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January 2, 1998

Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN, (Ret.)

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

The Vietnam Monument Commission has tasked me with locating you. Mail to you at the above address has been returned to us. As you are a member of the VMC Advisory Board, the VMC needs your current address and phone number to keep you advised of current project status.

I have enclosed the two issues of the Vietnam Monument Commission newsletter for your information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



SKC Dan Allen, Ret.
Ingham County Captain

Enclosures

*P.S. Please respond to my home address:
2630 Eaton Rapids Rd,
Lansing, MI 48911-6309*

For those who fought,
FREEDOM has a price that those
protected will never understand.

In Honor Of...

Volume 1, Issue 2

15 Years
Ago
November
1982:

'The Wall' was
Dedicated in
Washington, D.C.

32 Years Ago
November 1967:
Using string
bows, Viet cong
guerillas fire ar-
rows dipped in
rancid animal fat
at US troops
guarding the air
base at Qui Nhon.

27 Years Ago
November 1970: A
heliborne force
lands at Son Tay,
near Hanoi, in an
attempt to rescue
American POWs.
The camp is found
to be empty.

Foundation Grants Help Make Monument a Reality

Many foundations have shown their support of the Michigan Vietnam Monument by granting funds for use in the construction of the project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generous support!

Developer

Stroh Foundation

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**Michigan Council
for the Arts**

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Porter Foundation

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Endelman Foundation**

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Will the Children Remember?

The founder of America's most popular monument says "The Wall" is as powerful today as it was at its dedication 15 years ago this month. The important question is whether or not it will stand the test of time after all the veterans are no longer living. This challenge is left to each and every one of us to be sure our future citizens—today's children and their children—learn about Vietnam and other wars and avoid repeating the mistakes of the past in the future. This is the reason that every monument or memorial is important. The Michigan Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Mt. Pleasant serves that area with high dignity and reverence. The Port Huron Memorial, the nation's oldest has served that area since 1968 and was renovated with a new eternal flame last year.

In a news article last week, five youth aged 13-18, whose family lost someone in Vietnam, were asked about their thoughts. The overall common feeling was that young people today are not educated about what went on in Vietnam and what it means for our nation today and tomorrow. The Michigan Vietnam Monument, when completed next year, will stand in a unique location to serve this very urgent need. Almost every weekday, busloads of school children arrive to visit our Capitol and the nearby Michigan Historical Library and Museum. When our job is done next fall they will see our beautiful parklike setting and have a new way to learn about Vietnam. This educational legacy will allow the healing of our people to continue.

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Donor Giving Levels & Benefits Announced

The black columns headed "We Remember" like the one below list the names of the 2,649 from Michigan lost in Vietnam.



MICHIGAN VIETNAM MONUMENT COMMISSION Donor Giving Levels & Benefits

<i>Star</i>	\$26.49	Copper Star
<i>Supporter</i>	\$26.50-\$499	Certificate & Copper Star
<i>Leader</i>	\$500-2,648	Wooden Plaque & Copper Star
<i>Benefactor</i>	\$2,649-\$9,999	Framed Rendering & Copper Star
<i>Developer</i>	\$10,000+	Special Recognition at Dedication; Framed Rendering & Copper Star
<i>Stakeholder</i>	Top Ten Donors	Rendering Signed by President Ford (President Carter & other Advisory Board Members if possible)

We Remember:

Ronald John Binkowski
 Charles Wesley Bird
 Thomas Eddy Birdsall
 James Evarl Blaauw
 Ralph Roland Black
 William Edward Blackmer
 Johnny Blackmon
 Ronald Ray Blacksmith
 Howard Blandino
 Richard L. Blaskowski
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A Tribute in Song to Michigan Vietnam Veterans

\$2.00 from each tape sold goes to the Michigan Vietnam Monument Fund

Ron F. Doddy & Associates, Vietnam Veterans Recognition Division, has released two songs "2649" and "Memorial Day" on cassette tape. This tape is available for \$5.30 plus shipping and handling charges of \$1.20 for the first tape and \$.60 for each additional tape shipped to the same address. Make checks payable to: **Ron F. Doddy & Associates**. Mail to: Vietnam Veterans Recognition Project, PO Box 1805, Bay City, MI 48706.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____

Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Tapes	\$ _____
Shipping	\$ _____
MI Sales Tax 6%	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

There are over 58,000 names engraved
on the National Vietnam
Veterans Memorial.

Poetic Views

We Remember:

George Walter Boulware
Nelson Joseph Bourdage
Donald George Bousley
Edward James Bova
Paul Clayton Bovan
Charles E. Bovinette
Ralph Edward Bowen
James Terry Bowens
Howard James Bower Jr.
Bruce Elliot Bowers
Danny Ward Bowers
Brickie Bowman Jr.
David Frank Bowman
James Lavern Bowman
Joseph George Bowman Jr.
Paul Barkley Bowman
Tommy Ray Bowman
Don Gaynor Boyd
Thomas Michael Boyer
Jose Julio Boyless
Curtiss Edward Braatz
Thomas Johnson Bradford
Martee Bradley Jr.
Robert Neal Bradley
Robert Timothy Bradley
David Allen Bradshaw
Joseph James Brady
John Edward Braid
Daniel Allan Brancheau
Francis Emil Brancheau II
Thomas Richard Brand
Tommie Brandon
Fredrick Keith Brandt
Roy Lee Branham
David Craig Brannon
Dave William Brant
Justin Paul Brda
Clifford Lynn Breeden Jr.
Eugene Breeding Jr.
John Willis Brewer Jr.
Delbert Ellery Brimmer
Larry Howard Brinkey
Kenneth Lee Brinks
Milton Donald Britton

Remember Me

by *Charlie-2*
Copyright © 1997

We littered the field
with blood-soaked bodies
some dead, some dying
all with the spirit of America!

