

# 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*

**February 2023,  
Washtenaw County,  
Michigan**



**Editor's Note:** The Veteran Resource Center (VRC) is now meeting Wednesdays and Saturdays from 0930 to 1700 at Washtenaw Community Collge. The new location is room 247 of the Technical & Industrial building, north of the main entrance to the Student Center. There is an elevator to the second floor at the west end of the building.

On another note, there will be a Burial Information Meeting on February 23rd at the VA (Ann Arbor) from 0900 to 1700. -- Paulo Juarez Pereira, Editor

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# President's Message

By Stan Harrison

This month at our regular meeting we will be voting on next year's budget. The proposed budget that the Board approved was, as



usual, based on past practices and estimated cost changes. The two new budget items are:

- \$2000 for an educational seminar to be led by our own Sandie Wilson. This will be targeted at local Veterans and be about benefits under the newly passed PACT Act.
- \$8000 from our long-term savings to our "Way Forward" fund. This fund will assist other Veterans help organizations provide small amounts of emergency cash or Uber rides to eligible Veterans. Conversations with providers indicate that this will meet an unmet need in our area. We will re-evaluate this project at the end of the year.

Have you read any good books lately? I have. Our own Chapter member, Dr. Reuel Long, brought copies of his book, "MASH Doctor in Vietnam," to a Chapter meeting. I bought one just to support a fellow

member. Then, I read it. Wow! It is a GOOD book, and I recommend it highly. You can order it on Amazon. You won't be sorry.

Another Chapter member, Rev. Bob Bull, has a new project. He calls it "DAVe" for "Delivering a Vet." Often, an area Veteran without family close by will need a ride to a treatment or procedure that requires someone else to do the driving. Rev. Bull is putting together a list of volunteers who may be able to provide the ride. You can reach him at 734-664-7878 for more information.

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## Chaplain's Corner February 2023

By Rev. Gordon Moore

Most of us are old enough to remember the words and melody from the song, "Love Makes the World Go Round." And February brings Valentine's Day on the calendar, as people express their love for others in a special way that comes from their hearts.

Love is a dominant theme in Scripture also. Jesus said, "By this, all will know that you are My



disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35 NKJV).

John the Beloved said, "Behold

what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore, the world knows us not because it knew him not (1 John 3:1).

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

"By this we know love because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:16-17).

In the 1960s, a Marine Corps singing group from the East Coast, named the Essex, had a hit song entitled, "Easier Said Than Done." In a similar way, following the Lord's instruction, especially as it pertains to loving others, it is easier said than done. But, it is also true that the hard things sometimes bring the most satisfying results and reveal a part of us that we did not know existed. For example, we experienced this in boot camp, in advanced training, in combat, and sometimes in marriage.

This February, let us grow in our love of God by growing in our love for others.

Love and blessings to all.

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## VVA 310 Meeting Minutes

By Jon Luker, Secretary

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

## Minutes

12 January 2023

**Call to Order** by President Harrison at 1902 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 Bull/Merritt to approve the November and December Minutes published in the Dispatch. Approved.

### President's Report:

Several of our members went to the VA hospital to pass out Christmas shirts and to meet the patients. Del Mayes passed away. Several of us are going to the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, 7425 East M-36, Hamburg, MI 48139 at 1600 tomorrow to pass in review and pay our respects as a Chapter. Special thanks to Tim Clarke for bringing Del to the December meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

Reports were emailed to the Board and to members who wanted one. Let Bourne know your email address.

On our non-restricted accounts, we had a small amount of revenue from merchandise. We spent some on the website hosting fee and \$300 for Wreaths Across America. Thanks to Meni Draper

for completing the merchandise inventory. We had to adjust the value of the merchandise downward.

The only major restricted revenue is from the Christmas Fundraiser that is on target close to \$18,000 with a \$14,000 budget. We spent \$9,500 on underwear and embroidered shirts. We also received \$1,000 more in donations for this year's packing party than our expenses.

The Board has a proposed budget that needs a few tweaks before we present it to the membership. The budget will be sent out as soon as we can, so that members may approve a final budget at the February meeting.

