

V.A.V.S.



What is it?



Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services



The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) was founded in 1946 to provide for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities. It is the largest centralized volunteer program in the Federal government with over 350 organizations supporting VAVS, including the Knights of Columbus. VAVS volunteers have donated 508 million hours of service since 1946.



“Serving Those Who Served” *An Invitation to Service*

The V.A. is grateful for the wonderful response to help America's heroes. Many thanks for volunteering to serve those who served.



4th Degree Knights of Columbus

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?



Charity
Unity
Fraternity

PATRIOTISM



Questions to Ponder – –

- 1. Do your Assemblies have a VAVS person?**
- 2. Do your Assemblies conduct Patriotic programs throughout the year?**
- 3. Do you know where all the V.A. facilities are in your District?**
- 4. Do you have a District-Wide Patriotic Program?**



**OUR MILITARY WARRIORS
ARE THE
GATEKEEPERS
OF
OUR
FREEDOM**





Gatekeepers of **OUR FREEDOM**





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**There is a SEASON
For ALL Things!
A Time To LIVE
A Time to Die**

**Do We
OWE THEM
ANYTHING NOW?**



**LET US HONOR
OUR MILITARY
VETERANS**





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Individual Assembly projects and programs are GREAT!



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BUT.....

CAN WE DO BETTER?



Strength Comes From Numbers!

**If we lock arms together
We can accomplish more
Than we can ever accomplish
separately!**



**JOINED
TOGETHER
WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH
GREAT THINGS**



A Program from Michigan District II

“OPERATION”
“PATRIOTISM”



Presented to the District leadership & membership at a district meeting for their consideration as a new District program in 2009.

Unanimously accepted by everyone present!

Specifics:

1. Each Assembly contributes \$250.00 per Calendar year towards Operation Patriotism.
2. The District chooses one annual project from proposals of the Assemblies.
3. The annual projects are rotated throughout the District.



1st Operation Patriotism Project



V.A. HOSPITAL ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN



“A PALLIATIVE ROOM”

“A HOSPICE CARE ROOM”

“A PLACE TO SAY GOOD-BYE”

“A PLACE TO PREPARE”



The Ann Arbor Hospital was
in the process of renovating
it's Palliative Rooms
However they ONLY
did them as
DONATIONS
would allow



