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"ANNOUNCING"

VGMA Regional Representation Initiative

The VGMA has regionalized to serve you better!

It would be an understatement to say that the VGMA Membership is spread out! If each of our 202 Family Units were given an equal amount of "elbow room" in North America, each one would receive almost 38,000 square miles of land. That's just a little larger than the land mass of the State of Indiana!

Now, some of us know what it is to be isolated in a foreign land, but very few of us like the feeling of being alone.

Through the years of our existence, the VGMA has made great efforts to provide fellowship and camaraderie among our far-flung membership. We have been able to achieve some measure of success in this area but realize that we need to do more to reach out and draw in those who are unable to travel long distances to our sponsored events.

So, if you are unable to come to us-We will come to you!

An Executive Committee of three individuals simply does not have the time or resources available to adequately serve our Membership. Henceforth, we are adding 7 dedicated Veteran Missionary Couples to better serve you.

We, of course, cannot lessen the physical distance separating us, but we can divide the Family Units up between these 7 Regional Representatives in order to take a more PERSONAL interest in each Veteran.

Our National Events such as the Annual Business Meeting at General Conference, the biennial VGMA Retreat, and the Vanguard Newsletter will continue, as long as we can raise the necessary funds for those events.

The VGMA Regional Representation Initiative will not replace our National Organization—It will simply enhance and make it more responsive to our Members' needs and desire for fellowship.

Meet Your New VGMA Regional Representatives

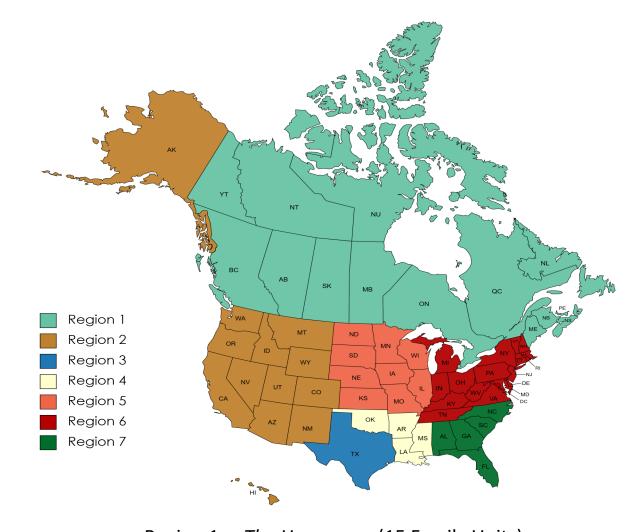


From left to right: Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Holt (Region 2); Rev. and Mrs. Donald Hanscom (Region 1); Rev. and Mrs. Shane Hayes (Region 3); Rev. and Mrs. Darrell Collins (Region 4); Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Blunt (Region 5); Rev. and Mrs. Gary Landaw (Region 6) and Rev. and Mrs. Alan Demos (Region 7)

Each of the VGMA Regional Representatives shown above will endeavor to personally reach out to the Members residing in their respective Regions. They will gather and share news and happenings that will be of more interest demographically to the Region.

Please familiarize yourself with the graph that follows below in order to locate *which Region* you are a part of. and *who is* representing the VGMA in that particular Region.

Please provide the Regional Reps with your feedback and suggestions on how to serve you and create an atmosphere of fellowship that you are comfortable with.



Region 1— The Hanscoms (15 Family Units)

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Region 2— The Holts (24 Family Units)

Region 3— The Hayes (37 Family Units)

Region 4— The Collins (30 Family Units)

Region 5— The Blunts (40 Family Units)

Region 6— The Landaws (39 Family Units)

Region 7— The Demoses (17 Family Units)

A VGMA "Family Unit" is a Husband/Wife combination, a single-unmarried Veteran, or a Widow / Widower.

The demographic division of each Region is based on number of "Family Units" — Not land mass.



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Check out the new Videos posted on the VGMA Website!

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New "Tributes"

have been added to the VGMA Website, including

Ron Cole, Lee Roy Sherry and J. P. Hughes.

2023 VGMA Retreat

"Glory filled the House!"



To view a short video of some "Spirit-filled" scenes from the 2023 VGMA Retreat, just go to VGMAUPCI.COM.

Click on "Retreat Videos" and then click on "2023 VGMA Retreat" in the drop-down tab.



The VGMA extends their sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the Family of:

Lee Roy Sherry

who was recently promoted to his Heavenly Home: