



*Together We  
Make A Difference*



*Charles S. Kettles  
Michigan Chapter 310*



**Editor's Note:** September was filled with changes. Please see the Presidential message. Also, the Chaplain's message is appropos: Big changes coming to. . . I recommend also John Kinzinger's tribute to our brother Pete Belaire, may he rest in peace. On another note, I have requested the Chapter for a leave of absence for a few months, as I work on an academic project, which always takes more time than one anticipates. Since I won't be attending meetings for a while, please keep the newsletter in mind as you go through your various duties and events—because, reporting on an event can be as important as doing the event itself. So, doing the work is half the job; the other half is reporing on it appropriately, with facts, figures, and pictures. Enjoy the fall season! — Paulo

## President's Message

By Jon Luker

Things keep changing. Three Vietnam Veterans we know passed away. As you'll read in the minutes, the membership agreed we will no longer sell merchandise anywhere except the VA. Two Board Members have recently resigned as did the Chapter Secretary. Change can be scary, especially when there



is nothing you can do about the fact that we are all getting older.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not

saying change is bad or that the result of change is bad. Far from it. Right now, we have more members, more cash and more net worth than at any time in our history. The Memorial has never looked better. The Christmas party at the VA is so large it has been divided into two smaller parties to ease the stress on the staff. Our Pig Roast sells out. Our members continue to dominate the leadership of many of the area veteran's organizations and are on almost every veteran-related committee in the county. Our members are making a difference to veterans and their loved ones even outside our county. Even though we are at a high point now, change is inevitable. Though it can often be good, it sometimes is not. So, what should we do?

When I was first involved with military service, enlisted troops were told not to think just do as told. But it was in the context that if we all did our part, no mission was "impossible." All during the Cold War, we had several enemies that were evenly matched as far as technology and best weapons but we were outnumbered in terms of troops in uniform. Yet the world considered the United States not just as "a" world power, but as "the" world power. Why? I can't remember the Naval Officer who just finished a quick brief on the dozens of distinct operations that take place between the launch of one jet from a carrier and the next jet. I think it was over 40 things that took place in approximately 65 seconds. He said that the reason we are able to operate at night, at day and during all kinds of weather is that we are also the best trained military in the world. "Although we may be evenly matched for guns, we can overwhelm the enemy with the pace of our operations", he said. He also pointed out that even though Great Britain had a carrier group in the fight that was much like ours, we launched three times more sorties during Desert Storm than they did. What does that have to do with change? Well, there's a debate. Some say, "those who fail to plan, plan to fail." And you've probably heard me quote Sun Tzu about strategy and tactics. Of course, many of our best-known business leaders also promoted some type of strategic planning. Jim Collins noted that the companies that went from

good to great had in common their ability to confront the most brutal facts and then use that information to make a plan based on values. Greatness, he said, was a function of choices and discipline – not circumstances. On the other side of the debate is the well-known military adage, "No plan lasts first contact with the enemy." Or, as I've heard



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it said in the hallways of the State Legislature, "Life is what happens while you are busy planning other things." So, change is out there and it is making itself present in our everyday lives. Do we run from it or embrace it? Servicemembers are known to run toward the shooting. That's because we know that aggressors will not stop if they think aggression is working. But we don't rush to aggression foolishly. We have a plan, tools, procedures--and we have drilled them to near perfection. It is not the tactic of counterattack that saves the day; it is the strategy of aggressive

response that does it, through a variety of tactics supported by training and logistics.

So, let change come. We know that the important thing is that Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another. As our membership gets older and has increasing physical and mental health challenges, our means of accomplishing our mission must, necessarily change. But changing the process does not mean changing the goal. Change gives us the opportunity to examine how we do what we do and to make adjustments based on our abilities. Strategies works best when you think of yourself as being in year one of a five-year plan. Thus, a strategic plan is not a suicide pact.

Another good thing about Jim Collin's work is that firms that focus on value, rather than profit, do better. That is, if you have two companies that sell short flights, the company whose goal is to "have fun" while making short flights for profit will have greater profit than the airlines whose goal is to sell short flights for profit. A strategy built on passion is one that can be followed with discipline.

Our members have been passionate people. Even with disputes about how best to do something, we are all on the same side, while finding making sure veterans returning home are not made to feel alone and unappreciated. So, as we get older and more infirm, we still have passion for the mission that will endure changes.

That is why I vote to prepare to

run toward the changes. What say you?

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## **October 2018 Chaplain's Corner**

By Gordon Moore

As we near our November elections, it is important to vote factually, which is hard to do, with all the rhetoric. We appear to be more separated and selfish. .

I would like to call for balance and civility, which is not easy. Sensationalism reminds me of one of the Greek words for love: storge: "I am in this for all I can get out of it."

May I please call to mind what God requires of us His people?

2 Chronicles 7:12-15: Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place."

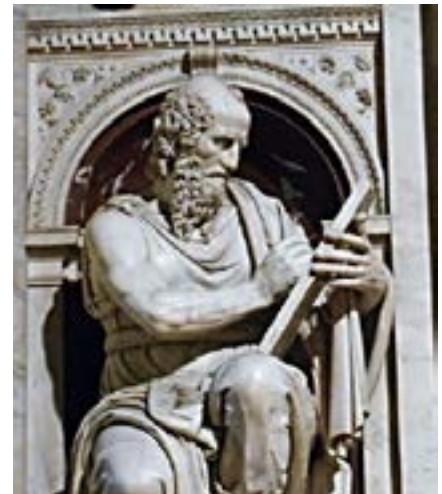
1 Kings 21:29: "Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, but I will bring the evil upon his house in his son's days.

2 Chronicles 16:9: For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro

throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

People of faith often blame the evil that has befallen our nation on people who have no faith. It would seem that the onus for change is upon the faithful to admit our sins in a humble state, to turn from the sins and seek God's face and not rely upon government to do our bidding and fall in line with our desires, that God will hear our prayers and heal our land.

How about it? Are we on board with God's plan for the nation, or



will we trust in the nation to do what is right?

Shalom,  
Gordon

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## **Remembering the Fallen – October Anniversary**

### **Donald Sylvester Moses**

Specialist 4 Moses began his tour of duty in Phuoc Long Province, South Vietnam on April 25, 1967 serving as an infantryman with

B Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, 199th Infantry Brigade. Donald was killed on October 25, 1967 as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds.

Donald Sylvester Moses lived 20 years, 4 months and 13 days. He is resting in Magnolia Baptist Church Cemetery in Newellton, Louisiana. Donald'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 28E Line 069.

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**Corporal Eugene Ravn Suarez** was born on December 21, 1946 to Mr. Rafael P. and Mrs. Helen Suarez of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Eugene is a 1966 graduate of Ann Arbor High School. He also had a paper route with the Ann Arbor Newspaper. He attended Washtenaw Community College



in Ypsilanti, Michigan before entering the Army on October 4, 1967.

Corporal Suarez began his tour of duty in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam on May 24, 1968

serving as an infantryman with D Company, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, 198th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Eugene died on October 1, 1968 as a result of enemy small arms fire. He was posthumously promoted to Corporal and received the Bronze Star Medal.

Eugene Ravn Suarez is survived by his mother, three brothers and six sisters. He lived 19 years, 9 months and 10 days. He is resting in Arborcrest Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Eugene'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 42W Line 060.

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**Captain David Raymond Wagener** was born on June 22, 1939 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Wagener of Saline, Michigan. David is a 1957 graduate of Saline High School where he was an honor student, an outstanding athlete lettering in football, basketball and track.



He also attended the University of Michigan prior to enlisting

in the Air Force in 1959. He also attended the University of Delaware. David received his Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He attended Aviation Cadet Training at Harlingen Air Force Base in Texas. He received his pilot flying wings at Williams Air Base, Chandler, Arizona. Captain Wagener began his tour of duty in Udorn, Thailand serving with the 602nd Fighter Squadron, 14th Air Commando Wing, 7th Air Force. According to a posting from a colleague, Ira Cooperman, "Dave Wagener was a friend and a brave 'Sandy' pilot. While stationed at Udorn RTAFB in 1966, he flew 'cover' for helicopter missions attempting to rescue downed American pilots in Laos, as well as to support friendly forces on the ground in Laos. It was from one of those missions that he did not return." On October 20, 1966, Captain Wagener was shot down and killed about 20 miles north of the DMZ in Quang Binh Province. His body was not recovered.

David Raymond Wagener finally came home on December 5, 1997 when his remains were discovered. David is survived by his wife, mother and two brothers. He lived 27 years, 3 months and 28 days. He is resting in Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington, Section 6, Site 595. David's name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township in two locations. The first location is on the bench in front of the Memorial listed with two other men listed as MIA. The second location is on the

Vietnam Memorial under Ann Arbor. His name also appears on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 11E Line 092.

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**Specialist 4 Charles Wesley Bird** was born on January 16, 1943 in



Belle, West Virginia. He is a 1961 graduate of Dupont High School in Belle, West Virginia. Charles worked for Ford Motor Company at the Rawsonville Plant and was married three months before entering the Army on October 24, 1966. He lived in Ypsilanti residing with his wife's parents until his induction.

Specialist 4 Bird began his tour of duty in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam on April 17, 1967 serving with D Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division as an infantryman. Charles died as a result of enemy small arms fire on October 14, 1967. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

Charles Wesley Bird is survived by his wife and a brother and several sisters. He lived for 24 years, 8 months and 28 days. He is resting in Montgomery

Memorial Park in Fayette, West Virginia. His name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township under Ypsilanti. Charles' name also appears



on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on Panel 27E Line 106.

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**Captain Carl Robert Arvin** was born on January 19, 1943 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Arvin. C. Robert Arvin graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1961 where he excelled as a straight-"A" student, and was named as Valedictorian. Captain Arvin excelled in athletics during High School playing on the varsity football and wrestling teams. In 1961, he wrestled his way to a State high school wrestling championship. During his junior year of High School, Carl earned a High School Honors Science Institute scholarship of \$100. He was also Student Council President, and President of his class of 1961. Carl Robert Arvin was accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1961 as a member of the

Corps of Cadets of 1965 where he continued to achieve academic and athletic recognition. In recognition of his achievements, C. Robert Arvin was appointed as the highest ranking cadet in the Corps' chain of command with the title of First Captain and Brigade Commander. Carl Arvin received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1965 graduating as the top cadet of 2,770 in the Corps of Cadets

First Lieutenant Arvin began his tour in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam on May 29, 1967 serving with Advisory Team 162, 7th ARVN Airborne Battalion, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV). According to a note on the Virtual Wall, "First Lieutenant Arvin received two awards of the Silver Star Medal, the first for an action on September 5, 1967 when the 7th Vietnamese Airborne Battalion... came under intense mortar and small arms fire. Though wounded, Arvin disregarded the fierce fire and was leading his element forward to engage the enemy when his radio operator was also wounded. Arvin dragged the soldier to safety and, undaunted by the perilous circumstances, returned to direct repeated helicopter gunship strikes. He refused his own medical evacuation until the objective was secure and the mission complete."

The note continues, "After a brief period of hospitalization, First Lieutenant Arvin requested an immediate return to duty. The second award resulted from actions which led to his

death, on October 8, 1967, his unit was completing a sweep of a suspected enemy base when it encountered an entrenched enemy regiment. Intense enemy fire pinned down Arvin's Battalion in an exposed, untenable position. In full view of the enemy, he valiantly moved through the fire to a forward vantage point. There, as fighting



raged about him, he directed extremely accurate, close-range gunship passes onto enemy positions. As he continually moved through fire-swept fields to position himself better to direct the supporting fire, Arvin was mortally wounded. His unremitting attention to duty and superb direction of ground forces and supporting aircraft had enabled his battalion to defeat a strong and determined enemy three times its size." First Lieutenant Arvin was promoted posthumously to Captain.

Captain Carl Robert Arvin is survived by his parents, wife and a brother. Captain Arvin is resting in West Point Cemetery with two other 1965 classmates who were killed in Vietnam. He lived 24 years, 8 months and 19 days. In 1988, a new cadet gymnasium at the U.S. Military Academy was named in his honor. Carl Robert Arvin'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 27E Line 068.

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**Staff Sergeant Rodger Edson Terwilliger** was born on January 19, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Orin S. Terwilliger. Rodger attended Adams Elementary and Ypsilanti High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan, but graduated from Littleton High School in Littleton, Colorado. He worked for the Martin Aircraft Company in Denver, Colorado before entering the Army in 1961.

