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"No one left behind!"

Greetings Screaming Eagles,

As we enter this new year, we should take some time to pause and reflect on the past year. We should remember those who are no longer with us and the Legacy they left! This past year witnessed a change in our chapter's leadership, but not in our vision, mission, or purpose as we move forward into the new year.

In recent years, we have been working to increase our presence, visibility, and relevance in local communities throughout Michigan. This edition of *The Michigan Screaming Eagle* recounts the many different ways we've been doing that over the past year as we resumed our monthly Gathering of Eagles in Livonia, hosted the Association's, 77th national reunion in Grand Rapids, and held our own 35th annual reunion in Brighton! ... exciting things are happening!

In 2023, we plan to continue increasing our presence and visibility by designing a Chapter patch that will let people know who we are – *the Michigan Screaming Eagles!* I will let you know when they are available and ready for purchase so each of us can proudly wear them on our shirts and jackets wherever we live and travel. In addition to our website, newsletter, and Facebook, we will have a very attractive and visible patch!

As part of this project to publicize our Chapter, I will be attending Legion, DAV, and VFW meetings, spreading the word, and doing whatever I can to let others know who we are, where we came from, and how we give back to our soldiers, families and veterans. Please consider doing the same. We must continue supporting the Chapter in whatever ways we can. We recently changed a longstanding policy, for example, in which our wives, family members, or companions are now invited to attend our monthly luncheon meetings. It is another way we are encouraging a spirit of participation and support as we move forward into the new year.

Our friendship, camaraderie, and fellowship are deeply rooted in the shared history, experiences, and traditions that bind us together as Chapter members; they are an integral part of our Airborne/Air Assault Legacy! In this spirit, we do whatever we can for our soldiers, families, and veterans ranging from providing emergency assistance to educational scholarships through our national Association!

In the following article, the current "Crisis of Suicide" in our military is addressed in the service of increasing our awareness of this longstanding problem as we begin this new year. It

also speaks about some of the possible institutional (causal) factors underlying this ongoing problem! It's one of many ways by which we continue our legacy and keep the flame burning!

Due to the recent surge of the mutated Covid-19 strain, our next monthly Gathering of Eagles will be on March 15th in Livonia. I hope to see you there! Bring a friend or, possibly, a new member. In the meantime, I would like to close with the following prayer:

At this time of the year, our thoughts turn to those who serve our country with honor and dignity throughout the world. Almighty God, bless our soldiers who risk their lives every day... Be their shelter and fortress. May harmony dwell in their ranks... Fill their hearts with faith and courage to thwart and abolish every rule of evil. Protect them on land, in the air, and on the sea. Guide them in Peace, lead them toward peace, and return them speedily to their families... alive, unharmed, and whole in mind, body and spirit! May this be your will, and let us all say, ... *AMEN!*

Ed Hirsch, Col. (ret.), President
Michigan Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association
Life Member

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The “Crisis of Suicide” in Our Military: Some Possible Causal Institutional Factors

Founded in 2010, the Watson Institute is a nonpartisan research group at Brown University. Its Cost of War Project documents and studies the human and financial costs of the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other related counterterrorism efforts. Its 2021 study concludes that in terms of human costs, four times as many service members and veterans died by suicide (30, 177) as those who perished in combat during the Global War on Terror (7,057) during the same 20-year time period! ... Shocking!

Suicide rates among active-duty personnel have been rising steadily since 2004, but especially over the past 5 years; they are currently at an all-time high and their trend-line continues upward. The Army's suicide rate is the highest it's been since 1938, nearly a century ago! According to the Associated Press, suicide rates in the U.S. Military rose once again in 2021 with alarming increases among the Army National Guard and active-duty Army troops.

‘The findings are troubling,’ Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said. ‘Suicide rates among our service members and military families are still too high, and the trends are not going in the right direction.’ The rate of suicides by Army National Guard troops increased by 35 percent, and the increase for active-duty Army service members was nearly 20

percent. Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said the Defense Department cannot explain the increase in suicides, according to the AP. ‘It’s difficult to denote specific causality with suicide on an individual basis, let alone on an institutional basis,’ he said. ‘And I think that’s why it’s so difficult for us to speak to it with any specificity, except to say we take this very, very seriously.’ (Newsweek, December 10th, 2022)

In October 2022, the Department of Defense (DOD) released its Annual Report on Suicide in the Military, providing the most recent annual suicide data for calendar year 2021. In 2021,

- 519 active-duty service members died by suicide with young, enlisted men in the 18-24-year age group at greatest risk;
- despite the upward trend in military suicides over the last decade, 2021 saw a more than 15% decrease from 2020 for active-duty service members; and,
- 202 dependents died by suicide in 2020, including 133 spouses and 69 other dependents. Firearms were the primary method of suicide for both service and family members.