### AVVA Report:

Driscoll. Please see report in the Dispatch. One of the four girls set to go to Girls' State cancelled. Nominate your high school junior or senior relatives by contacting Kathy Driscoll.

February and March will be zoom meetings for AVVA.

### Committee Reports:

**Merchandise:** The VA is not letting us do sales there yet. We have no other sales planned at this time. See Fredo to purchase a Chapter jacket. Price varies by size and what you want on it. About \$90 each. Vance sells the Chapter hats for \$10 each.

**Washtenaw County Council of Veterans:** Next meeting will be here sponsored by 40&8.

**Michigan State Council:** Next meeting is on 12 March at the Eagles Hall in Michigan Center.

**Memorial Maintenance:** Merritt.

The grass is still growing. I'll be bringing new sign-up sheets to the next meeting. Sign up if you want to help maintain the Memorial. Also, the preliminary plan for irrigation has been approved. Al Walk Plumbing has agreed to file our permit with the Township, unless we hire a contractor. Either way, Al volunteered to make the connection to the building and inside the building to the water supply. Although we haven't picked a contractor, we expect to begin work by spring.

**Website:** McCrumb. We are up around 364,950 hits since we started counting. A few hits were from Vietnam.

**Membership:** The official number is at 214 since we lost Del.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Healthcare:** Wilson. Because of the benefits added by the PACT Act, we need to encourage everybody who is eligible to use the VA Healthcare System for all their healthcare needs, not just the ones they think are service connected.

**LTCCSKMC:** Kinzinger. The Christmas fundraiser is going well. The committee is considering another gift to Fisher House, which would happen during a matching cycle. We did a revised Christmas program at the VA this year. We were limited to ten people and were not able to sponsor any entertainment. We were able to visit with the patients and pass out the embroidered shirts. We had already delivered the underwear to Voluntary Services, who will distribute it to the patients as they are admitted. During the

week of 14 February, the VA is hosting "Veterans Week." We hope that the VA will allow us to bring Miss Michigan to visit Veterans as a replacement for not getting to bring her for the Christmas program.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good of the Order:**

**McCrum:** There is a book Dr. Long wrote about the firsthand experiences of medics and nurses in Vietnam. It is a fast read for less than \$20 online.

**Kinzinger:** Gave a good tribute to Del Mays. Others joined in.

**Bull:**

– We will deliver the food boxes to the food banks shortly.

– Vietnam Veterans Day coffee and donuts at the Memorial 29 March.

– There will be another drive for new socks this summer.

– There will be an Autorama at Cobo Hall 24 to 26 Feb, so we can meet Veterans and get them the help they need. I am seeking volunteers.

– March 10 - 12 is another chance to volunteer to talk to Veterans at the Moose convention in Frankenmuth.

– Mobil Resources Unit received 50 coats and a \$560 donation from the Moose.

– I am also looking for volunteer drivers. The program is called "DAVe" (Delivering A Vet). Volunteers would drive Vets that can't get rides with the traditional services. Sometimes you might need to stay at the VA if the patient

is going to be anesthetized and discharged on the same day.

**Throneberry:** 22 January show will feature Dr. Long and one of the people that he saved. It will be live at 1700 on WAAM or WDDK. It will be available by podcast not long after.

**Frazier:** Thanks to John Kinzinger for getting me involved with VVA and VFW. VFW had Cooties who supported VFW by doing volunteer work in the community. Horace wants to help get Cooties active in the community again. Thanks also for helping the Guitars for Vets program.

**Clarke:** There will be a memorial service for Del Mays at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 1700 on Sunday, 29 January

**Merritt:** Breakfast on Friday, Feb 10, at 0900: TBD.

**Bayha:** Did Sandie get her chicken tonight?

**Closing Prayer** Bob Bull

**Flag Salute**

**Meeting Adjourned** at 1952 hrs.

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## 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** 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 anti-aircraft 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 at the Ypsilanti Township Hall 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 at the Ypsilanti Township Hall, and is located 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 Armor 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. He lived 20 years, 4



months and 11 days. He is resting in Union-Udell

Cemetery in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Keith'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 05W Line 073.

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**Private First Class Roger Dean Bulifant** was born on April 6, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L.