Sergeant Terwilliger began his tour of duty in South Vietnam on February 4, 1966 serving as an Intelligence Analyst with the 246th Psychological Operations Company, 6th Psychological Operations Battalion, United States of Army Republic of Vietnam Special Troops, Army Headquarters Area Command. Rodger was killed on October 15, 1966 when the vehicle he was riding struck a mine.

Rodger Edson Terwilliger is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, his father and his step-mother, a brother, six step-

brothers, and four step-sisters. He lived 24 years, 8 months and 26 days. He is resting in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, Section 13, Site 16284. Rodger'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 11E Line 078.

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**Minutes, VVA310 Chapter Meeting, Vietnam Veterans of America Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310 –General Membership Meeting on September 13, 2018 – by Paulo-Juarez Pereira, Secretary**

**Call to Order** by Treasurer Berry Bourne at 1900 hours. Pres. Jon Luker was excused.

**Pledge of Allegiance** and 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 Member: None.

Guests: None.

**Motion** by Sandie Wilson and seconded by Larry St. Antoine to approve the August meeting minutes that were emailed to members and inserted on VVA310's website. Approved.

**President's Report:** Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct a pinning ceremony right after roll call at the October meeting. Please reach out to your friends to make sure they come to get their pin.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not much change in the financials. We

are comfortable with the budget. \$2,500 from received Merchandise. Placed \$10,000 in certificate of deposit. Mature: 2021. Merchandise inventory: \$7000. Pretty good year for Merchandise. Overall, the Chapter is in a healthy financial condition.

**AVVA Report:** Given by Kathy Driscoll. Please see the attached full report on AVVA activities.

**Food Pantry:** Don Miller. No activity.

**Merchandise Report:** Larry St Antoine reported that he previously had volunteered for only one year. At this time, no one has volunteered. Therefore, Larry has decided that he will do one more year but will not do festivals. Larry stated that there are not enough profits in festivals. John Kinzinger and Larry St. Antoine will be coordinating with VA authorities for new arrangements and terms for the VA sales.

**Washtenaw County Council of Veterans Report:** Jon Luker.

You are reminded to NOT buy in to the RAMP program if you get a letter from the VA asking to have your appeal handled by the new RAMP method. Just say no. End of July 2019.

**Michigan State Council Report:** Jon Luker.

We need to send all eligible voting delegates to Spokane, WA. We can afford if we think it will be worth it.

**Memorial Maintenance Report:** Al (Fredo) Merritt. No updates.

**Website Report:** Vance McCrumb: No updates,

**Membership Report:** Vance McCrumb: No updates.

Newsletter: Paulo Pereira: Thank you to contributors. If you take a picture of an activity, please send a copy to the Newsletter Group.

**VAAHS Report:** John Kinzinger: No updates

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Al Dyer:

Report on Pig Roast. Women were biggest asset for the success of this year's Pig Roast. Six years ago, took over the Pig Roast responsibility, together with Don Miller. Al is resigning as co-chair.

Don Miller:

I would like to thank everybody who contributed, especially George Perrault, Roy Hall, Vance McCrumb, John Kinzinger, and Shirley Hitte. I, also, am resigning from my position as Pig Roast Co-Chair. I would like to highlight a few details of this year's Pig Roast. For a more complete report, please see this month's Dispatch newsletter. This year, we had a good attendance. We stopped selling tickets about 3:30 p.m. Altogether, 416 served at the end of the day. This year was a record year for sales. We ended up with a new cooker. Total \$12,300. Heritage Festival: \$2085 in tickets. Thanks to all of you.

Ken Rogge: VFW is giving up the Museum. Equipment needs to be sent back to the Army.

Sandie Wilson: A service officer will be hired. Area to be covered: the thumb area. A woman would be better, a younger veteran. Contact Sandie or Ken Rogge. A second position is available in Battle Creek. Must be on board by 1st of October. Please contact

734-776-2239.

**Motion** by Marv Rivers and seconded by Ken Rogge: Merchandise sales is to continue. Eliminate Merchandise sales from Milan, Clinton, Tecumseh, Heritage. Approved.

**Good of the Order:**

Dale Throneberry, November 11th: live broadcast from VVA310. For more information: Veteransradio.net.

Jim Dempsey: Money is becoming available to help veterans in need: Washtenaw County Veterans Office; Soldiers and Sailor Relief Fund.

Tim Driscoll: St. Vincent de Paul has sweaters, boots, galoshes to give to Veterans.

Martha Cothorn: LTC Kettles is doing better. Newsletter should avoid political themes. Paulo Pereira and Dispatch Group will see to it.

**Next Chapter Breakfast:** will be Friday, October 12th, 0900 hours, Brewed Awakenings Cafe - 7025 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 - (734)681-0078.

Closing prayer was given by Dell Mayes. Acting President Berry Bourne led the group in a salute to the flag to close the meeting at 2100 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paulo-Juarez Pereira  
Secretary

## Current Events

By Ann Dempsey-Pereira

9 October - VA merchandise sales

13-14 October - Applelumpkin

15 October - WCCV meeting, VFW Post 4076, Chelsea Senior Center 1930

25 October - VCAT9 meeting on Veterans legal issues, Concordia

University, 0930-1200  
27 October — Halloween party at  
the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center,  
1730  
04 November — VVA310 packing  
party VFW Post 423, arrive by  
1430  
12 November — Veterans Day  
Ceremony at VAAHHS  
18 Dec 1730 — Christmas at the  
VA

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## **Remembering Pete: Friend, Fellow Veteran, Brother**

By John Kinzinger

You could always count on Pete  
Belaire to have your back.

United States Marine Corps  
Vietnam War Veteran, Pete Belaire  
was one of our finest Chapter  
310 Presidents. As an active  
member since our beginning, I  
believe I can make that judgment  
call. He was always cool about  
things, a focused individual, who  
would stick with a project until it  
was completed.

Pete was a Charter member of  
our Chapter, but at first did not  
get involved. Once we got him  
going, he did so very much. We  
became National Chapter of the  
Year under his leadership.

I will share a personal story as  
an example of Pete's character  
and dedication for others. He  
and I and some other Chapter  
members attended the 2007  
VVA National Convention in  
Springfield, Illinois. As we  
attended the various meetings  
and workshops, at one occasion  
the VVA National President John  
Rowan was describing the work  
of that year's national member of  
the year. There were about 600



members from across the nation  
there. I was sitting there wearing  
cutoffs and my 20-year-old  
convention t-shirt. I was making  
notes about something else in my  
notebook and was half-heartedly  
listening to what Rowan was  
saying. Rowan mentioned that  
the National Member of the Year  
had done this, and done that,  
and I was thinking there must be  
many of us here who did those  
things. But then he said that  
this member was Chairman of  
their county Vietnam Veterans  
Memorial honoring 76 men. That  
is when I realized something was  
up. I will never forget leaning  
forward to look down our table  
at Pete. He had the biggest grin,  
letting me know he had done that  
for me. I had never expected to  
be spotlighted like that. But that  
was Pete. You who really knew  
him know the grin I am speaking  
about.

I witnessed him go out of his  
way for many others. Tim Lang  
is example of Pete going many  
extra yards to help someone.  
Tim was injured by an IED and  
was fighting to save his foot  
when we met him at the Ann

Arbor VA. Pete went way out of  
his way to help Tim to be able  
to get home to Parma, Michigan  
to be with this family. Pete even  
traveled to Walter Reed to visit  
with him after he lost his battle  
to save his foot. Pete was there  
with his support. Pete was just a  
very good person.

Pete always showed how much  
he loved his family and the  
Marine Corps. His granddaughter  
"Maddy" was definitely the apple  
of his eye, as they say. He will  
be missed terribly. Debbie, we  
pray our Lord comforts you and  
your family. Pete has been in my  
prayers every day for many years  
during his battle with cancer. He  
put up a fight I believe few of us  
could duplicate.

I am so honored to have one of  
his beautiful framed bird photos  
in our home to remember him by.  
As a photographer and collector  
of photos, that image is very  
special to me because his eye



saw that through his lens. I can  
think that I am looking through  
his eye as he captured that



image. He shares that moment with me as I look at it. To me, it captures a little part of Pete.

