VETERAN'S GROUP

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WHAT WE DO

From time to time, we are asked what the Veterans' Group does. Every now and then we run an article like this one.

The Veterans' Group is one of the largest veterans' organizations in the state. It is made up of veterans from all wars and war-era veterans. The Veterans' Group is affiliated with veterans' organizations throughout the state and country.

Some of the functions that the Veterans' Group is involved in are as follows:

- We supply monthly donations to the John D. Dingell Veterans Hospital in Detroit, these donations come from you, the membership, and the kind hearts of private donors. Over twenty-five truckloads of donations have been donated so far.
- The Veterans' Group has an annual $500.00 Veterans Scholarship Fund, awarded once a year to any U A W member or related relative.
- The Veterans' Group attends the annual Veterans' Conference sending (2) two delegates each year. This conference discusses a number of veteran-related issues.
- We keep a watchful eye on all state and federal laws affecting veterans, and inform the membership.
- The Veterans' Group is involved in the POW/MIA issue, ranging from the return of our veterans to the POW/MIA Postage Stamp, which was issued in their honor.
- The Veterans' Group has informed its membership on issues from Hepatitis "C" to how to request and get your DD214.
- The Veterans' Group is involved in the Michigan Vietnam Memorial in Lansing.
- The Veterans' Group has donated money to many Veterans Organizations, ranging from the USO for its active veterans to V.A. Hospitals both in Detroit and Ann Arbor.
- The Veterans' Group has service officers who have settled numerous cases for our veterans, along with other veterans' organizations. Some of these topics have been "Agent Orange," "Gulf War Syndrome," and "Post Traumatic Distress Disorder."

- When our membership has been called to active duty, the Veterans' Group lead the way, sending letters to then UAW/Ford Director Ron Gettelfinger, who responded by winning almost every major issue concerning our veterans, ranging from their insurance to seniority.

This and much more has been achieved by the Veterans Group and the Veterans' Board.

The following are the names of those responsible for the above:

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