



# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

JAMES HUARD CHAPTER #267



## “LISTEN UP”

FALL 2020

TO JAMES L. HUARD WHO HAD BEEN MISSING IN ACTION IN  
NORTH VIETNAM FROM JULY 12, 1972 UNTIL MAY 1, 1997.



## Fall Is Upon Us

FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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Time is passing by fast, 2021 is fast approaching, and we continue to do what we can, for the members and their families when asked, to include donations in support of those in need. That's what we do.

As I once heard we're not getting any younger, in fact each year we get older. Damn, hate that, but it's a fact. On top of the that we need to look at where we are, and what we are doing with our finances, and how we are spending them. Seems we are spending more than bringing in. That could be for many reasons, and this COVID19 doesn't help to do some fundraising, but at this point that's the way it is. We have four Raffle licenses a year from the State, we use them or lose them. That's the way the State looks at it. I think we only used one Raffle License last year, and brought in a little, then spent a lot. Saying what I am saying the bottom line, is we need to cut some cost. At the last meeting we looked at that. In that our quarterly newsletter cost us over \$600.00 a quarter to send out the newsletter, and we looked at the Storage that cost us \$540.00 twice a year. Then we have the fundraising funds, which look at The Super Bowl Party, Annual Help a Veterans Dance, and Golf Outing. Of such the Dance was canceled due to COVID19 Restrictions. So, nothing came in there. That's a fun time that we do, in fact all the fundraising events are fun, and we do things to help the membership, and the fundraising funds, then go towards supporting members to attend either the Annual National Leadership Conference and the National Convention.

As I mentioned lowering cost. We have a website, and send out emails on things. We have a Facebook Page. The Website cost us \$400.00 a year to maintain, luckily we have a member who does that, but still cost to keep it up and add things to it. And the past Treasurer -God Rest his Sole- set up another account for the Membership rebate we get from the National Headquarters. It was good, because that fund we can fall back on if needed.

I mentioned we have emails going out, I have on my list the amount of 149 emails listed, of the 320 members we have. Some members do not reside in the State, but provided their email before moving, that was good and smart, that way they get what's going on to them, but where is the other remaining, so if you not receiving emails need your email. If you move we need your forwarding address to change on the Membership Rosters. So, you get the Veteran and other things that are mailed. Saying that the National is cutting cost as well, since not a lot of donations are coming in. So, if you want to see the Veteran and read it, or know what's going on at the National Level go to [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org). If you want to know or see what's going on at the Chapter go to [www.vvachapter267.org](http://www.vvachapter267.org).

Saying what I have been saying, we need to cut cost. The Cost effectiveness of mailing the newsletter out each quarter total is a little over \$2,400.00 a year. That takes away from assisting members and families in need. And contributing for donations for causes when someone votes to support the cause. The Board and I acted that the Newsletter is a high cost, and could be put on the website. Just like National said in the Veteran. This will be the last Newsletter that goes out, and will be placed on the website site at [www.vvachapter267.org](http://www.vvachapter267.org). We entertained a vote with the membership that was present, and voted to stop mailing the newsletter, The next newsletter and further out, will be online on the Website. Speedy Printing has been a great resource for the Chapter and we will continue to work with them. So, the next quarterly newsletter and future ones will be on the website. So, go to either one listed to find out what's going on.

Your are invited to respond in writing or email on what we do at the meetings, and how changes can be made for the betterment of the Chapter. You can email me your responses or concerns at [marret94@aol.com](mailto:marret94@aol.com), they will be reviewed and brought before the Board and Officers for a discussion and decision.

From the Service Program

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Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #267



The VVA Service Program is doing well, for the most part they are working Virtual like the other organizations. They do have one person in the office downtown, and possibly another one. Since the Federal Building is closed, until this COVID19 Epidemic is over. So, most of the employees are working from home. There is a Service Officer at the Marine Corps League 152, 4131 Maple - Dearborn MI 48126, by appointment only on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m., to 5:00 p.m. you need to contact Christine Boka at 313-410-0369. I am/remain accredited and assist when needed, you can contact me at 313-720-2712 or by email.

