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Oakland County Chapter #133**

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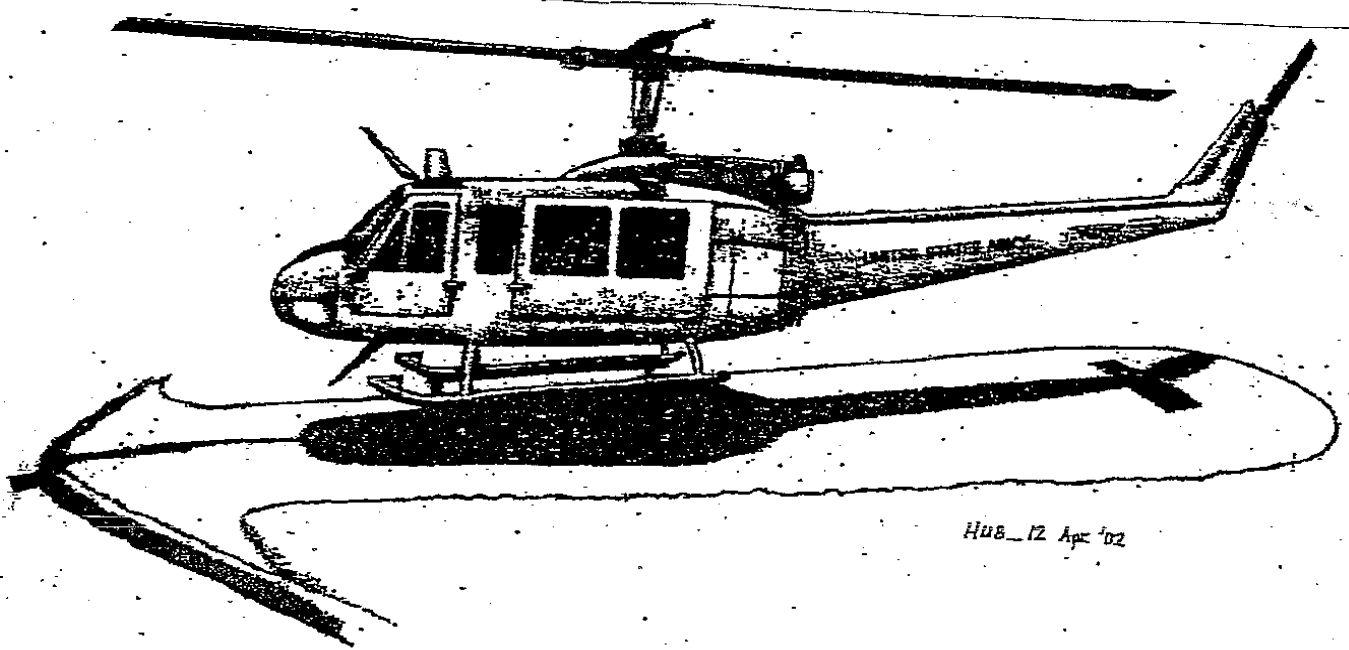
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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO JIM MAHL

1948 - 2010

*JIM WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF CHAPTER 133 AND IS ALREADY SORELY
MISSED!*



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**FEBRUARY
2010**

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www.VVA133.com

PURPOSES OF THE V.V.A.

The purposes of the Vietnam Veterans of America National Organization, the State Councils and Chapters are:

To help foster, encourage and promote the improvement of the condition of the Vietnam Veteran.

To promote physical and cultural improvement, growth and development, self respect, self confidence and usefulness of Vietnam era veterans and others.

To eliminate discrimination suffered by Vietnam veterans and to develop channels of communications which will assist Vietnam veterans to maximize self-realization and enrichment of their lives and enhance life fulfilment.

To study, on a non-partisan basis, proposed legislation, rules or regulations introduced in any federal, state or local administrative body which may affect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of the Vietnam era veteran or others, and to develop public policy proposals designed to improve the quality of life of the Vietnam era veteran and others, especially in the areas of employment, education, training and health.

To conduct and publish research, on a non-partisan basis, pertaining to the relationship between Vietnam era veterans and the American society, the Vietnam War experience, the role of the United States in securing peaceful co-existence for the world community and other matters which affect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of the Vietnam era veteran or others.

To assist disabled and needy war veterans including, but not limited to, Vietnam veterans and their dependents, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

2010 CALENDAR

MARCH

7th Bowling Tournament
(See enclosed flyer)

21st Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

APRIL

18th Chapter Mtg.

