



*Together We
Make A Difference*



*Charles S. Kettles
Michigan Chapter 310*

310 Dispatch

Newsletter

March 2020

**Never again shall a
veteran coming home
from battle be made
to feel alone and
unappreciated!**



Editor's Note:

Thanks to all Dispatch contributors, for great articles submitted on time. Especially I call attention to a reprint of John Kinzinger's book (see pages 10 and 11), about important facts of VVA 310's history. Enjoy the coming of spring!
-- Paulo-Juarez Pereira

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President's Message

By Tim Driscoll

In this month's issue, I have to ask our Lord for peace and healing for our Veteran Family. This past week we lost Linda Behm, beloved wife of Don Behm. The Behm Family barn was a sanctuary for so many of us veterans who came home after the Vietnam War. Their love for our country's Armed Forces members was never ending. To go there for even a short time was to be listened to and embraced by this family's endless love and the word of the Lord. A real open door with never a discouraging word. Bless their hearts. We love them so much. Dear Lord, please hold Linda close to your heart and comfort her family forever.

I ask everyone to keep the William Feight family in their prayers and for our caring God to keep them strong and ground them with angels of peace.



Also, for my family in New Jersey, may some research doctors please let the Lord's hands lead you to the treatment of our grandson, Andrew's Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome. So far, the doctors cannot put a stop to this awful sickness. Andrew is a brave 10-year old boy, who plays soccer, baseball and other sports with all of his friends and twin sisters. Please keep Andrew in your prayers. Last but not least I ask for the long

recovery that my wife, Kathleen, please come to a close. It has been a painful path. Two days ago, we finally found out her hidden pain was four broken ribs.

So, dear Lord, please consider all our prayers for our own family as you know we never stop doing for all our Veteran brothers and sisters. Thank you for all you give us and hold us close to your heart. Amen Shirley Hitte presented a beautiful new quilt, that will hang in the Ann Arbor Fisher House. She designed and sewed her quilt over the last year. It will be formally presented to April LaRock at the Ann Arbor Fisher House Grand Opening. Congratulations and thank you to Shirley for this loving and generous presentation gift to Ann Arbor Fisher House.

We also presented Dale Thornberry a flag with a Huey Helicopter at our February meeting. Dale was a helicopter pilot during Vietnam. Thankyou, Dale, for your outstanding Veterans Radio program and the "There I was" remembrance each month. Our veterans appreciate sharing their stories.

Currently, we have three VVA 310 members who attend Michigan State Council and National Board meeting. Jon Luker, who is our VVA 310 Chapter Rep, Ken Rogge, VVA MSC 1st Vice President, and Sandie Wilson, VVA Director at Large. They work hard every month to keep us informed as needed about the VVA Michigan State Council and VVA National ongoing health issues as wartime Veterans.

I am sure all of you know that you can bring a guest to our monthly meetings. We always make time to welcome all guests at our meetings. There are a few raffles tickets at this time. You can contact Dave Draper

for Saigon Lady C-130 tickets, which are \$20 or 6 for \$100. Prize is \$10,000. Our monthly 50/50 raffle at our meeting.

Don't forget to attend our monthly chapter breakfast. For location, see current events.

The second round of VVA 310 nominations will be at our March meeting. If you have questions and need more information, please contact Sandie Wilson, Election Chair. Let's keep rowing this ship together. All hands on deck!

Once again, our AVVA members supplied a great potluck at the February meeting. Thank you AVVA. Remember all of us can participate. Bring a dish or dessert to pass. We all appreciate this fellowship.

I want to thank VVA 310 Member, Rev. Bob Bull, for working with our food pantry this past month. He is a blessing and assisted one of our VVA 310 members who was in need.

For upcoming events, please see Current Events, and especially keep in mind that Sunday, April 26th, is Chapter elections, and therefore, there is no VVA Chapter meeting on Thursday, April 9th. Finally, a personal thank you to our VVA 310 Board Members, who meet each month to address issues with much respect for our past and future.



Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. Gordon Moore

On February 13, Don Behm watched as the love of his life, Linda, received her eternal promotion after many months of physical struggles. On the 19th, we paid our earthly homage to Linda while supporting Don and his family through part of their sorrow.



Most of us have lost loved ones and understand, in part, the mixed emotions of loss and hope for the future. Our support is vital to their dealing with pain and recovering as we have experienced the help from others. All of which brings me to the pertinent Scripture found in 2 Corinthians:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is

effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation (2 Cor. 2:3-7 New King James Version).

We are here to work through our salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God who is at work in the process, and that process involves other people. . . . We are in this life together. And because we are in it together, when we lose someone who is a part of that process, it hurts and requires others to rush to our aid. That dedication is what I admire with our Chapter and extended Chapters. We are doing so while serving God these many years. Thus, we are working through our pain with His help and the help of those He sends. Blessings upon you as the winter season turns to spring with the reminder that there is newness of life after sorrow and loss.



VVA 310 Chapter Meeting Minutes

By Jon Luker

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

13 February 2020

Call to Order by President Driscoll 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

Presentation: Shirley Hitte presented the membership with a quilted wall hanging she made for Fisher House. The wall hanging is a map of Michigan's lower peninsula showing the location of important features. Fisher House has already agreed to place it in a favorable location with thanks to VVA 310.

Presentation: Tim Driscoll presented a UH-1 Huey Flag to Dale Throneberry in honor of Throneberry's years of service in a helicopter unit.

Motion to approve the January Minutes by Wilson/Bull. **Approved by consent.**

President's Report: Paulo's wife,

Ann, and Kathy Driscoll will be helping the recognition dinner planning committee. We still need people to volunteer to work the event, provide items for the auctions and so forth. The dinner is set for 2 May at the customary UAW in Ypsilanti.

We need somebody or somebodies to take over the leadership of this year's Pig Roast.

Meeting suspended for nominations (first time)

Nominations for President: Stan Harrison, accepts.

Vice President: Marv Rivers, accepts; Tim Driscoll declines.

Secretary: Jon Luker, accepts.

Treasurer: Berry Bourne, accepts.

Two-Year Board members (five to be elected)

The following individuals will transition from two-year terms to one-year terms: Horace Frazier, Al (Fredo) Merritt, Roy Hall, Marty Cothorn and Ken Rogge. They are therefore not eligible for nomination.

The nominees are: Bob Bull, accepts; Steve Hitte, accepts; Larry St. Antoine, accepts; John Kinzinger (not present to accept or decline); George Betz, accepts; George Perrault, declines; Chris Wetzler, accepts; Nick Mauder, accepts.

Sergeant At Arms: Tim Clarke, accepts; Horace Frazier, declines.

Meeting was Resumed.

Treasurer's Report: Bourne handed out a printed financial report in a new format. This report gives members more details about unrestricted account expenses and revenues while also providing budget control data for all accounts. The unrestricted accounts finished more than \$8,000 better than the budget predicted, primarily due to certain budgeted donations and

expenditures not made.

AVVA Report: See Kathy Driscoll's report as part of Dispatch Newsletter.

Food Pantry: Miller – No activity.

Merchandise Report: Stan Harrison reports that he is receiving better help from volunteers at the VA sales events and that gross sales remain good. Thank you for your help. Although the VA declines to let us use the Welcome Center for sales, we hope that is not a final decision, especially given that the Welcome Center has been consistently unused when we are there with Merchandise.

Washtenaw County Council of Veterans: Luker – Our next meeting will be this coming Monday. The annual dinner will be 16 March. If you want to attend, you need to buy your own ticket, unless you get a VIP ticket.

Michigan State Council: Wilson: Based on information received by the National Board from the Council of State Presidents, National has decided to implement the plan members voted against at the 2019 convention – to create and fund a new organization that will pick up where VVA leaves off. In theory, National will also prepare a plan to change the organization's name and membership requirements to be voted on at the 2021 convention. Then we will have to wait and see which idea works best.