Some with gaping holes
many without limbs
we made the sacrifice
for you

Waking
with tears in my eyes
holding back the pain
reaching for someone
to hold me -
no one is there

I am so alone
like so many Veterans
who need someone
to understand

Did we die
for Freedom's sake
only to be forgotten
Please
remember me

We now have a monument
just over the horizon
I can see it
a little every day -
it has my name on it

It says "I love you"
"We love you"
in so many ways
Please build it
for us
show us you still care
in so many ways
we were always there

Remember me.

Uncommon Valor and Remembrance

For our American Brothers 1997
By *DeVonne Voydanoff*

SAIGON
[HO CHI MINH CITY]

gateway to the abyss of Hell
black thunder raining
torrid flames with passionate
phantoms - come and go
bombs blazing, melting skin
like paraffin under burning coals
bodies touched
running touched
screams touched

from earthen bowels
riding on a Pale Horse, the smiling
Grim Reaper's face, sickle in hand
sweeping across the land
blankets of Agent Orange
cover the earth
cover our Brothers
Mother Earth drinking sanguinously into
her bosom
the earth saturated with crimson tears
APOCALYPTIC
why, OH government, were they sent
for glory?
playing war games?
using our brothers, husbands, sons,
in their prime - PAWNS - for
the glory of the flag?

denial - denial - denial
what war?
there was no declared war!

what price for the flag?
mothers weep
fathers weep
wives weep
our American Brothers weep
sisters and brothers mourn
children orphaned
America tormented
black vessels enshroud our Brothers
in silent space
there were 58,202 black vessels
coming home to America
2,649 black vessels
coming home to Michigan
to their families, friends
loved, adored - forevermore

old glory - old glory
wave forever old glory
the Michigan Vietnam Monument
erected
to erase pain

to rub out guilt
to unite the broken circle
insurmountable volcanic pain
slicing
away at our hearts
burning fiery etchings of names
into the wall
into our hearts
into our souls
old glory - old glory -
wave forever old glory
icy black wall
no glory - no waving
only silence of uncommon valor
and remembrance

survivors of
scarlet across the moon
fire on the sun
take the gift
live the gift
for those who cannot
mercy given in
unchained absolution

fly with wild geese
climb mountains
touch their tops
suck the honey from the bee
swim with dolphins
learn their songs
catch the star that
shines only for you
dare to dream
live the dream

About the Authors

Charlie-2 lives in Michigan
and is a Vietnam Veteran
who suffers from Post-
traumatic Stress Disorder.
He is the last surviving mem-
ber of his 218 commission-
ing class as of December
1987. Many were killed dur-
ing Vietnam; many have died
since. He has written a book
of poetry D.E.R.O.S. which
you will find available on
Page 5.

★★★

DeVonne Voydanoff is the
previous Macomb County
Captain who has been
forced into retirement due to
illness. She continues when
able to promote this project.

Letters from Donors...

Veterans' Day we learned of the sacrifices made in wars past on our behalf. The following day we learned from the Detroit Free Press of your original idea to honor Michigan men and women who were injured and died in the Vietnam War. As a class we decided to help build a memorial to these young men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to do what was asked of them by our government to help keep America free and provide that opportunity to others. We decided that we would try to collect 2649 pennies, to remember penny by penny each person who did not come back from this recent war. We thought about asking our mothers and fathers for pennies, looking in the couch and pockets of coats in the closet and then other forgotten places where pennies might be. Within six days we had in our classroom 2649 pennies that I took to the bank and translated into a check. Here is our contribution to help build this memorial to people we will never know, but from pennies we could find and give, if we cared. We did. Accept our check knowing that we 27 children and teacher will one day come to Lansing and be able to see what we helped be remembered.

With recognition and LOVE,
Mrs. Havens 3rd Grade Class
Eastside School

One woman from Michigan was lost in Vietnam, Hedwig Diane Orlowski, a nurse from Hamtramck.

Dear John,

I just read your letter which was attached to the request for donations for the Michigan Vietnam Monument. The letter asks us to think about things that the fallen and missing Michigan serviceman missed in later life. You mentioned that these teenagers or young 20s men would now have been late 40s or early 50s. As it turns out I will turn 50 in about two weeks. I served with the Air Force as a helicopter crew chief on Jolly Green Giants in 1969 and 1970 out of Da Nang RVN.

I want to donate one dollar for each year I have been allowed to live and in memory of those who did not survive or have not yet come home.

My prayers go out to their loved ones.