ELECTIONS TODAY!!
1 PM TO 4 PM

MAY

16th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

JUNE

20th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

JULY

18th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

AUGUST

15th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

28th GOLF TOURNAMENT
(See enclosed flyer)

SEPTEMBER

19th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

OCTOBER

17th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

NOVEMBER

21st Chapter Mtg. 1 pm
(This may change)

DECEMBER

19th Chapter Mtg. 1 pm

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ATTENTION!!
THE MONTHLY VVA 133 CHAPTER
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 377 AT 1 P.M.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

THE MARCH 21ST MEETING WILL BE THE SECOND MEETING AT WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR THE APRIL 18TH ELECTIONS.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH MEMBER ATTENDS THE MEETING. WE NEED YOU TO CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OR AS A BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER OR BE ABLE TO NOMINATE A MEMBER WHO COULD FILL A POSITION ON EITHER BOARD.

PLEASE DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE NOT CAPABLE. WE HAVE COMMITTEES IN PLACE TO TAKE CARE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE BUSINESS AND BRING SUGGESTIONS BACK TO THE MEMBERSHIP.

WE NEED YOU AT THE NOMINATIONS AT THE MARCH 21ST MEETING AND AGAIN TO VOTE AT THE APRIL 18TH MEETING.

THE MARCH MEETING IS AT 1 PM AND THE APRIL MEETING WILL START AT 1 PM FOR A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING AND THEN WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 4 PM FOR ELECTIONS.

Thank you!

**Nominating Committee
Jerry Howard and Clay Cobb**

Newsletter changes coming!!

Chapter 133, along with the Michigan VVA State Council and many other chapters, is going to move from Post Office delivery of our newsletters to e-mail delivery in an effort to save money.

If we have your e-mail address this change will begin in April of 2010.

If we do not have your e-mail address, please send it to vva133@sbcglobal.net. If you do not have a computer you must use one at a library or visit a friend who has one.

***PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ANY MEMBERS
OR ASSOCIATES!!***

VETERANS BENEFITS AWARENESS CLASSES

UAW LOCAL 5960

180 EAST SILVERBELL, LAKE ORION, MI, 48360

DATES MARCH 20, 27, and APRIL 10, 17, 2010

TIME 9:30 AM - 2 PM

The class is four weeks total but attendance at all four is not required

VFW state service officers present the class and provide an extensive overview of all veterans benefits you earned by your honorable service to this country. Additional service officers will be present to assist veterans file claims and answer their questions for those that do not want to sign up for the classes. Bring DD-214 to investigate filing a claim.

If you have lost your DD-214, they can assist in gaining a replacement. **There is no excuse not to inquire about your benefit entitlement. Claim assistance is totally free 9:30 am till 1:30 pm you do not need to be a veteran to attend or inquire about assistance for a veteran or their dependents.** All classes are held at UAW Local 5960

Union Hall. MAPClick for map. **Special Presentation by Great Lakes National Cemetery on April 10 at 9:40AM**

A \$25.00 donation for the four classes will be collected at the first class, March 20th, 2010. This covers the cost of service book and snacks. Check with your veterans' organization as many groups reimburse for completing class. Collection for lunch will be addressed weekly.

Email or call Al Yates to confirm your attendance for the classes or any questions that are not covered by this letter. Al Yates Office 248-377-5555, Emails: al.yates@gm.com or alyates5960@gmail.com

Please bring a completed registration form with you to first class. First class registration starts at 8:30am. This application may also be emailed back by saving your form and then return back to Al Yates. Your fee can be paid at the first meeting as long as we know you will be in attendance.

Name:	Phone:	
Address:	City Zip	
Email:	Organization	
Branch:	When Served	

____ Please find enclosed a check for \$10. I cannot attend but would like to have a veteran service book mailed to my address above.



Service is provided by Orion Veterans Committee and VFW Service Officers

Money and application can be printed and mailed to:

UAW LOCAL 5960, Atten: Al Yates

180 EAST SILVERBELL, LAKE ORION, MI, 48360

Annual Benefits You Have Earned

Learning how the changes in the veteran entitlements affect you, your family and your pocketbook!

The Ninth Annual Veteran Benefit awareness classes will be held **MARCH 20, 27, and APRIL 10, 17, 2010** from 9:30am -2:00pm at UAW Local 5960 located at 180 E. Silverbell, Lake Orion. This four part class is presented by the state of Michigan VFW Service Officers and will guide you through all phases of entitled benefits with the most current information available. Handouts are given out weekly.

Registration Fee is \$25.00 that covers all supplies including the new veteran benefit book, beverages and snack items. Additional Service Officers will be available for the general public to receive assistance in filing a claim for themselves or a veteran. There is no fee for this claim service and the service officers will be available from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Please bring with you your D-214 and any pertinent information you may have. If you have lost your DD-214 we can assist in the procurement of another.

First Day registration begins at 8:30AM on March 20th. Classes and claim filing start at 9:30.