A ROOM BEFORE RENOVATION



A ROOM AFTER RENOVATION



OPERATION PATRIOTISM

**Typical cost to renovate a
Palliative room is:**

\$7,000.00



Room Furnishings provided by

Michigan District II
Sir Knights & Ladies

4th Degree Knights of Columbus



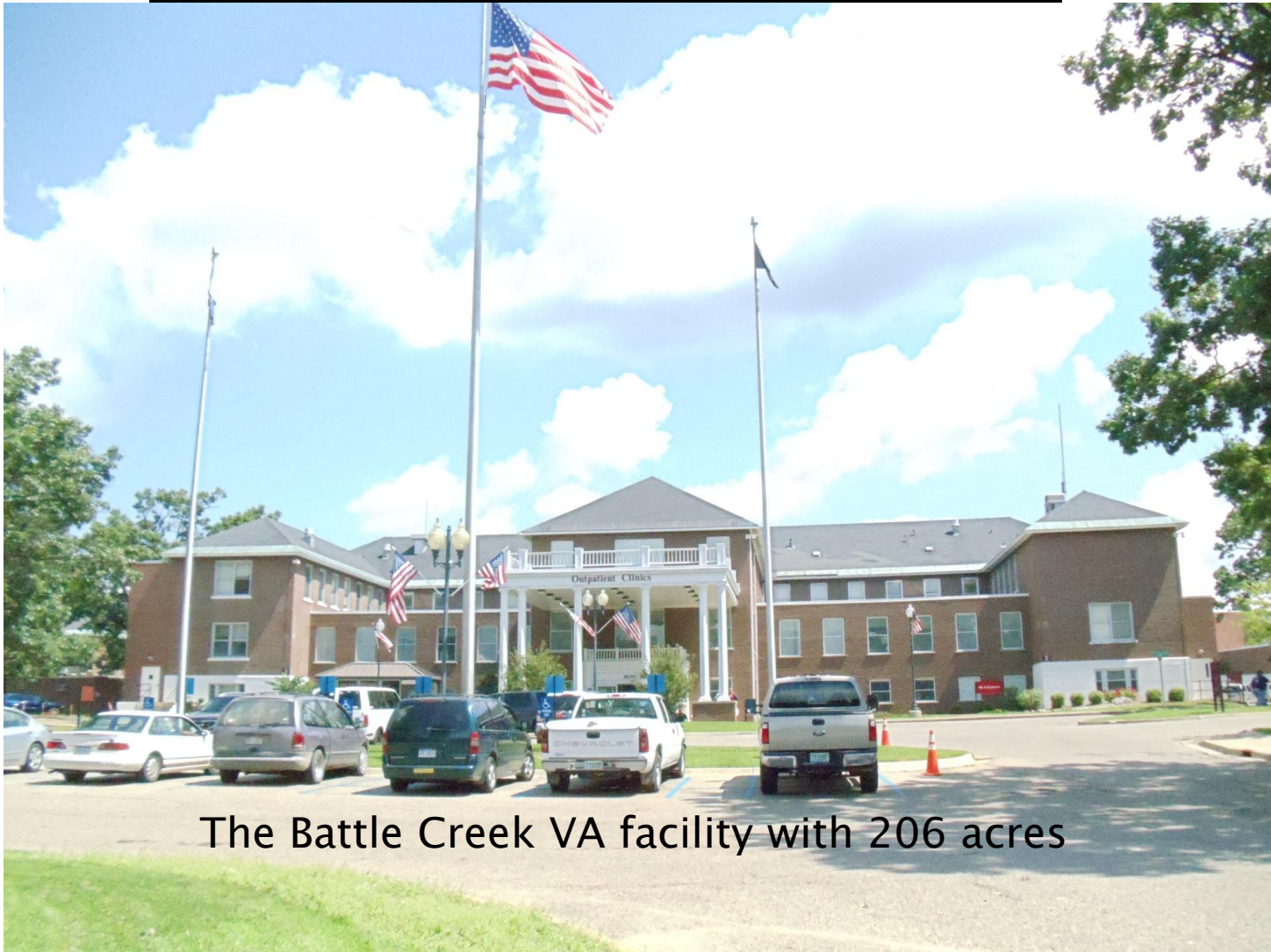
\$7,000.00 Check Presented For the New Knights of Columbus Palliative Care Room



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED



2nd Operation Patriotism Project



The Battle Creek VA facility with 206 acres



A GREAT NEW IDEA--- RESTORE & INSTALL AN HISTORIC PATRIOT FOUNTAIN & REFLECTING POOL









Fountain

The Hidden Garden

Uncovering the Fort Center Mystery



The Hidden Garden is a small, hidden garden located in the courtyard of the Fort Center building at the University of Virginia. It was discovered in 1997 during the renovation of the building. The garden is a beautiful oasis with a variety of plants and flowers. It is a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.



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The fountain was moved to the VA Medical Center in June 2010 in the spring and summer of 2011, and dedicated on July 24, 2011.









FORT CUSTER HISTORIC FOUNTAIN
FUNDING FOR RESTORATION
AND LANDSCAPING WAS DONATED BY
MICHIGAN DISTRICT II SIR KNIGHTS & LADIES
4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER LOUIS HENNEPIN PROVINCE
DEDICATED JULY 24, 2011



3rd Operation Patriotism Project



Aleda E. Lutz V.A. Facility
Saginaw, Michigan



A Severe Need For On-Site Transportation



An American made “Amigo”





FIVE NEW "AMERICAN MADE" AMIGOS





Our lovely ladies have been involved since the beginning. They have donated over \$1,000.00 to Operation Patriotism EVERY YEAR!



Is it possible
To duplicate this
Program throughout
The Province?



Can you create a
Consensus
In your
District?



