



The Chapter 310 Dispatch

March
2017



TWO TIME NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



Washtenaw County KIA's

<u>Jack Hopkins</u>	2 March 1966
<u>Lavern Lamey</u>	5 March 1969
<u>Gregory Shambaugh</u>	6 March 1968
<u>Earl Hoag</u>	8 March 1969
<u>Frank Keck</u>	29 March 1969

Michigan MIA's

Unaccounted for - 49
Accounted for - 36



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President's Message:



From our last packaging that we performed last year, I think we made a new friend in Afghanistan. One Air Force captain not only sent us thank you note and Christmas cards; he also sent us an American flag that he flew on two of his missions. Along with the flag, he sent an Authenticity form. I sent him a thank you letter from our post.



We are coming closer to election time and end of term functions. We have begun putting together an Audit committee for our annual audit. Chris Wetzler and Berry Bourne have volunteered to be our auditors. Both men have accounting backgrounds. So, by the time you read this I think we will have performed our audit with unquestionable integrity.

We have also almost completed the planning for this year's Gary Lillie Recognition Dinner. We had quite a few people volunteer to serve on the Committee. Thanks to all those involved for your input and participation. We decided that this year we would cater the event. Ann Dempsey gathered info on five caterers and we ended up voting for Angel Food Caterers. We will be selling tickets at our next meeting. They are also available by contacting George Perrault at geolois@umich.edu. Once George receives your payment he will send out tickets. If you cannot make the dinner, we will gladly take donations. The officers have already picked the recipients of their two awards and I have chosen the recipient for my award. I would tell you who they are but I don't think you can keep a secret.



Jon Luker and I will be attending the Region 5 Conference this year in Columbus. Since we are delegates for this year's National Conference, we want to make sure we are up to date on issues that our State and National membership want to make. Our National Convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Jon Luker and I will be attending this event also and my wife will be attending representing the AVVA.

At this writing, the new Marine Corps cart is in service at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. It is really sharp looking. We should have the second one in service soon, the one that is jointly sponsored by our Chapter, VFW Post 423, and the Ann Arbor American Legion Post 46. The VA is going to try to salvage enough parts from their two existing carts to





keep one additional cart in service.

The ladies of our AVVA have been very successful at raising money for the Fisher House Michigan. They have been raising money by sponsoring Quartermanias and Scrapbooking events. As a reminder, Ann Arbor received approval to build a Fisher House on the grounds of the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. At our next meeting I will be asking for ideas for fundraising by our Chapter for the same cause. I have been trying to get the info and flyers from our Fisher House representative but seem to not connect in a timely manner. Not only is the Fisher House Michigan looking for funds to build the facility, but they are also looking for sustaining funds to keep the facility running. There is no funding from the VA or the government.



I hope you members out there will think about our upcoming Pig Roast. We need to have someone step forward to put this event together. It is the biggest fundraiser we have. In the very near future need to start planning this event, as it takes more than you might think to put all the parts together.

The Prez

SSgt Dave Draper

Calling All Carpenters

Are there any carpenters out there? The VFW and VVA are engaged in a joint project to build a new flag pole display base and then get all new flags, poles and accessories. Currently there is a 9-position flag rack and would like either to make a new 7-position one or revise the 9-position one to a 7-position one. We are also trying to find a way to make it so the stand can be placed in an ordinary car and transported to events where we usually display flags.

If you would like to help with the design or the construction (or remodeling) of both, please contact George Perrault by phone at (734) 429-1246 or via email at geolois@umich.edu.