A Special Presentation will be given by Great Lakes National Cemetery on April 10 at 9:40AM. All veterans and their families are invited

A \$25.00 donation for the four classes will be collected at the first class, March 20th, 2010. This covers the cost of service book and snacks. Check with your veterans' organization as many groups reimburse for completing class. Collection for lunch will be addressed weekly. Certificates are given out on the completion of the classes.

Email or call Al Yates to confirm your attendance for the classes or any questions that are not covered by this letter. Al Yates Office 248-377-5555 or 248-628-1855. Emails: al.yates@gm.com or alyates5960@gmail.com

Please contact us for the registration form by email or phone.

Don't miss this opportunity to receive the benefits that you have earned. Benefit requirements change yearly. Come talk to us to see how they affect you. Even if you have a prior claim it is possible that your entitlement can be upgraded to a higher rating.

FROM CHAPTER 133.....

On behalf of Vietnam Veterans Chapter #133, this is to say "thank you" to all the Members and Associate Members who either attended the viewing, stood vigil at the funeral home or attended or participated in the service at Great Lakes National Cemetery for our brother, Jim Mahl.

Jim passed away on January 17, 2010.

Jim was a long-time member of this chapter, holding many Executive and Board of Director seats. In addition he served on a variety of committees, sharing his knowledge of many issues concerning our veterans.

Jim will be missed, not only for the knowledge he had but also for his special sense of humor!



Vietnam Veterans of America



Oakland County Chapter 133

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50/50 RAFFLES

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
OAKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER #133
22nd Annual 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament
Fund raiser for Chapter 133's
"Operation Christmas" Program

MYSTERY GAME
1ST & 2ND

(All monies raised will buy food for needy families at Christmas)

AIRWAY LANES
4825 HIGHLAND ROAD
WATERFORD, MICHIGAN
(Phone 248- 674-0424)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

Squad time adults only
1 P.M.

JACKPOTS
MEN & WOMEN
1ST - 2ND - 3RD GAMES

Donations \$ 20.00
Distribution \$ 6.50 Bowling
\$ 6.50 Prize Fund

OPTIONAL
DOUBLE'S
TOURNAMENT

\$7.00 VVA Chapter #133 for "Operation Christmas" baskets
\$200.00 FIRST PLACE BASED ON 100 ENTRIES
Check-in starts at 11 a.m.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

NO YEARBOOK OR

ADDRESS _____

LEAGUE AVERAGE!

CITY _____ ZIP _____

MEN-190 WOMEN 160

HANDICAP 80% OF 210 AVERAGE YOUR AVERAGE _____
Contact Ted at (248) 335-4379 or Airway Lanes (248) 674-0424

RAFFLE FOR
AMERICAN FLAG
AFGHAN

Vet's last request

Please see below.

To all of you that receive this e-mail, please forward to all vets on your e-mail list. Quite possibly someone will know how we can fulfill this final request.

There is a veteran of WWII that lives at the beach, who has contracted cancer and is going to die. He still has some time, though. He was in the 454th ordinance...27th bomber group; he was confined as a POW from April 9, 1942 until September 11, 1945; his time in service was 1941-

1946. this man is 88 years young. He was in the ARMY AIR FORCE. he was awarded three bronze stars, distinguished service medal, WWII victory Medal, purple heart, American defense service medal with 1 bronze star, American theater service medal, Asiatic pacific service medal with 2 bronze stars, Philippine liberation service medal; He was a survivor of the BATAAN DEATH MARCH. I have a copy of his papers here at my house....this is a legit request.

This veteran lost all his uniforms years ago. His final request is to find him a uniform (hopefully...dress uniform) to be buried in. He really wants to be buried in his Army Air Force uniform.

If any of you know where we just may be able to find one, please contact me at home at 843-346-2123. I do have an answering machine and will return all calls. Please don't call after 9:00 pm. Someone may have one laying around or someone may know of a uniform salvage company. any help will be deeply appreciated.

I would think, that even though there is time, we should probably work fast on this.

thanks in advance for any support you can provide.

CB Anderson
Florence, SC
843-346-2123



DETROIT TIGERS vs TEXAS RANGERS

Presented By: VFW #1370

Tuesday, July 20th, 2010

\$50.00

Per Person

Trip Includes:

- Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation*
- *Bus stocked with Bottled Water
- Lower Level Baseline Seating*
- *Hot Dog & Pop Voucher included

Trip Itinerary:

- 5:30 PM - Depart VFW #1370
- 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM - Comerica Park
- 11:00 PM - Return to VFW #1370

Reservation / Payment Deadline: 06-15-10*

*Limit 46 Seats

*\$25 Due Upon Sign-Up

For reservations, please contact
Kerri Perna at (248) 673-5943.