These studies, reports and statistics reveal nothing less than a “Crisis of Suicide!” among our soldiers, families, and veterans. No question. The sheer numbers and rates revealed paint a dark, dire, and dismal picture, especially since they have been going in the wrong direction for nearly 20 years! And, there is not much by way of a positive interpretive spin when considering them, . . . *nor should there be!* We must see the unvarnished reality as it is so we can address the underlying individual and institutional causes involved in this crisis. And there is a pressing urgency to do so, given that 22 of our young active-duty soldiers and veterans commit suicide each and every day! . . . Startling! . . . Shocking!

With that said, there is something positive that’s happening. The Pentagon recognizes the problem and responded in 2021 by increasing its support and resources for suicide prevention and intervention programs, quality of life services, and mental health and psychiatric services. Their goal is to lower suicide risk factors by increasing awareness programs while reducing the stigma of seeking help and the barriers to receiving these much-needed services and care.

The presiding question at this point in time is suggested by Pentagon press secretary John Kirby, “What specific *causal* factors are operating at either an individual or institutional level that underly and explain this Crisis of Suicide?” Without an understanding of the causal factors involved -individual or institutional, any attempt to intervene in ways that might alter- if not reverse, this 20-year upward trajectory is simply doomed to fail!

There is a rather disturbing lack of any well-founded speculation about what some of the possible causal factors might be that’s fueling this crisis, especially since these suicide rates have been increasing since 2004. This article is written to increase our awareness of the current Crisis of Suicide among our soldiers, families, and veterans and, also, to consider some possible *institutional* factors underlying and fueling its upward trajectory.

An Historical Perspective: Some Long-term Historical Trends

A recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*¹ analyzed Army suicide rates from 1819 to 2017. Cited in the DOD's 2022 Annual Report on Suicide, it is among the largest and most extensive historical examination of suicides in the U.S. Army to date. By taking a long-term historical approach to suicide among active-duty personnel in the US Army, it provides us with an additional perspective and a new analytical tool from which we might better differentiate long-term historical trends from short-term temporary causal factors.

In my reading, its findings suggest some promising directions in the search for possible institutional causal factors underlying the current Crisis of Suicide. This is a cross-sectional study that documents the historical trends in suicide rates. Examining the data from an historical vantage point, its findings reveal a general *decrease* in suicide rates among active-duty personnel during active combat in the US Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. A significant change occurred, however, at the time of the Vietnam War when there was a pattern reversal and a general *increase* in suicide rates among active-duty personnel that continued through our 21st-century wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These findings suggest that we are *not* witnessing a 20-year increase in suicide rates that began with the Global War on Terror in the early 2000s. Rather, it is a 60-year historical trend, that initially began with the Vietnam War in the 1960s: suicide rates have been moving in the *wrong* direction for nearly 60 years -*not* 20-years! Moreover, the *increase* in suicide rates since 2004 can be more accurately seen as part of a longer-term historical trend -*not* the result of a shorter-term and more temporary set of causal factors!

The Vietnam War is identified as the historical marker *before* which there was a general decrease in suicide rates and *after* which there was a general increase. The authors suggest that factors operating “away from the battlefield” could be somehow causally involved in this pattern reversal and subsequent *increase* in suicide rates. Any further inquiry about institutional causal factors begins with asking some questions about these observations. . . . So, why did suicide rates begin increasing with the Vietnam War? What institutional causal factors might have been operating “away from the battlefield” at that time? And, what is it about the Global War on Terror that sustained and fueled the upward trajectory in these suicide rates?

From an historical perspective, other observations reveal that both of these wars have some shared and distinct characteristics:

- they were the two longest-lasting wars in US Army history;

¹ Smith, J.A., Doidge, M., Hanoa, R. et al., A Historical Examination of Military Records of US Army Suicide, 1819 to 2017. *JAMA Netw. Open.* 2019; 2(12).