My thanks to you for your efforts,

David

We Remember:

James Barrett Brock
Everett Lewis Brocks
Edward Lewis Bromley
Charles Allen Brooks
David T. Brooks
Larry Eugene Brooks
Randy Dale Brosnan
Danny Ray Brotz
Albert Lee Brown
Charles Patrick Brown
David Alan Brown
David Peter Brown
Jimmie Donovan Brown
Joseph M. Brown
Max Eugene Brown, Jr.
Robert Lee Brown
Syres Mattson Brown
Warren Gene Brown
William Arthur Brown
William Lennington Brown
Lancaster Brown-Bey
Richard Allen Brueck
Peter Brum
David Kenneth Bruning
Gary Lee Bruske
James Michael Bryan
Larry Michael Bryan
Robert Lamarr Bryan
Charles Paul Bryant Jr.
Ronald William Bryant
William Maud Bryant
Terry Wayne Buckler
Louis Buckley Jr.
Paul Joseph Buczolic
Florran Anthony Bugni Jr.
Daniel Scott Bukala
Roger Dean Bullfant
Thomas Edward Bump
Donald Royce Bumstead
Wilfried Burck
Douglas John Burdick
John Lawrence Burgess
Scott M. Burgess
Gene Michael Burkell

We appreciate any size donation.
*** Every dollar brings us closer to making this memorial a reality. ***

I would like to help build the Michigan Vietnam Monument, too. Here's my donation:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Please make checks payable to the
Michigan Vietnam Monument Fund and send to:
611 West Ottawa, 3rd Floor, Lansing, MI 48913. Thank you.

CC# _____

Signature: _____

\$26.49 for 1 Copper Star

\$52.98 for 2 Copper Stars

\$79.47 for 3 Copper Stars

Other _____

Please charge my Credit Card:

VISA or MasterCard
(circle one)

Expires _____

Call Your County Captain



Share your ideas or offer your time.
Below are some ideas of what
you can do to help

These individuals have volunteered as County Captains for the Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission.

Alpena County	Richard Hampsher
Baraga County	Michael Chosa
Bay County	Ladd Perreault
Berrien County	Donald Oliva
Clinton County	Dan Allen (51)
Chippewa County	Joseph Coullard (9)
Delta County	Dennis Grall
Dickinson County	William Buckman (1)
Eaton County	Willie Mustafa
Emmet County	Charlie Miller (1)
Emmet County	Williard Bearss (1)
Gladwin County	Thomas Alward
Gogebic County	Jim King (906) 9
Huron County	Harley Rich (810)
Ingham County	Dan Allen (517)
Ionia County	Ronald Elston (5)
Kalamazoo County	Ron Kiracofe (61)
Kent County	Lou Hoos (1)
Livingston County	Gerald Joslin
Marquette County	Lloyd Black (5)
Mason County	Roger Tominski
Mecosta County	Richard Carley (1)
Montcalm County	Hugh Roberts (5)
Muskegon County	David Justian (6)
Newaygo County	Earl Tefft (1)
Oakland County	David Laycock (1)
Ogemaw County	Yves Hamel (51)
Ottawa County	Thomas O'Malley (1)
Otsego County	Ernie Grocock
Presque Isle County	Albert Schaudt
Roscommon County	Dan Post (517)
Saginaw County	Richard Kryza (517)
Sanilac County	Hugh Rich (810) 6
Shiawassee County	Charles Spring
St. Clair County	Charles Fettes
St. Joseph County	Anthony Falbe
Tuscola County	Dennyce C. Barrett
Van Buren County	Ron Kiracofe
Washtenaw County	Larry Stalker (1)
Wayne County	Richard Eberhart (3)

County Captain Activities

Does your town or city support the VMC? During the past two months many County Captains have been meeting with Mayors from various municipalities to explain to them our mission. Many have responded very positively and are giving their support to the project in many ways:

★Proclamations supporting the project in their localities.

★Distributing brochures within city government and placing posters in public locations.

★Some municipalities have made donations and many Mayors have purchased their own Copper Star.

★Helping to get the word to the public in their areas.

If you would like to help get your municipality involved, contact your County Captain at left or call the Commission at 1-800-492-2649.

We Remember:

Joseph Burkes
Douglas McArthur Burnett
William Robert Burnett
James Larry Burney
Lee Ervin Burnor
Howard Michael Burns
George Harry Burrell
Ted William Burroughs Jr.
Walter Dennis Buschietter
Lee Randall Bush
William Dean Bushard
Donald Richard Bushong
Larry Russell Busick
Donald Gene Busse
Joseph Busuttill
Larry Duane Butgereit
Charles Lewis Butler
Dennis Lee Butler
Gerald Eugene Butler
Gerald Thomas Butler
Harry William Butler
Robert A. Butterfield
David Buursma
Lawrence J. Bynowski III
Melvin John Byers
Duane Jacob Cabala
Carl Henry Caccia
Bruce Wayman Cade
Douglas Michael Cade
Michael Alexander Caffey
Daniel Francis Cahill
Robert Daniel Cain
Hugh Pinson Caldwell Jr.
Joseph Calhoun
Patrick Richard Callahan
James Luther Cameron
William Burr Cameron
David Graham Campbell
Donald A. Campbell
George Lee Campbell
George Samuel Campbell
Stanley Claus Campbell
Victor Joel Canales
Jesse Deforest Canfield

Macomb County Captain
H. DeVonne Voydanoff
poses near her booth with
Veterans from the Bay
City Area at the VVA
Chapter 154 Freedom
Hill Picnic in June 1997



Supporters of the Michigan Vietnam Monument Project

100% of profits go to the Monument!



Connie and Mike Allen formed the Supporters of the Michigan Vietnam Project years ago and have worked ever since providing a line of high quality merchandise to support the construction of the Michigan Vietnam Monument in Lansing. Not only do they travel at every opportunity to display and sell products; they also make them available to the Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission and their County Captains to market in their efforts toward raising funds to complete the project by November 1998. This is a labor of love and 100% of the profits from the merchandise sales are contributed to the Michigan Vietnam Monument Fund.

