



# Voice OF V

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## **LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM MEMBERS** **JOINT BIOGRAPHY**

**G. MICHAEL PRATT, Ph.D. and PATRICIA A. PRATT**



**Dr. G. Michael “Mike” Pratt** serves as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies and Professional Programs for Heidelberg College’s campuses in Tiffin and Maumee, Ohio.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Dr. Pratt earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and attained his Master’s and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Case Western Reserve University. He directed the University of Toledo’s Regional Ohio Historic Preservation Office from 1976 to 1981, when he began teaching and conducting archaeological research at Heidelberg College in Tiffin. From 1981-1984, Mike directed a public archeology project at *Fort Miamis (1794)* in Maumee, Ohio. His 1995 archaeological survey determined the actual location of the *Fallen Timbers Battlefield (1794)*, which led Congress to create the *Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site*. He has also directed archaeological

surveys at a number of prominent historical sites, including *Fort Laurens (1779)*, *Piqua Battlefield (1780)*, *Crawford's Battle of Sandusky (1782)*, *Fort Adams (1794)*, *River Raisin Battlefield (1813)*, *Mackinac Island Battlefield (1814)*, *Lathrop House – an Underground Railroad Site*, and *Buffington Island Battlefield (1863)*. In addition to archaeological research, he is an active forensic archaeologist and anthropologist, assisting the Lucas County Coroner, as well as other law enforcement agencies in search and recovery operations, related to numerous investigations – forensic skeletal examinations, cold cases, and homicides.

Dr. Pratt's significant contribution to the field of archaeology includes numerous publications in texts, such as *Northwest Ohio Quarterly*, *Ohio Archaeological Council Newsletter*, *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology*, *Toledo Area Aboriginal Research Society Newsletter*, *Ohio Archeologist*, and *The Explorer*.

Aside from academia and field research activities, Dr. Pratt devotes time and energy at various organizations: he is a trustee and member of the Maumee Chamber of Commerce, where he also chairs their Scholarship Committee; former president and trustee of the Ohio Archaeological Council; and advisor for the Toledo area Aboriginal Research Society.

Mike's wife, **Patricia "Patty" A. Pratt**, is a Speech Pathologist. Prior to retiring in December 2007, she enjoyed a thirty-five year career in this field with the Ohio Public Schools, focusing heavily on special needs children. Similar to Mike, Patty is also from Middletown and attended Miami University in Oxford, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech and Hearing Therapy. She continued academically and received a Master of Arts degree in Education from Heidelberg College in Tiffin.

Patty's dedication to education has won her accolades among her peers. She has been recognized with numerous awards: Patricia Gladieux Employee of the Year, Wood County Recognition Award, and the Northwest Ohio SERRC Outstanding Special Educator.

Although she has retired from the speech pathology field, Patty commits time between the Rossford Public Library (Member of the Board of Trustees) and Heidelberg College Center for Historic and Military Archaeology (Intermittent Lab and Field Supervisor).

Mike has been a member of DMORT Region V since 1999. His profound participation influenced Patty to join in 2003. Mike was deployed to the Tri-State Crematory Disaster in Walker County, Georgia (February/March 2002); and along with Patty, he worked at the morgue in St. Gabriel, Louisiana (October 2005) in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Mike and Patty have been married for thirty-six years and reside in the Toledo area. They have a daughter – Michelle – who lives near Atlanta, Georgia, where she works in the healthcare field. When the Pratts are not preoccupied with archaeological projects, they

enjoy traveling, water sports (SCUBA, snorkeling), reading, volunteering, culinary adventures (cooking, as well as consuming), and relaxing visits with family and friends.

The dynamic duo – Mike and Patty Pratt – consistently “dig” deep into their hearts, as they contribute considerably to DMORT. The Region V Team can’t “verbalize” enough how fortunate they are to have them as team members!

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBER/VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR ELECTION**

*Dr. Frank Saul*

*Commander*

NDMS has requested that we send them the name of Region V's Volunteer of the Year so that he or she may be honored at the 2009 NDMS meeting in Dallas.

This is always a difficult task because we have so many truly outstanding team members in Region V.

Our nomination process has once more produced a long list of candidates.

This is undoubtedly because Region V has always had so many outstanding Team members who have performed at the highest level in many missions.

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**Gary Berman**

**Don Simley**

**Terry Swanson**

**Dave Walters**

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**PLEASE VOTE FOR JUST ONE (1) OF THE ABOVE CANDIDATES**

(I thank the 21 Team members who participated in the Nomination process and I encourage everyone to Vote!)

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE SEND ME YOUR VOTE BY 15 January 2009 \*\*\*\*\*

**DO NOT REPLY ON THIS MESSAGE, AS IT WILL GO TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP**

PLEASE e-mail your vote to me at:  
<saul@dmort.org>

PLEASE send your candidate's name only (no text or other commentary!!!!!!)  
and  
\*\* "sign" your full name \*\*.

!!!!!!PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS!!!!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

### ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

*Sue Atwood*  
*Administrative Officer*

#### Starting the New Year Off Prepared

While many Region V team members have met the necessary criteria to be considered “deployable”, there are still many who have not. The requirements to be considered “deployable” are as follows: **current licenses must be on file, current DMORT ID badge, the government issued JPMorgan credit card, vaccinations up to date and on file, have completed the ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 online courses (or equivalents) and turned in the respective certificates, and have current contact information on file.** Anyone not meeting the above criteria is nondeployable.

This fall during Hurricane Ike, Brad and I were vetting rosters at headquarters in Washington, DC. Each member who was either placed on an alert roster or whose name was submitted for deployment had to be screened individually for the above criteria. Those not meeting the above qualifications were not approved.

Our team has been contacted by over a hundred interested professionals within our region who would love the opportunity to be on this team. Circumstances change for all of us and if for some reason you find that you are not able to participate 100% in your team responsibilities, let me know. Otherwise, please do your part by fulfilling your obligations of meeting the above stated criteria. Let's have a team that is ready to train and/or deploy when the opportunity arises.

## TRAINING UPDATES

*Jan Simons  
Training Officer*

### 2009 Training

The **2009 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit** will be held April 4-8 in Dallas, Texas. The website for program information is <http://www.hhstrainingsummit.org/>. This site continues to be updated, so keep checking for information regarding the program, registration and lodging. Please remember, the Training Summit will **NOT** include a DMORT National Training.

### **Regional Training - Central**

Headquarters is working towards three Regional (East, Central, West) DMORT trainings for 2009. The Central Region would be held in Carville in May and includes Regions V, VI, and VII. We are excited about this opportunity and will keep you updated as additional information becomes available.

### Congratulations

Region V team members congratulate **Dave Hunt** on his new position as Montgomery County Coroner in Indiana. He assumed his new responsibilities January 1, 2009. He has served for two terms previously as Coroner and one as Chief Deputy Coroner. Dave will also serve on the board of the Indiana State Coroners Association and become President of the association in 2011. We are proud to have him as Region V's Deputy Commander. Congratulations Dave!



*Picture submitted by Terry Swanson*

**EDITORS' NOTE:**

The staff of the "Voice of V" needs your help in developing articles of interest and relevance to Region V. Please submit anything that you think would be appropriate to our editors at:

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