Marine, I salute you. Now rest in Peace. And may our paths cross again someday.

John K

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## Report on the Pig Roast

By Don Miller

**First item:** Effective immediately I have resigned as co-chair of the Pig Roast Committee. Al Dyer and I ran the Piggy for the past six years. Time for a change. This year was the best as we took it to a new level with totals of about of \$12,200 plus the \$1800 cooker. Al and I will provide a full list of bullet points and some timeliness of which to be aware. This will be handed over at the next meeting

**Second item:** I have also resigned as chairman (per se) of the Heritage Festival effective immediately. I turned in the package to Berry Bourne at tonight's meeting. It is time for me to spend more time with my family.

**Don Miller**

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## Memorial Update

by Al (Fredo) Merritt

This fall an anonymous donor, and three VVA 310 members, put service seals on the benches at the memorial. Each service has an aluminum seal on the back of the bench. The benches/seals are arranged so that the Army bench is the closest to the memorial in honor of the amount of Army men on our memorial. Other services are arranged in that order as well.

On the back of each bench, a vinyl number has been established, representing the number of men listed on our memorial for that service bench. This should assist visitors to the memorial with more history of the memorial.

As readers of the Dispatch, you also will have more information on the memorial on your future visits.

The three volunteers would like to stay anonymous ...I know who you are thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I will keep your names as anonymous. The cutting season is getting shorter rather than longer. We have purchased a lawn sweeper for the leaves and excess grass, and a new set of blade for the ridermower. Mike has tried to make sure the rest of the equipment stays in good running order, so if you see him thank him for his dedication. For those that have volunteered for the cutting team, for your dedication and compassion in helping take care of this majestic serene hallowed ground I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Fredo

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## AVVA Report

by Kathy Driscoll

AVVA Newsletter October 2018

If you are on Facebook, you can join the AVVA Michigan closed group. Just send a Join Group request and the admin will accept you as a member of the AVVA Michigan closed group. This is how our AVVA Michigan State Association communicates between the bi-monthly meetings.

AVVA 310 wishes our deepest sympathy and prayers to Deborah Belaire and Family. Pete Belaire was a great man and a great President of VVA 310. He will be missed by all members of AVVA and VVA 310. Semper Fi dear Friend! We were blessed to know Pete.

AVVA Members were busy volunteering and supporting AVVA and VVA projects in September

Members sadly attended Pete Belaire's Memorial service.

Members supported VVA 310 Merchandise Sales at VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. Members supported VVA Merchandising Sales at Clinton Fall Festival.

Kathy attended Washtenaw County Council of Veterans Meeting.

Next VVA 310 VA Merchandising sales is Tuesday, October 9th, VVA 310 needs our help! Please consider volunteering one or two hours assisting VVA 310 merchandise team at the Ann Arbor VA!

Keep up to date with our chapter: All AVVA and VVA 310 events are posted on our chapter's webpage, [www.vva310.org](http://www.vva310.org) in the

VVA News Flash section on the right column on the homepage.

AVVA Michigan State Association News

Next meeting is Sunday, October 14th in Harrison, MI. VVA / AVVA Chapter 1047 is hosting this meeting.

The December 2nd meeting will be at AVVA /VVA 1083 in Port Huron, MI.

AVVA 310 Fundraising Report Fisher House Michigan Fundraisers "In Memory of Pete Belaire"

We have a goal to raise \$2,000 for Fisher House Michigan. This will bring AVVA 310 total donation to \$10,000.

Pete Belaire's Family requested all memorial donations go to Fisher House Michigan in Memory of Pete. For those who wish to donate to Fisher House Michigan in Pete's memory, please make your check payable to VVA 310 with AVVA FHM on the memo line. All of AVVA 310 donations to Fisher House Michigan in October and November will be donated in Memory of Pete Belaire. Help us donate in Pete's Memory. All proceeds from our October 5th and October 20th fundraisers will be donated to Fisher House Michigan in "Memory of Pete Belaire."

**SAVE THE DATES!**

AAVVA 310 Fundraisers for Fisher House Michigan in "Memory of Pete Belaire!"