- the exits from both theatres of operation were chaotic, confused, and confusing; and,
- the exits from both violated a core American principle and value contained in our Warriors Creed, *No One Left Behind!*

The similarity between the exits from Saigon in 1975 and Kabul in 2021 were immediately obvious to both the American press and public, as reflected in the Wall Street Journal's headline on August 16th, 2021, "*Saigon on Steroids!*" For veterans of the Vietnam War, it reawakened vivid memories of Black Hawks desperately trying to evacuate more than 7,000 civilians and personnel from the roof tops in Saigon on April 29th and 30th, 1975. For those from the Afghanistan-Iraq wars, the images of Afghans falling to their death from the tires and wheel wells of C-17 military aircraft rolling down the runway and lifting off from the Kabul airport are now forever etched in their memories.

In the exit from Afghanistan, unknown hundreds -if not thousands, of American citizens, Afghan interpreters, and allied others were sealed off from the Kabul airport, trapped behind enemy lines, and left behind! And, how many were left behind in Vietnam? ... Or, left behind *after* Vietnam as so many veterans were shunned, shamed, and held in contempt upon their return home? And in the chaotic exits from each of these two longest-lasting wars in US Army history, what happened to our core American principle and value contained in the Warrior's Creed, Leave no one behind!? ... *What "factors away from the battlefield" resulted in the lengths of these two wars and their chaotic exits?*

Certainly, the lack of a coherent exit strategy from Saigon in 1975 and again in Afghanistan in 2021 should, in no way, reflect poorly on our brave and patriotic young men and women who served in these wars, many of whom volunteered for multiple deployments in the Global War on Terror. Nevertheless, many believe that their sacrifices and those of their comrades served no meaningful purpose: their loss of limbs and lives were for nothing! And, many feel deeply betrayed and angry, and -for too many, alienated from themselves, their families, and their communities!

It is here where the DOD's 2021 initiatives can make a significant impact in lowering suicide risk factors by increasing awareness of the problem and reaching out to those service and family members in need of services. And, it is also here that our respective chapters can do whatever we can to reach out and connect with our younger veterans and families, let them know they're not alone, and help them access information on the many services now available. In Michigan, for example, we started *Operation Lone Eagle* in October 2021, shortly after the humiliating debacle of our exit from Afghanistan. (For those interested in knowing more, feel free to visit our website [101stairbornemichiganchapter.com] where *The Michigan Screaming Eagle* is posted; especially relevant are the October 2021 and January 2022 editions.)

At the same time, some very difficult but important questions need to be asked by and of our military leaders and institutions in the search for any causal institutional factors operating "away from the battlefield." Has anyone in a position of institutional power, for example, noticed the shared characteristics between the Vietnam War and Global War on Terror? Has anyone

considered that some causal *institutional* factors, -e.g., a different theory and philosophy of war, might have been introduced at the time of the Vietnam War and continued operating through the Global War on Terror? Moreover, that these institutional factors could be *causally* involved in the increase in suicide rates that began with the Vietnam War? ... *If not, why not?*

Far too often, those who fought in the War on Terror have been left to fight their personal and private War of Terror by themselves, continuously repeating, reliving, and reexperiencing their war-time experiences, preventing them from seeking help or otherwise adapting and reintegrating back into civilian life. Often unacknowledged -if not unrecognized, is that the reliving of these wartime experiences -or, the ever-present threat thereof, impacts the lived every day experiences of their families and children. ... *Has this private War of Terror fueled the upward trajectory in suicide rates among our service and family members?*

And something else seems to have been operating “away from the battlefield” at the time of the Vietnam War and is well-worth considering as a causal institutional factor involved in our current Crisis of Suicide.

Specific Socio-Cultural Factors Operating

“Away from the Battlefield” at the Time of the Vietnam War

At the time of the Vietnam War, a *therapeutic* cultural orientation was emerging in the Westernized cultures, especially in our country.² Authorized by psychiatric liberalism and administrative law, the language, principles, and values of the therapeutic endeavor were just beginning to noticeably influence our political and social institutions in the early ‘60s, shaping their core values and beliefs, and guiding their policies and decision-making.