Therefore, several things will take place. First, Post-Vietnam Era veterans will be asked to attend the State Council meeting in May and the Leadership Conference in July. That will help get those veterans a chance to see what we do and how we do it. At the same time, National will be working on a way to start that second national

organization. National hopes that once the post-Vietnam era veterans see the importance of the strategy VVA has that the other VSO's don't, the newer organization will do what we do (plus whatever works for their generations and veterans). National and state organizations will also be looking for ways to have the two organizations work together at the local level, to mentor, support and advise the new local units until they are able to operate without our help. If this plan works, and if it comes together before VVA can get Congress to change our national charter, then VVA will not change its name or membership requirements and will just pass everything over to the new national organization. That will need to be done long before the last man is unable to function properly.

The question then becomes, "What does the Charles S. Kettles Chapter want to do about helping to start a local Post-Vietnam Veterans Organization?"

Memorial Maintenance: Merritt – New teams and work plans are set to start 1 March. We are out of the transformers that are necessary to keep the lights on at the Memorial. We are working on finding a way to convert the lights to LED. The person who has been helping us with the lights since the first day is Mike Chase. He is taking the lead on the changeover project. Because he has responded to every request for help over the past years in less than 24 hours and does so without compensation, I would like to see that he is one of the people who gets recognized at this year's Recognition Dinner. He should receive a decent gift card from us.

Luker: OHM Advisors has provided us with a preliminary site

map to which they will add water and sewer data. That will allow us to pick a site for the shed and begin to nail down the details necessary for cost estimates and time frames.

Driscoll: The family of Roger and Kate Graef has given us a copy of the application requirements to receive a project grant from the Roger and Kate Graef Family Foundation. They expressed a strong desire that we apply and that we do so prior to the 31 May deadline.

Website: Vance McCrumb stated that there is a new page on the website featuring the C-130 that Phil and his family flew to the US. The webpage will report the progress on the restoration of the plane while it is at the National Warplane Museum. Museum name on the raffle ticket.

Membership: Vance stated that there are 207 Chapter members, because two members lapsed their annual membership.

Newsletter: Pereira – No report

Healthcare: Sandie Wilson reminded us to get our flu and shingles shots.

VAAHS: No Report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Merritt/ St. Antoine to buy 12 C-130 fundraising raffle tickets for \$200. Chapter paid \$160 and Larry contributed \$40. The motion was amended (by friendly amendment) to pay \$161 toward the purchase of 12 tickets when it was reported that our impulse donation budget was down to that amount and Larry St. Antoine volunteered to contribute the rest of the money needed. Motion Approved. Phil Pham then announced that his family would buy 12 more tickets in the name of the Charles S. Kettles Chapter.

Good of the Order:

Phil Pham passed out Veterans Day cards that were made at the Ann Arbor Library by youngsters visiting there.

Vance McCrumb There is a raffle to help pay for the restoration of Saigon Lady, the plane Phil's father flew to the US. The restoration will cost about \$400,000. The Grand Prize is \$10,000 cash. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100.

Horace Frazier: I have raffle tickets for the VFW Department of Michigan Honor Guard. The prizes include a Mossberg Patriot 450 Bushmaster, a great crossbow and a pistol. Winner gets first pick. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Horace Frazier: I spoke before about the "Guitars for Veterans" program being started up at the VA in Detroit. Now volunteer services will be starting the program here in Ann Arbor soon. Each person who wants in on the program must first get a referral from their Primary Care doctor. Once in, you get a guitar, you get lessons, and you play with other veterans. At the end of the program, there is a recital for the public. I will be helping Ann Arbor get the program up and running.