Connie and Mike are currently working on the design and production of a new t-shirt which will depict an actual portion of the monument as it will look when completed. Be sure to watch for details of this new item as it becomes available.

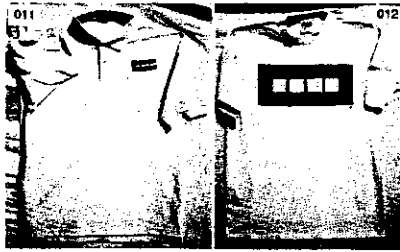
Several of the County Captains sell this merchandise to raise

funds for the monument in their County. Gross Sales by County Captains as of August 1997:

- Wayne County - Richard Eberhart - \$13,196.51
- Sanilac County - Harley Rich - \$5,220.09
- Macomb County - DeVonne Voydanoff - \$686.74
- Ingham County - Dan Allen - \$511.50
- Dickinson County - Bill Buckman - \$326.36

These figures are not shown in the recap from the Commission included in this newsletter as they are paid directly to the Supporters. Connie and Mike then replenish stock, create new and contribute the profits in the form of cash and items which the Commission needs to complete its mission. They have contributed over \$20,000.

Thanks Connie and Mike! We couldn't do it without you!



CUT HERE

Mailing Address: _____ Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: () _____

Send order to:
Supporters of the Michigan Vietnam Monument Project
 c/o P.O. Box 5063
 Warren, MI 48090-5063
 (810) 756-9474

CUT HERE

Item#	Size	Product	T-Shirt Color	Back-ground Color	Qty.	Price	Amount

Type of Payment: _____ Subtotal _____
 Check # _____ Postage/Handling \$3.50
 Money _____ Rush Service \$3.00
 Order # _____ Mi Sales Tax 6%
 No Cash Please Total _____

*100% of the profits are directly donated to the monument.
 **All productions are American made and union printed.

007 Star Cap: \$15.00

Tan Only. Full twill 5-panel cap, embroidered with a copper star design and the number 2,649 in white in the middle of the star. The words Michigan Vietnam Monument are embroidered around the star. Very dressy! Matches Star Polo.

008 Pin Cap: \$15.00

Gray only. Full twill 5-panel cap embroidered with the words Michigan Monument and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. Matches Pin Polo.

009 Star Polo: \$30.00

Natural only. 50/50 10oz. knit King Louie Polo with 2 button neck. No pocket. Copper Star embroidered with the number 2,649 in white in the middle of the star. Very dressy! Matches the Star Cap. Note: sizes run very large, recommend order one size smaller. S-XL (XXL - ADD \$2) (XXXL - ADD \$4) (XXXXL - ADD \$6)

010 Star Tee \$ 18.00

Light Ash only. 7 oz. preshrunk 100% cotton King Louie Tee with 3 button neck. (See description for Star Polo) M-XL (XXL - ADD \$2) (XXXL - ADD \$4) (XXXXL - ADD \$6)

011 Pin Polo \$30.00

Light tan only. 50/50 10 oz. pocket knit King Louie Polo with 2 button neck. Michigan Monument with the Vietnam Campaign ribbon embroidered above the pocket. Very dressy! Matches the Pin Cap. Note: Sizes run very large, recommend order one size smaller. S-XL (XXL - ADD \$2) (XXXL - ADD \$4) (XXXXL - ADD \$6)

012 Pin Tee: \$15.00

Ash only 7 oz. preshrunk 100% cotton tee. Silkscreened with the words Michigan Monument and Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. M-XL (XXL - ADD \$2) (XXXL - ADD \$4) (XXXXL - ADD \$6)

013 Map Tee: \$12.00

Blue only with white print. Lee Brand 100% preshrunk cotton silkscreened with the outline of the State of Michigan and each County within the State. The numbers in each county represent the number of Michigan residents who were killed in Vietnam from that county. The name of the county is half-toned in the background. The words "2,649 Michigan Residents Made the Ultimate Sacrifice for You" completes the design. S-XL (XXL - ADD \$2) (XXXL - ADD \$4) (XXXXL - ADD \$6)

014 Map Tee: \$12.00

Blue only with white print. Lee Brand 100% preshrunk cotton silkscreened with the outline of the State of Michigan and each County within the State. The numbers of each county represent the number of Michigan Residents who were killed in Vietnam from that county. The name of the county is half-toned in the background. The words "All Gave Some" "2,649 Gave All" completes the design. S-XL (XXL - ADD \$2) (XXXL - ADD \$4) (XXXXL - ADD \$6)

Vietnam Monument Commission
c/o Michigan Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs
611 West Ottawa Street, 3rd Floor
Lansing, MI 48913

In Honor Of...



Mailing
Address
Goes
Here

Find us on the WEB
<http://www.2649.org>

Please feel free to reproduce any portion of this newsletter.

Thanks to Arrow Swift Printing of Mason, Michigan for their donation toward printing of this newsletter!

For more information or to help with
this project call 1-800-492-2649.

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USN (Retired)

*Shop here for
Christmas*



*Books,
Tapes,
CDs,
Shirts,
Caps and more while
you help build the
Monument. . .*

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The healing must continue for all who were touched by Vietnam.

In Honor Of...

Volume 1, Issue 1

32
Years
Ago
March
1965:

America begins accelerated bombing of military targets in North Vietnam with 100 U.S. Jets "Operation Rolling Thunder"

29 Years Ago
March 1968:

At Tan Son Nhut 48 men of U.S. 25th Infantry Division are killed in ambush—one of the costliest ambushes of the war.