Over the past 60 years, we have witnessed a seismic shift in our culture in which a therapeutic system of values has encircled and penetrated our political and social institutions and most every aspect of life in contemporary society. For example, the therapeutic values of *empathy, compassion, caring, and understanding* -to name a few, now permeate and shape the vision, mission, and purpose of our institutions. And therapeutic speech codes are now designed and implemented to prevent any speech that might offend the feelings or sensibilities of others.

In this cultural context, our institutions now function like therapeutic instruments that compassionately intervene for the purpose of establishing *equity, fairness, and social justice* in our society and everyday lives. No secret. Those in positions of institutional power now make decisions within this therapeutic framework, guided by its therapeutic set of values. In so doing, they fulfill a therapeutic role, mission and purpose by fundamentally transforming our systems of social change to create a better world, -e.g., our healthcare, immigration, educational, judicial, law enforcement, and *military* systems -to name a few.

Within this therapeutic cultural context, it seems that since Vietnam our armed forces have been increasingly fighting *therapeutic* wars in which the primary purpose is “to win over

² Szasz, T. (1963). *Law, Liberty, and Psychiatry: an inquiry into the social uses of mental health practices*. The Macmillan Company. New York (NY)

the hearts and minds of the people” -*not* to vanquish or conquer our enemies; “ordnance on target” is no longer the primary mission, purpose, or objective of our wars. And, interestingly, the Vietnam War was the marker at which time the pattern of *decreasing* suicide rates in previous wars reversed and began to gradually *increase* leading to our current Crisis in Suicide!

Did the same set of *therapeutic* assumptions, values, and philosophy of war introduced in the jungles of Vietnam lead to similar results 46 years later in the deserts of Afghanistan in terms of producing the two longest wars in U.S. Army history; the humiliating exits from both theatres of operation; violating the core value and principle of the Warriors Creed; and, fueling the 60-year upward trajectory in suicide rates?

These and other such questions *must* be asked of and by our politicians and military leaders in the search for institutional causal factors that might underly our current Crisis of Suicide! It is necessary to do so to establish some working hypotheses...

Our Nation’s 21st Century “Woke” Society and Military: Purging and Cleansing “Systemic Racism” and “Toxic Masculinity”

In their 2021 study, the Watson Institute’s Cost of War Project discusses stress factors particular to military life as *causally* involved in the current Crisis of Suicide. It cites high exposure to various forms of trauma (mental, physical, moral, and sexual, stress and burnout) and, especially, the influence of the military’s “hegemonic masculine culture,” continued access to guns, and the difficulties of re-integrating into civilian life following discharge.

“Hegemonic masculinity” -more commonly known as “toxic masculinity,” is most often understood as those social practices that, at once, legitimize the dominant position of men in American society in general and justify and perpetuate the subordination of the common male population and women and other marginalized ways of being a man. “Toxic masculinity” purports to explain *how* and *why* men maintain dominant social roles over women and other gender identities perceived as “feminine” in our society.

From a systems perspective, “toxic masculinity” is understood as *the cause* of female distress, discomfort, and disconnectedness (*the effect*), which is then interpreted as the *cause* of the high rates of suicide among our younger female veterans. The most therapeutic solution? To cleanse and purge the system of this malignancy -the pathogenic *cause*, thereby reducing suicides rates among young female veterans (*the effect*). As “systemic racism” must be cleansed from the social and political institutions of the larger culture, so too “toxic masculinity” must be purged from the military culture, especially from the 18-24-year-old young enlisted man.

“Woke-ness” has seeped into our military institutions and premises the decision-making of our leaders who have agreed to participate in this grand social experiment and engineering project: “mission creep” can take many different forms! Radical and sweeping changes are fundamentally transforming our military culture. The U.S. Special Operations Command, for example, now has a Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan which asserts that “diversity and inclusion are operational imperatives.” And in a recent interview with NPR’s *Morning Edition*,

Gen. David Berger -commandant of the Marine Corps, said that the Corps is planning a major overhaul designed to address its lack of diversity and problem with troop retention by more closely reflecting the values and make-up of society.