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### **Veterans Justice Treatment Court, 19th District Court Dearborn MI**

The Veterans Justice Treatment Court seeks Volunteers as Mentors to those who go before the Judge who are Veterans. The Veterans Treatment Court is for Misdemeanor Charges not Felony Charges. Felonies go to the Wayne County Court. Once the Veteran goes before the Judge and the Veteran seeks to go to Veterans Court, they are then called Mentees, that is where the Mentor falls into place. The Mentor receives a call on a least once a week basis, just talking and reporting in, as they do with the Probation Officer. The Mentor through discussion, asks if there is anything they can do for them, or if they need anything, and just a discussion, no politics. If the Mentee does not call in one week, but called in the next, its good. But, if they don't call in and fail to, then there is a concern, and the Mentor then calls the Mentee. If that does not work, the Mentor contacts the Mentor Coordinator, and the Probation Officer, and informs them. The Coordinator then contacts the Judicial side. Once a month the Mentor and Mentee comes to court on a specified date and time. And the Mentee then approaches when informed the Judge and they go over things. The Mentor is behind the Mentee to the left, and the Judge will ask the Mentor how things are going to get input. This program last 12 to 18 months, it goes by fast, and the Mentees are taken care of. So, if you want to become a Mentor please let me know, and who to contact.

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### **26th Annual Ed "Edju" Golf Outing**

The 26th Annual Golf Outing went very well, well not in the beginning, as it was questionable, but after the Golf Course were opened up by the Governor things went a little better. Forms for Golf Teams were sent out, and most responded. Had to make a few calls to ensure they were playing this year or not, receiving calls that they did not get a form, mailed them out. Then the pour down of rain by the Big Rain God in the Sky happened a day or two prior. But, touching base with the Manager, all was good. We played. We went to the American Legion Post 200 in Taylor, and they met us with open arms, and ate and had a few beverages, and raffled off some items. Gave out prizes to the top teams. Top Team this year was Vic Deleon's Team. Then we had a three way tie for 2nd Place. Overall the Outing was a success. We will see you again next year same place, same time, different day put it on your calendar August 25, 2021. Thanks to all to the Golfers, and the Support Team.

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### **COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE**

Anyone needing assistance should try their Counties in the Veterans Affairs side before approaching the Chapter or other means. The Counties have funds for both Wartime Era and Peacetime Veterans, and their surviving spouses.

#### **This would include**

**Foreclosures**

**Can't afford to replace roof and is leaking**

**Financial**

**Food**

**Homelessness**

**Many other issues**

In Wayne County I have been informed to call 313-224-5045, leave a message through the prompts, and they will return your call, might take a day or two. If they do not return your call then contact me 313-720-2712, I have a direct line to the Director of the Veterans Affairs Office.

Other Counties go on your website site for the Veterans Affairs Office in your County or State.

I would ask about funds for emergencies Wartime is \$300.00 maybe more, Peacetime \$450.00 one time shot, they may inform you different. You have to ask.

## Supporting Time

I am the Infantry, follow-me. Not a foot soldier, we're much more you see.

We'll take the fight to the enemy. I am Infantry, first of THE THREE

I am Cavalry, follow-me. A modern horse soldier in a APC. Charging straight foreword to the enemy. When the going gets tough call on me. I am CAV, most daring of THE THREE.

I am Armor, CAV and Infantry Rush head long into the melee Breaking the lines an angry sea. Deep into enemy territory.

Approaching a crossroad, what do I see. The Area secured by two lonely MP's. Directing us forward, how can thie be. How long has he been there waiting for me?

What a crazy person an MP must be. He has no firepower or armor like me. And I thought everyone followed THE THREE. Armor, CAV and Infantry.

I am an MP, don't follow me. You don't want to be where I will be. Guarding the crossroads, waiting for THE THREE. Just an M16, a sixty and me.

With object taken, wait and see. No one will remember the lonely MP. Who held this ground so they could run free. But that's my job, supporting THE THREE.

### This was written by Sgt Allen Perkins

I was in a safe area so they thought until TET68 hit and we lost 27 and 144 wounded. We were the only defense for the 50 square miles of Saigon and although we had been hit many times before nothing of this size. You see the BIG CHEESE thought everything was going to the boarders they didn't add military to our 450 man battalion. No I didn't spend time in the boonies as even some of the MP units did, but we shed blood as many have.

I and 4 of the 6 brothers who returned started a reunion 36 years ago. Sadly, the joy of meeting of our brothers has now turned to grief as we are dying off in large numbers due to Agent Orange etc., that is the same for our VVA and my other family of brothers. I like Roy and others have changed our mind and won't let the VVA fade away. So, my brothers and sisters as Dave has said, hug your loved ones and make everyday count.