28 Years Ago
April 1969:

U.S. Troops in Vietnam peak at 543,400.

House Passes SBT Credit & Individual Income Tax Check-Off

The Michigan House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a Single Business Tax Credit (HB4041) the last week of February with a 98-3 vote. "This legislation, coupled with a voluntary income tax checkoff, will allow Michigan's citizens to give what they can to honor those who fought and died in Vietnam," said Speaker of the House Curtis Hertel. "Many of us had a family member, friend or neighbor fight in Vietnam. It's time our state came together to give something back." The legislation, sponsored by Representative Kirk Profit, allows a business credit of up to \$5,000 against their Single Business Tax when they make a donation to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Fund. The fund was created in 1988 by the Legislature to construct a monument

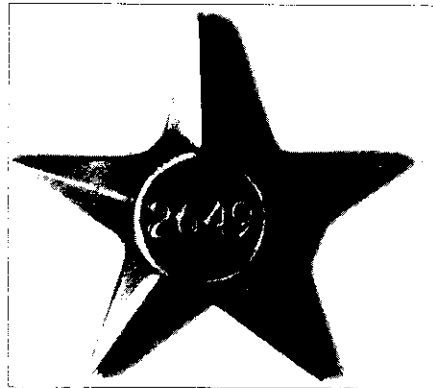
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Vietnam Monument Progress Report

In July 1988, Representative Sal Rocca sponsored and Governor Jim Blanchard signed into effect a law providing for a Vietnam Monument to be built at the Capitol in Lansing to honor those who served. It was required that the memorial be built with donations. In March 1990, the Vietnam Monument Commission appointments were made, nine individuals agreed to be volunteers to complete the work necessary to make the monument a reality. In early 1992, there was a veto of a bill estab-

lishing the site for construction and the Vietnam Monument Commission was challenged to find a better location. Mid 1992, new legislation, drafted by Representative DeMars and Senator

DiNello, was signed into law by Governor Engler creating an All Veterans Memorial Park and establishing the exact location for



"Penny a Life" brings your Copper Star Pin for \$26.49

construction of the memorial monument. The act also gave the Commission authority over funds raised

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and deposited in the State Treasury. Additional acreage remains in the proposed All Veterans Park for future use. The Vietnam Monument is to be the first memorial located in the new park. A National Design contest brought 500 entries and on March 19, 1993 a winning design was chosen by a jury and ratified by the Commission. Fall of 1995 saw the transfer of the Veterans Trust Fund Office to the Department of Military Affairs and language recognizing the spending authority was added to the Department's Budget. In the winter of 1996, plans for comprehensive fundraising began and on Veterans Day the "Penny a Life" campaign developed by Bozell Worldwide Inc. was launched. In December 1996 a contract was finalized to obtain fundraising assistance needed to move forward. Also

in December, Governor Engler was presented with a "Penny a Life" Copper Star Medal for his \$26.49 donation to the project. County Captain volunteers have been recruited, trained and the fundraising effort is now in full swing. These are quite significant accomplishments for a group of volunteers serving over 7 years without staff. The VMC anticipates beating the average for state monument projects which has been 10-12 years.

In preparation for Veterans Day 1997, a scaled model of the Monument may be erected on the site. Dedication is being planned for fall 1998. We hope to see you there!

On the WEB... <http://www.2649.org>



Now you can locate information regarding the Michigan Vietnam Monument Memorial on the World Wide Web. Go to our

site to find such topics as:

- About the 2649
- Turn the Numbers Back Into Names
- The Monument as it Looks Today
- About Vietnam

- The Veterans Point of View
- Locate a Veteran
- Make the Pledge

A very special portion of the sight is "Pen Pal with a Veteran." Our commissioners will be available to communicate via email from the Web with those who have questions. It is intended that this will offer a unique opportunity for school children to communicate directly with Vietnam Veterans.

VMC WISH LIST - Computer Equipment Needed

Can you help? The Vietnam Monument Commission has obtained parts for five used 486 computers from the state surplus which will be used by commissioners to go on-line and be accessible via our Web site at <http://www.2649.org>. We have the processing units and monitors but are still looking for five each of keyboards, mouse and modems to make them whole. If you

have any of these parts in good condition or know someone who might be willing to donate them, please contact the Commission via Christina Riddle, Project Coordinator at:

1-800-492-2649

Your help is appreciated!

The black columns headed "We Remember" like the one below list the names of the 2,649 from Michigan lost in Vietnam.

We Remember:

Leo Bert Abramowski
James Patrick Achterhoff
Leonard Michael Ackerman
Maxie Edward Ackerman
Gerald Richard Acton
Clarence Mattue Adams
David Lee Adams
David Lee Adams
David Vernon Adams
Larry Adams
Paul Vernon Adams
Donald Bruce Adamson
Dwight I. Ade
David Lee Aerts
David Keith Aeschliman
George Vernon Airey Jr.
William Clark Airlie
Charles Byron Alandt
Donald Norman Albertson
Robert Allen Albertson
Ronald Dale Albertson
Michael Edward Alderson
William Lee Alexander
James Vincent Alfred
William Richard Altredson
Richard Michael Allard
Larrie Cornelius Allen
Lyle Ernest Allen Jr.
Richard James Allen
Terrance W. Allen
William John Allen
Bernardo Rodrigue Alvarez
Ronald Edward Ames
John Royle Anders
Barry Frank Andersen
John Keith Anderson
John Perry Anderson
Richard Meridith Anderson
Robert Dale Anderson
Warren Leroy Anderson
Dale Charles Andrews
Carl Joseph Andrus
Tommy Ray Angel
Donald Edward Angerman