**The Vice Supreme Master
Stands Ready To Support**



**Your Efforts
&**

**To Recognize This
As a Provincial Program.**

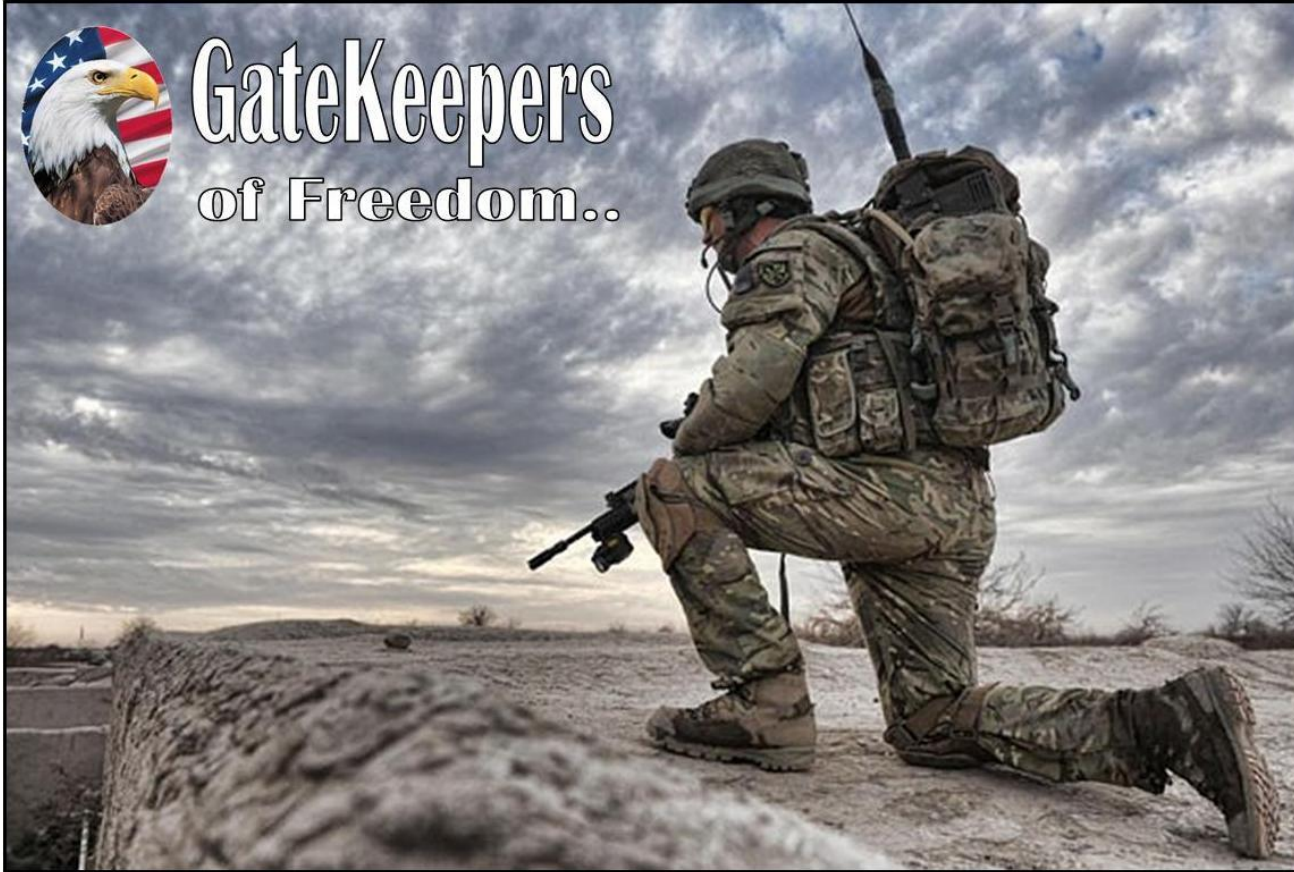


The Choice is Yours!

YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

**YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN OUR
VETERAN'S LIVES !**





GateKeepers of Freedom..





THANK
YOU