Coming Events

26 Feb 1830 Tell your story at VFW 423

10 Mar VA sales

21 Mar Veterans Appreciation Day at the USA Hockey Arena

22 Mar Veterans Appreciation Baseball game

29 April 1200 – 1600 Annual Elections

2 May 1800 Annual Recognition Dinner at the usual UAW Hall

16-17 May All Veterans Powwow at Bishop Lake Group Campground

20 May VACAT employer and

entrepreneur convention at Morris Lawrence building at WCC

1 Jun Last Day to Register for Campsite at Kokomo

6 and 7 Jun Selfridge Air Show honoring Vietnam Veterans

14-18 Jul Leadership Conference @ Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, OH

14-21 Sep 38th Annual Veterans Reunion at Kokomo, Indiana

July 2021 VVA National Convention, Greensboro, NC

Flag Salute

Closing Prayer: Bob Bull

Meeting Adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Chapter Breakfast: Friday, March 13th, 0900 hours, at Brewed Awakenings Cafe - 7025 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 – (734) 681-0078.



Results of Sacrifices Not Forgotten

By John Kinzinger

Every couple weeks, I get another story that came about from my book. I am sure there are more out there that others could add to the monthly articles I have been sharing. If you have a story related to reading my book, please get it to me or Paulo Pereira, and we will put

it in a future 310 Dispatch edition. About two months ago, I gave a copy of my book to a gentleman whom I used to work with about 25 years ago. We meet for lunch on occasion. He shared my book with a friend of his, Bob, a Vietnam Veteran. Bob, as it was explained to me, went right to a specific KIA he knew should be in the book. It was Charles Miller, from Ann Arbor. Bob and Charles served in an MP platoon with the 198th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Bob was in the vehicle ahead of Charles' vehicle in a convoy when Charles hit a mine.

My friend told me that Bob was very moved to read about Charles and to know he has not been forgotten. Rest in peace, Charles! Bob remembers and thinks about you often.

I asked Bob to write some remembrances of Charles for my file on Charles. And I have connected Bob and Vance McCrumb to get him to join our Chapter.

Anyone got a story to share about the impact of my book? The responses that have come from my book have been so overwhelming. I could never have guessed that it would have the impact that it has. Thank you to all who helped me get it written and published. And I owe much to our deceased past President Pete Belaire. Together, we made a difference for others.



Merchandise Sale

By Vance McCrumb

The second Tuesday of the month is when our chapter has merchandise sales at the VA. If you can give a helping hand, the new merchandise team would appreciate it. Location is the third floor lobby, next to the Liberty elevators. Their hours are 0800 to 1500. Help in unpacking and packing up the merchandise is needed too.

Dispatch Patrons

[Editor's Note: Our Dispatch Team is working on new information about the Dispatch Patrons, and they tell me it will be ready before long.]

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

- George F Boone ~ October 2021
- Berryman Bourne ~ August 2020
- Cynthia Calhoun ~ April 2020
- Stan and Dawn Clark ~ October 2020
- Joseph Flint ~ January 2021
- Edward Fuller ~ March 2020
- Phil and Gena Hecker ~ Feb 2021
- Ralph Henry ~ November 2020
- Steve and Shirley Hitte ~ June 2024
- Darlene Imus ~ January 2021
- Dorothy & Donald Kepler ~ June 2020
- Jane and John Kinzinger ~ June 2021
- Rudy and Jane Kozal ~ May 2022
- Linda Lamey-Leonard in memory of Lavern Lamey* ~ July 2021
- Sandy Martinez ~ September 2021
- David L. Ney ~ April 2021
- Ronald Oliver ~ November 2021

Paulo and Ann Dempsey Pereira ~ October 2021

George Perrault ~ October 2022

Mira and Bob Pierson ~ October 2021

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

Glenn Sakcriska ~ November 2026

Edith L. Semark ~ June 2021

Larry St. Antoine ~ March 2020

Chris Wetzler ~ February 2021

Elizabeth Wong ~ September 2020

AVVA Newsletter March 2020

Seven members attended our February membership meeting. 2020 is AVVA Chapter Elections for AVVA 310 Chapter Representative two-year term. Our March Meeting will have the second round of nominations for Chapter Representative two-year term. Kathy Driscoll placed her nomination for Chapter Representative. Our Chapter needs an Alternate Chapter Representative and an Alternate Delegate for the WCCV. Please let Kathy know if you would like to be an Alternate Chapter Representative or an Alternate Delegate for WCCV. Please note incorrect date posted in February Dispatch: The correct date for the Chapter Election will be Sunday, April 26th at the VFW Post 423 from Noon to 4:00 pm. Please plan to attend and cast your vote for Chapter Representative.