**Brother Tom**

## The Major makes a good point: HMM

A guy gets time to think over here and I was thinking about all the support we get from home. Sometimes it's overwhelming. We get care packages at times faster than we can use them. There are boxes and boxes of toiletries and snacks lining the center of every tent; the generosity has been amazing.

So, I was pondering the question: "Why do we have so much support?" In my opinion, it came down to one thing: Vietnam. I think we learned a lesson, as a nation, that no matter what, you have to support the troops who are on the line, who are risking everything. We treated them so poorly back then; when they returned even worse. The stories are nightmarish of what our retuning warriors were subjected to. It is a national scar, a blemish on our country and embarrassment to all of us. After Vietnam, it had time to sink in. The guilt in our collective consciousness grew. It shamed us. However, we learned from our mistake. Somewhere during the late 1970's and into the 80's, we realized that we can't treat our warriors that way.

So, starting during the Gulf War, when the first real opportunity arose to stand up and support the troops, we did. We did it to support our friends and family going off to war. But we also did it to right the wrongs from the Vietnam era. We treated our troops like heroes they were, acknowledged and celebrated their sacrifice, and rejoiced at their homecoming instead of spitting on them.

And that support continues today for those of us in Iraq. Our country knows that it must support us and it does. The lesson was learned in Vietnam and we are better because of it.

Everyone who has gone before us is a hero. They are celebrated in my heart. I think admirably of all those who have gone before me. From those who fought to establish this country in the late 1770's to those I serve with here in Iraq. They have all sacrificed to ensure our freedom.

But when I get back, I'm going to make it a personal mission to specifically thank every Vietnam Vet I encounter for their sacrifice. Because if nothing else good came from the terrible war, one thing did. It was the lesson learned on how we treat our warriors. We as a country learned from our mistake and now treat our warriors as heroes, as we should. I am the beneficiary of their sacrifice. Not only for the freedom they, like veterans from other wars, ensured, but for how well our country now treats my fellow Marines and I. We are the beneficiaries of their sacrifice.

Semper Fildelis,  
Major Brian P. Bresnahan  
United States Marine Corps

Note: We as Vietnam Veterans have made it a point to honor those who serve and have served. Our Chapter color guard used to go to returning troops homes and give them a Chapter 267 Salute and Welcome Home, showing them that we had not forgot them.



# Is This The America We Longed For?

Francis Lieder

If we were serving in the military today is this the America to which we'd be dreaming to return?

What are those who are serving now thinking?

That they are going to return to a place that has no room for peace, for opportunity, for justice? A place where their kids aren't safe, a place where they can't go to school?

We longed to get back to our jobs, our educations, our cars, motorcycles, our girlfriends, our wives and our children. We wanted another chance – some of us – to appreciate what we had with the understanding that there are a million things in this universe you can have and a million that would always seem out of reach.

But most of all we wanted to get back to the good.

We wanted to return to the places where people were given the benefit of the doubt, at least until they demonstrated by their behavior, that they might not deserve it.

Where you gave and you got respect that wasn't a function of having received a medal or testimonial but because you played fair, were honest, gave every challenge your best effort and didn't expect anything but a chance to show what you could do – to do well whatever it was you did.

We wanted to be again in a place where you got a chance to demonstrate that the assumptions about you were not necessarily true – to have a chance to tell your OWN story.

A place where if you didn't like the rules, regulations and laws, you learned about the process and committed yourself to making change happen, like our own Bobby Muller.

A place where if you wanted to disagree – even protest – that you would be HEARD but yet to be open-minded enough to hear others' points of view without fear of being marginalized, silenced or punished for exercising your rights.

Most of us in the sixties and seventies didn't think we were helping the Vietnamese much despite what we were told. In order to make it bearable, we concentrated most on helping the next guy get through it. Later, to deal with PTSD we – well, at least I did – told myself I had fought for all that was good about America. The few vets of the "desert wars" I've met say they didn't think they helped "Joe Iraqi" much, either, and many sacrificed over and over again with multiple tours -- another bill of goods that got sold. They usually say they fought for all that was good about our country.

So, is what we're seeing here in late 2020 the "good" we all have had to tell ourselves we fought for? That people we knew DIED for?