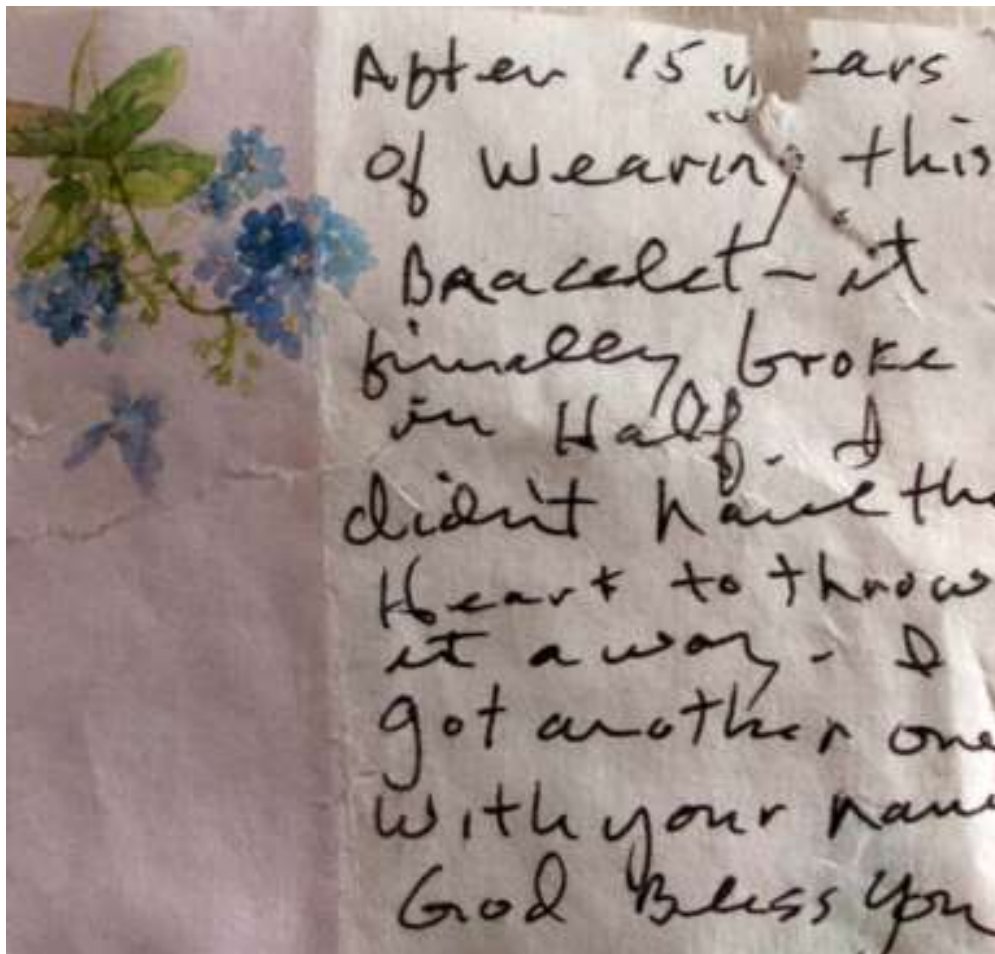
Message in a Bag

I visited our Memorial shortly after our meeting last month to check on the paving bricks. As I was walking past the bench I noticed a small plastic Ziploc bag on the bench next to the name of MIA Michael J. Wallace. In the bag was a short note and a POW/MIA bracelet, broken in half.

The note was frozen as some moisture had gotten into the bag. I thawed it out and placed the bracelet and note in the display case in the Ypsilanti Township lobby. I'm including a copy of the note below; but, if you can't make out what the note says, here is what I saw:



"After 15 years of wearing this bracelet, it finally broke in half. I didn't have the heart to throw it away. I got another one with your name. God Bless."



AA VA Needs A Different Kind of Help

Chapter members donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System by donating their time through VAVS. But we have been asked to help out in a different way that will have a direct impact on the care veterans receive by helping the staff better understand how to deal with us—to learn from our real world experience with them. The following is an article that explains the program and the dates for which the VA needs volunteers.

"Relationship Based Care (RBC) is new care model that engages staff at a higher level in their work, providing a foundation for both inspiration and education, focusing on three key relationships; caring for yourself, caring for your colleagues, which in turn allows for optimal care of Veterans and their families. Within this program, there is a three-day seminar called Re-Igniting the Spirit of Caring, that allows participants to gain increased awareness, reconnecting them to their common purpose, and reminding us why we chose healthcare. The purpose is renewing



empathy, compassion, and mutual respect in staff members of the VA. During the inspirational seminar, there is a panel of Veterans and/or family members invited to attend and share their experiences with the class, allowing staff to reflect on a situation either positive or negative.

It would take about an hour and a half and will include a dialogue between you and the staff that are attending. We will ask you to share a little bit about yourself (because your stories are what keep us passionate about working at the VA!) and then a Q&A session. You will be asked to remember a time at the VA where you had a positive moment of care, maybe it was in line getting a coffee, or when you or your loved one was admitted. Describe a single moment when you felt cared for. What made this a positive experience for you? What about the experience would you like to see repeated? By asking you "What went right?" we hope to gain insight in a positive manner that will allow us to replicate the good things that are happening.