"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

More County Captains Needed

We Remember:

Adrain James Anglim
Samuel Frederick Ankney
Thomas Richard Annis
John Frederick Anthony
David Antol
Leslie George Aputen
Carl Francis Arbogast Jr.
Reynaldo Arenas
Daniel Michael Arizmendez
Louis George Washington
Arnold
Robert William Arnold
Carl Robert Arvin
Donnie Dewayne Asbury
Dave Edward Ashford
Douglas Paul Atkins
Matthew David Atkins III
Robert Louis Atkinson Jr.
Edward Paul Austin
Ellis Ernest Austin
Glenn Frederic Austin
Scotty Gene Austin
Victor Leroy Austin
Gerald Lawrence Avery
Ralph Lee Avery
Joseph William Axford
George Herman Ayala
Randal Ray Aylworth
Richard Charles Bachert
William Edward Bader
Randall Thomas Baer
David Orin Bailey
John J. Bailey
Bruce Arnold Bain
Albert Franklin Baird
Bobby Gene Baker
Harry E. Baker Jr.
Jerry Baker
Philip Kenneth Baker
Ruston Lee Baker
Thomas Harry Baker
William Emanuel Baker
Larry Neil Bakke
Lindsay David Baldoni

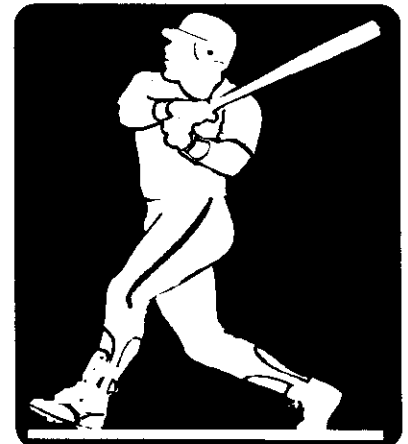
Our County Captains are a very special breed of volunteers. They donate their time, resources and effort toward getting information about this project out to people in their own communities. During February and March, they spent time becoming more familiar with the project details and resources available to them by attending a one-day training session. These sessions were held in Marquette, Muskegon, Bay City, Lansing and Detroit.

Following is a listing of the counties that we still need to have a representative in—call us at headquarters 800-492-2649 if you can help. We have clerical staff and many resources available to make your job easier.

Alcona County
Alger County
Allegan County
Alpena County
Antrim County
Arenac County
Barry County
Benzie County
Branch County
Calhoun County
Cass County
Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County
Clare County
Genesee County
Grand Traverse County
Griatiot County
Hillsdale County
Houghton County
Iosco County
Iron County
Isabella County
Jackson County
Kaikaska County
Keweenaw County
Lake County
Leelanau County
Livingston County
Luce County

Mackinac County
Manistee County
Marquette County
Menominee County
Missaukee County
Monroe County
Montmorency County
Oceana County
Ontonagon County
Osceola County
Oscoda County
Ottawa County
Otsego County
Schoolcraft County
Wexford County

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Like Baseball?
See Page 7

Detroit Tiger Tickets Order Form on Page 7

Planning to attend any Tigers games this season?

Purchase your tickets for them through the Vietnam Monument Commission and \$4.00 from each ticket ordered will be donated by the Tigers to our building fund. It's simple to order. A form is included in this newsletter. Just fill it out and send a check or you may charge it to

your Visa or Mastercard. *Orders must be received 2 weeks prior to your selected game.*

The 1997 Home Schedule is listed on the right side of the form for your reference. Take someone to the ball game and help remember those who served in Vietnam while your there. Order early to get your first choice of games.

Letters from Donors...

Hello, my name is Michael Nacy. My father died in Vietnam. I never got to meet him (my father). I was not born yet. I was looking through a copy of the Detroit News and came across an article about the Michigan Vietnam Monument. I thought the article was great and I would like to make a donation toward the building of the Michigan Vietnam Monument. Not only do I think you guys appreciate the donation but, my dad probably would, too. My fathers name: Jon O. Nacy I.
P.S. I think the monument will be great for the State of Michigan.

Michael

★★★

Please accept the enclosed check for \$52.98 as a donation to the Michigan Vietnam Monument Fund. My husband and I were lucky enough not to know anyone closely who perished in that war, but realize the 2,649 veterans do need to be remembered. Good luck with your project.

Vicki

★★★

My brother and I both returned from Vietnam. One of my friends did not. Here's \$79.47 from us.

Gerard

**We appreciate any size donation.
Every dollar brings us closer to
making this memorial a reality.**

Each donor who gives \$26.49 will receive a Copper Star Pin and this bi-monthly newsletter.



SBT Tax Deduction

(Continued from Page 1)

honoring the 2,649 Michigan Veterans who were lost and the over 400,000 who served in Vietnam. The credit would be equal to 50 percent of any business contribution to the fund. This bill will now go to the Senate for action. A companion bill, also introduced by Rep. Profit, for a voluntary income tax check off (HB4357) unanimously passed the House and is waiting for Senate action.