The Recognition Dinner will be Saturday, May 2nd at the UAW 898, 8975 Textile Rd, Ypsilanti. Please let Kathy know if you can donate a raffle item for the AVVA 310 bucket raffle at the Recognition Dinner. To date I have six auction items. All

proceeds go to our Operating and Special Projects Funds.

Shirley Hitte completed her quilt for the Ann Arbor Fisher House Michigan. This quilt took over a year to complete. It turned out beautiful. Shirley will present the quilt to April La Rock to be hung at the Ann Arbor Fisher House Michigan. This quilt donation will be a beautiful addition



to the Ann Arbor Fisher House.

H.R. 2568 Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act

As of today, Sunday, February 23, 2020, there are 17 co-sponsors to this bill. Tim Walberg (R-17) is the only Michigan US Congressman to co-sign this bill. If you live in another congressional district, please contact your representative to have him or her co-sign this bill.

If you wish to write to your Congressional representative to support this bill, please [use this link](#).

How can AVVA 310 members support VVA 310 and AVVA 310 in March?

- Volunteer one or two hours on Tuesday, March 10th supporting VVA 310 Merchandise sales team at the Ann Arbor VA 3rd floor.
- If you haven't already donated, please send Kathy your donation to our No Bake sale fundraiser. This is our main fundraiser that supports our Chapter's operating and special projects.
- Donate an item for our

Recognition Dinner Bucket Raffle.

- We have 57 Veterans Wrist Bracelets left. They are \$5.00 and all proceeds will go to purchase items for Fisher House Michigan Ann Arbor Amazon Wish List. I will have more information at our February meeting. To make a personal donation, please [follow this link](#).

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 Chapter 310 Fundraising Report

Veteran Wrist Story Bracelets

- AVVA 310 has Veteran Wrist Story Bracelets for a \$5 donation. Please contact Kathy Driscoll if you would like one. We have 57 bracelets left. Selling all 57 bracelets will raise \$285 to purchase items for Fisher House Michigan Ann Arbor Amazon Wish List.



No Bake Bakeless Bake Sale:

- Our 2020 "No Bake Bakeless Bake Sale" fundraiser letters were mailed to our members who are unable to attend our monthly meetings. Please consider making a donation. All proceeds go to our General Funds specified treasury lines. To date we have raised \$288.00. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

Lois Perrault Memorial Fund – 2020 Girls' State Update!

The fund balance is \$2,083.25. We donated \$1,200 to the American Legion Auxiliary Post 322 to sponsor three delegates to the 2020 Girls State. Girls State will be held June 14 – 20 at Michigan State University.

AVVA Michigan State Association News

The next scheduled Associates Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan Association meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Arenac Community Center
583 E. Cedar Street
Standish, MI 48658

Darcy Andrews, VVA VSO, is planning a National Vietnam Veteran's Day event at the Arenac Community Center in Standish, MI, following the AVVA March 29th meeting at that location. A free meal will be provided to all Vietnam era veterans and a pinning ceremony is planned. Darcy will be working with Chapter 390 members and other area groups.

AVVA Michigan Association Fundraising Report

- AVVA MI Association is looking for fundraising ideas for 2020.

AVVA Michigan Association Webpage.

AVVA Michigan Association Webpage is launched! Check out the AVVA Michigan Association tab! <http://vvamsc.org/associate/> AVVA National

- 2020 –Leadership Conference – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.
- 2021- National Convention – Sheraton Greensboro At Four Seasons Hotel, Greensboro, NC
- 2022 – Leadership Conference – Hyatt Hotel, Greenville, SC

- 2023 - National Convention – Orlando, FL

Honoring March Anniversaries on the Wall

Upcoming Events!