The Re-Igniting the Spirit of Caring Panel have several openings taking place; Mar 30, Apr 16, June 15, and July 27.

All of our classes start at 1245 and go to 2 pm. I meet you at the ER entrance and bring you to the classroom.

If you would like to participate in one of our Panels, please contact me to choose which date or dates best fits in with your schedule.

Thank-You in advance for helping us to stay focused on our RBC mission of honorably serving those that have served."

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Recognition Dinner

VVA Chapter 310's 30th annual Gary M. Lillie Recognition Dinner will be held on April 8, at the UAW Local 898 hall at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. The doors will open at 1800 hrs with dinner served at 1830 hrs.

The Chapter would like to thank Mike and Shada Eadie for chairing, cooking, and cleaning up our beloved spaghetti dinner for the last couple of years. A committee has now been established to continue this tradition.

The committee has chosen to have this year's event catered by Angel Food Catering, but we will continue with the spaghetti theme as it has been for the last decade or so.

The ticket price will take on a slight increase this year due to the fact the dinner will be catered. Because the caterer requires that we make a commitment to pay for a certain number of meals, we must sell most tickets



a few weeks before the event. As a result, tickets will be very limited at the door and advance sales must be a priority this year.

Tickets will be \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. (We never determined or even thought of a children's price before!)

If you have organizations that wish to purchase a few tickets and distribute them, please help them do so. Unfortunately, although VVA 310 is a 501(c)(19) tax exempt organization, ticket purchases are not tax deductible contributions.

George Perrault has volunteered to coordinate ticket sales for the event. Please make your check payable to VVA 310 and on the memo line enter "Dinner" and mail to:

George Perrault
375 Chandler
Saline, MI. 48176



Your ticket(s) will be mailed out to you the day after your check is received. If you are unable to attend the dinner, we would still welcome any donation you may care to send to the same address with "DONATION ONLY" on the memo line. We appreciate your donations.

There will be something for all: bucket auctions, 50-50 raffle and a POW/MIA ceremony. Numerous plaques and awards will be handed out by both the Chapter and AVVA and Friends of VVA. These awards are well deserved for those who receive them. They are always behind the scenes giving their hard earned time and work for the better good of the Chapter and veterans in general.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend and support their local Vietnam Veterans.

You may reach George by email at geolois@umich.edu or by phone at (734) 429-1246.



MARCH'S KIA'S - MAY WE NEVER FORGET

DATA AND IMAGES ARE THE RESULT OF THE RESEARCH BY PETE (LEATHER NECK) BELAIRE

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 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 Engineering Group, 18th Engineering Brigade. 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.



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.

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 Line 076.



Corporal **Jack Maynard Hopkins** was born on April 11, 1944 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Charles X. Hopkins of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Jack is a 1963 graduate of Ypsilanti High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in July of 1963. He began his tour of duty in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam in April of 1965 serving as a Field Artillery Cannoneer with K Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Forces.

Corporal Hopkins was severely wounded on February 27, 1966 when the jeep he was riding in detonated an enemy land mine. He was Med-Evac'd to Clark Air Force Base Hospital in the Philippines suffering from compound fractures of his right leg, multiple fractures of his left heel, and a cerebral concussion. Jack died of his wounds

on March 2, 1966.

Jack Maynard Hopkins is survived by his parents and a brother, Charles X. Hopkins, who is also serving in the Marine Corps in South Vietnam. He lived 21 years, 10 months and 21 days. He is resting in Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Jack'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 095.

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.



** If you are a Chapter Patron, please check page 23 to see if you need to renew.
Thank you for your continued support of *The 310 Dispatch* and the Chapter! **