2,649

We Remember:

Charles Leroy Baldwin
Henry Philip Baldwin
Harrison Bruce Ball
Timothy J. Ballinger
Louis Robert Balog
John Francis Bankowski
James C. Banks
Richard Steven Banks
Russell Reid Bannister
Richard Joseph Barber
Ronald Richard Barcalow
Michael Bard
Peter Lino Barili
Greg Allen Barker
Kirk Owen Barkley
Jeffrey Lawrence Barlow
David W. Barnaby
Gale Lynn Barnes
George Lee Barnes
James Alan Barnes
Jimmy O'Neal Barnes
William Carel Barnes Jr.
George Patrick Barrett
Stanley Foster Barrett
David William Barrus
Bruce George Barth
Alan Keith Barton
William Thomas Bass Jr.
Paul G. Bast
Charles Henry Batozynski
Darrell Gene Battin
James Frederick Baucom
Robert Lewis Bauer
Robert Joseph Bawal
John Stanley Baxter
Dean L. Beach
Leo Albert Beach Jr.
Michael Allen Beals
Terry Hugh Beardslee
William Burdon Beardsley
Thomas William Beatty
Albert Allen Beauchamp
John Douglas Beaver
Wesley Beaver

I would like to help build the Michigan Vietnam Monument, too. Here's my donation:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

*Please make checks payable to the
Michigan Vietnam Monument Fund and send to:
611 West Ottawa, 3rd Floor, Lansing, MI 48913. Thank you.*

CC# _____

Signature: _____

\$26.49 for 1 Copper Star

\$52.98 for 2 Copper Stars

\$79.47 for 3 Copper Stars

Other _____

Please charge my Credit Card:

VISA or MasterCard
(circle one)

Donations may be made by Visa or
Master Card by calling 1-800-492-2649

Progress Update

Fundraising Goals By County as of 05/08/97

County	# Who Died		Goal		County	# Who Died		Goal	
	By County	% of Total	for County	Raised to Date		By County	% of Total	for County	Raised to Date
Alcona	10	0.38%	\$4,907.51	\$111.49	Lenawee	35	1.32%	\$17,176.29	\$796.92
Alger	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$0.00	Livingston	7	0.26%	\$3,435.26	\$1,368.82
Allegan	35	1.32%	\$17,176.29	\$342.96	Luce	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$50.00
Alpena	11	0.42%	\$5,398.26	\$145.96	Mackinac	2	0.08%	\$981.50	\$52.49
Antrim	4	0.15%	\$1,963.00	\$81.49	Macomb	132	4.98%	\$64,779.16	\$32,647.70
Arenac	2	0.08%	\$981.50	\$62.98	Manistee	10	0.38%	\$4,907.51	\$120.00
Baraga	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$151.49	Marquette	11	0.42%	\$5,398.26	\$482.88
Barry	4	0.15%	\$1,963.00	\$992.15	Mason	4	0.15%	\$1,963.00	\$1,432.88
Bay	29	1.09%	\$14,231.79	\$1,067.39	Mecosta	13	0.49%	\$6,379.77	\$98.49
Benzie	2	0.08%	\$981.50	\$51.49	Menominee	11	0.42%	\$5,398.26	\$216.49
Berrien	47	1.77%	\$23,065.31	\$571.94	Midland	18	0.68%	\$8,833.52	\$557.45
Branch	11	0.42%	\$5,398.26	\$200.00	Missaukee	2	0.08%	\$981.50	\$52.98
Calhoun	40	1.51%	\$19,630.05	\$1,022.43	Monroe	43	1.62%	\$21,102.30	\$672.84
Cass	17	0.64%	\$8,342.77	\$46.49	Montcalm	20	0.76%	\$9,815.02	\$910.43
Charlevoix	9	0.34%	\$4,416.76	\$1,782.84	Montmorency	4	0.15%	\$1,963.00	\$312.43
Cheboygan	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$122.98	Muskegon	56	2.11%	\$27,482.07	\$1,299.98
Chippewa	14	0.53%	\$6,870.52	\$3,142.98	Newaygo	12	0.45%	\$5,889.01	\$229.47
Clare	8	0.30%	\$3,926.01	\$104.47	Oakland	238	8.98%	\$116,798.79	\$21,793.30
Clinton	12	0.45%	\$5,889.01	\$907.41	Oceana	4	0.15%	\$1,963.00	\$100.00
Crawford	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$132.45	Ogemaw	3	0.11%	\$1,472.25	\$529.47
Delta	13	0.49%	\$6,379.77	\$367.88	Ontonagon	8	0.30%	\$3,926.01	\$100.00
Dickinson	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$89.47	Osceola	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$510.43
Eaton	26	0.98%	\$12,759.53	\$1,505.76	Oscoda	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$439.00
Emmet	4	0.15%	\$1,963.00	\$1,553.61	Otsego	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$160.96
Genesee	144	5.44%	\$70,668.18	\$6,535.79	Otawawa	22	0.83%	\$10,796.53	\$1,116.92
Gladwin	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$165.00	Presque Isle	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$36.49
Gogebic	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$25.00	Roscommon	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$200.96
Grand Traverse	14	0.53%	\$6,870.52	\$1,438.45	Saginaw	53	2.00%	\$26,009.82	\$904.84
Gratiot	17	0.64%	\$8,342.77	\$181.49	Sanilac	9	0.34%	\$4,416.76	\$179.49
Hillsdale	12	0.45%	\$5,889.01	\$209.47	Schoolcraft	2	0.08%	\$981.50	\$102.98
Houghton	16	0.60%	\$7,852.02	\$308.94	Shiawassee	14	0.53%	\$6,870.52	\$1,155.87
Huron	12	0.45%	\$5,889.01	\$4,551.39	St. Clair	45	1.70%	\$22,083.81	\$3,421.52
Ingham	70	2.64%	\$34,352.59	\$11,984.66	St. Joseph	16	0.60%	\$7,852.02	\$686.47
Ionia	13	0.49%	\$6,379.77	\$137.98	Tuscola	15	0.57%	\$7,361.27	\$349.60
Iosco	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$276.49	Van Buren	20	0.76%	\$9,815.02	\$202.98
Iron	6	0.23%	\$2,944.51	\$62.98	Washtenaw	67	2.53%	\$32,880.33	\$2,887.60
Isabella	7	0.26%	\$3,435.26	\$70.00	Wayne	815	30.77%	\$399,962.25	\$72,068.43
Jackson	47	1.77%	\$23,065.31	\$484.37	Wexford	8	0.30%	\$3,926.01	\$202.98
Kalamazoo	54	2.04%	\$26,500.57	\$1,843.94	Out of State				\$9,350.90
Kalkaska	5	0.19%	\$2,453.76	\$126.49					
Kent	127	4.79%	\$62,325.41	\$3,874.56					
Keweenaw	1	0.04%	\$490.75	\$0.00					
Lake	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$26.49					
Lapeer	19	0.72%	\$9,324.27	\$277.98					
Leelanau	2	0.08%	\$981.50	\$81.49					
Totals	2649	100.00%	\$1,300,000.00	\$205,024.51					

