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### Fundraiser slated for 'Our Vietnam Generation' documentary

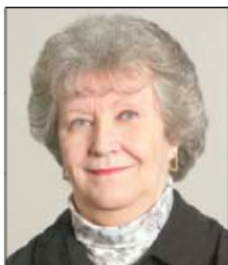
**T**here will be a fundraiser for the Keith Famie-Visionalist Entertainment production of the "Our Vietnam Generation" documentary at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Drive in Rochester.

The documentary is a special film tribute for our Michigan Vietnam veterans and will be a night to remember for the veterans, their families and supporters.

The master of ceremonies will be U.S. Air Force Vietnam veteran Randy Whitmire. Featured guest speakers include Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi and U.S. Army Casualty Assistance Coordinator Master Sgt. Jeffrey P. Rector.

The event will feature a Vietnam Veteran Color Guard, Michigan Vietnam Veteran Traveling Memorial Wall sponsored by VVA Chapter 154, a National Anthem performance by Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett's wife, Corin Barnett, and an extended preview of the upcoming film "Our Vietnam Generation," including veterans from the Rochester area, "Donut Dolly" Joan Kotcher, Rochester College Law Professor John Todd and U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Michalak.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS



**SHARON LONGMAN**

Famie's well-received documentary honoring WWII veterans, "Detroit: Our Greatest Generation," will be shown in part, in addition to the premiere of singer/songwriter Steve Pichan's song "Look Away." Music of the 1960s will be provided by Puzzled Corner.

There will be a candlelight vigil at the conclusion of the evening's event on behalf of all of the soldiers from Michigan lost in the Vietnam War with a performance of "Amazing Grace," sung by Barnett.

Guests also will be able to contribute to the production through a silent auction of sports memorabilia, collection items and services by DC Sports, and a historical collection of military uniforms and weapons by Bruce Whipple of Whips Vietnam Tour 1969-70; as well as purchases of the DVD "Detroit: Our Greatest Generation" for \$20 each and "Our Vietnam Generation" T-shirts for \$20 each.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$450 for a table of 10, and include the sit-down dinner. There will be a cash bar. Make checks payable to the Veterans Memorial Park of Detroit, a 501c3 organization, and mail them to Visionalist Entertainment Productions, 28345 Beck Road, Ste. 404, Wixom, MI 48393.

For more information and to make a reservation, call 248-869-0096 and visit [www.ourvietnam-generation.com](http://www.ourvietnam-generation.com).



Photos courtesy of "Our Vietnam Generation" Producer Keith Famie  
Rochester area resident Joan Kotcher was a "Donut Dolly" during the Vietnam War. She served a one-year tour as part of a team of female college graduate civilian volunteers working for the American Red Cross to boost the morale of American troops. She proudly displays her patches from that time of service.



Photos courtesy of "Our Vietnam Generation" Producer Keith Famie  
Rochester College Law Professor John Todd proudly shows his medals earned as a Huey fighter pilot in Vietnam. Although combat injuries caused him to be blind and have difficulty hearing, he returned home to discover his true passion of teaching and has remained a vocal supporter of American policies in Vietnam.