10 March VVA 310 Merchandise Kiosk at Ann Arbor VA

12 March AVVA Membership Meeting

16 WCCV Annual Dinner at Washtenaw Community College
AVVA Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310 proudly supports the AVVA Mission and Vision Statements.

AVVA Mission Statement:

To provide support to Veterans and their families through programs, projects, and education.

AVVA Vision Statement:

To Create a better everyday life for Veterans and their families.

Kathy Driscoll

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Mystery Member

By Vance McCrumb



Who is this current VVA 310 member?

If you would like to suggest a picture for the Mystery Member, just let us know.

Line 076.

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Private First Class Frank Leslie Keck

was born on June 1, 1946. Frank attended Saline High School in Saline, Michigan for six years returning to Kalkaska, Michigan after the death of his father in 1965. He would have been in the 1964 graduating class in Saline where he



played varsity basketball. He worked in construction before entering the Army in June of 1968.

Private First Class Keck

began his tour in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam on December 22, 1968 serving as an infantryman with C Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. He died as a result of enemy small arms fire on March 29, 1969.

Frank Leslie Keck is survived by his wife and son, his mother, and one brother. He lived 22 years, 9 months and 28 days. Frank'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 28W Line 082.

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Private First Class Lavern Michael Lamey

was born on November 7, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Lamey of Milan, Michigan. Lavern is a 1967 graduate of Lincoln Consolidated High School. He entered the Army on July 18, 1967 receiving his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He completed his Advanced Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Private First Class Lamey began

Specialist 4 Earl Thomas Hoag was born on March 9, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan to Mr. Robert and Mrs. Mary Hoag of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Earl is a 1966 graduate of East Tawas High School in East Tawas, Michigan. He also attended Alpena Junior College and Cleary College. Earl worked for United Air Lines as a flight food handler at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Specialist 4 Hoag entered the Army on April 20, 1968 completing his



Basic Training at Fort Ord, California and Advanced Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He began his tour of duty in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam

on August 19, 1968 serving as an infantryman with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Earl was killed when his patrol was ambushed and he sustained multiple fragmentation wounds on March 8, 1969. He died just one day before his 21st Birthday.

Earl Thomas Hoag is survived by his parents and three brothers. He lived 20 years, 11 months and 29 days. He is resting in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan. Earl'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 30W

his tour of duty in Dak To, Kontum Province, South Vietnam on



December 16, 1968 serving as a Grader Operator with the 15th Engineering Company, 299th Engineering Battalion, 937th En-

gineering Group. Lavern was killed by enemy mortar fire on March 5, 1969.

Lavern Michael Lamey is survived by his parents, his wife, a brother and two sisters. He lived 19 years, 3 months and 28 days. He is resting in Marble Park Cemetery in Milan, Michigan. Lavern'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 30W Line 047.

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Corporal Gregory Randall Shambaugh was born on October 2, 1947 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Mr. Robert Shambaugh of Toledo, Ohio and Mrs. Geraldine Shambaugh of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Gregory attended Carpenter School, Tappan Junior High School and Ann Arbor High School.



He went on to graduate in 1966 from Howe Military School in Howe, Indiana. Gregory attended Eastern Michigan

University in Ypsilanti, Michigan before enlisting in the Army on January 19, 1967.

Corporal Shambaugh began his tour of duty in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam serving as an infantryman with D Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. According to First Lieutenant McLemore in a letter to Mrs. Shambaugh, "On March 6, 1968, while Gregory was participating in a search and destroy mission with Company D, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, he was struck by an enemy bullet and instantly killed." The Bronze Star Medal was posthumously presented to Mrs. Shambaugh.

Gregory Randall Shambaugh is survived by his parents and his wife. He lived 20 years, 5 months and 4 days. He is resting in Arborcrest Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Gregory'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 43E Line 034.