**Bulifant, Jr.** Roger attended Belleville High School in Belleville, Michigan.

Private First Class Bulifant enlisted in

the Marine Corps in July of 1965. Roger was serving with F Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 3rd Marine Division in the Hue - Phu Bai area of Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam as a rifleman. He died as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds on February 28, 1966.

Roger Dean Bulifant is survived by his parents and one sister. He lived 18 years, 10 months and 22 days. Roger'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 05E Line 084.

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**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 yet 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 1 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 U.S.S. Kitty Hawk before going to the U.S.S. 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, 1 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 Div. 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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## AVVA Newsletter

By Kathy Driscoll

### AVVA Newsletter January 2023

As I write my article today, I have sad news to report. Our dear member Marge Ballou passed away on January 15<sup>th</sup>. I attended the funeral service with Cheryl and Tom Mullins, and Ken Rogge. Gordon Moore led the Celebration of Life prayers. Other members attended the viewing earlier in the day. AVVA 310 sent a plant arrangement to the funeral. Thank you to those members who donated.

You can send Bill Ballou a sympathy card to:

Bill Ballou, 2148 Blackstone Ln, Howell, MI 48843

Also, I received a text from Cindy Cox today, Steve is at the end of life and prayers are requested that Steve does not suffer as he passes from this physical life to his heavenly life.

Please keep Cindy and Steve in your thoughts and prayers. You can send Cindy words of encouragement and prayers to

Cindy and Steve Cox  
150 S. Staebler Rd # 854  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

\*\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\*\*

**AVVA 310 will have an in-person and a Zoom streaming meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Post 423.** I will send out the Zoom link in an email to our members. If you are out of town and would like to connect, we would love for all of you to attend via Zoom or in person.

### 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](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!

- We are collecting donations for our Service Emblem throw blankets and I will be sending out our annual "No Bake / Bakeless" Fundraiser campaign emails. Please consider donating to both fundraisers. This fundraiser supports our Chapter activities, organization dues to WCCV, charity donations to Fisher House Michigan, and AVVA Project



Friendship.

- The Fisher House Michigan Ann Arbor is in the process of allowing organizations to sponsor in-person meals for the residents. I will have more information at our February meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in providing and serving a meal at the FHM Ann Arbor. This probably will not be scheduled until all snowbirds return, and we will need a minimum of six people to cook and serve the meal.

### AVVA 310 Fundraising Report

We have 60 donated Wrist Story Bracelets left. Suggested donation is \$5. When we sell out, 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.

### Paper Safes

We donated our Paper Safe inventory to VVA Michigan State Council Veterans Service Office at the LTC Charles S. Kettles Medical Center.

### Service Projects

- Today, Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Bob Bull has suspended the Veteran Resource Center at the VFW Post 423. I will send out an update for the new location of the VRC when it is back in operation at their new site.
- Please consider donating food to your local community food banks. Our communities still have families who are food insecure due to Covid 19 and 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&slID=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 \$3,528.25.

As of today, we will sponsor one delegate to Girls’ State 2023, Stan Harrison’s granddaughter. If you know of a high school junior who wishes to attend, please have them contact Kathy at [dkathyr16@gmail.com](mailto:dkathyr16@gmail.com). This year Girls’ State will be held in person at Michigan State University.

Requirements are that the delegates will have completed their junior year in 2023 in a Michigan high school. [Link to the American Legion Auxiliary Girls’ State brochure.](#)

### AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News

#### WCCV

I attended the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. There wasn’t a quorum for officers, so we had a discussion and no business conducted. Next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Post 423. I need an

alternate delegate designated to attend a meeting if I am unable to attend. This will be on our February agenda. The WCCV meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The meeting rotates between different host unit posts. Please think about being our alternate WCCV delegate. I have in the past made sure I am able to attend this meeting.

### Upcoming Events!

Keep up to date with our : All AVVA and VVA 310 events are posted on our’s webpage, [www.yva310.org](http://www.yva310.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, Representative, AVVA Chapter 310, Past President, AVVA Michigan Association

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## On Paul Dumsch

*Submitted by John Kinzinger*  
The following is the seventh and final poem by former Chapter President Paul S. Dumsch. If you have been following his writings each month, it is obvious that Paul had demons within him and he dealt with demons since Vietnam.