*** Upcoming Events ***

Date	Time	Event
Saturdays	0930	Meet at end of southeast parking lot at Gallup Park for walk or run with Team Red White & Blue
9 Mar	1800	AVVA Regular and VVA Board Meetings at VFW Post 423
9 Mar	1900	VVA Regular Chapter Meeting at VFW Post 423
14 Mar	0800	Merchandise Sales on third floor of VAAHS until midafternoon. Volunteers requested.
20 Mar	1245-1400	Spirit of Caring Panel at VA hospital
20 Mar	1930	WCCV Meeting, American Legion Post 268, 44 Wabash Street, Milan, MI 48160
6 Apr		Home Runs for Heroes is free Opening Day Great Lakes Loons game at Dow Diamond, 825 E Main St, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 837-2255
8 Apr	1800	Gary M. Lillie Annual Spaghetti and Recognition Dinner, UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti MI 48197
11 Apr	0800	Merchandise Sales on third floor of VAAHS until midafternoon. Volunteers requested.
13 Apr	Wrong day	Due to elections, the regular VVA and AVVA meetings will be held Sunday, not Thursday. The correct date is not yet known.
16 Apr	1245-1400	Spirit of Caring Panel at VA hospital
17 Apr	1800	WCCV Annual Recognition Dinner, Saline American Legion Post 322 (cocktails at 1730)
5-6 May		AVVA Region 5 Convention in Columbus, Ohio
11 May	1800	AVVA Regular and VVA Board Meetings at VFW Post 423
11 May	1900	VVA Regular Chapter Meeting at VFW Post 423
20 May		Yankee Air Museum Bomber Buffing
31 May		Deadline for registering for Kokomo
15 Jun	1245-1400	Spirit of Caring Panel at VA hospital
27 Jul	1245-1400	Spirit of Caring Panel at VA hospital
12-17 Aug		AVVA National Convention at the New Orleans Marriott
2-4 Sep		Yankee Air Museum Air Show, Thunder of Michigan
10 Sep	1200-1600	Pig Roast
23 Sep		LZ Michigan Veterans Reunion, Fifth Third Ballpark.
14-16 Sep	1630	Kokomo 35th Veterans Reunion
28 Oct	1730	VAAHS Halloween Party. Meet in the lobby in costume.
19 Dec	1730	VAAHS Christmas Party. Meet in the lobby.

If your event is not listed here, email the Dispatch Editor at jon@bridge2011.onmicrosoft.com



Regular Meeting Minutes

9 February 2017

Call to order by President Draper at 1905

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!

Guests: Nicolette Rivers. Tom Carroll, Volunteer Coordinator at Yankee Air Museum and Dave Youse. Since VVA did a lot of the work at YAM, I wanted to make sure you had a chance to volunteer. YAM has a two prong mission: honor military service members around aviation and promote Willow Run Bomber Plant history. Thunder over Michigan will be on Labor Day weekend (Blue Angles). This will be the first time the event will last three days instead of two. May 20th, at Hanger One at Willow Run from 1000 to 1400 will be our annual Bomber Buffing event. Check website at <http://yankeeairmuseum.org/events/> for other events.

Motion to Approve the January Minutes by Draper and Rogge. Approved.

Meeting Suspended for Nominations:

Pres: Draper (accept)

Vice President: McCrumb (decline), Miller (decline), Rogge (accept)

Secretary: Luker (accept),

Treasurer: Paulo (accept), Wetzler (not present), Rivers (decline), Bourne (not present)

Sgt at Arms: Clarke (accept subject to not relocating), Perrault (decline), Mayes (accept)

Two Year Board: Hall (accept), Lee (decline), McCrumb (accept), Miller (accept), Kinzinger (not present), Wilson (accept), Hitte (decline), Betz (decline), Duncan (decline), White (not present) Abbey (not present), Rivers (not eligible due to being nominating committee chair)

State Delegate: Rogge (state off., ineligible), Driscoll (decline), Hall (decline),



McCrumb (decline), Clarke (decline), Merritt (decline), Luker (accept)

Regular Meeting Resumes

President's Report: Draper. Read letter from B-52 weapons officer that accompanied a flag that was flown on combat missions over Afghanistan during Operation Inherent Resolve.

Read letter received from Military Moms United thanking us for gift in support of their packing party.

An audit committee is being formed.

We received a thank you letter from John Kinzinger for supporting WACU at its January fundraiser.

Miller is taking over the Food Pantry while AVVA is taking over the bereavement duties.

Treasure's Report: Paulo. Reports handed out. No questions.

AVVA Report: Driscoll. Please see attached report. Trying to raise \$1,000 for Fisher House Michigan. Over \$600 raised so far. We want a Red Maple, a native Michigan tree, to replace the Friends' tree that had to be removed. It will be dedicated to Teresa Mullins and all Friends.

Food Pantry: Miller. One veteran received \$100 in food.

Merchandise Report: Dieter. By M Draper. We sell merchandise and talk to veterans at the VA hospital on the second Tuesday of every month. Volunteers are still needed.

Washtenaw County Council of Veterans Report: Luker. Please see attached report.