Creative Memories Fundraising Event, "Scrapbooking for Soldiers" benefitting Fisher House Michigan will be Friday, October 5th at the VFW Post 423 from 09:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donation

for this event is \$10. Bring your Photos to create your personal Photo Memory Book. You can order your Creative Memories supplies from Meni Draper at <https://www.creativememories.com/user/menidraper> Meni is donating her proceeds to Fisher House Michigan.

AVVA 1st Vendor Fair will be Saturday, October 20th at the VFW Post 423. We will need volunteers and items for the AVVA Raffle Portion, 50/50 and food sales. More information at our October meeting. Please volunteer for this event. We have the following vendors SeneGence/LipSense, 31, Tastefully Simple, LuLaRoo, PartyLyte, Origami Owl, Pampered Chef and Tupperware. If you know a vendor, please ask them to participate in our Vendor Fair. All proceeds go to Fisher House Michigan in memory of Pete Belaire.

AVVA 310 Chapter Special Projects & Operating Funds Everyone should have received an email for our No Bake / Bakeless Sale to benefit AVVA 310 Operating and Special Projects Funds. We raised \$80 to date.

Lois Perrault Memorial Fund – 2019 Girls' State Update!

This year we will be sponsoring three delegates to Girl State. We fund this project from our Lois Perrault Memorial Fund. If you would like to donate to our Lois Perrault Memorial fund, please write your check payable to VVA 310 with AVVA LPM on memo line. The 2019 Girl State sponsorship fee is \$400 per delegate.

AVVA Michigan News

AVVA Michigan Fundraising Report

AVVA Michigan Association Challenge Coins \$10 donation. Please contact Kathy Driscoll at 734-355-4897 or [dkathyr16@gmail.com](mailto:dkathyr16@gmail.com). This fundraiser will benefit AVVA Michigan Association. Thank you for supporting this AVVA Michigan Association Fundraiser. I have 2 challenge coins left.

AVVA Michigan Association has two fundraisers to benefit AVVA Michigan Association.

2nd Annual Gift Card Envelope Draw. AVVA Michigan is requesting donations of Gift Cards between \$10 - \$25 for our 2nd Annual Mystery Gift Card Raffle at the December 2nd Christmas meeting. AVVA Michigan State Association is requesting members donate a gift card the Envelope Draw fundraiser raffle at the VVA Council / AVVA State Association December 2nd, 2018 delegate meeting. We are planning to place each donated gift card in an envelope and ask for donations of \$10 for each envelope. Suggested gift cards: Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Meijers, Restaurants, Fuel Cards, etc. Please bring your donated Gift Card to our AVVA 310 October or November meetings.

No Bake / Bake-less Sale Fundraiser for AVVA Michigan Association is raising funds for the AVVA Michigan Association Operating Funds. Suggested Donation: \$1 from each of all AVVA Michigan Association Members. We raised \$11 at our September meeting. If you were not at our September meeting,

you can donate your \$1 at the October or November meeting. Thank you in advance for donating to this fundraiser.

AVVA Michigan Association Webpage.

AVVA Michigan Association Webpage is launched! The Association has a tab on the new VVA Michigan State Council webpage: <http://vvamsc.org/associates/> It is still being updated. The About Us, Contacts, Events, Chapter Locator has current content. More to be uploaded in the near future!

Upcoming Events!

9 October VVA 310 Merchandise Sales at Ann Arbor VA

13, 14 October Applelumpkin Festival, Tecumseh, MI Support VVA 310 Merchandising Team!

14 October AVVA / VVA State Meeting Howell, MI

15 October WCCV Meeting

20 October 09:00 – 3:00 pm AVVA 310 Vendor Fair at VFW 423! Need volunteers for raffle sales, food sales, setup and cleanup!

25 October VCAT9 meeting Veteran Legal Issues, Concordia University

27 October 5:30 pm VAMC Halloween party and room visit

Next meeting is Thursday, October 11th.

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### Chapter pre-Christmas Packing

We will be doing our pre-

Christmas Care Package Support Our Troops event on Sunday, November 4th. We will start packing at 3pm at the VFW on Wagner Road. If you have items to put in the packages, please have them there by 2:30 so they can be organized. John K

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### Chapter/Dispatch Patrons-

Please check your dates to see if you are current

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WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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Enjoy the fall season!

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