Rest in peace, Paul.

### Good or Bad

Severe depression allows

You to enter the bowels

Of your soul.

A puzzling journey.

Like peeking through the

Windows of Hell.

To be shipwrecked

And washed up

On a foreign shore.

Much like Longfellow's

*The Broken Oar,*

"Seeking some final word,

Some sweet amen,

Wherewith to close

The volume

In my hand."

Just as the oar,

I too am weary.

And must "fling

My useless pen

Into the sea."

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## Dispatch Stats

By George Perrault, Chief, US

Navy 57-82

Some interesting figures for the period of Jan 14, 2014-Jan 14, 2023

a. 29,700 estimated electronic issues sent

b. 108 months of stats

c. 117 average USPS mailing each month

d. 12,700 USPS issues mailed

e. .56 average cost of USPS stamps 2014-23

f. \$7,112.00 estimated total cost postage for above period

g. 25,400 of those little round seals for mailing purposes

No hard figures on the cost of printing the Dispatch. Over the years, it was printed by a VVA member's wife, at her out-of-town workplace, and also by a VVA member, also at his place of employment. And then, the last several years, at Office Max. At times it reached a couple hundred dollars and was negotiated over the years to less than half of that price.

To be credited are the Dispatch editors, financial supporters, article contributors, stamp lickers, folders, and address-label makers for those nine years. Heck, one issue was even put out in a hospital room by team members back in the day.

And that, Dispatch readers, is why VVA Chapter 310 has an award-winning newsletter.

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## Dr. Reuel Long's Book

By Vance McCrumb

I had heard about Lt. Jim Dehlin from Dr. Reuel Long when we participated in our Veterans in the Classroom prior to Covid-19. Reuel told me that Jim was going to be in town for an appointment at the Ann Arbor VA, and they were going to have lunch. So, I invited myself

and crashed their lunch.

Jim's story is in the book *MASH Doctor in Vietnam*, authored by Reuel. I purchased two copies of the book and will have one to pass around to members if they wish. Jim was injured when he stepped on a booby trap. His injury was so severe both of his legs were amputated above the knee.

Reuel's book was an eye opener for me. I was aware that doctors, nurses, corpsmen, and medics saw their share of the savagery of war, but I had never read firsthand accounts. To me, Reuel's book is a must read—especially because it was written by a Chapter member.

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## Dispatch Recipients

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James Alford ~ December 2025

Berryman Bourne ~ August 2023  
 Cynthia Calhoun ~ April 2023  
 Gary L. Couture ~ April 2024  
 Joseph Flint ~ January 2023  
 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  
 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 ~ January 2023  
 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

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## Jocosity

By Ken Rogge

Happy about how well he can hear, a man told his neighbor,

"I've just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."

"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

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## A Note of Gratitude

Submitted by John Kinzinger  
 [This note was in response to the December Care Package packing. Thanks to all packers!]

01/19/2023

Jimmy Solomon

PSC 103 Box: 3887

APO, AE 09603

Dear Vietnam Veterans of America 310:

On behalf of myself and the Aviano Air Base Fire Department, we wish you a huge "thank you" for the awesome care package we received yesterday! Thank you to every single person who took the time and effort out of their day to make our holiday



season a little extra special this year. You guys truly made a difference and showed what the holiday spirit is all about. Lastly, we here at Aviano hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season!

Again, I cannot say "thank you" enough! We're very grateful for the gifts.

Sincerely,  
 Jimmy Solomon, A1C, USAF

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## Of Interest to Veterans

MVAA Director: Adam Hollier was appointed director of the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency (MVAA) on January 1, 2023, replacing Zaneta Adams. A captain in the Army Reserve and former State senator, Adam currently serves as team chief and paratrooper in the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, Army Reserve. Beginning in 2018, he was elected to the State Senate representing Wayne County's 2nd District. As senator, Hollier obtained bipartisan support and funding for career readiness and educational initiatives, among other programs. He also championed expansion of state veterans' homes for service members and their families. For more information, [please click here](#).

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From the Dispatch Team: It is our privilege to prepare for you this issue of our *310 Dispatch!* From all of us, Be well!

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