Dinner date conflict? Tickets are printed at a cost of \$270

C&P doctor was counseled and is being observed for the next 90 days.

Vote on new bylaws and constitution in February

Memorial Maintenance Report: Merritt. Please see attached report.

Website Report: McCrumb. Since we renovated the website, we've been getting 2,000 hits a month.

Membership Report: McCrumb. 193 members so far.

Newsletter: Luker. We are still looking for email addresses for people who now get a printed copy.

VAAHS Report: Kinzinger. (excused).



VA State Chapter: Wilson. No report.

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

Motion: Perrault/Merritt to spend \$105 to join the Saline Chamber of Commerce. Approved.

Motion: Draper/Merritt to extend the meeting to complete the budget discussion and decision. Approved.

Motion: Luker/St Antoine to approve the proposed budget, reprinted below. Board Approved. Approved.

Special Events Reports: None

Good of the Order:

Perrault: Our printing discount expired with this Dispatch. If we join the Saline Chamber of Commerce, we can get the discount reinstated.

Perrault. Sam’s Club gave us a grant of \$700 for VVA Memorial Maintenance.

Closing Prayer: D Draper

Adjourned 2044.

Respectfully Submitted, Jon Luker

FY 17-18 Budget Approved

Revenue Sources

Unrestricted Revenue Sources

Bank Interest Income	12.00
Private Donations to General Fund	2,500.00
Sum of Fundraising Events	10,500.00
Sum of Other Fundraising Efforts	5,000.00
Membership Dues/Rebates	<u>600.00</u>
Sum of Unrestricted Sources	18,612.00

Donations to Restricted Accounts

Funds Received from AVVA	2,650.00
Support the Troops Fund	5,000.00
Food Pantry Fund	0.00
Doc Martinez Memorial Fund	0.00
4th of July Picnic Fund	0.00
Vietnam Memorial Maintenance Fund	700.00
VAMC Fund	<u>13,000.00</u>
Sum of Restricted Sources	<u>21,350.00</u>

Sum of All Sources 39,962.00

Revenue Uses

Unrestricted Uses

Expenses from Regular Operations	9,765.00
Event Related Expenses	4,190.00
Officer Emergency Funds	900.00

(Unrestricted Uses, Continued)

Other Fundraising Expenses	100.00
Budgeted Gifts and Donations	1,300.00
Impulse Donations	<u>1,000.00</u>
Sum of Unrestricted Uses	17,255.00

Expenses From Restricted Accounts

Funds expended on behalf of AVVA	3,500.00
Support the Troops Fund	3,800.00
Food Pantry Fund	400.00
Doc Martinez Memorial Fund	0.00
VAMC	13,000.00
4th of July Picnic	200.00
Vietnam Memorial Maintenance	<u>3,000.00</u>
Sum of Restricted Uses	<u>23,900.00</u>

Sum of All Uses 41,155.00

Change in Revenue

Unrestricted Revenue	up 1,357.00
Restricted Revenue	down <u>2,550.00</u>

Total Change in Revenue down 1,193.00



AVVA Minutes:

February 9, 2017

Eight Members were present.

Kathy gave the Financial Report. March 1st will begin the new fiscal year. Kathy will have the 2016 Fiscal Year review at the March meeting.

Membership Report:

AVVA 310 has 31 members. New members include Sandy Grudowski and Jane Kinzinger.

Kathy mailed out 18 letters to VVA Friends to see if they would like to join AVVA. Hopefully all 18 members will join. If you are joining or renewing as a Life Member, please send a proof of your age with your application. A copy of your driver's license will suffice.

VISTA:

Kathy is collecting and emailing Jeri Wallis the VISTA hours for AVVA Chapter 310 members.

Recognition Dinner: Meni, Kathy, Jane and Ann are on the committee. The dinner will be catered. Tickets will be \$15 and available at the March meeting.

Fundraising Report:

This year we voted as a Chapter to support the soon-to-be-built Fisher House Michigan/BIFTB in Ann Arbor, MI. The majority of our fundraising activities this year will be dedicated to the *Build it for the the Brave*, a Charity set up to fund this Fisher House, and supporting *Warriors and Caregivers United* and *Military Moms United*. We as a Chapter want to support the modern warrior and support VVA's 310 motto:

"Never Again Shall a Veteran Coming Home From Battle Be Made to Feel Alone and Unappreciated!"