Of course, no one serving in our military should be disparaged, degraded, or diminished based upon their gender, race, religion, class, sexual orientation, or for any other reason for that matter. No question. But that list should also include the young enlisted man serving on active-duty who is now seen as a “toxic male” and must be cleansed and purged of his toxicity for the greater good of the military! This is the same group of young men who comprised the highest suicide risk group in 2021, according to the DOD’s Annual Report on Suicide! ... Is this institutional cleansing *causal of or correlative with* their high suicide rates?

There seems to be something ethically and morally conflictual for the 18-24-year-old young man who enlists in any branch of the armed services, only to discover he’s entered an enlightened “Woke” culture in which he must participate in workshops on *inclusivity* and *diversity*, ostensibly for the purpose of improving lethality as a fighting force! In this process, however, he must implicitly -if not explicitly, acknowledge that he is -in his essence, a “toxic male” and then actively participate in purging himself of his “toxic” beliefs, values, and attitudes. ... *Does this institutional process not alienate him from himself, his family, and his past? Is this not a traumatic and traumatizing experience for him?*³

Following the Vietnam War, our soldiers were shunned, shamed, and held in contempt upon their return home. They were not welcomed, nor were they respected for having participated in the war. It now seems that our young male soldiers are shunned, shamed, and held in contempt upon entering the military where they are not welcomed or respected for who they are as people or as patriotic Americans. Instead, they are degraded and dismissed as “toxic males!”

As we increase our awareness of the ongoing and longstanding “Crisis of Suicide” among our soldiers, families, and veterans, we must also increase our awareness of any underlying causal institutional factors. Hard and difficult questions must be asked. Systematic and rigorous studies must be conducted Any institutional factors or “institutionalized wisdoms” that perpetuate and sustain this longstanding Crisis of Suicide must be addressed and remedied immediately. Why? ... there is a pressing urgency to do so: 22 young soldiers and veterans committed suicide yesterday. And, there will likely be another 22 today ... And tomorrow... And the next day... And the next day ... And the next day... And the next day...

Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Past President
101st Airborne Division Association, Michigan Chapter
Life Member

³ Dr. Kavanaugh consulted at the VAMC-Detroit for over 25 years and has worked with those who have experienced traumatic and traumatizing experiences -wartime and otherwise, for over 50 years in his private practice.

Markers & Milestones:

(This has been an especially busy, exciting, and rewarding year for our chapter! This past August 3rd-6th, we hosted the Association’s 77th national reunion in Grand Rapids and this past September 16th-18th, we held our Chapter’s 35th annual reunion in Brighton. Some pictures from these two events tell the story much better than just words ...)

77th National Reunion -Grand Rapids, MI (August 3rd-6th, 2022)

- “Welcome Home! Vietnam Veterans!” ...some very solemn and sacred moments



- At the Association’s Awards Ceremony on Saturday morning, John C. Sosa was presented with our Chapter’s highest award, “The Screaming Eagle Award.” It was presented by President Patrick Kavanaugh on behalf of all chapter members in recognition of his many valued contributions to our nation, chapter, and state.



(Engraved on the base of the Award is the following...)

SSG. John C. Sosa, (R)
American Patriot
“For God and Country”

- And this presentation was followed shortly thereafter by the Division’s Honorary Air Assault Badge Ceremony at which Michigan’s Vietnam Veterans of the 101st Airborne Division, 101st Air Cavalry, and 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) were recognized for their role in developing the tactics and techniques that would become today’s Air Assault Doctrine!



Brad Skiba	DeWitt, MI	1969 – 1971
Jim Russell	Rockford, MI	1967 -1968
Jack Russell	Rockford, MI	1968-1969
Arsey Miller	Clarkston, MI	1971 -1971
Sherman Ellard	Olivet, MI	1967 – 1968
Hughie Slane	Kentwood, MI	1969-1970
Charles St. Amour	Muskegon, MI	1971-1971
John Lund	Cadillac, MI	1969 – 1970
Cortney Halmi	Pleasant Ridge, MI	1968-1969
Dan Frederick	Ewart, MI	1969 – 1970
Marvin Vosburg	Boyne Falls, MI	1968 – 1969
Don Reddeman	Fenville, MI	1967 – 1969
Clark Hedley	Freeland, MI	1969 – 1970
Jeff Gordon	Oxford, MI	1965 – 1966

Ron Smith	Gladwin, MI	1970 – 1970
Ron Springer	East Lansing, MI	1970 – 1971
John Colone Jr.	Chelsea, MI	1967 - 1968
Larry DeGroot	Zeeland, MI	1970 – 1971
Dan Boursaw	West Branch, MI	1966 – 1967
Carl Dykstra	Ravenna, MI	1969 – 1970
Mike Kreutziger	East Lansing, MI	1970 – 1970
Jim Robbert	West Olive, MI	1969 – 1969
Pete Henderson	Clinton Twp, MI	1968 - 1968

Thank you for your service!