It's true, many good things do remain. But who is defending those things now – even as part of a "story" we tell ourselves to help ease the doubt, ambiguity and injustice?

As always, it's the people out there who will leave their comfort and complacency zones because they believe in something or they feel duty-bound. I do not see much of our leadership out there.

I ask people to tell me why they believe what they believe. They can't do it. They utter some headline they heard or a slogan or an outright slur on someone. They haven't read a non-fiction book in decades. Any logic they do use is so full of the most common fallacies in reasoning that it hardly deserves to be called logic at all. Their shallowness astounds me. By Monday morning it's as if the preceding week never happened. It's true, covid-19 has forced more people to watch more TV but that's not enough.

I meet few people who seem able to synthesize information, making it possible for them to "connect the dots." My college students, depending on their smart phones for facts, had no idea that facts – alternative or not – do not create understanding. Even the old phrase "follow the money" as a way to help explain the patterns in some aspects of life, seems to have fallen by the curb. Now NOTHING else seems to matter EXCEPT money. Is THAT what we dreamt of in the jungles and on the firebases and in the helicopters?

Everything is compartmentalized for us. It's easier than thinking for oneself. "Institutionalized memory" – that knowledge which remains when transients come and go - is absent in many of the ranks of policy makers – aka our government.

Elections are held and great numbers of non-partisan experts in critical fields who are associated with the previous regime are swept out and replaced, often by no-nothings or political patrons (donors) of the in-power party.

So, is this America, the Good?

Is this honoring the blood-sacrifice of so many? I believe if we could ask them, their answer would be NO. They are not looking down on a "great day" for America or themselves, as we have been told.

With all of our challenges, maybe our best course is to BE the role models we promised ourselves we would be if we got back home. And demand the same from others.





**Membership** - We presently stand at 321 members, however we will be taking off some due to passing, which we already have dog tags for. We need to look at membership, there are a lot of Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans out in the community or your friends or friends who know friends, who have never joined, or don't even know we exist, or the Vietnam Veterans of America exists, we don't want to be overlooked, or we don't want to just go away, or dwindle down to nothing. As you see Life Membership is \$50.00. Have someone fill an application out with their DD214 attached and get it into the Chapter or bring it in, or mail it.



## Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc

# Application for Membership

### Welcome to all Veterans who served during the Vietnam Era

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between **February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975**, or in any duty location between **August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

(OPTIONAL) Chapter Number: MI0267 Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

VVA has only one category of membership:

☒ Life Membership: \$50

#### **ATTENTION New members:**

You must submit a copy of your DD- 214 form along with this application and dues payment.

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the required documents and payment to:

**Vietnam Veterans of America**  
PO Box 64299 · Baltimore · MD · 21264

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Summer is on the way out but unfortunately Covid 19 is still here. We continue to take caution and protect ourselves from the unseen enemy that does not discriminate its ill will; Young or old, black or white.

Retired Marine 1st. Sergeant and Chapter member Dave Trevino is in the hospital in Grand Rapids with Covid fighting for his life. Hopefully he will survive and beat this terrible sickness with the help of the health care personal and our prayers. "Keep him in your thoughts and prayers".

Trevino and I were together helping a vet the week before he got sick. He notified me shortly after and Linda and I got tested to make sure we were clear. While quarantining for my test results I missed the August VVA meeting. They've been a little sparse lately because of the pandemic but Phil moves the meeting along so we don't have to sit together too long. I also had a team in the golf outing where we had a person there that was sick, leaving us wondering if we needed to be tested again. I didn't see or was close to the person that was sick, but you never know. It gets very worrisome having to watch yourself all the time. It reminds me of another time in my life a long time ago. (Vietnam)

Initially, Dave, Pete and I went to Dave Smith's house to help clean up his back yard. Dave Trevino, who was in town, came by for a few hours to help out. We have gone back to Dave Smith's house to finish the clean up. Dave Kline, Zeno Potas, Pete Borella and I filled a 10 yd. dumpster with yard waste. Dave and Zeno cut some trees down that were lying on the roof and Bob Mikitaroff's roofing company is going to put a new roof on the house soon. Dave Smith, who has cancer, was a Service Officer for the Purple Heart Association. He helped a lot of veterans before he retired. He wouldn't ever ask anyone for help but one day I stopped by to check on him and seen the problem. I called Pete to enlist his help because I knew he was good friends with Smith. Dave objected, saying that it was a jungle and too much work, but with a little help from fellow veterans, we cleared the area and got the ordinance inspector off his case. That kind of work is hard on Old Guys like us, but with age comes knowledge. Work smart, stay hydrated and use the proper tools to get the work done. It makes you feel good when you help someone: thank you to Pete Borella, Dave Kline, Dave Trevino and Zeno Potas!, for volunteering to help.