**Analysis based on \$1,300,000 goal. In-kind donations not included.

NOTICE

In future issues we may
recognize our donors.

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name published please fill out this
coupon and return to:

Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission
611 West Ottawa, 3rd Floor
Lansing, MI 48913

Please do not include my name in any publications.

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Phone _____

Call Your County Captain



These individuals have volunteered as County Captains for the Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission.

Baraga County
Bay County
Berrien County
Clinton County
Chippewa County
Crawford County
Delta County
Dickinson County
Eaton County
Emmet County
Emmet County
Gladwin County
Gogebic County
Huron County
Ingham County
Ionia County
Kalamazoo County
Kent County
Lapeer County
Macomb County
Mason County
Mecosta County
Midland County
Montcalm County
Muskegon County
Newaygo County
Oakland County
Ogemaw County
Presque Isle County
Roscommon County
Saginaw County
Sanilac County
Shiawassee County
St. Clair County
St. Joseph County
Tuscola County
Van Buren County
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Wayne County

Michael Chosa
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Joseph Coullard (517)
Joseph Goniea (517)
Dennis Grall
William Buckman
Willie Mustafa (517)
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Williard Bearss (517)
Thomas Alward (517)
Jim King
Harley Rich
Dan Allen (517)
Ronald Elston
Ron Kiracofe (616)
Lou Hoos (616)
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DeVonne Voydanoff
Roger Tominski
Richard Carley (517)
Jeff Eagle (617)
Hugh Roberts (517)
David Justian (517)
Earl Tefft (616)
David Laycock
Yves Hamel (517)
Albert Schaudt
Dan Post (517)
Richard Kryza (517)
Harley Rich (810)
Charles Spring
Charles Fettes
Anthony Falbe
Dennyce C. Barrett (517)
Ron Kiracofe
Larry Stalker (517)
Richard Eberhart (313)

These people would love to hear from you!

Share your ideas or offer your time.
Below are some ideas of what
you can do to help

How YOU Can Help

by Charlie Miller,
Emmet County Captain

♦ Monetary Donations ♦ Fundraisers

Encourage employee donations with paycheck stuffers, brochure mailings and matching donations. Challenge competitors to raise funds. Keep a donation container in the employee break room for change. Hold events and share the proceeds.

♦ Display Posters & Brochures

Keep brochures and/or mailer on premises to encourage participation and public awareness.

♦ In-Kind Donations

Provide services and supplies such as printing, business cards, copies, laminating, mounting or framing posters, renderings etc. Donate space at craft shows, business expos, home shows, sports shows. Donate advertising space in newsletters or papers, or airtime on television or radio.

♦ Volunteer time

Help distribute information to local groups or assist at an event.

♦ Use Your Imagination!!

We Remember:

Wayne Richard Bebo
Barry J. Becannen
Glen Ray Beck
Tommy Joe Becker
Ronald Lee Beckett
Robert Charles Beckman
Harry Medlor Beckwith III
Larry Dwayne Beebe
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Gary Richard Berg
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It's easy to make donations to help build the Vietnam Monument. Simply dial 1-800-492-2649. The operator can assist you in making your contribution by using a current Visa or Mastercard. You will also be asked to provide your name and address so that your donation may be properly acknowledged by the Commission and allow us to provide you with progress reports as the project moves forward. We appreciate your support!

Vietnam Monument Commission
 c/o Michigan Department of Military Affairs
 611 West Ottawa Street
 Lansing, MI 48913



In Honor Of...

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 ★ **COUNTY CAPTAIN** ★
 ★ **VOLUNTEERS** ★
 ★ **NEEDED...** (See Page 3) ★
 ★ ★
 ★ **Lend a hand and rep-** ★
 ★ **resent your County—** ★
 ★ **Appointments still** ★
 ★ **available.** ★
 ★ ★
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 ★ **Project Coordinator** ★
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