romans 8:1-25,28 New King James Version)

Our hope is in the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. May we walk in that hope until we reach the fulfillment of our salvation.

Does This Happen to You?

By John Kinzinger

The recent passing of Chapter members Lloyd Lee and Hal Dotson—plus another member whom I served with—got me thinking. Here's the photo:



John Manners [on the right] and I served together in basic training, AIT, in sister battalions in Vietnam, and about 90 days in

Fort Meade, Maryland to finish out our two-year obligation. We kept in touch until he passed 10 years ago.

The third person is Arie DeJong, who had a strong European accent. I believe Arie has passed. I am a survivor. But why me? Then I remember it is our Lord's plan, not ours, and thank Him. You, too, may also be a survivor in a photo and think similar thoughts. Thanks be to God.

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