In our last newsletter I wrote some stories of members of our Chapter who are not with us anymore. Phil posted a list of those members, which has been updated since then. If we leave something out of our newsletters that you think important. You have the opportunity to submit articles that are prevalent any time.

***Some more thoughts on members who are gone:***

Harry Hoy USMC: was one of the charter members of Chapter 267. There are a lot of stories about Harry. He grew up in Dearborn and those who knew him then are never short of Harry stories. I think the best story is about Harry and his wife Pat. Harry was in the Marine Corp serving in Vietnam and Pat was his high school sweet heart. I guess they planned on getting married when he returned from Nam but that didn't happen. Harry returned home and told Pat that he was going back to Vietnam; Pat had other ideas and they went on their different ways. Flash forward 30 years and they get together again. Pat has been married and divorced; Harry has been a crazy Vietnam vet and ready to come back to earth. They get married and Pat soothes Harry's inner monsters and settles him down. They move to Harry's rustic cabin up north and she changed it into a functioning modern home for the two of them. She takes their finances over and makes some good investments to their already good pensions and benefits. Finally they move to Florida and purchase a beautiful house near Wes and Penny Norton. While living there she and Penny make arrangements for them to visit places all over the world. Harry told me, that Pat had made all the difference in his life. Taking him to places that he would have never of gone and doing things that he would never of done with out her. Unfortunately both passed on; Pat died in bed next to Harry and he succumbed to lung cancer a short time later. The good thing: they had each other for that short time. Loving and enjoying each other to the finish.

Tony Gramer US Army: Tony was a member of 267 from the beginning but didn't become active until he retired from FoMoCo. From that point on him and Maria were active members and Tony took on positions of leadership. First with the Honor Guard, getting more members to join it and getting them involved in the community. He became our Treasurer, handling the books and having our accounts transferred over to the credit union with the proper signatures. He had a lot of hobbies and spent time on his restored cars and was an avid deep sea diver/photographer. Some of his photos from the deep were published in national articles.

Dave Kabala US Army: was one of our Honor Guard members in our most active times. He passed of Agent Orange without his family notifying us.

Bob Lane US Army: was on hard times and we helped him out financially. He never forgot and gave me a check later to help someone else.

Augie Lucidi USMC: Retired from the Marine Corp and lived in Trenton. We became friends arguing over the way the VFW treated Vietnam vets after Nam. He was a great supporter of our Chapter and a Life member. He once told me; that he had worn Marine Corp jackets all the time. But when he started wearing our Chapter jacket people started stopping him and thanking him for his service. Of all his time in the Marine Corp he said his worst duty was when he was a recruiter during the Vietnam era. As a recruiter he also had to notify families when a Marine was killed in action. Maybe that is why he could drink scotch that cost hundreds of dollars to "El Terrible" El Toro tequila. We did share a few together!

Bob Lucy, Bob Lala, Steve McDonald and Ed Merlo all died from Agent Orange. Ron Moritz died in the explosion at the Ford Rouge Plant power house. Ron O Link also died of Agent Orange.

I led the VVA funeral ritual for Tony Persondek, never knowing that he was a member of the 39th Engineer BN. Shortly after Tony passed I received an email from a fellow 39ther asking me if I knew Tony who they said was in my area. I had to tell them that he passed; fortunately I was there with my Brother Combat Engineer at the end.

Eddie Edju Pitek USMC: There are so many stories about Ed, first of all. Everybody liked Ed and he never said a bad word about anyone. We always had a good time together and visited each other many times. His name is on our family bottle of Tequila; the "Botella Flores" which is reserved for family events and special people. We spent time in Washington DC at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and on the Chapter fishing trips we bunked together for many years. On one of our visits to Clyde's Bar by our fishing camp, we were having a few and someone bought a round of Tequila. Clyde's Bar always served liquor in thick glass double shot glasses and when the drinks were served, they were double shots. Somebody made a toast and we slammed the drinks down. I looked over at Eddie and Tequila was pouring out of his nose. He finally comes up for a air and exclaims, "Damn" How much Tequila did they put in that drink? Luckily we only had a short way to stumble back to the cabins. Member Larry Hines (USMC) only met Eddie one time but remembers him fondly. He tells the story of us playing golf together with Ed. After golf we had planned to have a couple cold beers together but Eddie said he had some where important to go. He said he was going to meet a women friend and that he had a 1% chance of getting Lucky and he wasn't going to miss out on it. So off he went. Don't ask what happened because Eddie was a gentleman and would never tell. Larry thought, a 1% chance, Wow; that is real determination.