- We have set a goal of \$1,000 for Fisher House Michigan. As of February 17, 2017 we have raised \$765.25.
- We sold 44 Veteran Bracelets in January and February for \$195.00
- The Creative Memories Scrapbooking event raised \$45.00
- AVVA is sponsoring a Quartermania to benefit Fisher House Michigan on Monday, February 27. All proceeds from Food, Basket Raffle, Mystery Bid Rounds and 50/50 will go to Fisher House Michigan. We need AVVA and



VVA members help to sell food and raffle tickets.

AVVA Michigan State Association:

- Delegate meeting held on Sunday, February 12th at VFW Post 423.
- Kathy, Meni and Shirley attended.
- Region 5 Convention May 5-6 in Columbus, OH. Kathy will attend.

AVVA National News:

- AVVA National Convention, August 8th - 12th in New Orleans. Meni will attend.
- Motion by Kathy to pay Meni's Registration Fees of \$135.00, Second by Kate, Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Friends Tree Replacement at Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Kathy passed out information form DTE and Michigan DNR. Kate Kirkpatrick's husband is a Forester and he recommends we plant a Red Maple. Kathy will contact Turner's, Al Merritt and Tom Mullins regarding when and where to plant the new tree. Tree should be planted in April. Kathy will have more information at our March meeting.

New Business:

Motion by Shirley to replace the AVVA flag, second by Meni, motion passed. Kathy will order flag from AVVA Merchandizing. The flag will be displayed at the VFW near the VVA 310 wall. We will march with the AVVA flag at all parades.

Shirley brought samples of new T-Shirts with American Flag for parades. Please contact Shirley to order. You supply your own T-Shirt, Shirley will finish the decal ironing. Shirley will have cost for decals at March meeting.

Other / Ongoing Concerns:

- Lois Perrault Memorial Fund Balance: \$2,208.25
- Friend of the Year - Vote at March 8th meeting
- Honorary Friend of the Year: Jane Kinzinger emailed Kathy and Meni to nominate Jan Turner, who donates flowers from Turner Garden for the Memorial every spring.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Kathy Driscoll
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AVVA Michigan State Association Vice President
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Friends Minutes:

January 12, 2017

The 2017 Friend of the Year will be announced at the upcoming Recognition Dinner on April 8. Please forward your nomination to Kathy Driscoll, who was last year's Friend of the Year.

Suggestions for a replacement "Friends Tree" at the Vietnam Memorial in Ypsilanti Township were discussed. It is hoped that a new tree can be planted and dedicated soon.

Thanks to all who have been a part of the Friends group in the past and who continue to support our veterans through AVVA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Kinzinger



734-277-3528



Chaplain's Corner:

The Ides of March, Saint Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings Time, and Spring all have March in common as our earth makes the turn from our shortest season, Winter, to Spring and the awakening of nature in our hemisphere.

Many of us have experienced an awakening of our own. To some it has been spiritual, to some it has been emotional, and to still others it has been intellectual as the light suddenly turns on to something we have been wondering about for a while. But to all of us, we have opportunities to help others awaken and, in the process, we find parts of ourselves coming alive that we didn't even know were dormant. Such is the nature of helping others.

It is what we are called to do as fellow humans. After all, that is why we have families, neighborhoods and friends, and occasionally a complete stranger comes along our life's journey for the very purpose of helping us or we helping them.

Spiritually, Paul takes this thought farther when he says (for the Word of God is alive and active even though written hundreds and thousands of years ago):

"And He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some



evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no longer children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV)

In other words, we are in this life together for the better. As VVA members we have experienced this to a certain extent and continue to perfect ourselves to the task at hand.

Blessing and honor through Christ,

Gordon



Memorial Grounds Report



Weather permitting, will begin to cut grass in March. If you want to be on a cutting team, please let me know.



Hometown Lawn and Pest, [\(810\) 355-2929](tel:8103552929) in Brighton Spring is providing us with fertilization and pest control after giving us another \$700 discount. Thank you Hometown Lawn & Pest!

Fredo



Washtenaw County Council

The Council adopted the revised Constitution and Bylaws.

The next meeting will at 1930 on 20 March and will be sponsored by American Legion Post 268, 44 Wabash Street, Milan, MI 48160 .



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
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MEETING DATE & TIME:

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 1800 HRS
OPEN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: 1900 HRS
SOCIAL GATHERING AFTERWARDS

LOCATION:

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