- There was plenty of time for camaraderie and fellowship ...



- And the Hospitality Room was open 'til the early morning hours, thanks to our Masters of Ceremony and auctioneers ...



Dave Kelly, Chaplain

Rob Kilmer, Committeeman



Committeeman Henry and Stella Heatley

- and, “Rosie the Riveter” made her appearance at the Ladies Luncheon!



Joanne Derwa

“Rosie”

Linda Kavanaugh

35th Chapter Reunion -Brighton, MI (September 16th -18th, 2022)

At our 35th annual reunion, the Brighton community warmly welcomed our chapter members, family members, and significant others. On Saturday morning, our annual elections were held and our officers assumed their respective positions.

- Our line of succession remains strong as we move forward...



Col. Ed Hirsch (Ret), President

Cal Kirschner, 1st Vice President

- And at our memorial banquet on Saturday evening, we once again gathered to remember our Soldiers and Families, POWs and MIAs, Eagles who have Soared over the past year and those currently deployed and serving in harm's way! ... *We remember!* Also, Secretary/Treasurer John Sosa presented an Award of Recognition to chapter member Paul Schwimmer. Since 2009, Paul has been on numerous search and recovery trips to the Philippines, France, Belgium, Germany, and elsewhere, searching for and recovering the remains of more than 120 MIAs and 20 POWs. Through his commitment to *Leave No One Behind!* Paul has brought much-needed closure to many of our grieving families and comrades.
- Also, our Chapter was honored to receive an American Flag flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C. Ms. Mona Shand -Press Secretary and Military Liaison from the Office of US Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) -presented the Flag (and Certificate) to then President Patrick Kavanaugh:



“Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
 presented to
 the Michigan Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association
 in recognition of outstanding and invaluable services
 to the community
 September 17th, 2022”

- Following our 35th annual reunion, Presidential Citations were presented to the Brighton Chamber of Commerce and various members of the business community in appreciation for everything they did to welcome us ...



Commerce



Business Owner - “Engrave It All!”

It has been an especially busy, exciting, and rewarding year! Sincere thanks to all our Chapter members who participated in planning, coordinating and/or volunteering at these two reunions and, also, to all who attended and spent their time with us. Your presence and participation really mattered!

"No one left behind!"

-Donation Form-

Our mission is to establish our chapter's presence in Michigan's local communities; develop satellite groups and community-based outreach programs for those who have been left behind -our "Lone Eagles;" and, tell the story of the 101st Airborne Division Association to the next generation of young Americans. In so doing, we -at once, interweave our core values of *patriotism, equality, liberty, and justice for all* ever more tightly into the social fabric of our local communities and promote a deep and abiding respect for all who serve -past, present, and future, for our great nation, and for our Flag and all it represents.

Your generous participation in our appeal for donations can help make a significant difference in the lives of those in Michigan's Airborne/Air Assault community who gave and sacrificed so very much to protect our individual freedoms, cherished liberties, and preserve our national and individual sovereignty! Life-altering opportunities that might not otherwise exist for them and their families can happen through your compassionate giving and caring.

We are duty bound to uphold our oath to the Constitution; we are honor bound to help and support each other. Contribute whatever is possible; support our mission so that no one is left behind. Your gift can be influential in shaping our local Michigan communities and the everyday lives of our brothers and sisters who have been left behind! For an even greater impact, consider making your gift a pledge or recurring gift.

Please fill out the following information and earmark where you want to direct your gift:

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_____ \$15,000	_____ \$1,000	_____ \$100	_____ CHAPTER SUPPORT
_____ \$10,000	_____ \$500	_____ \$25	_____ IN MEMORY OF...

Please send your contribution to:

John Sosa, Treasurer
1569 Mill Street
Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2358

... Thank You!