Eddie was a Marine through and through and would always stand and sing the Marine Corp hymn. Even as he recuperated from knee surgery and not being able to stand on his affected leg. If he heard the Marine Corp hymn, he would struggle to stand at attention. "Semper Fi" my good friend, we miss you.

## Chapter 267 Jackets 2020

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 267 was chartered in 1986, making our Chapter 34 years old. Shortly after the Chapter started and settled in, someone mentioned that we needed a Chapter jacket. Andy Anderson and Tom Beard came up with the first design for a Chapter patch; we eventually called it the "Bumble Bee" patch. The helicopter sort of looked like a bee because of the way it faced out and the tail faded away into the background. On our first Chapter bus trip to Washington DC, everybody that had a Chapter jacket wore them. They were a big hit in DC, there were even people wanting to buy them from us. That bus trip was a weekend to remember, we all had a great time and nobody went to jail! Since then, we have new jackets with a revised logo on the back which is more up to date.

As the new jackets and berets became our uniform we went back to Washington DC in mass. We showed up at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, waiting for General Powell to speak. As we were gathered there, someone near us spoke out. "Chapter 267 from Dearborn is representing today; impressive!" and we were. All of us wore our jackets and berets, we were looking good. Some of the men stayed to hear General Powell and some went on to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the commencement there. When I was president doing funeral rituals for our members, I always encouraged our membership to show up and wear their colors. Many family members of the deceased veteran mentioned that they thought our men showed respect and brotherhood for their loved ones.

A couple other times that I was proud of our Chapter representing was the time we went to the "Hole in the roof" church for a homeless veteran funeral. Mitch Albom wrote something in the paper about a homeless vet dying and with nobody to send him off. Chapter 9 from Detroit showed and our membership showed up too. All of us had our Chapter jackets and berets. The president from Chapter 9 came up to me and said that our Chapter was looking good; he admired them for being uniform. Also: The day we marched in the Detroit Veterans Day parade in the rain was another time we represented. Our group was waiting on the side street to join the parade. It was raining, I was in my Mustang and as I drove by our group, I stopped and called the Chapter out into the street for the parade. The parade Marshall said that we were out of order, I said (bleep) that and we fell in and finished the parade in the rain. All eyes were on us as we marched along Woodward Ave, displaying our Chapter jackets.



Since we started using the new Chapter patch, my wife Linda has sewn all the patches on every jacket made. She also did the embroidery too but that got a little complicated and we use an outside person now. I'm talking about hundreds of jackets; I checked the number of jackets that we have purchased over the years. It's over 200.

Linda has never asked for any money to do the sewing and if a member had extra patches, she did them too. I have asked her many times. Do you want me to charge for this? And she would tell me ***"They have paid the price to wear these patches already"***. So if you ever see me with my wife Linda, you can thank her for doing your jacket.....



As our National VVA representative try to figure out what is going to happen with our Vietnam Veterans organization. It will more then likely come to an end as we know it. But we'll have our jackets to represent.

**Linda & Roy Flores**  
Vietnam Veterans

➤ **This is the LAST PRINT of Chapter 267 "LISTEN-UP" Newsletter**

*You can continue to receive your copy, more information in the Presidents report*

For future Newsletters Visit : Web: [vvachapter267.org](http://vvachapter267.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Chapter Christmas Party at Meeting in December - TBD

Super Bowl Party - February 2021 - TBD

Help A Veterans Dance - April 2021 - TBD

Annual Fishing Trip - June 2021 - TBD

Nominations for officers in April and May 2021



**Chapter Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month.**

*Notice: If you know of any member that is sick or has passed, please notify a chapter Officer.*

For more information or to join call **313-562-9090** or E-mail: [marret94@aol.com](mailto:marret94@aol.com)

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