Current Events

By Ann Dempsey-Pereira

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03 Mar: Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)

05 Mar: Seabee Birthday (1942)

10 Mar: Merchandising at the VAMC, 3rd Flr. 0800- 1400 hrs

12 Mar: Monthly VVA/AVVA 310 Meetings: VVA Board 1730 hrs; AVVA 1800 hrs; VVA Member Meeting 1900 hrs

13 Mar: Chapter Breakfast, Friday, March 13th, 0900 hours, at Brewed Awakenings Cafe -

7025 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 - (734)681-0078.

16 Mar: WCCV Meeting, 1930 hrs

21 Mar: VCAT9 Salute to Heroes, 1700 hrs, USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

21 Mar: Veterans Appreciation Day at the USA Hockey Arena

22 Mar: EMU Baseball, 1800 hrs, Oestrike Stadium, Ypsi. Concession proceeds go to Veterans Villages Project

25 Mar: Veterans Radio Open Mic, VFW Post 423, 1830 hrs

25 Mar: Congressional Medal of Honor Day

28 Mar: Army vs Navy Wheelchair Basketball Game, Crisler Arena, 1500 Tipoff. See Flyer

29 Mar: National Vietnam Veteran Day (2017)

29 Mar: Vietnam Veteran Commemoration and Luncheon, 1300- 1600 hrs, Crown Plaza Lansing West, Lansing. RSVP at MIVietnam Commemoration. Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/mi--ypsilanti/vietnam-veteran-commemoration-and-luncheon-1300--1600-hrs-crown-plaza-lansing/>

30 Mar: Welcome Home Vietnam Vet Day (2011)

29 April 1200 - 1600 Annual Elections, Chapter VVA 310

2 May: 1800 - Annual Recognition Dinner at UAW Hall, 8975 Textile Rd,

Ypsilanti MI.

16-17 May: All Veterans Powwow at Bishop Lake Group Campground

20 May: VACAT employer and entrepreneur convention at Morris Lawrence building at WCC

1 Jun: Last Day to Register for Campsite at Kokomo

6-7 Jun: Selfridge Air Show honoring Vietnam Veterans

14-18 Jul: Leadership Conference @ Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, OH

14-21 Sep: 38th Annual Veterans Reunion at Kokomo, Indiana

20-21 Jul: VVANational Convention, Greensboro, NC

Recurring:

Team RedWhite & Blue: Saturdays @ 0930, meet at the Southeast parking lot of Gallup Park for their walk and run.

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

View VVA310 Calendar by Clicking [HERE](#).

Jocosity

By Ken Rogge



When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. We went to the service department

and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger's side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was open.

"Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!"

"I know," answered the young man. "I already got that side."

Veterans Radio

By Dale Throneberry

I would like to remind all our *Dispatch* readers of two points:



1. I would like to remind everyone of our "There I Was..." open-mic night for Veterans. "There I Was..." is held on the last Wednesday of the month. This month, it will be held on March 25th at 1830, at the VFW. Every Veteran has a story to tell, and we want to hear those stories.

2. Don't miss Veterans Radio every Sunday on WAAM from 5-6 pm. Veterans Radio wants to know how you listen to their program. Do listen on WAAM, on line, or through our archives? Do you listen to podcasts? Would you listen to Veterans Radio if we had the broadcast only online? Your feedback is important. Please send your response to dale@veteransradio.net.

[Editor's Note: The last article for this month's 310 *Dispatch* republishes part of John Kinzinger's book *Sacrifice Not Forgotten*, (chapter 8). We print it here to stress the importance of these facts of Chapter 310's history.

-- Editor.]

Important Facts of VVA310's History – Part I

By John Kinzinger

Our Memorial committee for the first couple weeks traveled around Washtenaw County looking for the most appropriate location for our Memorial. We considered several criteria: geographic location within the county, visibility of the location, local population density and with a strong consideration for the county seat. Without exception we agreed on Ann Arbor's Veterans Memorial Park, even though Ann Arbor was one of our nation's infamous anti-war capitals. We discussed the potential of encountering problems if we did get approval to locate it there. We agreed that, for historical reasons, it was the most appropriate location.

We approached the City of Ann Arbor through the Parks Advisory Commission. I attended a Parks Advisory meeting at the Gallup Park Conference facility on June 19, 1990 to request the Advisory Committee review our Memorial proposal at their next meeting. The process required that we submit a written request prior to that meeting. This allowed the Chairperson, Peg Molin, to prepare some questions in advance. Judging from her questions at that

initial meeting, it was evident to me she had been informed that not all county Veterans organizations would approve of our request.

I had not done any public speaking. I was unprepared and not expecting to answer questions at that first meeting. We were just there to request to be put on the following month's meeting agenda. We did find out in that first contact that only one person, according to their procedure, was allowed to speak on behalf of our Memorial request.

Some of the questions the Parks Advisory members asked were: "Is this the first time your committee has tried to get approval to erect a Memorial in the county?" (She had been informed that someone in Ypsilanti had talked about doing something like this, but it turned out to be a dud. I told Ms. Molin several times that was not our group.) "Do you have the support of the other county Veterans organizations?" and "Do you have the approval of the families of those you plan to list on this Memorial?"

She asked for letters of support from all the families of the KIAs. Apparently, she had been informed that a couple families would not support it. Over the following month through phone conversations with family members, we discovered she had been misinformed.

What was supposed to have been a five-minute initial meeting to get on the following month's agenda turned into twenty minutes of questioning. As a result, I could see this was clearly going to be an uphill battle.

As I spoke, I noticed Chairperson Molin had in front of her a County Council of Veterans pamphlet used by the County Veterans Service Office. It listed all of the county

veterans organizations. Over the two-year memorial project, the county Veterans Service Office offered us no support. Having this pamphlet suggested to me that she probably had been prepped by someone in that office.

After that first Parks Advisory Commission meeting, I was interviewed by an Ann Arbor News reporter, Karl Bates. His newspaper article began with the following.

"A small band of Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans is trying to capture a piece of high ground in Ann Arbor's Veterans Memorial Park for a monument to the county men who were killed and three who are missing in seven years of fighting in Southeast Asia.

But their campaign is beginning to be an uphill battle."

At the next meeting on July 17, 1990, I was accompanied by some VVA Chapter members and our Memorial committee. We responded positively to the questions asked of us the previous month. Yes, we had the support of the Veterans organizations. We had gotten an 11-3 County Council of Veterans vote in support of our project. The Chelsea VFW, Ypsilanti VFW and Ypsilanti American Legion were the negative votes. No reasons for the negative votes were ever given. (That same Council of Veterans a year or so prior to this had tried to keep our Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter from becoming a member of their organization. Since coming home from Vietnam, it seemed we had to fight for the respect of the older Veterans.) At that meeting, we also reported that we had contacted the majority of the families of those to be listed on the Memorial, and they were in favor of our Memorial project.

From the beginning of the meeting, we encountered much negative discussion by the senior members of the Advisory Committee. The real disappointment was having the WWII and Korean War Veterans voting against our erecting our Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park.

We had to listen to statements from Parks Commission members such as: "Have you considered putting this Memorial in a cemetery?" and "Children play in that park, which is not a good place for a Memorial", and "There is too much ambient noise in that park for a Memorial like this", and "If we allow you to erect your Memorial there, before long we could have rusty tanks and cannons all over Veterans Memorial Park." (Heaven forbid there be tanks and cannons in Veterans Memorial Park!)

The younger members of the Parks Advisory Committee were much more receptive and even supportive. They requested more time to consider our request and they asked for a better description of our proposed Memorial.

Before the third meeting, I went to the Parks Director's office and asked for a copy of the City Council minutes from the 1955 meeting when Veterans Memorial Park was first named.

" . . . It is recommended that the former Washtenaw County Fairgrounds excepting the portion to be leased to the Washtenaw Farm Council, be named the "Veterans Memorial Park." It is believed that when this park is developed it will provide a suitable expression of the gratitude which this community feels and holds for all the veterans of all wars" (April 7, 1955 Ann Arbor Common Council, page 1012).

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